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Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org

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

Malibu Rotary Club meeting of May 26 – Malibu Rotary Club President Chris Bauman leads Club Assembly



Because scheduled speaker **Kevin Boling** was unable to be in Malibu to give his Trash Talk, Malibu Rotary Club President **Chris Bauman** took the opportunity to talk about the Rotary District Assembly that he **Bill Wishard** attended at the Carson Community Center the previous weekend. Both agreed that the District even had many good ideas for local Rotary Clubs. Chris said that Rotary District Governor-Elect **Doug Baker** emphasized that he believes the function of the District is to serve the clubs, and the feeling has often been reversed.

It is important to get all members, especially new members, involved in projects. We should have hands on projects, not just donate money. Of course to do most things it takes money and both Chris and Bill talked about the District Simplified Grants, which the district wants to use for local projects in our community—not like the Rotary Foundation money that generally goes for projects in other countries.

Much of the discussion at the Malibu Rotary meeting then revolved around local projects we would like to be involved with.

Margo Neal suggested support for “School on Wheels,” and volunteered to contact **Agnes Stevens** to find out needs for this service.

Other community projects include sponsoring and serving additional SOS Dinners for the homeless (besides Thanksgiving one already done), doing something at David Gonzalez juvenile detention camp (Pepperdine students tutor students there now), doing CARE packages for soldiers (following up Malibu Rotary April 21st speaker Brittany Tomlinson’s suggestions of supporting our troops—see Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter April 21 <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/2529/HTML/89167/Malibu%20Rotary%20Club%20Surfwr>

[iter%20%20April%2021%202010.pdf](#)). Also remembered was past experiences Malibu Rotarians had tutoring at Coeur D'Alene School in Venice and Sea Captain and Past Malibu Rotary Club President Rex Levi taking the kids out on the boat to see whales, and whether we could sponsor this type of event with Rex.

The idea is that every quarter there should be a worthwhile community event that we participate in, and we can be helped in these endeavors by the Rotary Simplified grants.

Bill talked about a couple of the special sessions he attended at the District Assembly. They included a meeting on this coming year's District Trip to Dominican Republic, and the special humanitarian Rotary projects being sponsored there; and also a session given by PDG Pat Cashin on "How to get a Rotary Grant."

Other News and Guests from May 26 Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

There were no guests.

President Chris asked about thoughts of having a dinner meeting on months with 5 Wednesdays. June is one of those months but a decision of when and where to have dinner meeting was not made.

There was a follow-up on the Malibu Rotary Club Shelve at the Malibu Library (see below). Geoff was able to contact Ann Payne to make sure check we voted on for shelf got to the right people. Also, the area of the library in which that special shelf is place was suggested to be "New Arrivals," certainly one of the most popular sections.

Malibu Rotary Club Shelf at the Malibu Library

Ann Payne of the Optimist Club was a guest at the Malibu Rotary meeting on May 12th and announced that on Sunday, May 16, there was going to be a special meeting about the renovation of the Malibu Library at the library given by the Malibu City Council from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and recommended that members of service clubs attend. She said the library has not been refurbished since 1978. She said Malibu City Councilwoman Pam Conley Ulich started the ball rolling on this when she visited other branches of the Los Angeles County Library system with her daughter and noticed that they had more to offer than the Malibu branch. She found out that although Malibu tax money was supposed to go into the system the county gave \$5 million less to the Malibu branch than the others, and she decided to do something about it. Among other amenities the new library will have a wall that will create a room in the library that could be used for such things as Rotary meetings. The reason Ann was speaking to the Rotary club at this time was because in addition to the County contributions to the club, private and service club donations were being sought, and contributions of \$1000 made before June 1 would have contributors name placed on permanent shelve named at library. There is an opportunity, through matching funds, to have this \$1000 contribution done with a cost of only \$500.00

The Malibu Rotary Club board consisting of the members present at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of May 12th unanimously voted to make the \$500 contribution to the library.



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 leadership camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. There is a partnership with the Rotary Club of Haifa and one in Italy to get Jewish and Arab students out of Israel to a place where they can learn to work together and apply this when they return to Israel. A new Pilot TRIUMPH project is being developed. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in the City of Acre in Israel as a year long program with Jewish and Arab students working together making a video documentary that strives for lifelong results. The new Pilot TRIUMPH project is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO.

If you would like to help with Project TRIUMPH you can contact Shoshana Brower at shobrower@gmail.com or Leon Berg at Leon.Berg@gmail.com.



Malibu Rotary Club Supports 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.)”

For a while it looked like the matching grant process was not going to happen. When Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard visited Ecuador in March, 2010, he was able to meet with Ecuador Past District 4400 Governor, Juan Prinz, to get project back on track.

Upcoming Programs

June 2. Tod Lipka, President and CEO of Step-up on Second (a social service agency in Santa Monica)

June 9. Kent Campbell, "Protecting Your Online Reputation"

June 16. Club Assembly 3rd Wed of the month,

June 23. Remy O'Neill, "Cornucopia Foundation".

June 30. Brian Crance, "Independent Filmmaking"

July 7. Lester Wood, "Will Rogers"

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

