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- **Last Week's Meeting: November 4:** Sgt. Martin C. Fentress, Officer in Charge of the West Valley Community Relations, LAPD, speaking on "Future Growth of the Department and the Programs it Provides to Youth"
- **November 11th (no morning meeting) Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30 p.m. at Guido's Restaurant in Malibu (after Veteran's Day Celebration at Hero's Garden at 11:00 a.m.)**

- **November 19th, Malibu Rotary Club Sponsors SOS Thanksgiving Dinner at Webster School (see MalibuRotary.org for details and signups)**
- **Other News and Guests from the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**
- **Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting in Fireside Room December 2 at 7:30 a.m. Pepperdine Fireside Room**
- **Malibu Rotary Club Board Meeting November 11, 12:30 p.m. at Guido's Restaurant**
- **Check Calendar on Malibu Rotary website MalibuRotary.org for varied Rotary Activities in November—Only One Regular Rotary Meeting (Nov 4)**
- **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/>

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

Sgt. Martin C. Fentress, Officer in Charge of the West Valley Community Relations, LAPD, speaking on " Future Growth of the Department and the Programs it Provides to Youth"

As a member of a neighborhood volunteer police group Malibu Rotary Club past president **Bill Wishard** met **Sgt Martin C Fentress**, who has been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department for 34 years. Bill discovered that Sgt Fentress was not only a wealth of knowledge about the LAPD, he found out that the officer was a member of the Woodland Hills Rotary Club. They also shared some other things. Growing up each had been a member of DeMolay, an organization for young men aged 12 to 21 which develops civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills (see www.demolay.org). Each man attributes the organization for shaping his live. Sgt. Fentress noted that part the exercises learned from the organization was the memorization of its principles. DeMolay alumni include Walt Disney, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton, legendary Nebraska football



coach Tom Osborne, news anchor David Goodnow and many others. Each has spoken eloquently of the life-changing benefit gained from their involvement in DeMolay.

It is also the commitment of DeMolay that encouraged Sgt Fentress in its involvement with young people. Sgt Fentress was involved with the LAPD starting DARE, which has been taken up by other police departments. The program, which besides keeping teenagers off illicit drugs, involved various life challenges by teenagers, similar to Boys and Girl Clubs SMART MOVES program. But it was because it was getting

funding from a Federal program that was supposed to be just for getting kids off drugs, and not all inclusive, federal funding stopped. Another youth program that LAPD sponsored that no longer exists is an high school LAPD ROTC program.

There are still 6 youth programs sponsored by the LAPD. The most prominent of them is the Explorer Program, which was originally part of the Boy Scouts program. The Explorer program gets kids involved with police work and many of them later become police officers. There is also the Police Activities League (PAL), Jeopardy (which involves tutoring and counseling youth at risk for gangs),

Sgt. Fentress said that many of these programs are aimed at kids at risk for joining gangs. The LAPD has 10,000 officers. There are 40,000 gang members in Los Angeles. By comparison New York City has 40,000 officers. To give the LAPD a chance of making a positive impact with kids there has been an attitude change in the department. Sgt. Fentress said that when he first joined the department there was much worse relationship between the police and the community. Now officers are encouraged to smile and wave, rather than glare at people. This has resulted in increased trust between the community and the police.

Among the duties that Sgt. Fentress has had with LAPD has been high speed driving instructor, and he has had many ideas that implemented by the department, such as putting the money that is recovered from booked suspects in the bank (which earns interest for the LAPD).

The day before Sgt Fentress spoke to the Malibu Rotary Club, Deputy Chief Charles L. Beck was selected as the 56th Chief of Police. Sgt. Fentress knew all the candidates, and knew Chief Beck when he was Captain, and even though he as a casual style, he was known to always get the job done.

Sgt. Fentress was will be retiring in 18 months, and we are sure he was always stay involved. Another of his ideas is the retired officers should come back to help the LAPD. He also pointed out how important it is to have volunteers like Bill helping the police. The police use many volunteers, like having volunteers at the police station to answer the phones and do other jobs, so that more officers can be in the field.

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 be 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 learn first hand what is going on. Perhaps they could make contact with another Ecuadorian club, or we could 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

Geoff Oriz announced that there will an upcoming Adopt the Highway date schedule with Pepperdine Rotaract.



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					