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## Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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## Malibu Rotary Sponsors Thanksgiving Dinner with SOS for Underprivileged



Although there were no Malibu Rotary Club meetings the last two Wednesdays of November the last Malibu Rotary Club event, sponsorship of the November 20<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner with SOS and Pepperdine student volunteers at the Malibu Presbyterian Church became the cover story of the November 26<sup>th</sup> *Malibu Surfside News* (<http://www.malibusurfsidenews.com/digital-paper>).

**Malibu Rotary—Home Club of RainCatcher Executive Director David Zielski**

Every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness. Women and children spend 200 million hours a day collecting water.

There are over a billion people who do not have access to clean drinking water. RainCatcher is efficiently doing something to try to reduce that number. They get low cost, low maintenance and sustainable water systems to Uganda and Kenya so women and children have a safe and close water source.

Besides the obvious health benefits, providing a local and safe water source multiple other social, economical, and educational benefits also accrue. There can be an increased girls' school attendance, level of education and literacy rates, as they no longer need to miss school to secure water for their families and have adequate and separate sanitation facilities.

There can also be reduced physical injury from constant lifting and carrying heavy loads of water, reduced risk of rape, sexual assault, and increased safety as women and girls do not have to go to remote and dangerous places to defecate or to fetch water during the night.

The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher.

There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously

no



clean drinking water. David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher, makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting

on August 20. A link to the video is now on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

After viewing this RainCatcher video on YouTube look at some of the others. This is a project that all of the Rotary world should be participating in. Malibu Rotary Club is proud to take a lead in this endeavor.

### **Upcoming Speakers** (yet to be confirmed)

Dana Sherman of the Fleet Street Bike Project

Dan Wise on history of the 25,000 acres from Marina Del Rey to PV Peninsula to Western Ave

## Calendar (for details on these programs see [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org))

### Rick Mendoza Dec 03, 2014

Rick's Underwater Images -- A slide show you won't want to miss

#### **Richard "Rick" Mendoza, PDG**

Rick joined Rotary in 1986 - was club president in 1993-1994. And he served as **District Governor in 2002-2003** –

In 2009 he was recognized with Rotary International's highest award the **"Service Above Self"** award.

In 2012 he was recognized with The Rotary Foundation's highest award, the **"Distinguished Service Award"**.

He served a three year term as the District Rotary Foundation Chair for D-5280. And, he is currently serving Zone 26 as the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in 2013-2015.

In 1973, as a hobby, he became a Los Angeles County Certified Under Water SCUBA instructor - and was cross certified with NAUI and PADI. He taught SCUBA for 4 years certifying 200+ students.

His passion for photography is recognized throughout the District, Zone and Rotary International. At this meeting Rick will show some of the images he has captured with underwater camera.

**Evening Dinner Holiday Party Dec 10, 2014** Malibu Rotary Club annual holiday dinner will be Wed. Dec 10 at the Gravina Malibu Restaurant, at the corner of PCH and Kanan Road at 6:30 pm. 28925 Pacific Coast Highway

Instead of the traditional gift exchange where one member ends up a skull, etc, President Margo Neal is requesting the attendees bring a child's gift to be given to local children's charity.

Dec 17 will by Budget Meeting Club Assembly

Shannon Latson Jan 14, 2015

Managing Conflict at Home and at Work

**Description:** Few of us like conflict, but it will always be a part of our lives. Dealing with conflict in healthy ways can deepen your relationships, permit personal growth, and improve the outcome of challenges that you face. Join us to get some tools on how to approach your next difficult conversation.

**About the Presenter:** Shannon Latson works as a Marriage and Family Therapist for Stillpoint Family Resources in West Hills, and she also works as an Office Manager in the International Studies and Languages Division of Pepperdine. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Business from Michigan State University, her master's degree in Psychology from Pepperdine University, and her Certificate in Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute at Pepperdine's School of Law. Shannon volunteers as a club convocation leader for Pepperdine students, serves as the faculty/staff advisor for the Pepperdine Swing Dance Club, and she has presented at many community organizations, including a psychiatric facility, a gang prevention unit of the Van Nuys police department, a domestic violence shelter, Many Mansions, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Malibu Rotary Club Middle & High School Music Comp Jan 21, 2015

Khoi Pham Jan 28, 2015

Community Service Integrated into Affordable Housing for Low Income

Khoi Pham MBA, UCLA Anderson School of Management, one of last helicopter evacuees out of Saigon as 8 year old, and now Executive Director of Bella Communities, will talk about integrating community service into affordable housing for low income.

Third in Malibu Rotary Club exclusive series of outcomes of American involvement in Vietnam war.

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.uJTvcSue.dpuf>