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Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect (2012-2013) Bill Wishard Discusses Newest Rotary Plans for Club, District and International

The Malibu Rotary Club meeting of June 6th was presided over by Malibu Rotary Club President of Record and Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect **William Wishard III.**

He had significant things to say about what happened at two significant Rotary events he attended, the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand which he had attended last month and the Rotary District Assembly in Carson which he attended the previous Saturday.

He reminded Malibu Rotarians how speakers and people we have met at our club have been

involved in world events touched by Rotary, how he introduced us to speaker who were part of Mon nation of Asia, who became refugees from Burma and Thailand after their nation disappeared, that *Bangkok* is actually a Mon word meaning “bend in river.”

He said that because the Malibu Rotary Club had no representation in recent Rotary International Conventions and Rotary District Assemblies we, as a club, were missing out on activities that affect our club. He reiterated the magnitude of the Rotary International Convention. He was able to attend VIP lunches where he was able to rub shoulders with 2,000 world leaders in Rotary (among the 35,000 attendees). There may be 4 people from the Malibu Rotary Club going to the next Rotary International Convention in Lisbon and because rooms are hard to come by next year Bill booked 4 rooms for the 2013 RI Convention at a booth at the Bangkok convention.

As we reported 2 weeks ago Bill was able to get into a Rotary lunch where about 3,000 people were seated. Most the seats were reserved for dignitaries. Bill found a seat a table at someone he recognized as one of the first people to be involved in the Rotary polio eradication campaign. The original polio eradication program was part of the Rotary Foundation *Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants*: Support for large-scale, two- to four-year projects that improve health, alleviate hunger, or promote human development. In 1978 The first 3H Grant in 1978 helped immunize 6.3M children in the Philippines against polio the project that evolved into PolioPlus and started in Angeles and Mabalacat, District 3790, as pilot areas.

The current effort to immunize the last children of the world against polio has been the most difficult and most costly. As long as any human in the world is hosting the polio virus it can come back to epidemic proportions. Bill Gates speech shown in Bangkok spoke to the urgency of the situation. The three countries where polio still exists Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, are hard to get to, pose major problems with security, and are in war zones. There is precedent in the past for wars to be temporarily stopped—war “Time Outs”—so that health workers, including Rotary volunteers, could go in to immunize children against polio. There needs to be some government cooperation in these areas in order to make it happen.

Rotary International Convention has Plenary Sessions, at which all Rotarians are invited (with reservations) and there are smaller breakout sessions meant for people with special interests. At the Bangkok convention there were 22,000 seats for the plenary sessions. Many Rotary leaders spoke, in addition to certain selected people who have had exceptional experiences because of Rotary. Bill said he was impressed by a Rotary Peace Scholar from Connecticut who was working in Burma refugee camp. She spoke about the mistreatment of Burmese at the camp.

Another speaker was Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO, who said that even though polio had been eradicated in China, it had come back last year, and a an immediate effort to immunize those in the affected area has meant it is considered eradicated there again.

At the Rotary International Convention there were 60 breakout sessions covering different topics. At the Rotary District Assembly in Carson there were 15 breakout sessions. Bill said that

when he is the sole representative of the club at an international convention or even at a club assembly it is hard to pick and choose the specific breakout sessions to attend.

At the RI convention one of the breakout sessions he was obligated to attend was one specifically for 2012-2013 Rotary Club President-Elects. Another Breakout session the Bill attended at the RI Convention was one on Membership. It was led by Jeffrey Thinnes, who, like Bill, is from Indianapolis, IN. He had been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Indianapolis as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to study for a Masters of European Union Law (LL.M) from the Universität des Saarlandes after graduating from Notre Dame. As an executive of several global companies including Daimler-Benz in Washington, D.C. he was founder and charter president, in 2011, of the Rotary Club of Great Falls, Virginia. Great Falls is located over the river from Washington, DC. It started with 85 members and now has 105. Thinnes explained how flexible he was with meeting attendance, and meeting places, and how he considered all his acquaintances, both in business and socially, as potential Rotarians. Bill is thinking of adapting that concept, and is thinking of having a lunch meeting every month in different places, like next week's lunch meeting at Tra Di Noi, to supplement our morning meetings at Pepperdine.

Another person Bill met at the Rotary International Convention was J.T. Waring, who is Assistant Governor for International Youth Projects for Rotary District 5320 and a member of the Rotary Club of Newport-Irvine. Besides his southern California home, J.T. has a home in Ragoon, and has been involved in Rotary water projects in the former Burma, now called Myanmar. When the Myanmar government took over they through out all Rotary clubs. But the water projects that Rotary started have been helping the children in the country, and the government ha allowed these projects to continue. The efforts of J.T. Warring and the people working on the water projects in Myanmar may help in turning the country around, become more tolerant, and even allow Rotary clubs there again.

Bill said the Rotary District Assembly he just attended was very informative, but again, he could not attend all of the 15 break out sessions at the event, only 3. He urged all the club officers who did not attend (which included everyone but him) to contact the district chair in his or her area of service. Bill had printed hand outs featuring the District Assembly Educational Forum, which included the 2012-2013 Goals for the District, as presented by District Governor Lew Bertrand.

A major difference this Rotary year is the realignment of Rotary Districts 5260 (which covered the San Fernando Valley) with or current District 5280 (which includes central Los Angeles and to the beach areas from Long Beach to Malibu). To learn about the new clubs joining District 5280 Lew Bertrand, as District Governor Elect, started visiting them about 6 months ago. Starting in July our district grows from 47 clubs to 67 clubs, and many members in the former district 5260 are now leaders in district 5280, including the Rotary Assistant Governor assigned to the Malibu Rotary Club, Julie Jenkins of the Rotary Club of Burbank. Julie is Senior Vice President, Television Distribution Asia, Africa and Middle East and Home Media Distribution for Paramount Pictures in Hollywood. We expect her to be visiting our club soon.

This year's Rotary District projects involved Puerto Rico. Next year in February district representatives will be visiting humanitarian projects in Jamaica. Another change in Rotary this

year involves Rotary Foundation grants. Three members of each club must go to a special 3 hour certification process and these include President Bill Wishard, President-Elect Donna Bohanna and Foundation Chair David Baird.

The first Rotary District Breakfast of the new Rotary Year will be July 31. Bill also handed out a paper entitled Club Budget Considerations which will be discussed at future board meetings.

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

We had a small crowd to hear Bill and no guests. Next week we meeting at noon at Tra di Noi, and Maggie asks for reservations and bring \$20 cash.

Malibu Rotary Club International Projects in Puerto Rico

With matching grants from The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5280 (District Designated Funds [DDF]), and in partnership with other Rotary clubs in Rotary District 5280 and host clubs in Puerto Rico, the Malibu Rotary Club is involved in two humanitarian international projects in Puerto Rico in 2012. Barbara Riley (front row third from left) represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the *Centro Geriátrico San Rafael*, Arecibo, PR Rotary Project in February, 2012. Malibu Rotary was one of the lead sponsors of the project, along with 4 other Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles, CA Rotary District 5280 who also sent representatives.

Malibu Rotary Club was also a sponsor of a secont project, *Hogar Santisima Trinidad* (HST)in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico which involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management.

More on Rotary District 5280's humanitarian trip to Puerto Rico can be seen at <http://www.facebook.com/PuertoRico5280>.

In the *Centro Geriatrico San Rafael, Inc* in Areciba, Puerto Rico project the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. 5 Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles along with Rotary Foundation and the host Arecib Rotary Club has helped the senior residential center purchase needed maintenance and repair tools, 8 energy efficient air conditioning units and a commercial sliding gate opener. This is a geriatric home for indigents founded in 1925. The Arecibo Rotary Club has been supporting them since 1935. This project costs \$15,585.00 of which the Malibu Rotary Cub and the Westchester Rotary Club have given \$1170.00 each. Other partner clubs are Culver City, Wilmington, along with the host Rotary Club of Arecibo.

The most ambitious project (*Hogar Santisima Trinidad* [HST] in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico) involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center (who are also highly likely to have HIV) to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management. HST is a private community based non-profit organization, offering a safe residential rehabilitation and treatment program to 35 young males addicted to drugs and /or alcohol, established in 1993. HST depends on income from their semi-industrial aluminum and metal recycling and processing program. As part of their rehabilitation program, the HST implements occupational, physical and work therapies through their Mobile Recycling Center Program (MRCP). It consists in the training of patients in the use of a fixed industrial recycling unit permanently located at the Center, where they learn how to process and recycle aluminum, car batteries, diverse metals and other materials under the close supervision of trained supervisors. They also pickup recyclable materials in nearby communities to process at the center. The project also addresses a problem of waste management in Puerto Rico. Studies done by the US Environmental Protection Agency have revealed that improper or in sufficient capacity to dispose of solid waste in Puerto Rico has created public health problems. The management and disposal of solid waste in the Island has long been a challenge, aggravated by the limited space available due to its geographical size, roughly 100 mi by 35 mi, and its delicately balanced ecosystem and the large amount of solid waste generated, at 4,000,000 tons per year. Puerto Rico's residents generate more waste than people living on the mainland and recycling rates are lower. Much of Puerto Rico's waste ends up in landfills, most of which do not comply with local and federal governments' landfill requirements. The cost of HST Rotary project in Puerto Rico is \$22,570. The primary international club sponsoring this project is the Westchester Rotary Club. Malibu Rotary Club is an equal share holder with the Westchester Rotary Club, with each club contributing \$1570.00. Besides the host Rotary Club of Santurce, the Rotary Club of Torrance-Lomita is a partner in this project.



Malibu Rotary Club is Official Sponsor of Smile Trek

Marine Sargent Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palate and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palate disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip

across Southeast Asia which he began in September. Before he left he explained " My route will take me through eight different countries, beginning and ending in Singapore, and the yearlong trek will be an ongoing effort to raise funds for the ICSF and awareness for children living with clefts in the developing world. I chose to base this trip in Southeast Asia because of the region's high prevalence of cleft births."

Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240.

See Winston's blog at <http://www.smiletrek.org> (which includes multiple videos) as he travels across the world. As of April 11th he had collected \$40,404 for ICSF, over 81% his goal of \$50,000.

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

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Calendar

(all Malibu Rotary Club meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

June 13 2012 NO MEETING AT PEPPERDINE THIS WEEK!!

June 13, 2012 Instead of morning at Pepperdine Malibu Rotary Club will meet in private room at Tra di Noi at noon for lunch. RSVP to Maggie Luckerath. Bring \$20 cash if you haven't prepaid.

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Barbara J Riley

"Rotary District Humanitarian Trip to Puerto Rico"

The Malbu Rotary Club is a co-sponsor in two humanitarian projects in Puerto Rico. Barbara Riley represented the Malibu Rotary Club at Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian Trip to Puerto Rico in February to visit these projects and will describe her experience at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting June 20.

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Prof. dr. George Pavlakos

"Global Law: obligations of justice beyond the borders of the nation state"

Dr George Pavlakos is Research Chair in Globalisation and Legal Theory, Universiteit Antwerpen/Belgium, Director Centre for Law and Cosmopolitan Values <http://www.lcv.ua.ac.be> as well as Professor of Globalisation and Legal Theory, University of Glasgow/Scotland. He is taking a sabbatical year lecturing and studying at UCLA and the Malibu Rotary Club is fortunate to have this international scholar of law speak at our club June 27 on Global Law: obligations of justice beyond the borders of the nation state.