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

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- **Last Week:** Lt. Jenn Seetoo, LA Co. Sheriff who will be talks about her background and latest assignment as Liaison between the LA County Sheriff's Department and the Malibu Community
- **Rotary District Foundation Grant to Malibu fire victims to be presented by Malibu Rotary and Rotary District Governor Monday March 25 at Malibu Stage to be distributed by Boys & Girls Club Malibu-Disaster Relief Fund**
- **Nest week March 27 there will be a special 3 hour Malibu Rotary Club Members Only Planning session from 8:00 am to 11:00 a.m. led by Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Teresa LeGrove discussing the 2019-2020 Rotary year—Meeting will be in in room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus instead of the regular Malibu Rotary meeting.**
- **Next regular meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club regular Meeting will be April 3 2019 8:00 a.m. in room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate**

campus. Speaker will be [Richard Garvey](#) who will be talking about CERT: Malibu Community Emergency Response Team

- Joy Arcenas ART of Giving in the Phillipines
- Malibu Rotary Club Website: [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)
  - Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
  - Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
  - RI President (2018-2019) Barry Rassin
  - Rotary District 5280 Governor ( 2018-2019) [Joe](#) Vasquez

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**Lt. Jennifer Seetoo, talks about her latest assignment as Liaison between the LA County Sheriff's Department and the Malibu Community**



**There is a new deputy sheriff in town, a very pretty one. But don't think because she looks this good you're going to get away with anything. I asked Lt. Jenn Seetoo to send me a copy of her background, and she wrote the following:**

**Below is a list of highlighted jobs I worked:**

- **Jail**
- **Patrol in Compton**
- **Undercover Prostitution Stings**
- **Counter-Terrorism Detective**
- **Joint Terrorism Task Force Detective**
- **Sergeant at East LA Station**
- **Intelligence/Counter-Terrorism Lieutenant for the Department**
- **Deputy Director of the Joint Regional Intelligence Center**
- **Malibu Liaison Lieutenant**

**Along with all my job assignments I was a body guard in Iraq, taught at the Jordan International Police Academy in Jordan, attended Jerusalem University in Jerusalem to study Arabic. I have a Master's from the Naval Post Graduate School in Domestic Security and Public Policy.**

**Warm Regards,**

**Jenn**

When Jenn spoke at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on March 20 we learned that growing up in the Los Angeles area there were two careers Jenn was interested in. She either wanted to be a Laker Girl or a Deputy Sheriff. We're not sure how far she got in pursuit of becoming a Laker Girl, maybe she wasn't patient enough, but by the time she was 19 she was hired by L A County Sheriff's Department as a jailer. She was soon assigned patrol duty in Compton. She was a Sergeant on patrol in East Los Angeles. These are some of the toughest areas and crime areas in Los Angeles county.

More recently Jenn has been working out of the Lost Hills Sheriff station. Although in Compton and East Los Angeles she saw gang violence, shootings of rival gang members, she wasn't aware of any youth suicides. The kids tried to kill each other but not themselves. During the first 3 months working out of the Lost Hills Station in the Malibu and Calabasas area there were 3 kid

suicides. She has always had a soft spot for kids. There are 1.5 million kids in Los Angeles County. That's more than the population of several western states.

She is very concerned with and involved with the prevention of violence in schools.

After the Parkland Shootings she had gone to the Naval Post Graduate School. She tries to be aware of and support the various organizations that try to prevent teen violence, bullying, and troubled youth. Sandy Hook Promise is a national non-profit organization founded and led by several family members whose loved ones were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012.

Jenn also sent us a link to The Allstar Nation Tour . <https://www.allstarnationtour.com>

“ The Allstar Nation Tour was built to save lives through the powerful stories and testimony of nationally known musicians and speakers. Since its inception in the summer of 2014, our message has reached over 230,000 students in 8 states, and we continue to expand!

“Our message is life-changing and our delivery unforgettable. Schools nationwide outspokenly recommend our program and we are the most recognized concert-based mental health, suicide awareness, and anti-bullying program nationwide.

“Our artists and speakers have incredible stories of their perils throughout school. From artists who nearly took their lives due to bullying, suicidal thoughts or severe depression, to those who were crippled and ultimately became internationally known names. Their stories are a true reflection of how to live a better, healthier life, how to inspire others, and how to transform yourself to overcome the brutal reality of bullying, depression, and suicidal tendencies prevalent in today's schools.

Jenn had only been at the Lost Hills Station for 3 months when the Captain became ill and she became the 1<sup>st</sup> Commander at the Borderline shooting.. That was followed by the Woolsey Fire and when she had to evacuate Agoura Hills she found her self the Commander until the Incident Commander took over.

Jenn's husband is involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Conejo Valley, and since she only recently arrived in Malibu she hasn't had a chance to meet people at the Malibu High School and the Malibu Boys and Girls Club, but should do that in the near future. There are troubled youth in all areas that need help.

She has ideas to try to help teenage depression, such as possibly having ProBono counselors, trying to spot troubled youth earlier and trying to intervene.



Malibu Rotary Member Marianne Bema hopes to help troubled youth with exposure to art and with books she has written to familiarize kids to African art.



## **Other Malibu Rotary News**

The evening before the Malibu Rotary-Malibu Chamber meeting Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence reported that she had fractured her right foot and to avoid surgery has been advised to stay off her feet for the next 5-6 weeks while her foot heals. She will not be able to attend Rotary meetings during this time. She is still hoping to go on the District Humanitarian trip to Peru. In an e-mail she wrote that the Malibu Rotary Club has been accepted as lead club in Rotary Global grant **BARRANCA-Smile Project**.

## **Guests**

Guests included Nagy's wife **Kathy Heinen**, **PDG Tom Bos**, from the Holland Michigan Rotary club and **Pamela**

**Rotary District Foundation Grant to Malibu fire victims to be presented by Malibu Rotary and Rotary District Governor Monday March 25 at Malibu Stage to be distributed by Boys & Girls Club Malibu-Disaster Relief Fund**



Rotary District Governor Joe Vasquez and Malibu Rotary President Bianca Torrence will present a check for \$15,000 from the Rotary District Charitable Foundation to Kasey Earnest, Executive Director of the Malibu Boys & Girls Club, who administers the Boys & Girls Club Malibu-Disaster Relief Fund. The special presentation is scheduled for this coming Monday March 25 at 3:30 PM at the Malibu Playhouse, 29343 Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu. At that time we will learn more about the direction of the funds to the fire victims. Monday was the only day available to do this presentation. The public is invited to join in this event.

In a televideo meeting January 21 initiated by Rotary District Governor Joe Vasquez and Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence and attended by district and club leaders the Rotary District agreed to allocate \$15,000 from the Rotary District Foundation to Malibu fire victims.

The Malibu Rotary Club was charged with quickly deciding how the money would be distributed to victims of the November Woolsey fire which affected so many homes and people in Malibu. The Malibu Rotary Club is not equipped to sift through the needs of all the individuals who need help during this natural disaster and they have decided to turn to the Malibu group which was created to do just that—the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Emergency Relief Fund. It is the same



organization that helped the Malibu Rotary distribute the \$11,500 total donation raised by the Venice Playa Vista Rotary Club. Using the extensive application process and review that had been devised by the committee of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Emergency Relief Fund that had been submitted by fire victims the Malibu Rotary Club was able to distribute 23 \$500 gift cards to Malibu students who had sustained losses in the recent Woolsey Fire which destroyed over 670 structures in Malibu. District Governor Vasquez emphasized the need that recipients and the process be well documented, and the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Emergency Relief Fund does just that. Margo Neal sent the documents used by the B&GM Malibu Emergency Relief Fund to DG Vasquez in an e-mail after the conference call meeting. Details about the structure of B&GM Malibu Emergency Relief Fund are printed below.

On November 11, 2018, The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu established the Malibu Emergency Relief Fund (Fund), in response to the Woolsey Wildfire that was declared a city, state and federal disaster. This fund is in partnership with The Malibu Foundation sponsored by GVNG.org, and has support from Senator Henry Stern as well as the City of Malibu. Boys & Girls Club. Malibu has also consulted with and implemented best practices established by disaster relief experts, Waves for Water.

The Fund will be administered by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, which will allocate and distribute funds to support impacted individuals/ households. Currently, we are raising funds to support people living in and working in unincorporated and Malibu City limits being defined by the geographic boundaries of the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District. This new fund allows Boys & Girls Club of Malibu to serve vulnerable members of our community through one of their most devastating life events. II. Purpose Entire families and communities are impacted by wildfire devastation. The Fund is designed to support our most vulnerable neighbors whose lives and livelihood are affected by the current wildfires in Southern California, specifically Malibu. We focus on families/ individuals with demonstrated, immediate emergency needs. III. Allocation The total amount of funds allocated to each individual/household will be determined based off of whichever tier of need they fall into. There will be three tiers (Tier I, Tier II, Tier III), that an individual/household can fall into if approved for emergency relief. Based on the application process that identifies various risk factors the individual/ household faces, the applicant/household will be evaluated and placed in a tier if approved for funding. The tiers progress from supporting the immediate needs of the most vulnerable populations (Tier I), to supporting the immediate needs of those impacted by the Woolsey Wildfire disaster that demonstrate a financial need (Tier II and III). IV. Use of Funds Assistance from the Fund is intended to assist with immediate needs of daily living for those affected/ impacted by the Woolsey Wildfire disaster that can show financial need. Funds are intended to be used for immediate emergency relief, including interim housing, food, water, clothing, transportation, medical supplies or school materials, or other approved immediate needs. Additional criteria for recipients include providing the following information or documentation, to be collected and vetted by the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu:

- Proof of residency or employment in Malibu and the address of loss or damage
- Description of loss or damage
- Description of recipients benefitting from the funds Funds are expected to be expended within 30 days of receipt, unless granted an extension from the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu.

Recipients are expected to provide receipts or documentation for expenses that are projected to exceed \$1,000. Currently funds are not eligible for rebuilding efforts. V. Eligibility To be eligible for emergency relief aid, the individual/ household must demonstrate a financial need for immediate emergency relief funds, which will be verified through the application process. Documentation that can help support demonstrated need includes (but is not limited to): bank statements, proof of no insurance,

\*The Emergency Relief Fund Oversight Committee: Lizzy Moore, Foundation President & Dean, Institutional Advancement, Santa Monica College Foundation Craig Foster, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Board Member Laura Rosenthal, Councilmember City of Malibu Lou Lamonte, Councilmember City of Malibu Karen Farrer, Councilmember Elect, City of Malibu Trevor and Evelin Neilson, The Malibu Foundation Kasey Earnest, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Malibu

\*\* For purposes of this Fund, "low-income" is defined by the Real Cost Measure, developed by United Way of California. The Real Cost Measure factors in local costs of housing, food, transportation, child care, health care and taxes.

Page 2 proof of loss of employment, proof of residence or association to unincorporated and Malibu City limits being defined by the geographic boundaries of the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District. VI. Application Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, along with partners, will use social media, traditional media, website, and direct/inperson outreach to widely communicate fund availability. Potential applicants will be directed to complete either (a) a paper application, (b) an online application located on the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu's website, or (c) a fillable form that will be provided via email. The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu will also have a dedicated page on their website for the public to access with updated information about the Fund. VII. Awards & Payment The amount of funds available for each individual/ household will be determined in accordance with the allocation schedule in section III of this document that discusses the three different Tiers of need. The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu will base funding determinations on:

- Amount of funds available
- Need of individuals and/or household proposed to be served
- Alignment of requested support with "Use of Funds" described in section IV of this document
- Financial health of applicant/ household

Once needs have been identified and fiscal allocation is determined based on need and budget available, the individual/household in need will receive a live check at designated disbursement sites, which are to be determined. Authorized personnel from the Fund will verify that funds are being distributed to correct person/household and collect appropriate receipts or documentation of expenses when needed. VIII. Reporting The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu is committed to administering the Fund with accountability and transparency. In this respect, the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu established an oversight committee\*, comprised of local community members, to provide leadership and guidance in establishing the Fund and determining the most appropriate ways to manage and disburse funds. In accordance with the oversight committee, the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu will keep detailed records of case management efforts that occurred with all recipients of funds, how funds were allocated and spent, and in specific circumstances proof of receipt of funds on part of grantee. The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu will also keep record of the following data and information:

- Number of low-income families assisted\*\*
- Type of assistance provided
- Description of how economic status is determined for families and individuals assisted
- External partners and Fund donors will receive updates on a quarterly basis and will receive additional information upon request.

For more information, visit <https://www.unitedwaysca.org/realcost> If you have questions about our Emergency Relief Fund, contact us at [emergencyrelief@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:emergencyrelief@bgcmalibu.org) or at 424.388.9862. Follow us to stay informed at: Facebook: @bgcmalibu90265 | Instagram: @bgcmalibu90265 | Twitter: @bgcmalibu Donations/ Volunteer ops at <https://bgcmalibu.org/>.

## ART of Giving to the Philippines



**Joy Arcenas** spoke about the project she started to help the children in her native country—the Philippines. She donates back packs and school supplies to 2000 students in poor villages. Joy donates \$10,000 per year to the project. Last year on an individual basis members of the Malibu Rotary Club donated to her giving the students an additional requested item—flip-flops for the feet. Joy asked our club members if they are interested in contributing to another item that has been requested—umbrellas.

February 12 Joy had written the following e-mail to all the members of the Malibu Rotary Club:

Good morning Rotarians

As I prepare for my Humanitarian

trip to the Philippines in May. I would like to ask our club members if they are interested in supporting an umbrella for the parents of a 1st grader.

The cost is \$2 each including the print.

This year we will distribute 2,000 backpack sponsored by Masbate Association of America

2,000 set of school supplies sponsored by Ligaya Legacy Homes

Hope Foundation will donate t-shirts for the kids.

Thank you for your time and appreciate your kind attention.

Best service above self.

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There was some question from Teresa whether to Malibu Rotary contributions could be as a club donation, or even a grant. **David Baird** made a commitment toward the project by e-mail. Joy has already had prototypes of the umbrellas made and pictures of them are shown below.





## Rotary Project in Peru

On July 25 Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence spoke in detail about the Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian Trip to Lima Peru April 3-8. Via e-mail prior to the August 8 meeting Bianca made a formal proposal to the Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors: Her proposal was that the Malibu Rotary Club commit to be the Lead club for the grant #10 on the Peruvian Rotary Humanitarian District trip **BARRANCA-Smile Project**.

It takes \$5k to be the lead club on the Global Grant project. Bianca pointed out the Malibu Rotary Club already had committed \$2k for the project and she will work on getting the rest so the Malibu Rotary Club will be recognized as lead club in this project.

Malibu Rotary Board approved the funding of the Peruvian **SMILE BARRANCA** project at the August 8 meeting. The **SMILE BARRANCA** was the project that was in most need of funding of the eleven humanitarian projects of the Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian trip in Peru. We are sure Bianca will bring a big smile to the people of Barranca.

Bianca spoke at the Pacific Palisades Rotary Club September 20 and was persuasive enough to have the Palisades Club join the Malibu Rotary Club in sponsoring the Peruvian **SMILE BARRANCA** project.

That project specifically is hosted by Rotary Club of Barranca, District 4465 Serving the marginal urban and rural sectors, and in educational institutions where there are deficiencies in oral health care in Supe Pueblo, Puerto Supe, Pativilca, Paramonga and Barranca. Needs Assessment Oral Health in Peru is a public health problem, so a comprehensive approach is necessary, applying effective measures to promote oral health and prevent the consequences of poor oral health. Poor population, as well as non-poor, presents needs for the treatment of oral diseases. One of the human groups sensitive to such public health problems are minors, including children between the ages of 3 and 6, where the habits of hygiene and oral care are generated and reinforced, which will be sustained during their future development. This need was assessed by visiting the schools and population evaluation by dentists in Barranca. Project Description • Preventive care and education to children who belong to the Non-school Initial Education Program. • Oral health care for beneficiaries of urban and rural sectors. • School and population training in Barranca Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment Goals The objective of this project is the promotion of oral health and oral hygiene in marginal urban and rural sectors without health coverage and children from Not Standardized Initial Education Programs.

Bianca said her family has had a charity project in Peru for years she has decided to have her family charity project to contribute an additional \$1000 to that project in behalf of the Malibu Rotary Club, doubling the Malibu Rotary Club contribution from \$1000 to \$2000.

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## **Malibu Rotary Club Rotating Presidents for 2018-2019**

<b>July 2018 .....</b>	<b>W. David Baird</b>
<b>August 2018.....</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>September 2018.....</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>October 2018.....</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>November 2018.....</b>	<b>W. David Baird</b>
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<b>March 2019.....</b>	<b>John W Elman</b>
<b>April 2019 .....</b>	<b>John W Elman</b>
	<b>Teresa LeGrove Cherkas</b>
<b>May 2019.....</b>	
<b>June 2019.....</b>	<b>Bianca Torrence</b>



## CALENDAR

**March 27 2019 Teresa LeGrove “Malibu Rotary Club Members Only Planning Session (3 hrs)”** This will be a special meeting led by Malibu Rotary club President Elect **Teresa LeGrove** discussing plans for the Rotary year Jul 2019 to Jul 2020

**April 3 2019 Richard Garvey CERT: Malibu Community Emergency Response Team**

**April 10 2019 Eva Johnson will talk about Home Health Service available from Royal Hospice Care**—she will talk about the various levels of service her company provides

**April 17 2019 Emmet Finch "The Malibu Poet"** Emmett Finch, "The Malibu Poet," is a war veteran, sailor and seafarer, private pilot, adventurer, retired firefighter, yachtsman, traveler, naturalist, poet and writer. Emmett has lived an unusual life—which set the stage and background for his unpretentious style of writing. He attributes much of his inspiration to the good fortune of living in Malibu by the Sea and writing his Poetry for over half a Century.

**May 1 2019 Mark Lipps speaks on the subject of SOLAR**

Mark is a member of the Manhattan Beach Rotary.

He will talk about the future of solar for residential and commercial. Legislatively what is going on and what can we expect in the next few years.

**May 15 2019 Dawn Herscher “Developing techniques of storytelling”**

Dawn Herscher is a recent TED\* talk speaker and offers a very compelling and memorable workshop on storytelling, and how stories are necessary for branding and making money! She is a professional speaker, and has 10 years experience as a speechwriter. She should provide Malibu Rotarians and visitors with an enlightening morning.

\*TED is a nonpartisan nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks. TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 110 languages. Meanwhile, independently run TEDx events help share ideas in communities around the world.

**June 12 2019 Malibu Rotary Club meets with Malibu Chamber (Paradise Cove Cafe) (no meeting at Pepperdine)**

