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Malibu Rotary Club President (2011-2012) Kevin Boling

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Braden Moglar, Pepperdine University grad, and now a medical student at UCLA, who accepted a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study public health in Uruguay, returns to give us update on his experience.

When Braden Moglar first spoke to members of the Malibu Rotary Club on March 11, 2009 he was about to graduate from Pepperdine and knew he was a recipient (from the Rotary Club of Mankato, Minnesota) of a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to study public health for a year in Montevideo, Uruguay. Since then a lot has happened. While in Uruguay he was accepted to the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and has just begun his second year of medical school in a combined program which will have him not only graduate from the UCLA medical school but also the medical program at Charles Drew University, which specializes in providing healthcare for the underserved population in the Watts, CA area in south

central Los Angeles. This facility was established following the Watts Riots. According to the Charles Drew University College of Medicine website “The Charles Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program provides training in the scholarly and humane aspects of medicine and fosters the development of leaders who will advance medical practice and knowledge in underserved areas in the United States and abroad. Students are selected on the strength of their academic record and on the basis of their demonstrated commitment to serving disadvantaged and underserved populations with compassion. Each year, twenty-four students enroll in the four-year community-based medical education program.” Braden’s experience in Uruguay undoubtedly made him an ideal candidate to be one of the 24 candidates for this unique program. Braden was not here to talk about the medical school program as much as to tell us about his experience in Uruguay.

Uruguay is the second smallest country in South America, in the southeastern part of the continent. It is home to some 3.5 million people, of whom 1.8 million live in the capital [Montevideo](#) and its [metropolitan area](#). An estimated 88% of the population are of European descent. Uruguay's only land border is with Brazil to the north. To the west lies the [Uruguay River](#) and the [estuary](#) of the [Río de la Plata](#), the widest river in the world, to the southwest. . Rio de la Plata is formed as a result of confluence of two rivers - River Uruguay and Paraná River. The River Uruguay forms the border between Uruguay and Argentina. There are bridges crossing River Uruguay and the distance between Montevideo and Buenos Aires is 132 miles by air or 454 miles driving. Uruguay is bordered on the southeast the Atlantic Ocean. With an area of approximately 176,000 square kilometres (68,000 sq mi)⁹, or about the size of the state of Washington.

Braden says Uruguay looks very European with its biggest industries in tourism and the tech industry. Braden first became aware of Uruguay from a teacher he had in middle school. The things he wanted to learn about while there (in addition to becoming more fluent in Spanish) were healthcare differences in the country compared to the U.S, meet medical students, participate in a cultural exchange, and learn and participate in the field of Public Health.

Braden was in the School of Nutrition at the local university and learned about public health and nutrition in small country from a bioethics perspective. He learned a different way of thinking about things. Braden lived in downtown Montevideo less than a mile from the school. Other students lived closer to campus and considered where he was living a bad area. Although Uruguay is one of the most economically developed countries in South America, about 65,000 people in slum villages and Braden worked with other Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars to try to improve things. Some of the changes he helped to effect included the reporting of child abuse. He said that previously people did not talk about or report child abuse. He believes he was effective in making changes in this. He was also able to have his sponsoring Rotary Club in Minnesota provide for needed medical equipment in the slum village he was working in.

One of the fun things that Braden did was introduce “Ultimate Frisbee” to Uruguay. Previously people in Uruguay had never heard of it. He brought several Frisbees with him and showed Rotaract clubs in Uruguay how to play. After he left he was told that the Uruguay club had

entered an Ultimate Frisbee tournament in Argentina. We found this article in September 26, 2011 Montevideo *EL Observador*

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El ultimate o ultimate frisbee es una suerte de rugby con un disco volador en lugar de una pelota ovalada. Surgió en la década de los 70 en Estados Unidos, pero en Uruguay lo juegan unas pocas decenas de personas.

En 2009, Carlos Chiale conoció a Braden Mogler, un estudiante estadounidense que vivió unos meses en Uruguay durante un intercambio estudiantil. Una tarde a fines de ese año, Braden lo invitó a practicar un deporte desconocido: el ultimate. Le gustó y siguió jugando, al igual que su hermano menor. Al tiempo, el extranjero regresó a su país y les dejó un disco de regalo.

In September 7 *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter* we learned from volleyball hall famer and author Michael O'Hara how volleyball was rivaling soccer as worldwide popular sport. Uruguay was a final 4 participant in the last World Cup soccer games. Will the upstart little country now be in the Ultimate Frisbee world games because of Rotary Ambassadorial scholar Braden introducing them to the sport?

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Guests

There were multiple guests at the September 21 Malibu Rotary Club meeting. The included **Geoffrey Kiryabwire** from the Rotary Club of Kampola, Uganda, was again a visitor. He is a justice in the Uganda court and is part of an exchange program at the Pepperdine School of Law. He said the Rotary Foundation has many projects in Uganda—totaling \$450,000. The lunch meeting at his home club usually has about 55 members. **Maggie Luckerath** brought 3 guests to the Malibu Rotary Club meeting: her “best friend for life” **Barbara Riley**, as well as **Karen** and **Michael Mudgett** from the Malibu Presbyterian Church.

Malibu Rotary Club President Kevin Boling talked about the Rotary District Breakfast of September 27, 7:00 a.m., for which he was trying to get a Rotary table, as well as the Rotary District picnic October 2, and said he would support building cardboard boat for the race at the picnic.

In the past several weeks Kevin has talked about several upcoming Rotary District 5280 events, and the fact that he had raffle tickets (12 tickets for \$100) for the Paul Harris event below. Reminded us that the next Rotary District breakfast is Tuesday, September 27th at 7am at the Westin LAX Hotel. Be sure to make your reservations to the District Office before September 20th for the early bird price of \$34. The special guest speaker is Val Zavala who is the anchor of SoCal Connected and also serves as KCET's Vice President of News and Public Affairs. For the registration form and more information click [form](#) on the [district site](#)

The Paul Harris Foundation Event this year will be a special Rotary performance of **Circus Vargas** in Del Amo on November 6. The whole family is invited to this event which will involve having fun watching a circus while raising money for the Rotary Foundation. Malibu Rotary Club has bought a block of adult tickets for the event. Members can buy some of these tickets at our meeting. Details of the Paul Harris Foundation Event are as follows:

Circus Vargas for Rotary on November 6

Doors open at 11:00 am 🕒 Pre-Show begins at 12:10 pm

Tickets: \$65 adult ☐ \$35 children under 16

Includes: **Children and adults get one hot dog or nachos, one cotton candy or popcorn, and two beverages.**

Plus, each Adult ticket also gets one deli sandwich.

Del Amo Fashion Center Torrance
3 Del Amo Fashion Square, 3525 Carson Street, Torrance 90503

If you click on the following link you can print out a flyer for the event in pdf format:

[http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280//HTML/133016//CircusVargasFlyer\[1\].pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280//HTML/133016//CircusVargasFlyer[1].pdf)

Rotary Club Vice Presidents of the Month

September: **Maggie Luckerath** (who usually had deferred to **Bill Wishard** to preside)

October: **McKade Marshall**

November: **David Baird**

December: **Bob Syvertsen**

Week 12 Message From Malibu Rotary Club President Kevin Boling



Tolerance. Compassion. Understanding. How many times in life do you really have the opportunity to contemplate all three of these feelings in less than an hour?

Today, when I was fighting traffic to get to the meeting I had my first feeling of Tolerance from the news on the radio. The Palestinians were trying to declare Statehood at the U.N. Now without making a political statement as to the merits of this action, I thought why can't everyone just get along. I mean we all came from the same seed or if you think we crawled out of the ocean, we all crawled out of the same water. We are all humans.

Then at our meeting I was filled with the thoughts of Compassion. How wonderful it was to hear the fantastic story of Braden's journey in Uruguay. A perfect example of compassion for fellow man.

Finally, the Understanding hit me when I spoke to Justice Kiryabwire following the meeting. We discussed the vary issues I bring to you in this message. We discussed the issues at the U.N. and Braden's compassion. But then we had a Rotary moment. Justice Kiryabwire said "if everyone could be a Rotarian, the world could all be Tolerant, Compassionate, and Understanding."

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Kevin

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Marine Sgt Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcyle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palette and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, and followup care. Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240. So far he has raised about \$12,000, almost half his goal of \$25,000.



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www.maliburotary.org
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Calendar

(all Malibu Rotary Club meetings are held at Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

Sep 28 2011

Margo Neal, Kevin Boling et al.

""why I should join Rotary""

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Oct 26 2011

Colin Macfarlane

"Bangladesh Clubfoot Program"

Colin Macfarlane, a member of Rotary e-Club One in district 5450 and an honorary member of RC Dhaka Buriganga in Bangladesh. his home bases are Melbourne Australia and Dhaka Bangladesh. He will talk about the Bangladesh Clubfoot Project: These children have a future because Rotarians care.

5000 children (maybe 7000 feet) a year are born with clubfeet in Bangladesh : before the program started most went untreated. In just two years we are now approaching 4000 feet under correction by the Ponseti Method. This method involves no invasive surgery and has a 95% success rate in children under 12 months old.



