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- **Last Week Malibu Rotarian John W Elman and Sterling Long-Colbo, current Shelter Box Ambassador for the Greater Los Angeles area present the Jim Dyer Legacy video interview by Mel Powell of the e-Club of San Fernando Valley explaining and showing “What is Shelter Box?”**
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- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
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“What is Shelter Box?”

John W Elman and Sterling Long-Colbo, current Shelter Box Ambassador for the Greater Los Angeles area present the Jim Dyer Legacy video interview by Mel Powell of the e-Club of San Fernando that explains ShelterBox



Jim Dyer lived in Malibu, was a Past President of the Santa Monica Rotary Club, and was often a visitor to the Malibu Rotary Club. Jim was to have been our Rotary District Governor this year.

(Left) In this March 2012 picture Rotary District Governor Elect Jim Dyer inducts Taber Chinn into the Malibu Rotary Club as Maggie Luckerath and David Baird look on.

With his background at IBM he helped his club

and many of us in the local Rotary District get integrated into electronic communication.

Jim was also Shelter Box Ambassador for Greater Los Angeles. Jim was always great at explaining things, how things worked. In December 2011 Mel Powell, President of the of the Rotary E-Club of The Greater San Fernando Valley interviewed Jim as he explained and set up a Shelter Box in what is probably Mel’s front yard. The video recorded interview was uploaded to YouTube as Rotary E-Club of GSFV program on January 5, 2012. The evening before Jim was to have gone to the Governors Elect Training Seminar in San Diego he was having dinner at the home of one of his Rotary District friends and as was shaking hands to leave he suddenly fell to the floor and died instantly of an apparent heart attack.

The Shelter Box video appeared on the District website as one of the many memories of Jim. The link to it remains on the Malibu Rotary Club website: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UXKBBfbPie#!.



Jim was passionate about letting people know about Shelter Box. The interview shows not only Jim's off the cuff knowledge about it, but also his great sense of humor. Realizing that many people, including most of Rotary club members probably have not bothered to view the video online I had decided to download it and show it on the big screen in our meeting room. The program on October 2 was scheduled for this purpose before I received an e-mail from **Stirling Long-Colbo**.

Stirling Long-Colbo is the Current Ambassador for Shelter Box in the Greater Los Angeles Area

Sterling had been involved with volunteer work with Boy Scouts of America and only recently became involved with ShelterBox. Boy Scouts in various countries are one of the many volunteer groups used to help set up Shelter Boxes and that is how Sterling learned of them and volunteered as ambassador. He was prepared to do a program for Rotary clubs, including the Malibu Rotary Club. It turns out that when he became ambassador for Shelter Box in the Greater Los Angeles Area he was given Jim's bag. He lives in Santa Monica and plans on joining Jim's old club Rotary Club of Santa Monica.

For those who still have not seen the video and do not know what Shelter Boxes are let us tell you something about them. This information and more can be found the website: www.shelterboxusa.org.

Before ShelterBox, aid response to most disasters was in the form of food and medicine to help people survive the immediate aftermath.

Little or no assistance was given in terms of proper shelter to help them through the first few

days, weeks and months as they tried to rebuild their lives. ShelterBox was launched to fill that void.

In April 2000, the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall, England adopted ShelterBox as its millennium project. Little did they know that it would become the largest Rotary club project in the world, with affiliates in countries across the globe.

In 2002, ShelterBox's American affiliate was adopted as a project of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch in Sarasota, Fla. In 2004, ShelterBox USA was officially established as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

The [first consignment of 143 boxes](#) was sent to earthquake victims in the Indian state of Gujarat in January 2001. Over the next three years, the project matured, and by the end of 2004, nearly 2,600 boxes had been dispatched, following 16 major disasters. On December 26, 2004, news came [of the devastating Indian Ocean Tsunami](#) and ShelterBox faced its most significant challenge, one that would change its course forever. Donations and volunteers poured in and ShelterBox was able to ramp up our operations on a scale unimaginable just six months earlier.

In 2005, ShelterBox sent out more than 22,000 boxes, almost 10 times the number delivered in the previous three years. Not only were we sending aid to survivors of the tsunami, but we were also able to help those who had lost their homes to [Hurricane Katrina in the USA](#) and the massive earthquake that hit the [Kashmir region of Pakistan](#). In just a few short months, ShelterBox had emerged as a major player in the field of international disaster relief.

Shelter Box has continued to build on its experiences, helping as many people as it can, as quickly as it can, the moment disaster strikes. It has now [worked in more than 90 countries](#), responding to earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, typhoons, hurricanes, volcanoes and conflict.



ShelterBoxes are sponsored by service clubs, Rotary Clubs, school and church groups, businesses and individuals throughout the USA and around the world.

What's in a Shelter Box?

Materials are ordered from a range of suppliers selected for general use, long-life, quality and price. ShelterBoxes are prepared and packed using all new materials as delivered from manufacturers, at the ShelterBox international warehouse based in Helston, Cornwall.

The standard ShelterBox weighs 120 lbs. and has approximate dimensions of 33" x 24" x 22". They are sealed and banded for transit and security. Box contents vary depending on the nature of the disaster requiring their use.

Depending on the location and nature of the disaster the contents of the box may vary but each box typically contains...

Shelter

At the heart of every ShelterBox is a disaster relief tent for an extended family. It is custom made for ShelterBox by Vango, one of the world's leading tent manufacturers, and is designed to withstand extreme temperatures, high winds and heavy rainfall. Internally, each tent has privacy partitions that allow recipients to divide the space as they see fit. It can hold up to 10 people.

Warmth and protection



In addition to the tent, there is a range of other survival equipment including **thermal blankets** and **insulated ground sheets**, essential in areas where temperatures plummet at nightfall. Where malaria is prevalent, **mosquito nets** are supplied, as well as life-saving means of **water purification**. Water supplies often become contaminated after a major disaster, as infrastructure and sanitation systems are destroyed. This presents a secondary but no less dangerous threat to survivors than the initial disaster itself. Our water purification equipment, the LifeStraw pictured below, can provide a typical family up to three years worth of clean and safe

water.

Self sufficiency

A basic tool kit containing a hammer, axe, saw, trenching shovel, hoe head, pliers and wire cutters enables survivors to improve their immediate environment by chopping firewood or digging a latrine, for example, then when it is possible, to start repairing or rebuilding the home they were forced to leave.

Fit for purpose

Every item is durable, practical and brand new. The box itself is lightweight and waterproof and has been used for a variety of purposes in the past - from water and food storage containers to a cot for a newborn baby. Key items are either a wood burning or multi-fuel stove. The multi-fuel stove can burn anything from diesel to old paint. Some boxes also contain our specially designed wood burning Frontier Stove, pictured below. This provides the heart of the new home where water is boiled, food is cooked, and families congregate. In addition, there are pans, utensils, bowls, mugs and water storage containers.

A children's pack containing drawing books, crayons and other supplies. For children who have lost most if not all their possessions, these small gifts are treasured. "We keep a broad range of equipment in stock so we can adapt the contents of a box to a specific disaster. For example, following the Javanese earthquake in 2006, when some resources were available locally or could be salvaged from buildings, the overwhelming need was for shelter – so we just sent tents, packing two in each box."



News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Guests

Guests at the October 2nd Malibu Rotary Club meeting included returning visitors **Jeanne Custic, Kelly Sagona, Griselda Espinoza, Irene Bettler** as well as last week's speaker RainCatcher **David Zielski**.

October 24th is WORLD POLIO DAY

Julie Jenkins, of the Rotary Club of Burbank Sunrise, visited the Malibu Rotary Club last year as Rotary Assistant District 5280 Governor. This year Julie, who is a victim of polio, has been named Rotary District Polio Plus Chairperson.

She has written the following:

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has generously provided a new challenge to help meet the U.S. \$1.5B funding gap in the strategic campaign to eradicate polio by 2018. Through June 2018, the first \$35 million donated via Rotary to the Polio Plus Fund each year will generate a \$2 matching contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This is a fantastic opportunity for every participant to see his or her donations quickly expand to inoculate three times as many children.

\$1 donated through Rotary + \$2 contributed by Gates Foundation = \$3 total funding = 5 children inoculated

\$35 million donated through Rotary + \$70 million contributed by Gates Foundation = \$105 million total funding = 175 million children inoculated

Please share your fundraising and/or public awareness ideas with your fellow Rotarians throughout the District by sending them to us Jjenkins845@charter.net for inclusion on [the Rotary District website] and other District communications. Inspire us, challenge us, ask for support and share your results, so that together we can watch the number of children that will be inoculated as a result of your good efforts and generosity grow each week.

October 24th is WORLD POLIO DAY

How will you and your Club recognize this important day?

Prompt your City Council to officially recognize October 24 as World Polio Day, then promote that recognition.

Editor's note: I have told Julie I will help get the word out that October 24th is World Polio Day by publishing it here in the *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter* and on the club website Maliburotary.org. If anyone can get a City Proclamation of that day please let Julie know.

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

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Calendar

(All Malibu Rotary Club meetings are at 12:00 Noon in LC 152 at the Pepperdine Drescher campus Villa Graziadio Executive Center unless otherwise noted).

Oct 09, 2013

Christopher Chauncey

"Preparedness Counts"

Christopher Chauncey of Preparednes Counts (www.Prepcounts.com) will speak on on how to be prepared for natural disasters.

Oct 16, 2013

Bill Wishard

"Club Assembly Where Malibu Rotary Club Plans will be discussed"

Oct 23, 2013

Rotary Distrist Governor Elect Elsa Gillham

"Rotary District Governor State of the District Report"

Annually the Rotary District Governor visits all the clubs in the Rotary District to report on the state of the District, and also receives reports from the leaders of each Rotary Club on projects, plans and events of the clubs. This year, because of the increased number of clubs in the district DG Doug Baker is going to only half the clubs and Rotary District Governor Elect Elsa Gillham is going to the other half. The Malibu Rotary Club will host DGE Elsa at noon on October 23rd in Room LC 153 of the Pepperdine

University Malibu Drescher Graduate campus.

Oct 30, 2013

Kate Rosloff

"Working on the Rotary Rose Parade Float "

Nov 06, 2013

Kimberly Rusell

"And Then There Were Eight"

Kim and Michael Rusell have 3 children of their own. The number of their children grew suddenly to 8 when they agreed to take care of the 5 children of a single mom who died shortly after being diagnosed with lung cancer. Kim's moving story will be told at the October 2 Malibu Rotary Club meeting at noon in LC 153 of the Pepperdine Malibu Grazadio Graduate campus.

Nov 20, 2013

Susanna Brisk
"Malibu Mom"

Author, actor and blogger Susanna Brisk, will stop by to discuss her book "I'll Be The Death of Me." A funny, raw and searingly honest memoir, Susanna will address topics including parenting with a mental illness, surviving your family of origin and finding your creative self, even while there are small people in your midst who require lunch.

For more information about Susanna and her book visit www.malibumom.com and <http://amzn.to/13y1tjq>.

November 21, 2013

Malibu Rotary Club Sponsors Thanksgiving Dinner for Homeless with SOS at Webster Elementary School 6:00 p.m.

Malibu Rotarians prepare and serve dinner for homeless in conjunction with SOS at John L Webster Elementary School, 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, CA 90265.

Dec 11, 2013

Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party (no meeting at noon)

"Evening Holiday Party at location to be determined (no meeting at noon)"

Dec 25, 2013

Christmas Holiday (no meeting)

"Christmas Holiday (no meeting)"

Jan 01, 2014

Happy New Year (no Rotary meeting)

"Watch the Rotary Float in the Rose Parade"

Jan 14, 2014

To Be Announced

"Rotary District Breakfast"

District 5280 Breakfasts are held at the Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. Free self-parking is available in the hotel parking structure. Valet parking at Westin Hotel rates.

