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## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu

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- Since Malibu is closed and the Pepperdine campus has already announced it will not reopen until after Thanksgiving **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE MALIBU ROTARY CLUB ON NOVEMBER 14**
- Next Meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club will be December 5 8:00 a.m. at the Pepperdine Malibu Drescher Graduate Campus Room LC 152 Speaker will be Emmet Finch--The Malibu Poet
- Malibu Rotary website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)
  - Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
  - Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
  - RI President (2018-2019) Barry Rassin
  - Rotary District 5280 Governor (2018-2019) [Joe Vasquez](#)

## **FIRE DEVASTATES MALIBU**



**Looking northwest on PCH on Friday November 9 as Malibu residents try to evacuate the city to escape the firestorm that be the largest in the city's history. No traffic was allowed into the city and ultimately all 4 lanes were**

used to allow those who had waited hours to start moving.



With the entire state of California under siege from firestorms resources to fight the fire were limited. In an interview with ABC TV Malibu Mayor Pro tem Rick Mullen who was also on duty as a Fire Captain explained how the few fire fighting units available to Malibu had triage their efforts trying to extinguish fires burning in neighborhoods with other houses next to them. In rural areas of Malibu many home owners stayed with their homes to try to save them knowing that if they left their homes may not be saved. The interviewer asked the fire captain about his own Malibu home and Rick told him his son was their and he had trained him at an early age how to fight fires and his house was in fact saved. Malibu City Council (and former mayor) Zuma Jay Wagner s stayed to fight the fire at his house. Zuma Jay was not successful in his attempt. His house was lost and Zuma Jay was injured and taken to the hospital. He should be ok.

**Rotary District Wants to Help Our Community**

Message for District Governor

Dear Rotarians,

Our community has been devastated. A senseless act took precious lives and a natural disaster has taken our homes. We can be certain of this- we are united as one. Rotarians are diverse and compassionate people. Together we see plight where it may lay, and we take action. This is what defines who we are as Rotarians.

Our community needs us. This is how you can help:

- Donate lifesaving blood in memory of the victims of the Thousand Oaks tragedy. Encourage others to do so also. There are many places in the Southland where blood can be donated.
- Advise the District Office by email if you, other Rotarians, or immediate family members have become displaced from homes lost in the fires.
- Advise the District Office by email if you are able to provide temporary housing in your home to those who have lost their homes in the fires.
- Donate to the California Fires Fund. The fund established through the District Charitable Foundation will be joined by other funds. Funds will be directed to where it is needed most.
- Conversations are underway to consider a Rotary community event in the West Valley area to recognize and show gratitude to our first responders. Stay tuned. All Rotarians and clubs can join.

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

Bill Wishard passed this message along from Lou Esbin, Sr Asst. Gov. (SAG) for Club Service, coordinator of all Asst Governors (AG ) specifically to members of the Malibu Rotary Club:

" How are you? Does your Club and its members need help? Are your members safe?..."

**Because of the events of the past week and the fact that the Pepperdine Malibu campus will be closed until after Thanksgiving there may be no meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club until December 5**

## Other Malibu Rotary Club news from Nov 7 meeting

At the Nov 6 election Rotarian Bill Wishard was in charge of the Library Polling place which was being run very efficiently. That polling place was managed by Rotary Club past presidents that Bill had recruited. The near by polling place at the Malibu City Hall apparently was in chaos and Bill was asked if someone from the library polling place could go help out at the City Hall polling. Malibu Past President Bianca Torrence went to the City Hall Polling place and soon had it running efficiently too!





**A guest at the Nov 7 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club was Mehrdad Sahafi, a long time Malibu architect and building contractor. He had bid on a couple items at the silent auction of the Malibu Rotary Club fund raiser in October and had come to pay for them. He was interested in Rotary and since the schedule speaker had not come to the meeting most of the November 7 became an orientation for Mehrdad on what Rotary is.**

**2018 Malibu Rotary Halloween Fund Raiser is another Success!**

**CALAMIGOS BEACH CLUB &  
THE MALIBU ROTARY CLUB PRESENT  
FRIDAY OCT 26<sup>TH</sup>**



**HALLOWEEN**  
KBUU-FM MALIBU SURF TEAM **PARTY** 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](http://WWW.MALIBUROTARY.ORG)**

The 2018 edition of the Malibu Rotary Club Halloween Fund Raising event was another success. 99 tickets were sold online at the EventBrite site and another 100 tickets were sold by walking for a total of 109 tickets sold. Exact amount of money has not been determined. Not all the silent auction items were sold and not all the money has been collected from those items that were bid on. The net and gross profit of the event will be announced in the future, but it seems a good time was had by all.

Malibu Treasurer Joy Arcenas is still collecting funds from the silent auction. The exact profit that the club was able to make on the event was still being tabulated, but it was definitely profitable

This editor created a photo album *2018 Malibu Rotary Club Halloween Fund Raiser* on the Rotary Club of Malibu facebook page, which contains more pictures of the event, and party attendees are invited to upload their own images on that album. Go to the Malibu Rotary club facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Malibu-188099427908203/>  
and click on Photos to find the album.

We owe Margo Neal a debt of gratitude for her work pulling this together. We will hear more about the event at our next the next Malibu Rotary Club meeting on October 31.

## **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.

## **MALIBU ROTARY CLUB 2018-2019**

### **CLUB EXECUTIVES & DIRECTORS**

#### **President of Record**

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**Fundraiser Co-Chair**

Margo Neal and David Zielski

## **Malibu Rotary Club Rotating Presidents for 2018-2019**

<b>July 2018</b>	
<b>August 2018</b>	<b>W. David Baird</b>
<b>September 2018</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>October 2018</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>November 2018</b>	<b>Margo Neal</b>
<b>December 2018</b>	<b>W. David Baird</b>
<b>January 2019</b>	<b>W. David Baird</b>
<b>February 2019</b>	<b>Bianca Torrence</b>
<b>March 2019</b>	<b>John W Elman</b>
<b>April 2019</b>	<b>John W Elman</b>
	<b>John W Elman</b>
<b>May 2019</b>	<b>Teresa LeGrove Cherkas</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>Bianca Torrence</b>
	<b>Bianca Torrence</b>

## CALENDAR

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**November 21 2018 No Meeting—Enjoy Thanksgiving**

**December 5 2018 Emmet Finch     Malibu Poet**

**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 (Paradise Cove Cafe)**

**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](http://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