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Malibu Repopulates and Begins Relief Efforts as it Recovers From Devastating Fire



Firefighters reached full containment on the Woolsey Fire on Wednesday November 21, just under two weeks after the deadly blaze broke out and hours before a weak rain storm was expected to move through the area and bring further threat to homes.

The massive wildfire claimed three lives and consumed at least 1,640 structures grew to 151 square miles — nearly the size of metropolitan Denver — across Ventura and Los Angeles counties.

The western part of Malibu sustained heavy losses, with homes lost in Malibu West, Malibu Park, Point Dume, Corral Canyon and other canyons.

At the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on November 28th it seemed that although this fire was a close call for many members, all the current members of the Malibu Rotary Club sustained no damages to their homes, although all were evacuated. Some parts of Malibu were still without power as the month ended.

FEMA recommends that everyone should register with FEMA, even if you didn't lose a home to the fire. Fire victims may qualify for other losses sustained due to the disaster. FEMA representative are continuing to work with the state to support firefighting needs for the California Wildfires. Start your recovery process by calling your insurance company to start the

claim process. You may also visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) or call 800-621-3362.

Most of us evacuees depended on the less than accurate news on TV to get information about the fire. A good resource to get reports from various emergency agencies across the nation is a free service to residence called Nixle.

You can use this service on your cell phone and computer. On your cell phone you can get text message from emergency agencies, including the Emergency center of the City of Malibu, the Sheriff, Cal Fire, local schools by putting in your zip code, and if you move to different place you can get information from any of the 8,000 agencies that subscribe to the service. It is free for individuals. To access go to <http://www.nixle.com/> or create a text service by texting your zip code to 888777.

Rotary District and Individual Rotary Clubs in District Offer Aid for Malibu Recovery

So Cal Wildfire Relief Update from Rotary District Governor Joe Vasquez:

Dear Rotarians,

As evacuation orders are slowly lifted in the burn areas of the wildfires here in Southern California, District 5280 is poised to take action. In this time, when the fires have ravaged so much of our precious homes and land, we need to come together to make this better. That's what Rotary does.

WILDFIRE RELIEF EFFORTS ROTARY CONTACT:

Governor Joe Vasquez has appointed Woodland Hills Rotarian Sheri Polak as our official Rotary contact for wildfire relief efforts. Please contact Sheri for any offer of or request for help. Sheri can be reached at sheripolak@aol.com or 818-635-9139.

DONATION LINK:

We have set up a fund through the District Charitable Foundation that will be joined by other funds. Funds will be directed to where it is needed most. Many of you had trouble with the Donation button. The donation link can be accessed [here](#).

These are difficult times. It is when we Rotarians rise to the occasion and recall our motto, "Service Above Self". As we approach Thanksgiving, let us be thankful and embrace those in need.

-Joe Vasquez
2018-19 District 5280 Governor

Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys Donates to Malibu Fire Relief effort

Bill Wishard, who had recruited the President of Greater Van Nuys Rotary Club to volunteer in in Malibu library polling place during the election earlier in the month, announced that the Rotary Club of Malibu is donating \$1000 towards the Malibu Fire Relief effort.

**Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club has raised \$11,500 for Malibu Fire Relief—
Next meeting on December 5 will Joint Meeting with Malibu Rotary Club and
Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club**

Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club has raised \$11,500 for Malibu Fire Relief using a matching grant from club member Howard Pollack, owner of Rainbow Naturals. The Malibu Rotary Club is having a joint meeting with Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club at 7:15 AM at Whiskey Red's, 13813 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 where the Malibu Rotary Club will be receiving the check to assist fire victims.

Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence received the following e-mail from Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club President Gwen Vuchsas with more information about that meeting.

Dear Bianca,

Received your voicemail and very happy to have you and other members of your club join us next week for our meeting.

We gather at 7:15 a.m. with an official call to order at 7:30 a.m. and end at 9:00 a.m.

We meet at Whiskey Red's Restaurant, 13813 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292.

Parking is free behind the restaurant. We do post signs so easy to find.

It will be a pleasure to meet all of you and we look forward to making this contribution to help the fire victims.

Best Regards,

Gwen Vuchsas

President, Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club

The following week the Malibu Rotary Club will be having it annual Holiday Dinner at Tra di Noi Restaurant 6:30 pm. Members are also invited to attend the Malibu Chamber meeting at the Paradise Cove Cafe.

The next Malibu Rotary Club regular Meeting will be 8:00 a.m. January 9, 2018 in room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus. Speaker will be Emmet Finch--Malibu Poet.

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**CALAMIGOS BEACH CLUB &
THE MALIBU ROTARY CLUB PRESENT
FRIDAY OCT 26TH**



HALLOWEEN

PARTY

KBUU-FM MALIBU SURF TEAM MALIBU SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - TED SILVERBERG

MUSIC PROVIDED BY DJ "RAINBOW"

AUCTION ITEMS - LAKERS, KINGS, DODGERS, CLIPPERS AND INDY 500 TICKETS

\$85 PER PERSON | 7 - 11 PM | FOOD & DRINK & VALET

CALAMIGOS BEACH CLUB - (FORMERLY BEAURIVAGE)

26025 PACIFIC COAST HWY ~ MALIBOO

CAN'T ATTEND? MAIL DONATIONS TO PO BOX 716, MALIBU 90265



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: JOY 714-875-4127 TICKETS: WWW.MALIBUROTARY.ORG

A Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors meeting was held November 28, 2018 in the faculty dining room of the Pepperdine University. The main purpose of this meeting was to get a financial report about the Malibu Rotary Club Halloween Party held October 26, 2018.

The meeting was presided over by W. David Baird. Attending the meeting were Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence, Bill Wishard, John Elman, Teresa LeGrove, Margo Neal, Joy Arcenas, Mark Koller, Bob Syversten, Nagy Heinan, and Allan Mannheim.

Malibu Rotary Club Treasurer presented a detailed financial report of the October 26 event, noting that at that time there were still uncollected funds from people who bought silent auction items. Chair of the Halloween fundraising event Margo Neal a result of the questionnaire given to attendees of the event showed that 44% of the attendees learned of the event and came to the event because of their affiliation with Malibu High School Surf Team. This fact and the fact that there were significant losses in the Malibu area because to the previous week's Woolsey Fire she recommended that the Malibu Surf Team be recipient of a substantial donation. It was speculated that many students may have lost their surf board in the fire. There was also a discussion about how Malibu Urgent Care stayed open during the fire and treated 75-80 of the fire victims without pay. Bianca Torrence pointed out that Malibu CART was going to have a community dinner with special invitation to homeless fire victims. It was also noted that Han Laetz had helped publicize the Halloween event on KBU radio, and he had substantial losses due to the fire. Margo also noted the publicity given by the Malibu Times and the work and meetings publishers Arnold and Karen York were for fire victims and how they were hoping to get a donation for the Dolphin Fund, which recognizes community heroes.

A detailed report of the meeting is available for members logging into the Malibu Rotary Club website.

Rotary Project in Peru

On July 25 Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence spoke in detail about the Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian Trip to Lima Peru April 3-8. Via e-mail prior to the August 8 meeting Bianca made a formal proposal to the Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors: Her proposal was that the Malibu Rotary Club commit to be the Lead club for the grant #10 on the Peruvian Rotary Humanitarian District trip **BARRANCA-Smile Project**.

It takes \$5k to be the lead club on the Global Grant project. Bianca pointed out the Malibu Rotary Club already had committed \$2k for the project and she will work on getting the rest so the Malibu Rotary Club will be recognized as lead club in this project.

Malibu Rotary Board approved the funding of the Peruvian **SMILE BARRANCA** project at the August 8 meeting. The **SMILE BARRANCA** was the project that was in most need of funding of the eleven humanitarian projects of the Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian trip in Peru. We are sure Bianca will bring a big smile to the people of Barranca.

Bianca spoke at the Pacific Palisades Rotary Club September 20 and was persuasive enough to have the Palisades Club join the Malibu Rotary Club in sponsoring the Peruvian **SMILE BARRANCA** project.

That project specifically is hosted by Rotary Club of Barranca, District 4465 Serving the marginal urban and rural sectors, and in educational institutions where there are deficiencies in oral health care in Supe Pueblo, Puerto Supe, Pativilca, Paramonga and Barranca. Needs Assessment Oral Health in Peru is a public health problem, so a comprehensive approach is necessary, applying effective measures to promote oral health and prevent the consequences of poor oral health. Poor population, as well as non-poor, presents needs for the treatment of oral diseases. One of the human groups sensitive to such public health problems are minors, including children between the ages of 3 and 6, where the habits of hygiene and oral care are generated and reinforced, which will be sustained during their future development. This need was assessed by visiting the schools and population evaluation by dentists in Barranca. Project Description • Preventive care and education to children who belong to the Non-school Initial Education Program. • Oral health care for beneficiaries of urban and rural sectors. • School and population training in Barranca Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment Goals The objective of this project is the promotion of oral health and oral hygiene in marginal urban and rural sectors without health coverage and children from Not Standardized Initial Education Programs.

Bianca said her family has had a charity project in Peru for years she has decided to have her family charity project to contribute an additional \$1000 to that project in behalf of the Malibu Rotary Club, doubling the Malibu Rotary Club contribution from \$1000 to \$2000.

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June 2019	Bianca Torrence
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CALENDAR

December 5 2018 Malibu Rotary Club will have Joint meeting on Dec 5 7:15 a.m. with Playa Venice Sunrise Rotary Club at Whiskey Red's, 13813 Fiji Way in Marina Del Rey ---no meeting at Pepperdine until January

December 12 Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Dinner at Tra di Noi

December 12, 2018 Malibu Rotary and Malibu Chamber

Malibu Rotary Club meets with Malibu Chamber at Paradise Cove Café (optional)

December 26 2018 No Meeting—Happy Holidays

January 09, 2019 --Reese Halter Bees, Trees & Seas Saving the Earth

Reese Halter an award-winning broadcaster, distinguished conservation biologist and author of ten books. John Grace of Westlake Village Sunrise Rotary saw her presentation: Bees, Trees & Seas at The Westlaker's Club in October (2016). He invited her to speak at the Westlake Village Sunrise Rotary Club in December (2016). The president, Don Martin, awarded her an Outstanding Service Award for her community outreach work in conservation.

January 16, 2019 Peter Lattey - Global Grant WASH in Schools project

Peter Lattey is Past President of Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles and currently its International Service Chair and chair of the club's participation in LA 5's Global Grant WASH in Schools project in Kenya. He just returned from Kenya, where he has been working on the project.

Here is a link to a video that he made that gives an idea of what the project means to the children there.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ad54H49MsZU

Peter will be at the Malibu Rotary club January 16 for its morning meeting in LC 152 at the Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in Malibu at 8:00 a.m. to show and tell us about this worthwhile project

January 23, 2019 Malibu Rotary Club meeting in Room LC in LC 152 at the Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in Malibu at 8:00 a.m Emmett Finch, The Malibu Poet

Emmett Finch, "The Malibu Poet," is a war veteran, sailor and seafarer, private pilot, adventurer, retired firefighter, yachtsman, traveler, naturalist, poet and writer. Emmett

has lived an unusual life-which set the stage and background for his unpretentious style of writing. He attributes much of his inspiration to the good fortune of living in Malibu by the Sea and writing his Poetry for over half a Century.

January 30 2018 Richard Gibbs Armory for Harmony

February 6 2018 Hans Laetz KBU

Malibu Radio station opeator Hans Laetz will talk about the services of station and recieve donation from Malibu Rotary Club