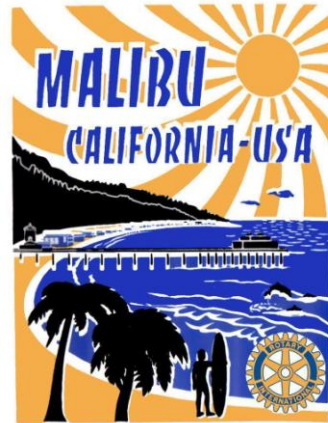




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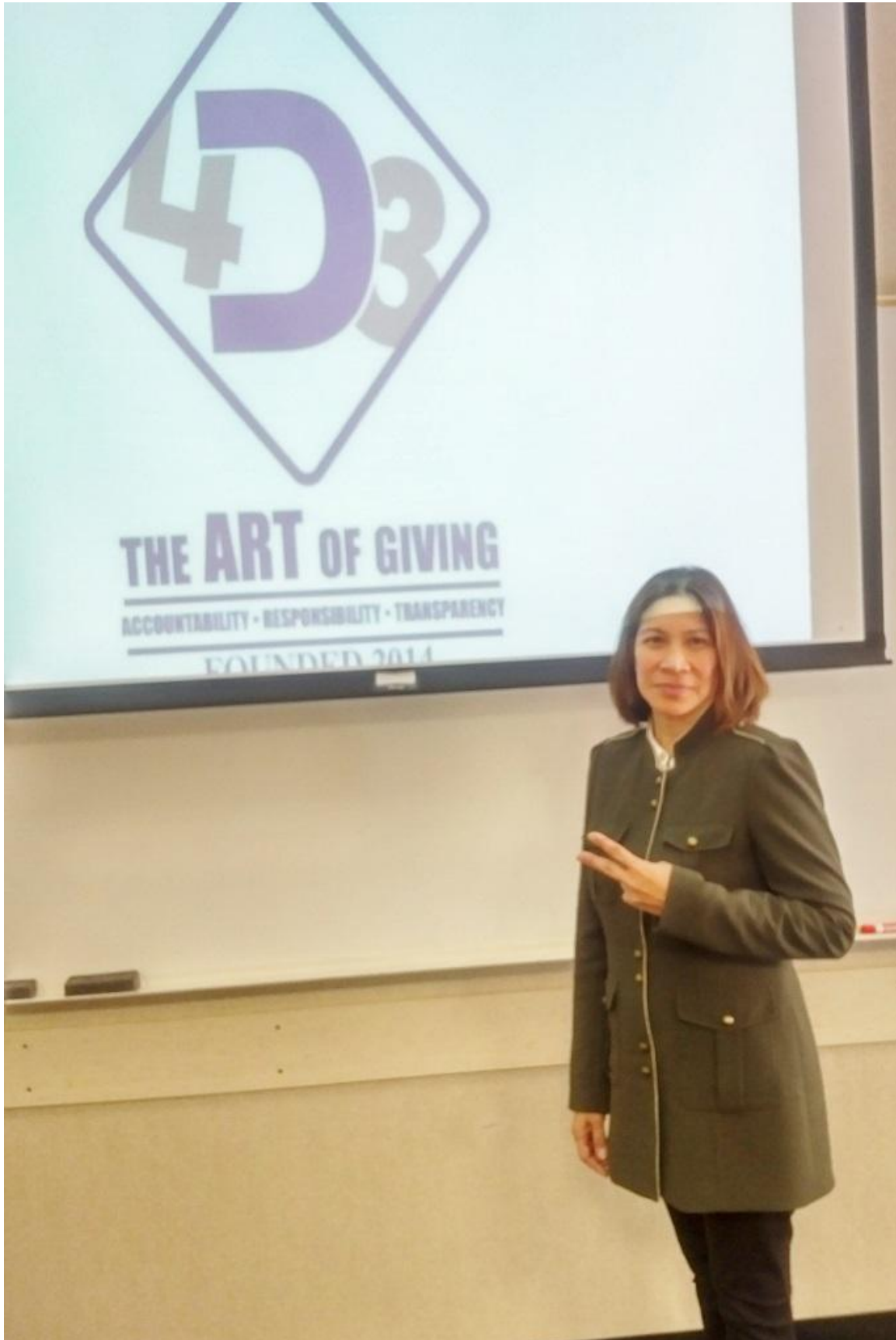
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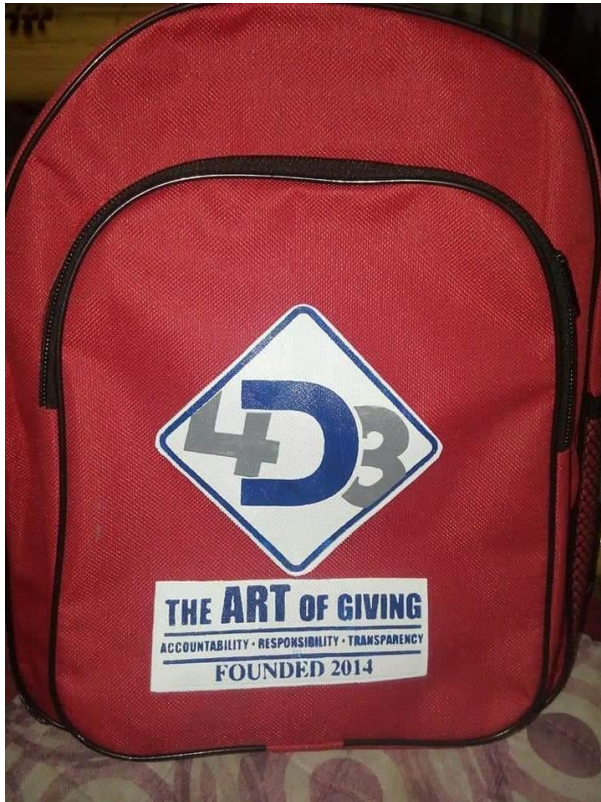
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- Last week Malibu Rotarian Joy Arcenas talks about her project in the Philippines “The ART of Giving”
- Next regular Malibu Rotary Club meeting April 4 2018 Room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus Fellowship will begin at 7:30 a.m. with meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. Speaker will be Financial Advisor Lotay Yang Talking about the is Black Card Circle. Bill Wishard has said “Best Financial Adviser Talk I’ve ever heard.”
- Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
- RI President (2017-2018) Ian H.S. Riseley
- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2017-2018) Cozette Vergari

Joy Arcenas Talks About “The ART of Giving”





At the March 28th meeting of the Malibu Rotary club meeting Club Treasurer Joy Arcenas, talked about and showed slide of a charity near and dear to her heart, The ART of Giving, a private charity she created in the Phillipines in 2014, bringing backpacks of school supplies and other items asked for by the poor children living in her native country.



Joy as been supply school supplies for years, but this year she was asked about supplying another need. Even the simplest protection for the feet, Joy called them slippers, we might call them flip-flops. Whatever you call them they apparently need. The picture to the left shows some that have worn through at the ball of the foot and the heels.

Joy was already preparing send the school supplies when she was told about this other need.

Joy said that growing up she was one of 12 children. The rural village in which she lived the Phillipines had no electricity. In fact, they still don't. Joy said her family wasn't always poor, but by the time she was born, with mismanagement of money, they were poor. When

she started school she had no school supplies—no paper, pencils—nothing. She just sat there at her desk in first grade trying to remember everything the teacher said. As she got older and started to learn about the rest of the world she vowed she would make lots of money. You need money to take care of yourself and your relatives in need. One of Joy's older sisters was a missionary in Brazil. The sister helped support Joy so she could go to college in the Philippines where she learned to be an accountant and auditor. She was thankful that her older sister could help her and Joy continued the tradition by helping the younger members of the family. Several became nurses, a couple became attorneys and one became a medical doctor.

Joy was able to get a job as an accountant in one of the larger cities in the Philippines. A position she applied for had 2,000 applicants. It was against those odds that she got the job! We know Joy to be a tireless worker. We would not expect someone who lives in Orange County to drive to a morning Malibu Rotary Club meeting and then drive to her office in Van Nuys. Joy has been a tireless worker all her life. One of the companies she worked for in the Philippines had offices in the United States, and she was able to visit New York, Chicago, and other cities, but when she landed at LAX, she knew when she landed that she liked the weather in So Cal. She married an American and got a green card to stay in America. She said she would take any accounting and auditing job she could find. After 9-11 she was one of the auditors to go over the books of Lehman Brothers. Joy was Financial Manager for L A Unified School District and from 1999 to 2006 had various accounting positions with the City of Los Angeles including being their Senior Auditor from 2004 to 2006. In 2006 Joy received her real estate license and became a Unit Manager for Velur Enterprises, helps individuals reposition their "wealth strategies" by expanding their investment options from traditional real estate & indexed funds to land banking.

Joy has 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Whatever successes Joy has had in America she has never forgotten her roots in the Philippines. After helping the younger members of her family get through school she decided she would help the poor children of her country with their education by giving them some essentials she feels the 1st graders need. This includes a backpack, with the school supplies you can see in the pictures above. The boys are given blue backpacks and the girls red backpacks. In addition to the backpacks with school supplies each student is given a T shirt. Joy said she knew if she gave money to the local governments for the school supplies most of the money would go to the government and not to the students. She had the help of her family still living in the Philippines and other volunteers. They contacted 39 schools, which served 2000 first grade children, on several islands that make up the south Philippines area. She said it cost \$10,000 for the supplies when she started the project in 2014. The labor is all free. She said it costs \$3.00 for the backpack and supplies, which are all manufactured in the Philippines.

In 2015 she all put in solar panels for electricity.

This year Joy will be returning to her ART of Giving project in the Philippines on a trip May 22 through June 9th. Besides giving out the backpacks and school supplies Joy is also going

to me giving out the flip flops (which she expects to cost about 50 cents each) and also she has had a request for 3 wheel chairs. She had asked Rotary Club members to help with the flip shoes, and several members of the Malibu Rotary Club stepped up with significant contributions, including David Baird, Tom Bos, Mark Koller, and Bianca.

Joy also invited Malibu Rotarians to make the May trip with her, and said if they will pay for their flight she'll have a room in the house she has in the Philippines.

Other News and Guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting

Carlye Rudkin has bought a home in Malibu Country Estates that was previously owned by Malibu artist Mae Zandy May.

Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence announced several Rotary District events happening in the next couple months:

April 14 Peace Conference and also Rotaract Ethics Forum at LMU

April 17 is next Rotary District Breakfast at the Crowne Plaza LAX at 7:00 a.m.. RSVP by April 12: \$38/person | RSVP after April 12: \$43/person This one will be hosted by the District Rotaract and Interact Clubs and the keynote speaker will be AIYANA HAVIR.

Aiyana heals and inspires our world through conscious music, movement and message. She has performed professionally for over a decade in the form of music, dance, theater, and public speaking. In 2009, Aiyana jet set to live in Vienna, Austria for a year as a Rotary International Youth Ambassador.

April 21 Rotary Day of Service Bond Park on Los Feliz Blvd 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

May 17 May 20 **District Conference** Hyatt Grand Champions, Indian Wells

June 2 District Assembly Carson Community Center

Guests

There were two familiar guests at the March 28 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club: **PDG Tom Bos** from Holland Michigan, and **Mark Koller**, who we hope to induct as a member at the April 25 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club.

CALENDAR

April 4 2018 Lotay Yang is speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting at Pepperdine Drescher Upper campus LC 152 telling us What is Black Card Circle?

Bill Wishard has said “Best Financial Adviser Talk I’ve ever heard (of many that I have heard at Rotary.”

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The Leadership

Black Card Circle® was founded by **Lotay Yang** in 2005 to serve as a social, business, and philanthropic networking vehicle. Black Card Circle® (BCC) hosts exclusive events in Beverly Hills, Chicago, Los Angeles, Malibu, Mission Viejo, New York, and Shanghai, China, with other cities planned throughout the world! Bill Wishard tells us Lotay’s grandfather was General in the Air Force for Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. His family retreated to Taiwan after defeat by Mao Tse Tung, and ultimately migrated to America. Lotay began learning about finances as a UCLA student when his father died. Bill tells us “He is dynamic, engaging entertaining speaker, drawing on family global struggle and his background.

April 11 2018 Dr Emily Letran “Living the American Dream”

Dr.Emily Letran. dentist, high-performing coach & mentor and world-class keynote speaker. She is the The American Dream. She was born and raised in Vietnam and made it to America with a beautiful dream in her heart that has been fulfilled.

April 18 2018 Jim “Gweed” McMichael Lt Col USAF (retired) speaking on “Making a Fighter Pilot”

Lt Col Jim "Gweed"McMichael is a military strategist who usually does not speak to civilians about what he will be speaking about at the Malibu Rotary Club on April 18. He will take us inside the cockpit view of an F-16 with a video and presentation that we expect will be captivating, interesting and informative.

April 25 2018 Rotary District Governor Cozette Vergari returns to the Malibu Rotary Club for her “Unofficial” Visit

When Rotary District 5280 Governor (2017-2018) came to the Malibu Rotary Club for her official visit Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence was not able to be there because of tragic family events that we are all aware of. At the time Cozette vowed to return when Bianca could be there. April 25 Cozette returns for her unofficial visit to see Bianca and the Malibu Rotary Club.

May 9 2018 Malibu Rotary Club at Chamber Breakfast (no meeting at Pepperdine)

Connections Breakfast at Paradise Cove Beach Cafe'

Malibu Rotary Club will have joint meeting with the Malibu Chamber of Commerce 8:00 a.m. at Paradise Cove Beach Cafe, Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence and members of the Malibu Rotlary Club will talk about Rotary 6 Areas of Focus & local Malibu programs Rotary supports-The meeting will be hosted by **Anthony McDemas**, Connections Director, Malibu Chamber of Commerce. Breakfast starts at 8, intros at 8:30, Malibu Rotary speakers at about 8:45ish, for 20 minutes.