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## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

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**Malibu Rotary Club President Bow Bowman**

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Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280la.org](http://www.rotary5280la.org)

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**Pepperdine Senior Braden Mogler,  
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar going  
to Uruguay this summer**

It is unusual for one university to produce Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars in consecutive years, but Pepperdine Dean Emeritus and Malibu Rotarian **David Baird** is proud that Pepperdine University can boast producing two Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars in the past three years. Last December we were able to meet **Amy Joehlin-Price** who was the 2007-2008 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club and District 5280 to study public health at the Malawi College of Medicine in southeast Africa. She now is at Ohio State Medical School. When **Braden Mogler**, who was a junior at Pepperdine University asked Dean David Baird about applying for a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study public health in a Spanish speaking country he recommended Braden apply through the Rotary Club in his home town of Mankato, Minnesota, rather than

through the Malibu Rotary Club.

The scholarships, which are designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for study abroad for one year in one of the 162 countries and 35 geographical regions

where Rotary clubs are located. Some 1,200 scholarships will be available from clubs worldwide.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, necessary educational supplies, and language training (if necessary) up to a maximum award of US \$23,000 or its equivalent.

During their studies abroad, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars act as “ambassadors of goodwill.” Through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and work to further international understanding.

The application process and competition to get Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships is keen. Even among the well qualified applicants, Rotary districts try not show favoritism for clubs so if two applicants with equally sterling credentials come before the selection committee, the sponsoring club which has not had a recent selection winner would probably be favored over one that has.

After filling out The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Application in English, Braden also filled it out in Spanish, so it could be sent to those places in Latin America where he was hoping to study. He said the application process forced him to think about himself—to put into words his life’s accomplishments and aspirations—“Who am I?” He knew the application process and the rigorous interviews he had to go through in applying for the scholarship would serve as a great experience even if he hadn’t been an eventual winner. Rotary Club of Mankato, Minnesota, is part of Rotary District 5960 in eastern Minnesota. Mankato is less than 100 miles southwest of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St Paul. The interview process for Rotary Ambassadorial applicants in District 5960 sounds like it is even more rigorous than in our District 5280. It is a day long event, and the interviewers included several past District Governors, the current District Governor, and the District Governor-elect, along with other committee people. It starts with a statement from the applicant which is followed by the interviewers’ questions coming from behind the U-Shaped table set up. District 5960 chose only one applicant from the 7 that were interviewed. Braden said he was able to meet and become friends with the other applicants who all had distinguished backgrounds. He also was able to confer with Pepperdine’s previous Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, **Amy Joehlin-Price**

Braden has long been interested in service a Latin American country. Before college he had been selected as ambassadorial scholar to a Spanish speaking country, and during summers while at Pepperdine he had worked teaching in both Dominican Republic and at an orphanage in Mexico. He knew he want to study public health in a Spanish speaking country, and after doing research, and narrowed his choices down to Uruguay, Mexico and Honduras, and decided that Uruguay would be the perfect next step for him. Uruguay is the second smallest country in South America, and one of the least corrupt. It bordered only by one other country, Brazil, and Braden hopes to add to his lingual skills by also learning Portuguese while he is there. Braden is interested in public health in such a country and also how the culture interfaces with medicine. He said there are cultural difference on how people interact with doctors. He is interested in

providing health care in impoverished areas. People here generally don't go to the doctor and when they do there are things they don't tell him. He expects to take bioethics as part of his curriculum. He is hoping to be accepted into a US medical school that features bilingual Spanish as part of the community it serves. Among those are California schools, such as UCLA and UC Irvine.

Everyone was impressed by Braden's composure speaking while having John Elman was trying to get Braden's Power Point presentation loaded into our meeting room equipment. We are sure Braden's composure will bode well for him when he becomes a physician.

## **Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

### **Why We Have Had Problem Opening Presentation Media Cabinet**

Since the projector has been installed in the Fireside Room we have had a hard time getting into the cabinet that turns on all the electronic gear. We were unaware that the key we had been given to open the Rotary club storage cabinet in the Fireside Room had a different lock than the media cabinet and the media cabinet lock broke, resulting in replacement of the lock last week. One of the reasons we were never able to get Braden's Power Point presentation up and running is because we were never told of the new lock on the presentation media cabinet. Brian Bowen of Pepperdine Presentation Services will be giving a key to open the presentation media cabinet in Fireside Room to David Baird before next Wednesday morning's weekly Malibu Rotary Club meeting in the Fireside Room. The key will stay in the possession of the Malibu Rotary Club for the year with David Baird being the ultimate responsible person for the key for campus Presentation Media Services, although John Elman will generally maintain physical possession of it and give it to someone if he cannot attend meeting. If there still is a problem call Presentation Media at 310-506-6953.

### **Reports from Malibu Rotary's Ambassador to District Bill Wishard**

**Bill Wishard** gave out "Recognition Awards 2008-2009" application/booklet—essentially Malibu Rotary's annual report of activities and accomplishments for this year. Our Club has been given 8-12 awards each of the last few years, based on filling of the recognition awards. Bill handed out sections of the booklet to **Geoff Ortiz, Margo Neal** and **John Elman**. All of these completed pages are due at the next Malibu Rotary Club meeting March 18. The 33 page booklet (cut from 56 pages last year) must be completed, printed and Bill will deliver it to Rotary District Office at 8939 S. Sepulveda, Suite 312 before 4:00 p.m. Friday March 20. Bill will deliver it but not assemble it. This can be done by Club President or committee. All printed press articles, eg Malibu Times and other documentation is included. The awards are given at the annual district conference (this year to be held May 1-3 at South Coast Plaza Westin in Costa Mesa).

### **Get to Malibu Rotary Meetings on time!**

One of the last items on President Bow Bowman's agenda was the meeting time. He asked if we should hold the meetings later since most people are not ready in their seats when the meeting begins. We agreed that if we started the meeting later and ended later it would be more difficult for people to get to work and we would have worse attendance. We all made a vow to get to the meetings at 7:15 a.m., get our food and be in our seats closer to 7:30 a.m. Meetings will be called to order no later than 7:45 a.m.



*Editors Note: Most of you know how strongly I feel about the Project TRIUMPH program conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. The program brought 10 teenage Arab and 10 teenage Jewish students from Israel to a leadership camp in Simi Valley where they all learned to work together, develop leaders skills before returning to Israel to use what they learned back home. Most of us feel helpless in trying to find a solution to the constant war in the Mid East, but at least this program is trying to do something, In the last issue of The Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter I had written about e-mail communications I had had with Frances Fuji of the Project TRIUMPH organizing committee. She had written*

“In light of the current economic climate and more challenging environment for securing grant monies, instead of hosting students this year, we are taking the opportunity to strengthen infrastructure in Israel and to establish collaborative relationships with aligned organizations.

Upon our request, Shaul, from the Rotary Club of Haifa, provided us with a budget and proposal to hire a part-time facilitator to be responsible for year-round support of both new Project TRIUMPH students and alumni. We are sending money to contribute to the facilitator's salary, and she has already begun meeting with the kids there.

We are excited about prospects for 2010 and beyond (the plan is to resume bringing kids over in 2010, assuming that we can raise enough funds in 2009) and believe we will emerge from this fallow year with an even stronger, more well-rounded and promising program than ever before.”



In a subsequent e-mail she had written about what some of the student alumni of the Project TRIUMPH program (many of whom we had met when they were here) were currently doing after participating in the Project TRIUMPH program:

“Our greater vision is to inspire leaders of tomorrow by imparting wisdom and broadening the perspective of high school students. Our first year students, who were here in 2006, are now in the army or beginning to build careers. We have stayed in contact with some of them through Facebook. Very soon, their generation will be making pivotal choices that will impact not only their region, but the world.

We're proud of all the young people we've worked with, and we thank you for your belief in them.

## **Rotary District Convention**

On April 30 - May 3, 2009 The Rotary District Conference will be The Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, 686 Anton Boulevard. Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (see flyer at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/html/45459/Conference%2009%20Flyer%201200%20dpi.pdf>).

Online registration by credit card for the upcoming District Conference is now available. Scheduled for April 30 - May 3, 2009 at the [Westin Hotel, South Coast Plaza](#). The conference promises four days of fellowship, education, social events, a golf tournament, plenary sessions and more. In addition to the Rotary activities there will an opportunity to see a production of the musical *Grease* at the Sergerstrom Performing Art Center located next to the hotel. Click [HERE](#) to see a specially created video or copy <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73xOp6MGhg> into your browser.

Click on the image immediately below to the left to register online, or the image to the right if you wish to print a copy of the registration form and mail or fax it to the District Office.

<p>* Credit card registration form: </p>	<p>* PDF registration form: </p>
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To view the specially created video about the conference, click [HERE](#). It is 3:47 long. (Video created by Gidas Peteris of the Beverly Hills Rotary Club; narration by Brad Robinson, conference chair and member Beverly Hills Rotary Club.)

## La Estanzuela, Honduras Water Project

The Malibu Rotary Club is one of the clubs joining with the Century City Rotary Club to bring clean water to the Village of La Estanzuela in Honduras. There wasn't enough time to complete funding of this project during the past Rotary year. We are hoping to complete the project this year with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant

## Calendar

- **Mar 18: Ron Wildermuth—“Update From the West Basin Municipal Water District”**
- **March 25: A local—Don Schmitz: “The Coalition for Fire Safe Communities”**
- **April 8: John Elman: "Navigating the New Malibu Rotary Club Website"** Longtime Editor of the Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter and creator of Malibu Rotary Club's first website in 2002, John Elman, will show how the new ClubRunner website MalibuRotary.org will not only inform guests what the club is about, but how it will act as a hub for club activity, and enable member participation
- **April 15: Dr. Allison Richards and Dr. Larry Stock Helping Victims of trauma/landmine in Burma** Local trauma physican Allison Richards returns on April 15 and will bring Dr. Larry Stock to be speaker that day. He lives in Malibu and has been the head of the trauma/landmine program since GHAP started. She asks, "When we come back, do you know what people would like to hear about in more detail? Larry is the head of the trauma management program that mainly deals with treatment of landmine injuries as well as other traumatic injuries. But we can talk in more detail on any aspect."

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