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Robert Lloyd

On

"What we need to know about Africa"

Robert Lloyd is Associate Professor of International Relations at Pepperdine University. He also directs Seaver College's International Studies program. He received his Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., an M.R.P., in regional planning from Cornell

University and a BA, cum laude, from the University of Arizona.

His areas of research include international conflict management and negotiation, Africa, democratization, and development. Recent scholarly publications include "The Caprivi Strip of Namibia: Shifting Sovereignty and the Negotiation of Boundaries," part of an edited volume on *Border Anomalies*, Rowman and Littlefield and "Christian Mediation in International Conflicts," part of an edited volume on *Religion, Identity, and Global Governance*, University of Toronto Press.

Prior to Pepperdine, Lloyd worked for ten years in a number of leadership positions for an international development nongovernmental organization (NGO). The first five years he was responsible for directing staff and programs in Kenya, South Africa, and Mozambique.

He is Pepperdine's resident expert on the subject of Africa and in the Powerpoint presentation he delivered at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on March 28th he had some eye opening facts, figures, and general knowledge to impart to an audience he learned a lot about the world's second largest continent in the twenty minutes that Dr Lloyd spoke. Before he spoke Dr Lloyd paid homage to Rotary for several things. His son had won a Rotary sponsored essay contest in high school. He was also aware of the Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship which has allowed so many Pepperdine students to do post graduate studies in various countries around the world (including the current Rotary Ambassadorial scholar Luci Prosapio in South Africa (see <http://www.usa2sa.webs.com>). Dr Lloyd was recently in Uganda with a group studying the impact of religion on healthcare, and of course this has been a large issue Rotary's attempt to eradicate polio in the world, the fact that religious leaders in Africa would not allow Rotarians to deliver polio vaccine to children because they believed it was an attempt to sterilize them.

Besides being the world's second-largest [continent](#), Africa is the second-most-populous, after [Asia](#). At about 30.2 million km² (11.7 million sq mi) including adjacent islands, it covers 6% of the [Earth's](#) total surface area and 20.4% of the total land area. With 1.0 billion people (as of 2009), it accounts for about 14.72% of the world's human population. There are thousands of languages and dialects spoken by the people of Africa, and often in just walking a short distance one may hear dozen different languages or dialects.

The large size of Africa was illustrated by Dr Lloyd by using the map (seen behind the professor in the picture at the beginning of this article) which shows that within the continent you could fit the United States, all the countries of Europe, as well as India and some others, and still have some space left over.

The continent has diverse climates and geography. The northern part of the continent contains the great Sahara Desert. That desert is as large as the entire continental United States! The Congo not only contains the Sahara Desert but a tropical rain forest as well.

Dr Lloyd illustrated how different parts of the media portrays Africa. The *National Geographic* concentrates on the wildlife. CNN broadcasts news on Africa's wars and famine.

There many positives and negatives when considering Africa. There are wars, terrorism in places like the failed state of Somalia. There is religious conflict in Nigeria. There is political corruption. And of course the major health problems of HIV/AIDS.

We already alluded to the fact that Africa is the second most populace continent after Asia, but it is heading toward being the most populace continent. Dr Lloyd pointed out birth (a.k.a. fertility) rates in various countries around the world. This is number of lifetime births per woman for each locality. In the US the birthrate is 1.9. In most countries in Europe it is about 1.4. A few years ago in China it was 6. But because of certain governmental regulations it is now close to 2. In Africa the birthrate was 6, but is now still 5. 75% of the population is under 18. By 2050 20% of the world's population will be in Africa. Although most of the population of Africa lives in villages away from large cities, the cities of Africa are growing. The population of Lagos, Nigeria is now the size of greater Los Angeles, and has overtaken Cairo as the largest city on the continent.

Over the last decade, the Africa was home to six of the world's 10 fastest growing economies, and the outlook for the region remains bright at a time when the rest of the world is facing major political and economic challenges. Ethiopia one of the fastest growing economies in the world.



News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Guests at the March 14 Malibu Rotary Club meeting included **Tom Bos**, a Past Rotary District Governor from Holland Michigan and a regular at our winter meetings, and another Rotarian **Zein Obagi** an attorney who is a member of Rotary LA 5 Club, and who is running at conservative Democrat in the newly formed 33rd Congressional District. The new district includes coastal bay cities including Malibu, and part of west Los Angeles and Beverly Hills. It

is part of the former 30th Congressional District and incumbent of that district is **Henry Waxman**.

Another guest at the Malibu Rotary meeting of March 28th was **Flat Stanley**. **Flat Stanley was a guest of Maggie and Hubert Luckerath**. We are not sure exactly what Flat Stanley does but apparently he was visiting Aunt Maggie and Uncle Hubert from the east coast and has had quite an exciting seeing celebrities in Malibu.

Rotary District Conference April 19 through 22nd at the Hilton San Diego Resort & Spa

On Saturday The District Conference will feature some local Rotary service projects, including a clean water project and a Shelter for Women. Reservations for both the conference and the hotel can be made at the Rotary District 5280 site or by clicking [here](#).

Bless the Beasts & the Children

What: First Annual Bless the Beasts and the Children fundraiser with food, drink, entertainment, both live and silent auctions and special emcee Dick Van Dyke.

When: Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: Private estate in Malibu, CA.

Why: To honor Dave Woods for a lifetime of Rotary Service projects and Malibu Coast Animal Hospital for years of service to homeless animals.

Who: Sponsored by Woodland Hills Rotary Club Charitable Foundation and Malibu Pet Companions.

Special Note: The event will be held outdoors and the attire is dressy casual.

For more information about **Malibu Pet Companions**, please go to:
www.MalibuPetCompanions.org

For more information about **Rotary Club of Woodland Hills**, please go to:
www.WHRotary.com

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The event will be held at a private Malibu estate and jointly hosted by the [Rotary Club of Woodland Hills](#) and [Malibu Pet Companions](#), the event will raise money for local and international service projects benefitting children, as well as for the medical care for sick, injured and un-weaned homeless pets at the [Agoura Animal Shelter](#). Guests at the Bless the Beasts & Children event will be treated to an extraordinary evening filled with fun, laughter, music and the excitement of both a live and silent [auction](#) while revelers join in festivities to honor [Malibu Coast Animal Hospital](#) and Rotarian Dave Woods for their unfaltering dedication and selfless contributions to animals and children. "These two groups, children and animals, often have no voice and because of that, have no choice. They both depend on us to love and care for them. Together, we illuminate their needs," say event co-chairs Robin [Kahrs](#), Lois Koch and Elizabeth Tilkian.

Malibu Pet Companions (MPC) is a community-based, all volunteer-operated, non-profit 501c3 organization. Its mission is to **fund medical care for sick, injured, and unweaned homeless pets** at the Agoura Animal Shelter (part of LA County Animal Care and Control). Care includes **prescription medicines**, **surgery** (including spay/neutering if not yet altered) **diagnostic testing**, and **special food**. It depends on [donations](#) to provide the medical treatment these animals need so they can be restored to good health and subsequently adopted into loving homes.

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 second project, *Hogar Santísima 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 Arecibo, 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 Arecibo 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 Club 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 insufficient 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 palette 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 palette disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip across Southeast Asia. He explains, "In late September,

2011, I will set out on a 5,000-mile walk through Southeast Asia. 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 February 22nd he has raised almost \$38,000 for ICSF, over 76% his goal of \$50,000.

A post card mailed by Winston to Malibu Rotary from Thailand on December 31 read "1,000 miles down, 4,000 miles to go...Thanks again for making a difference. Wishing you a happy new year from Bangkok! ---Winston smiletrek.org"

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)

Apr 4 2012

Geoff Matlock

"My Peace Corps Experience: Small Business Development in the South Pacific"

Geoff Matlock is Peace Corp volunteer who spent over a year in Fiji doing Small Business Development

Apr 11 2012

David Baird

"Rotary Information Meeting--What is Rotary?"

This meeting is especially for people in the community wondering what Rotary is and what Rotary does.

Apr 18 2012

Sam Lagana

"Pepperdine Athletics and Events Center"

Sam Lagana, Pepperdine University Associate Vice Chancellor will speak and show slides of the new Pepperdine Athletics and Events Center

Apr 25 2012

Jessica E. Davis

"On Being the New Editor of Malibu.Patch.Com "

When Jonathan Friedman, the original Editor of the online Malibu.Patch.com community news service decided to leave Malibu to follow his heart and love Tammy in Boston, Jessica Davis was named new editor of Malibu Patch. Jessica has been editor of Palm Desert Patch and a member of Indio Rotary Club in the Coachella Valley, where she resided. Come see Malibu Patch's new editor at the Malibu Rotary meeting April 25, 2012..