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[RI President \(2009-2010\) John Kenny](#)

Rotary District 5280 Governor (2009-2010): Susanne Sundberg

President-Elect Chris Bauman talks about the future of Rotary and the Malibu Rotary Club



It is encouraging in the Malibu Rotary Club that when one young person steps down there is another young person willing to step up. When Malibu Rotary Club President Holmes R Osborne III announced last week that he would no longer be able to complete his term as president Christopher Bauman, who already had served as Malibu Rotary Club President twice before (2004-2005 and 2005-2006), agreed to attend PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) and serve a third term, an unprecedented accomplishment in the Malibu Rotary Club’s 39 year history.

At the March 3, 2010, meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club, Chris talked about his weekend at PETS, and his vision for the Malibu Rotary Club. Chris, who recently completed the Pepperdine MBA program, works preparing the annual budget for Pepperdine University, said he could only serve as president with the blessing and support of his wife Leslie.

Fortunately Leslie enjoys the Rotary social events she has been able to attend while Chris has been a Rotarian. In fact one of Chris’ goals during the coming year is to have at least one social event Rotary meeting each quarter, a dinner meeting either at a restaurant or home, where spouses, significant others, and potential members are invited to attend.

Chris had planned to take over the club presidency in July, the beginning of the Rotary year, knowing that from now through June he is spending everyday working on the Pepperdine

budget, and some of that time he might not even be able to attend the regular Malibu Rotary Club meetings. Since the Malibu Rotary Club has gone through years of missing presidents, and two years where its dozen members served as rotating presidents on a monthly presidents, at the March 3rd meeting, the members of the club decided that if Chris could be “acting president” through June, other members of the club, the experienced past presidents which composes a majority of the club, could preside over meetings that Chris could not attend.

Before getting into too many major new projects, Rotary International still wants to finish the job it started—eradication of polio in the world. After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

Rotary is trying to raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families. Chris said there were only 350 new cases of polio in 2009. These were in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria and India. If immunization was stopped now, those 350 new cases would become 350,000 new cases in 10 years. It is important that eradication be complete to keep the spread of disease.

Chris said that among the speakers at PETS was Rotary International President Elect Ray Klinginsmith, from Kirksville, Missouri. He is a retired dean and law professor who has been involved with Rotary perhaps longer than any other RI President, having completed graduate studies at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar before becoming a Rotary member in 1961. He became familiar with many local Rotarians when he was chairman of the 2008 Rotary International Los Angeles Convention Committee.

A point that both RI President-Elect and Rotary District 5280 Governor-Elect Doug Baker made was how important the individual Rotary Clubs are to support the district and RI. To survive individual members must support the clubs, which support, the districts, which support Rotary International. Doug Baker, who will visit the Malibu Rotary Club on September 1, said that he will give whatever support he can to the clubs. At all levels, RI, District, and Club, the leaders on the organization in which they are in charge, to prosper. They especially don't want to be charge when the organizations fail, which is why they have the mantra “Not on my watch.” For the Rotary clubs to succeed that need support from everyone, and inspiration from their leaders.

Chris said he wants to keep his and the club's focus on a few key and simple principals to find the least resistant path to success.

1. Enjoy ourselves and have fun with fellowship. He wants to have Fireside Chats, and as alluded to earlier, a quarterly social dinner meeting to which family can be invited.
2. Implement successful service projects (such as Singing Competition, community service projects and international projects).

3. Sustain and grow members, especially among the Pepperdine faculty. Implement “Associate membership” which would have reduced membership fee, to help bring young people into club.

Other News and Guests from March 3 Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

There were two visiting Rotarians and the last Malibu Rotary Club meeting. Frequent visitor **PDG Tom Bos**, from the Rotary Club of Holland, Michigan, who was last week’s speaker; and Gerard Duez, a realtor from the Rotary Club of Melun, which is a city near Paris, France in District 1770.

Geoff Ortiz that he would not be able to be at Malibu Rotary-Pepperdine Rotarat Adopt A Highway cleanup day scheduled for Saturday, March 13. It will be determined at next meeting whether that event will go on with someone else leading it, or be postponed to March 20.



Malibu Rotary Club to Support BioSand Filters in Ecuador

Malibu Rotary Club voted to send \$500 to the Rotary Club of Pontiac Michigan to help build and install BioSand Filters in Santo Domingo De Los Colorados, Ecuador. As was noted by Carol Cousineau, who, along with husband Ron brought the project to our attention, after installing the first BioSand filters in Ecuador (and pictured left), “That money would be matched by the next District Grant, which we have been assured we will get. So, for instance \$500.00 would become \$750.00. The filters and two 5 gallon safe water containers per unit, cost around \$60.00 each, so a donation of \$500.00 would provide 12 families of five or more with 20 gallons of water each day - enough for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, bathing and washing

clothes! The filters are expected to last at least 50 years without the need to add any expense except chlorine - available and inexpensive. That means each family will have more money to provide more nutritious food for their families, since they don't have to pay for propane to boil their water. It will mean more time to spend with their children, rather than boiling or foraging for firewood. With great improvement in the health of all the family members, fewer cases of diarrhea and stomach flu from bad water and parasites, the parents will better be able to hold down a job and provide for their families, children will be able to attend school more days and have a better future.

We are excited about this project because we anticipate that this is just the beginning. All over Ecuador, there are families struggling to survive, with a high infant mortality rate, because of bad water. This successful project will be a shining example and model. Rotary is the perfect vehicle for getting the word out about BioSand and accomplishing the goal of providing safe drinking water for the world. **BioSand** is one of the four methods of purifying water recommended for Third World Countries by the World Health Organization. (We have researched the others. Since they provide only a small amount of water for drinking, are small and ceramic, so more susceptible to breakage or deterioration, or adding so much chlorine that the people won't drink it, the concrete BioSand is by far the best choice for all but mountainous areas, where a more expensive plastic version of BioSand is an alternative.)”



Project TRIUMPH (Today's Revolution Is Understanding; Make Peace Happen) is a grassroots effort to bring Arab and Jewish teenagers together in the spirit of collaboration to build a shared vision for a peaceful future. The program was conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. It 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 Middle East, but at least this program is trying to do something. Initially sponsorship of this program had been mostly from the Newbury Park Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240 and private and corporate donors. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support the project. Pictured above are the students who were hosted in 2008 as they visited Malibu on their way to the camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in Israel as a year long program that strives for lifelong results. It is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO On March 17, 2010, Leon Berg and Shoshana Brower will be featured speakers at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting and will update us on this project. See You Tube Video of TRIUMPH Live! At <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n2IKWES1Jw&feature=channel>

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