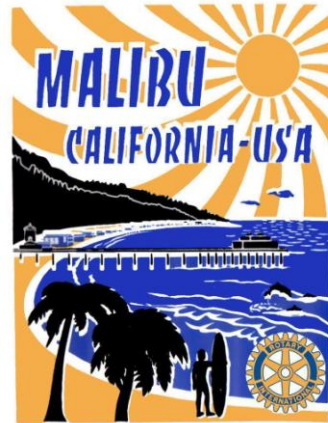




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The March 7th meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club was publicized as being another Malibu Rotary Club Assembly presided by Bianca Torrence—this one with special emphasis on Rotary Club Membership, club assessment and recruitment lead by Teresa LeGrove, Bill Wishard and Carlye Rudkin who had attended recent Rotary District membership forums.

It turned on that only one of the three scheduled speakers was there, and he reiterated something that he had learned about a major component of recruitment, and the reason people chose to attend Malibu Rotary Club meetings, is to see interesting live speakers. The March 7th meeting was the third meeting in a row which was essentially a “Club Assembly”, which not only did not attempt to encourage the public to attend, but actually discourage public participation. We are not sure who started the precedent of having Club Assembly/Board meetings at the time we would normally have regular Malibu Rotary Club meetings. In years past board meetings were usually held after regular meetings, not instead of the regular Malibu Rotary Club meetings. As the Rotary year started Club President Bianca had asked for the last day of each month to be a Club Assembly, and as the calendar for the year was prepared the last Wednesday of the month was designated as a Club Assembly, and a day in which speakers were not supposed to be booked.

The Malibu Rotary Club has had a history of having great speakers. At the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of March 7 President Bianca decided to open up the schedule to encourage regular speakers the last Wednesdays of March and April, and not have another Rotary Club Assembly scheduled till May 30, which allows for 4 speakers during that 5 Wednesday month.

The last Wednesday of March, Joy Arcenas, will talk about a charity near and dear to her heart, The ART of Giving, a private charity she has been supporting in the Phillipines since 2014, bringing backpacks of items asked for by the poor children living in her native country, and the final Wednesday of April, we’ll be having an inspiring visit by our Rotary District Governor Cozette Vergari.

English Filipino Tagalog Translated into Oklahoman English

When Joy, who is from the Philippines, was trying to explain some of the items she was putting in backpacks, and that were requested by people in her country, she said what sounded like “Sleepers.” David Baird, who speaks a form of English, most recognized in the state of Oklahoma smiled with apparent recognition.

“Sleepers,” David repeated with a smile. “I haven’t heard that term since I was a boy in Oklahoma.” He thought he knew what Joy was talking about and proclaimed “‘Sleepers’ is another name for ‘pajamas’”.

No, Joy said, shaking her head and knowing that was not at all what she meant. “Sleepers,” she repeated, more emphatically. “Let me show you,” and she went to a picture on her cell phone of items requested by the people in the Philippines. “These are sleepers.” What she was pointing to may have been called slippers, but we would normally call the type of casual sandal known as flip-flops. Whatever you call them they are among the items in demand and which will be brought with Joy on her next humanitarian trip to the Philippines. For more information on this be sure to come to the March 28 meeting to hear and see Joy’s Power Point presentation of the ART of Giving and her trip.

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The following Monday evening March 19 will be the Malibu Rotary Club Plans Mixer at Casa Escobar at 5:30 p.m. Bianca announced that drinks will special “Happy Hour Prices” and there were be free appetizers. Besides the Malibu Rotary Club promotion of this event on our websites and facebook pages, the event is on the Malibu Chamber website calendar, with special e-mail blast to Chamber members, and printed flyers should be available for distribution around town.

The March 19th event at Casa Escobar will serve as the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of the week and there will be no meeting at Pepperdine University on March 21.

So the speaker calendar for next 5 weeks (through April) looks like this, with potential speakers being considered for May and June. Remember to check the official Calendar on the Malibu Rotary Club website (maliburotary.org) for any additions and corrections:

Joy Arcenas

Mar 28, 2018

The ART of Giving



Malibu Rotary Club Treasurer founded a private charity in 2014 which gives away backpacks and school supplies in the Philippines.

Lotay Yang

Apr 04, 2018

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Rotary

District Apr 25, 2018

"Unofficial" Governors visit

Governor

Cozette

Vergari

For those who missed it, we are proud of President Bianca for her work, and others have noticed too:

Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence Receives Malibu Times Dolphin Award



Each year the *Malibu Times* recognizes members of the community who have given special service to the community. Nominees for the award are suggested by readers and voted on by the newspaper's editorial board. "The mission of the Dolphin Award program is to provide recognition and financial support to the many worthwhile and inspirational individuals, organizations and community projects that enhance the quality of life for all of Malibu's citizens. Our efforts include, but are not limited to, community, educational, environmental and health initiatives, disaster preparedness and relief, assistance to families in need, and to those organizations and individuals whose efforts address our society's critical challenges and the unmet needs of their fellow citizens."

One of the 2017 honorees is Bianca Torrence, President of the Malibu Rotary Club (2017-2018). In recognizing Bianca the paper had written "A co-founder of Malibu CART (Community Assistance Resource Team), Realtor Bianca Torrence lends her time and talents toward bettering the lives of those around her, organizing the annual Malibu homeless count. A volunteer with the Malibu Association of Realtors' Education Committee, Torrence is also actively involved as president of the Malibu Rotary Club. She is also active in her home country of Peru, continuing the volunteer work started by her late son, Olympian David Torrence."

The special Dolphins Award Dinner was held March 3 2018 at the Malibu West Beach Club. In addition to the Dolphin Award trophy, Bianca received Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congressman Ted Lieu, Certificate of Recognition from Senator Henry Stern, and Certificate of Commendation from County of Los Angeles Chair of the Board of Supervisors Sheila Kuehl.

After the ceremony Bianca posted on her facebook account: "I am honored and humbled to be a recipient of this amazing Malibu Dolphin award. Thank you to all those who inspire me daily, my mentors [Carol Mossmey](#) daughter [Sylvie Torrence](#), my big family, my friends [Maggie Frey Luckerath](#), [Lea Johnson](#), [Pamela Conley Ulich](#), [Laura Zahn Rosenthal](#), [Margo Neal](#), [William Wishard](#), [Jay Scott](#), [Kay Gabbard](#), [David Baird](#), [Paul Elder](#), [Burt Ross](#) & many more, to my life partner [John Johannessen](#) for all the love and support. A special thanks to [Karen Portugal York](#) and [Arnold York](#) for the wonderful ceremony [The Malibu Times](#), and last but not least...I dedicate this award to my son [David Torrence](#) who continues to inspire me from Heaven, this one is for you Davi, I love you"

Guests and Other News from the March 7 Malibu Rotary Club meeting

Despite the fact that the March 7 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club was a Club Assembly there were two regular guests: **Pete Allman** (Producer-Journalist, Talk show host, Donald Trump Look-Alike, YouTube.com/peteonthescene), and **Mark Koller**, a Malibu resident who, after retiring is look for things to do.

Late Breaking News-- Travis T. Tygart USADA's (U.S. Anti-Doping Agency) Chief Executive Officer will take on David Torrence case

Editors Note: At the March 7 Malibu Rotary Club meeting Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence had given a Happy Dollar which was for "Off the record" news concerning the investigation into the mysterious death of her son David, who was known for his outspoken stance against drugs in sports and who had death threats prior to being found lifeless in a pool where he was training in Arizona as a world class Olympic runner. He represented the United States prior to the 2016 Olympics, where he represented Peru, birthplace of his mother. The cause of death was never determined, despite the autopsy that was performed in Arizona. Bianca had been trying to have somebody further investigate the mystery surrounding his death. To this end she sent me the following e-mail:

"Hi John,
My happy dollars good (ok to share) that I was contacted by TRAVIS Tygart [Link below of Travis Tygart who contacted me last week to let me know that he will make sure they will investigate my son's case and hopefully get to the bottom of it.](#)

<https://www.usada.org/about/meet-our-team/travis-t-tygart/>

I have faith and grateful that this is taken place."

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) is the national anti-doping organization (NADO) in the United States for Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, and Parapan American sport. The organization is charged with managing the anti-doping program, including in-competition and out-of competition testing, results management processes, drug reference resources, and athlete education for all United States Olympic Committee (USOC) recognized sport national governing bodies, their athletes, and events.

In the past David helped them and now it is time for them to posthumously help David and help solve the mystery surrounding his untimely death.

Bianca, we are all with you!



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District Events

Bianca announced other future Rotary District events— the District St Patrick’s Day 5k Color Run to End Polio, starting a 8:30 a.m. Saturday March 17 in the Crystal Springs Picnic Area at Griffith Park. Cost is \$50.00 for adults and \$20.00 for Rotaractor, Interactors and participants under 18. Registration includes a t-shirt, sunglasses, lunch and one raffle ticket. There will be live music. Register at <https://www.stpatricksdayercolorrun.com/> All proceeds from this event will go to End Polio Now and will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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Newton Lee is an author, educator, and futurist. He will speak about anti-aging research and the human trials of immune system regeneration for health and longevity.

Lee is the chairman of the California Transhumanist Party, president of the 501(c)(3) Institute for Education, Research and Scholarships, and adjunct professor of Applied Computer Science at Woodbury University.

Previously Lee was the founder of Disney Online Technology Forum, creator of AT&T Bell Labs' first-ever commercial artificial intelligence tool, and inventor of the world's first annotated multimedia OPAC for the U.S. National Agricultural Library.

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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.

