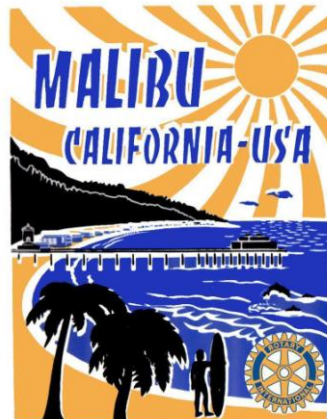




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## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

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**Rotary Peace Fellow Scott Martin Talks About his experience as a Peace Fellow**



**Rotary Peace Fellow Scott Martin was the featured speaker at the November 8 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club.**

Scott is graduate of the Rotary Peace Centers program at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. He is also a founder of the Los Angeles chapter of “Mediators Beyond Borders”--Mediators Beyond Borders ([mediatorsbeyondborders.org](http://mediatorsbeyondborders.org)) is an international organization that does mediations and peace building around the world. Scott was chosen by a committee from Rotary District 5280 to attend the Rotary Peace Centers program from a select group of candidates from around the world to try to make a difference in world conflict resolution.

“I was shocked and pretty humbled when I got the fellowship.” Scott was already earning his master’s degree in Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH).

At the age of 17, Martin launched his own landscape design business. As a landscape architect, he partnered **The Workshop Group**, a design/build firm in Redondo Beach specializing in whole-system approaches to custom, environmentally-conscious development. He has also designed and participated in large projects around the world, including Dubai and India, and has travelled, lived or worked in nearly 50 countries during his career.

Martin is also an active member of **Mediators Beyond Borders International**(MBB) and is former president of its Los Angeles chapter. The organization works to bring mediation and “peace skills” to communities around the globe so that they can, in turn, build a more peace “able” world. In 2010, Martin was co-leader of MBB’s “Rwanda Team,” which trained the trainers in trauma awareness and transformative mediation.

Martin arrived in Thailand in January 2017 for three months of training as a Rotary Peace Fellow, where he learned to serve as one of leaders and “catalysts for peace and conflict resolution” at home and around the world. The program is designed for professionals, like Martin, who have already worked in international relations, or peace and conflict resolution.

“As a fellow, my role is in assisting Rotary around the world, not necessarily just doing hands on work, but talking to and training locals to empower themselves; to increase their capacity to be more effective at peace building and coalition building,” said Martin.

Through its Rotary Peace Center program, Rotary “promotes world peace by educating and empowering peace-builders through rigorous academic training, applied field experience, and global networking opportunities.”

“Rotary International is a huge network with local clubs in practically every major city around the world, which makes them a vital partner to learning about local culture, as we did with Mediators Beyond Borders,” said Martin, who became a certified mediator after working with juveniles in victim/offender restorative justice programs after serving on the board of directors for **Environmental Charter Schools**. “Another part of Rotary’s push to

work in peace building is the effective implementation of their other initiatives like the eradication of Polio. That interdisciplinary approach to implementation is something that attracted me to the organization—to use my skill set to help them.”

Martin’s social entrepreneurial prowess includes founding **The Living Christmas Company** in 2008, which rents living Christmas trees as an alternative to cut or artificial trees. In 2012, Mark Cuban, billionaire investor and owner of the NBA team the Dallas Mavericks, joined the company and expanded its impact in local communities and the environment. Martin also serves on the board of directors for **South Bay Business Environmental Coalition**.

As he continues to enjoy the work he and his partners are doing at The Workshop Group, Martin is grateful for the financial support it has provided him while he pursues his passion for conflict resolution and peace building. becoming a conflict resolution consultant full-time.

“I find that when you’re around like minded people it gets contagious. My experience so far in life is that if you commit, opportunities present themselves,” he said. “Sometimes it feels like balancing between bravery and stupidity.”

He has now moved into peace work full-time.

When he arrived at the Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University Scott describes it like being part of the UN. He wasn’t sure he belonged. He was joined by 23 Peace Fellows from 23 countries, all speaking different languages and assisted by interpreters. In speaking to the other Peace Fellows he learned they had the same feelings as he.

How can the Peace Fellows negotiate peace when “experts and professionals” brought in by governments have failed?

Some of the things he learned in his three months at **Rotary Peace Centers** program at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand were to apply many of the principals he had already learned conflict resolution and mediation could be applied globally to nations.

There are certain principals that apply to conflict resolution, which a apply whether considering conflicts in a family, a business or a country.

Some of the these principals have to do with becoming an expert listener who will:

- Suspend judgment
- Let Go of Knowing the Answer
- Separate the Person From the Problem
- Bringing Service vs Solution

Engaging in Difficult Conversations may involve the following:

- “Would you like to talk?”
- Identify key aspects
- Intent to address emotional impatience
- Offer to take responsibility

Violent Conflict has an inverted hierarchy of needs:

- The poorest communities don't take up arms against each other
- Genocide has not been committed exclusively over lack of resources
- Going to war is giving up Food, Shelter, Clothing, Security
- Most aid is spent on Food, Shelter, Clothing
- Honor, Dignity, and Respect are Free

### **Defining Peace (independent of war)**

- Negative Peace—Absence of conflict, no active war
- Positive Peace- Engaged, participatory, resilient communities

### **Measuring Peace**

- **Quantitative-** Global Peace Index measures levels of global based on consistent data
- **Qualitative-** More abstract, non-linear: Tends to be Multi-generational
- Inclusion and Gender Balance in peace process

### **Inclusion and Gender Balancing**

- We can only perceive through our own unique experiences.
- Exclusion is not always deliberate, but INCLUSION can be...

### **Familiarization as a platform for peace**

- The process of getting to know someone
- Re-establish a *Familial* Connection

What would happen if we moved past dualistic sense of identity and celebrated our *similarities* rather than fight for our *differences*

### **Steps of Mediated Conversation**

**Step 1:** GREET parties, INVITE constructive conversation, NORMALIZE conflict, SET ground rules.

**Step 2:** INVITE both parties to share their experience. ASK short clarifying questions. NOTE key points.

**Step 3:** REFLECT back key points ( BOTH contrasting and similar).

**Step 4:** BRAINSTROM together possible solutions, SEPARATE the problem from the participants.

**Step 5:** RECORD areas of agreement, PLAN pro-actively to address point yet to be resolved.

### **Guests**

Wintertime regular guest Past Rotary District Governor **Tom Bos** from Holland, Michigan, **Carissa Cimpag** and **Larissa Shadchino** were guests at the Malibu Rotary Club November 8 meeting.



**Wings over Wendy's Founder Lt Col (Ret) Ed Reynolds** will explain why he started This organization when speaks at the Malibu Rotary Club November 29.



Ani Dornenjian, who is a realtor at the Coldwell Banker Malibu office, was a speaker at Wings over Wendy's in West Hills, where a 100 retired military pilots meet every Monday morning at 9 a.m. — before the restaurant is open to the public — Ron Ross, who runs the Wendy's in West Hills, lets the guys come in early to grab a coffee and a bagel or Danish for a buck sixty-five, and have their meetings. Ani has been the chair of the Malibu City Veterans Day Celebration for most of its 18 years. There was a limousine provided from Wendy's to the Malibu Vetaran's Day Celebration on November 11. On November 29 the Malibu Rotary Club will feature **Lt Col (Ret) Ed Reynolds** who explain why he started Wings over Wendy's.

**CALENDAR (see up to date calendar on [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org))**

**November 15 2017 To Be Announced** --Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting will be 8:00 a.m. November 15, 2017 in room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus. Fellowship will begin at 7:30 a.m. with meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. Speaker will be someone we all know.

Topic will be "**9 Engines Who Built America, Won World Wars Building Cars.**"

This cryptic interesting program is

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**November 22 2017 there will be no Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

**November 29 2017 Lt Col (Ret) Ed Reynolds** -- Why I started Wings Over Wendy's