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- **Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org**

Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org

Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280la.org

Rotary District 5280 “Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians” Website: <http://yp5280.org/>

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

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

Major Changes of Malibu Rotary Club Voted on at Board Meeting Nov 11

The Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors meeting held at Guido’s Restaurant at 12:30 p.m on November 11th, was a very significant one. Ten of the 11 regular members of the club attended, and all agreed that it was an important one for the revitalization of the club.

Up for discussion was whether the club should even exist as a chartered Rotary Club, when, where, and how often the club should meet, what should be the emphasis of our club service, and how to grow membership and make the club the prestigious service organization we want it to be.

The board members expressed a desire to keep the club going, but there was a feeling that having meetings every week, was something that too much of a burden on not only the current members, but potential new members. Also, the fact that Pepperdine University was now charging an extra fee to setup the Fireside Room, which effectively was doubling the cost of our weekly meetings, made having fewer of them, or having them at a different time or place, an option open for discussion. Certain people have a problem making morning meetings.

Dennis Torres had some unique views about meetings. He was opting for virtual meetings, using skype for the Internet. He felt that potential speakers could have a broad audience with this type of meeting and people could join in no matter where they were in the world. John Elman felt the technical logistics of this type meeting, when current club members

have trouble even getting e-mail, might be more than we could handle, although we could attempt such meetings they wouldn't be our regular meetings.

Members felt that even though Pepperdine has been raising its costs to service clubs for meetings, the university has been a resource in countless ways (the audio-visual presentation setup, programs from faculty, Pepperdine Rotaract, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, Pepperdine support of Rotary for its administration, international peace mission, etc.).

After debating meeting times and number of meetings per month the Malibu Rotary Board voted to have *only two meetings per month*, when the month was 4 Wednesdays, and 3 meetings per month when the month has 5 Wednesdays. The first Wednesday of each month will be a morning meeting at the same time and place as now—7:30 a.m. at Pepperdine's Fireside Room. The third Wednesday of each month will be a dinner meeting. Although there was further discussion about where the dinner meeting should be, most felt that it should also be at Pepperdine. In months with 5 Wednesdays, the last Wednesday of the month would also be a morning meeting at Pepperdine.

Although December has 5 Wednesdays this year, December will be a 2 meeting month, with a regular morning meeting Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30 a.m. at the Pepperdine Fireside Room, and an evening Holiday Party meeting December 16th, which will tentatively be at the Pepperdine Executive Center.

It was further resolved that although Malibu Rotary Club will continue its various community projects (the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Homeless in conjunction with SOS, the middle and high school music competition, Adopt A Highway, etc) the main emphasis and attraction for new members is Rotary's global commitments, the Rotary Foundation projects for world peace and health, polio eradication, etc., and these are the things that should be emphasized in attracting new members.

Additionally, a more formalized approach for membership, both in attracting new members and retaining members should be adhered to, and a committee headed by Bill Wishard was established toward this end.

Bob Syvertsen presented another a budget which showed that although the club was solvent, we needed to make changes to continue to be so.

President Holmes Osborne suggested that our current charities trust account be liquidated out of stock market products, because as a money manager, he feels that the market is too uncertain. The Finance committee with Chris Bauman and Geoff Ortiz (who both had to leave before the conclusion of the meeting) were to all agree with President Holmes on where to put this charitable trust money, which had lost its value over last couple years, but had recovered somewhat since January.

Highlights of Malibu Rotary Club Assembly October 21

Malibu Rotary Club Joing Biosand Filters in Ecuador Project

Malibu Rotary Club President Holmes Osborne discussed the possibilities of Malibu Rotary Club getting involved in Rotary International projects. Discussion went to the presentation given to the Malibu Rotary Club the previous month by Ron and Carol Cousineau from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan brought a Biosand project back from Ecuador in October 2008. Information about this can be found on the Malibu Rotary Club website at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/home/storyitem.asp?cid=2529&iid=116486>

The Cousineaus, who are members of the Pontiac Michigan Rotary Club, and have partnered with Rotary Club Tsachilas of Santo Domingo de los Colorados, Ecuador (District 4400), and were looking for more US Rotary Club partners. Following the Malibu Rotary meeting of October 21, Margo Neal e-mailed, Ron and Carol and received the following reply:

Hi, Margo, and John and William and Club Malibu members,

What wonderful news! We are delighted to have you join us with great hopes for the future of Rotary/ Biosand in Ecuador! We are leaving for Ecuador, as I said, in two weeks (Nov. 5 - 16) One or both of us will be returning to CA January 23 - Feb. 6 to help with the two babies when Allison's husband Matt returns to Myanmar for two weeks. (He has his airline tickets). So I (we?) will be able to show you what we did on this trip in late January early February!

Some of things we plan to do while there:

1. I will oversee the training of, hopefully, 115 families including children four years old and up, and teachers and maintenance persons from 35 of the 70 rural schools, who will be receiving filters shortly. The monitors we trained will conduct the training which includes complete Biosand ownership information and extensive hygiene and sanitation education with my introductions and conclusions. I edited my CAWST training material intended for trainers for them with great Hispanic graphics. CAWST is The Center for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology in Calgary Canada, which is the center for all BioSand training and information. I will be there to make sure they have everything they need (projector etc.), it goes well and meet the people. To keep their attention focused on the material, I give away prizes to children and adults if they know the answers to questions we ask periodically throughout the presentation.

2. We hope to meet the other Rotarians from Club Los Chillos, Quito, the capitol of Ecuador, who agreed to act as contacts for our grant. One is el Presidente and the other, a woman member of his club. Rodrigo Ortiz is from Santo Domingo Club Rotario Tsachilas. We know there are seven Rotaries who would like to have Biosand projects. We would like to meet as many as possible and find out how we can help them.

3. We want to visit homes and find out how the health has improved of the families and schools which have received filters (about 40 - 50 by the time we arrive). We will meet with Dr. Meno and Diana Moncayo, the director of the university clinic, who has contacted us that she is willing to help us when we arrive, to see what they have observed and how they can help in the future, after we leave.

4. Ron will be setting up the book keeping necessary to keep careful records of all expenditures so that Rotary's demands will be met. The charity in Ecuador has received partial payment of the grant and our micro business is now building filters for Rotary!

5. We made many friends there who are helping with this project and it will be good to see them again and reconnect with them, strengthening our project.

As far as what you can do to join our project:

First, I guess you need to decide how much money you are able to donate to the project and then how involved a member(s) of your club might like to get. If anyone would care to join us on this trip, they would be able to learn first hand what is going on. Perhaps they could make contact with another Ecuadorian club, or we could do for you, and you could become lead club champions for a new project. (One of your members asked us to find out about adopting an Ecuadorian child to join his large happy family! He could accomplish both!) If no one is so inclined, you can join us in our Santo Domingo project. We are fundraising now for the second half of our project, another 150 filters for the second half of the schools and families.

Thank you for your confidence in us. We won't disappoint you.
Your new Rotary Partners,
(Ron) and Carol, Club Pontiac

Other News and Guests from the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Bill Wishard was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship plaque and pin.



Project TRIUMPH program was conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. The program 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 Mid East, but at least this program is trying to do something. Sponsorship of this program has been mostly from the Newbury Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support this project. One of Project TRIUMPH chair people, Frances Fuji, wrote about the status of the program for this year

“In light of the current economic climate and more challenging environment for securing grant monies, instead of hosting students this year, we are taking the opportunity to strengthen infrastructure in Israel and to establish collaborative relationships with aligned organizations.

Upon our request, Shaul, from the Rotary Club of Haifa, provided us with a budget and proposal to hire a part-time facilitator to be responsible for year-round support of both new Project TRIUMPH students and alumni. We are sending money to contribute to the facilitator’s salary, and she has already begun meeting with the kids there.

We are excited about prospects for 2010 and beyond (the plan is to resume bringing kids over in 2010, assuming that we can raise enough funds in 2009) and believe we will emerge from this fallow year with an even stronger, more well-rounded and promising program than ever before.”

Calendar

November 2009						<u>December</u>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Sgt. Martin C. Fentress, LAPD	5	6	7
8	9	10 Rotary District Breakfast	11 Malibu Rotary Board Meeting at Guido's No Rotary Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 No Malibu Rotary Meeting Today	19 Thanksgiving Dinner for Homeless	20 Rotary USC- UCLA Lunch at Bonaventure	21
22	23	24	25 No Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Today	26	27	28
29	30					