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President Chris discusses Malibu Rotary Club Plans & Possible Venue Move—Visitors From Turkey

Two visitors at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting October 6 were **Senem Eser**, who is a retired school principal and secretary of the Rotary Club of Kampala West in Istanbul, Turkey of Rotary District 9200, and her son **Ekin Emre Eser**, a computer and business student at L.A. Mission College who was on the Pepperdine campus for possible continuation of his education. Malibu Rotary Club President **Chris Bauman** is shown exchanging club banners with Senem. In addition Senem brought a gift that everyone was able to share following breakfast—a special dessert from Turkey. Following the meeting Malibu Rotarian and Seaver

College Dean Emeritus **David Baird** volunteered to show the Turkish visitors the Pepperdine campus.

President Chris said he had spoken to people at the Villa Graziadio Executive Center on the uppermost part of the Pepperdine Malibu campus about the possibility of the Malibu Rotary Club having its weekly meetings there, instead of its current location in the Fireside Room of the cafeteria building on the main campus. There are many reasons why Villa Graziadio might be a better place: Unlike the Fireside Room, where Pepperdine sometimes charges \$70.00 to move a couple tables to set up the room, Villa Graziadio would not. Villa Graziadio would probably not lock the club out of the audio visual cabinet and change the locks each week as has been done in the Fireside. And if we could find someplace to store the Rotary gear maybe the people at the Villa Graziadio would not toss it all or lose it, without warning, as has been done in the Fireside

Room. Also, the Villa Graziadio is not subject to the campus events like NSO, that preclude its use as is the case with the Fireside Room. There are several possible rooms at the Villa Graziadio that could be used, depending on the needs of the club, and the price for breakfast would be comparable to present fees being paid to Sodexo for the cafeteria. The Malibu Rotarians at the October 6th meeting were in agreement that we ought to schedule a trial run for some meetings at the Villa Graziadio, if there can be a place there where meeting materials can be stored.

The following events were discussed at the meeting:

Bob Syvertsen reminding everyone to turn in the money and ticket stubs for the 26th Annual Rotary Foundation Celebration & Fund-raiser "House of Rotary" Mardi Gras Event held November 7, at 2:00 pm at the House of Blues, 8430 Sunset Blvd in Hollywood. The Donation of \$100.00 for 12 raffle tickets counts toward the \$100 donation every Rotarian is to donate toward the Rotary Foundation each year. Cost to go to event itself is \$75.00 per person.

Malibu Rotary will sponsor the Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday Nov. 17 in conjunction with SOS at Webster School. The Malibu Rotary Club will be dark the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday (Nov. 24th).

The Malibu Rotary Middle and High School Singing Competition will be held the evening of Tuesday, January 11th at a yet to be determined location.

September 29, Wednesday Potluck Dinner Meeting at home of Malibu Rotary Club President Chris Bauman and Wife Leslie

On Wednesday September 29th, the 5th Wednesday of the month of September, Chris and Leslie Bauman hosted Malibu Rotarians, their family members, and several other guests at a potluck dinner party at their home in Malibu. The guests included Zoe, who is a junior at Malibu High School whom the Malibu Rotary Club is hoping to sponsor as a year long exchange student, and her mom, Pam. Zoe was not the youngest attendee. That honor would go to Nicolas Ortiz, the always happy toddler son of Geoff and Michelle. Also at the party was Gary Darakjian who works fulltime as a volunteer for Holly and Dan Packman's SOS group, which Gary said, does much more than just the Thursday night dinners for the needy. They help transition people off the street. We will hear more about this when Gary is the scheduled speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on November 10.

Thank you to Chris and Leslie for hosting these quarterly dinners of great food and fellowship.



Project TRIUMPH (Today's Revolution Is Understanding; Make Peace Happen) is a grassroots effort to bring Arab and Jewish teenagers together in the spirit of collaboration to build a shared vision for a peaceful future. The program was conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. It 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 Middle East, but at least this program is trying to do something. Initially sponsorship of this program had been mostly from the Newbury Park Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240 and private and corporate donors. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support the project.



Pictured above are the students who were hosted in 2008 as they visited Malibu on their way to the leadership camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. There is a partnership with the Rotary Club of Haifa and one in Italy to get Jewish and Arab students out of Israel to a place where they can learn to work together and apply this when they return to Israel.

A new Pilot TRIUMPH project is being developed. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in the City of Acre in Israel as a year long program with Jewish and Arab students working together making a video documentary that strives for lifelong results. The new Pilot TRIUMPH project is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO.

If you would like to help with Project TRIUMPH you can contact Shoshana Brower at shobrower@gmail.com or Leon Berg at Leon.Berg@gmail.com.



Malibu Rotary Club Supports BioSand Filters in Ecuador

Malibu Rotary Club voted to send \$500 to the Rotary Club of Pontiac Michigan to help build and install BioSand Filters in Santo Domingo De Los Colorados, Ecuador. As was noted by Carol Cousineau, who, along with husband Ron brought the project to our attention, after installing the first BioSand filters in Ecuador (and pictured left), "That money would be matched by the next District Grant, which we have been assured we will get. So, for instance \$500.00 would become \$750.00.

The filters and two 5 gallon safe water containers per unit, cost around \$60.00 each, so a donation of \$500.00 would provide 12 families of five or more with 20 gallons of water each day - enough for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, bathing and washing clothes! The filters are expected to last at least 50 years

without the need to add any expense except chlorine - available and inexpensive. That means each family will have more money to provide more nutritious food for their families, since they don't have to pay for propane to boil their water. It will mean more time to spend with their children, rather than boiling or foraging for firewood. With great improvement in the health of all the family members, fewer cases of diarrhea and stomach flu from bad water and parasites, the parents will better be able to hold down a job and provide for their families, children will be able to attend school more days and have a better future.

We are excited about this project because we anticipate that this is just the beginning. All over Ecuador, there are families struggling to survive, with a high infant mortality rate, because of bad water. This successful project will be a shining example and model. Rotary is the perfect vehicle for getting the word out about BioSand and accomplishing the goal of providing safe drinking water for the world. **BioSand** is one of the four methods of purifying water recommended for Third World Countries by the World Health Organization. (We have researched the others. Since they provide only a small amount of water for drinking, are small and ceramic, so more susceptible to breakage or deterioration, or adding so much chlorine that the people won't drink it, the concrete BioSand is by far the best choice for all but mountainous areas, where a more expensive plastic version of BioSand is an alternative.)"

For a while it looked like the matching grant process was not going to happen. When Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard visited Ecuador in March, 2010, he was able to meet with Ecuador Past District 4400 Governor, Juan Prinz, to get project back on track.

Calendar

**Oct 13—Lyn Morris, Director of Emergency Services, Didi Hirsch
Mental Health Center in Culver City**

**Nov 7, 2:00 p.m. Rotary Foundation Celebration and Fund-raiser
“House of Rotary” Mardi Gras Event held November 7, at 2:00 pm at the
House of Blues, 8430 Sunset Blvd in Hollywood. \$75.00 per person**

**Nov. 17 , (Thursday 6:00 p.m.) Malibu Rotarians in conjunctions with SOS
Sponsor, prepare, serve Thanksgiving Dinner for homeless at Webster School.**

**January 11th (Tuesday, evening) The Malibu Rotary Middle and High School
Singing Competition will be held the evening of Tuesday, as a yet to be
determined location.**

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Future Speakers at Malibu Rotary Club Meetings:

- Oct 20 2010
- **Kathleen McAfee & Edwin Afriye**
"Our Rwanda Experience"
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- 2 candidates for Masters in Pepperdine's School of Public Policy report on their experience working with the Rwanda government
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- Oct 27 2010
- **Bob Brager**
"City of Malibu Public Works Dept."
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- Nov 3 2010
- **Jason VanaderPal**
"Improving Your Public Speaking"
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- Nov 10 2010
- **Gary Darakjian**
"SOS"
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- Nov 17 2010
- **Jean-Marie Bontous**
"The Social Media"
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- Dec 8 2010
- **Otis Bradley**
"Building "Green""

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