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- **Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting September 18th at noon (with Fellowship starting at 11:30 a.m.) in LC152 at Pepperdine Drescher Campus. David Baird, Bill Wishard, and other leaders of the club will take part in this "Rotary Information Meeting for New and Prospective Members--What is Rotary?"**
- **Last Week Sherry Weinstein and volunteers from The Prem Rawat Foundation Explain and Show How TPRF Peace Education Program Has Been Successful in Rehabilitation of Prisoners throughout the World.**
- **October 24th is WORLD POLIO DAY**
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Sherry Weinstein and volunteers from The Prem Rawat Foundation Explain and Show How TPRF Peace Education Program Has Been Successful in Rehabilitation of Prisoners throughout the World.



Guests at the September 11th meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club included Sherry Weinstein, Director of the Peace Education Program of The Prem Rawat Foundation as well as three TPRF volunteers. Pictured L to R are Rich Friend, Irene Bettler, Sherry Weinstein, Susan Gregory along with Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard.

On a date associated with hostility, September 11, the Malibu Rotary Club invited someone who has worked for years bringing a message of peace.

Sherry Weinstein has worked with Prem Rawat for 47 years and helped develop the successful Peace Education program using words and ideas of Prem Rawat. The Prem Rawat Foundation

(TPRF), was created in 2001, the year of the Al Qaeda's attack on America and the year America and its allies entered the War on Terror.

Prem Rawat and The Prem Rawat Foundation address the fundamental human needs of food, water, and peace.

For most of his life, Prem Rawat has been bringing a message of peace and hope to people everywhere. His message has reached millions of people through personal appearances, video, television broadcasts, and the Internet. Each year, TPRF sponsors forums introducing Prem Rawat's message of peace to community and civic leaders. Sherry helped developed the Peace Education Program (PEP) that provides a curriculum based on Prem Rawat's international addresses for exploring inner resources such as peace.

In addition to the Peace Education Program TPRF has developed a model program called *Food for People* that serves nutritious daily meals year-round to children and ailing adults at clean, modern facilities in Bantoli, India; Dhading District, Nepal; and Otinibi, Ghana. Because many of the goals of The Prem Rawat Foundation are the same as Rotary it has partnered with Rotary in the past on humanitarian projects. On this day Sherry was to tell us about the impressive Peace Education Program.

The Peace Education Program (PEP) is an innovative educational program that aims to help participants discover their own inner resources and possibility of personal peace. The program content is comprised of video and print material base o Prem Rawat's international addresses.

Prem Rawat speaks about themes such as Peace, Inner Strength, Self-Awareness, Choice and Hope in the 10 hours of video material that comprises the PEP curriculum.

The purpose of the PEP is for participants to begin to appreciate their own innate value, understand the possibility of personal peace, and discover inner resources such as hope, choice, and clarity.

The Peace Education Program was introduced into prisons in 2007. Inmates in correctional facilities around the world have been transformed thanks to the Peace Education Program. The inmates attend weekly workshops where they watch videos brought to them by TPRF volunteers and have the opportunity to talk and/or write about what they are learning.

Prison officials have reported noticeable improvements in behavior of inmates who have attended the classes.

The success of the program in the Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio, Texas, has attracted the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Texas.

The Peace Education Program is in 188 prisons in 28 countries. Participants have to volunteer for the program. At a Peace Day event at San Quentin 420 inmates signed up for program.

Many inmates continue to participate in the Peace Education Program after their release from prison. Pilot programs for parolees are underway in Oxnard and Santa Barbara, California. Anecdotal evidence suggests a significant reduction of recidivism, and baseline studies are underway. At the Parolee Program in Oxnard a recent report showed that less than 1 % of the people who went through PEP came back to jail. Sherry had to admit that the report only kept track of those coming back to that jail, a parolee who left the area might have been arrested and gone to another jail.

Among the jails PEP has been done in are women jails. Sherry says that a comment she heard from someone a women's prison was "I didn't know I had choice."

PEP is designed for use within a variety of organizations. For instance, over the last five years it has been integrated into rehabilitation programs in prisons in Europe, South Africa, South America, India, Asia, and North America.

In 2011 the success of the program in prisons led to requests for a more structured yet flexible curriculum that could run in university classes, veterans groups, libraries, and other civic and social organizations.

TPRF Peace Education Program is going to be presented at the Malibu Public Library. For more information contact the library.

More information about The Prem Rawat Foundation and its Peace Education Program can be found on the Internet at <http://www.tprf.org/programs/peace-education-program>

News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard told about attending BLESS THE BEASTS & THE CHILDREN Fund Raiser at a private home in Malibu on Saturday September 7th, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills. Bill said it was obviously a very successful affair with over 350 attendees. Although all the seats for the Rotary Foundation Dinner at the Space Museum are sold Bill is still trying to procure seats from another Rotary Club for the 2 people in our club who didn't get their names on the list in time.

Bill also had longtime familiarity with guests Sherry Weinstein and Susan Gregory and The Prem Rawat Foundation. Bill's wife Mary Wishard is Communications Manager of The Prem Rawat Foundation.

Guests

Three of the guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting September 11 were volunteers of The Prem Rawat Foundation, assisting speaker **Sherry Weinstein**. These included **Rick Friend**, who assisted Sherry with presenting the video, **Irene Bettler** who is from Switzerland and now lives in Malibu West and has been frequent visitor, and also **Susan Gregory**, who introduced Malibu Rotary to the Prem Rawat Foundation Peace Program last September when she showed the video "Peace on the Inside" documentary on the success of Peace Program at the Dominguez State in Texas. Other returning guests at the September 11 were **Yvonne Gelbman**, and *Malibu Chronicle* publisher **Veera Mahajan**.

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.

Like Rotary Club of Malibu on 

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).

Sep 18, 2013

David Baird and Malibu Rotary Club Leaders

"Rotary Information Meeting for New and Prospective Members--What is Rotary?"

This is a meeting especially meant for new and prospective members to find out about the Malibu Rotary Club and Rotary International.

Sep 25, 2013

David Zielski

"Solving the Worlds Water Crisis--1 Raindrop at a time"

David Zielski is Executive Director of RainCatcher, an organization that is dedicated to healing communities by providing clean water for children in the developing world using affordable and sustainable solutions. Currently, RainCatcher systems have been setup in Kenya, Uganda and Haiti. Their hope is to diversify and spread across the globe to other third world countries that need clean drinking water as well. One of its main mission's focuses will be on education. "We will plan on teaching individuals not only how to use our RainCatcher system, but also enlighten them about the diseases that can arise through drinking adulterated water."

Oct 02, 2013

John Elman presents Jim Dyer Legacy Video

"What is a ShelterBox? "

Santa Monica Rotarian Jim Dyer was to have been the Rotary District Governor for 2013-2014 when he died suddenly on the eve of the Rotary District Governors Training seminar last year. He was Shelter Box Ambassador for the Greater Los Angeles Area. In this video interview by Mel Powell of the e-Club of San Fernando Valley you see Jim Dyer explain and show what is in a Shelter Box and why it was one of his passions. After Jim's passing many Rotary Clubs gave donations to Shelter Box in Jim's memory.

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>.