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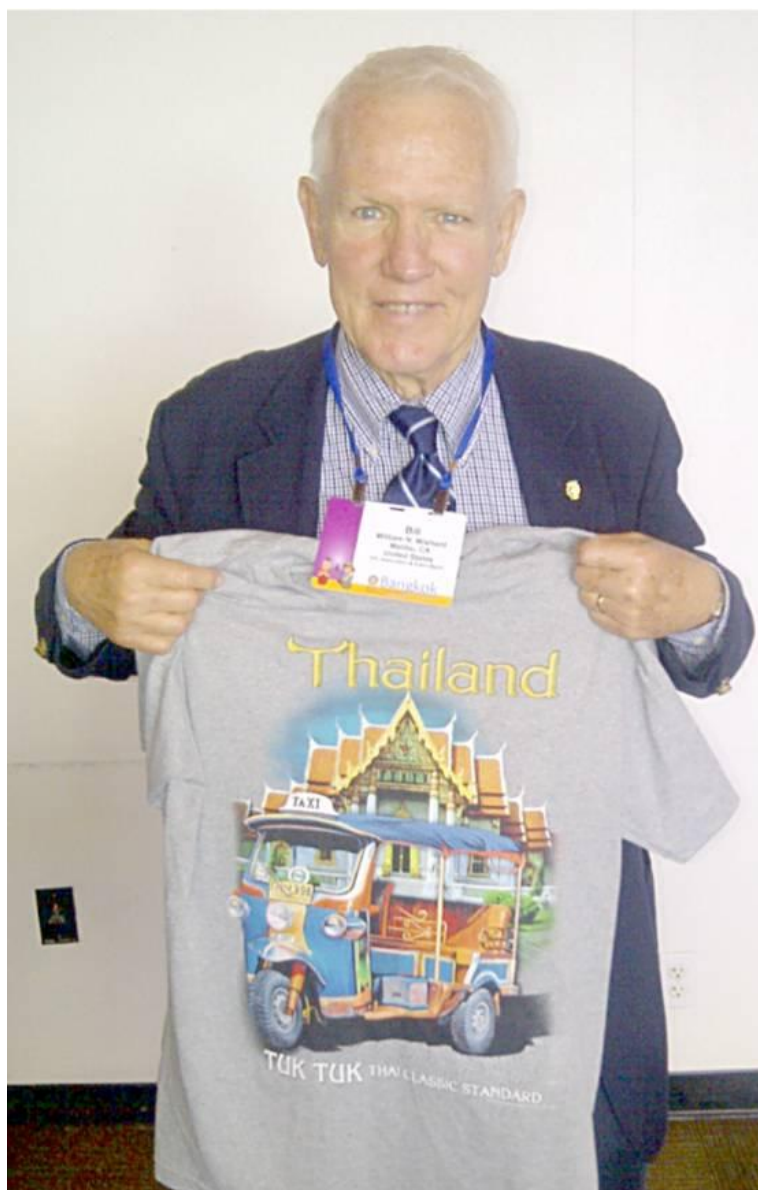
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- Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
- Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280la.org](http://www.rotary5280la.org)
- Rotary District 5280 “Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians” Website: <http://yp5280.org/>
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- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2011-2012): Brad Robinson (2012-2012): Lewis Bertrand
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**Bill Wishard Talks About His Experiences at the 2012 Rotary International Convention This Month in Bangkok Thailand**

Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect **Bill Wishard** has attended Rotary International Conventions Brisbane, Australia in 2003 and the RI Convention in Birmingham, England in 2009, and worked with the host Committee at the RI Convention held in Los Angeles in 2008.

**Bill Wishard** is shown holding wearing electronic badge from the RI Convention in Bangkok,



**and is holding t-shirt depicting the local Tuk Tuk taxi car.**

When Bill says about the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, “This was the best Convention ever!” he has the experience to back up the statement. Bill is a professional world event planner, and a seasoned world traveler. He said that perhaps this was perhaps the worst time to go to Thailand, but a great time to go there if you were a Rotarian.



Bill joined over 35,000 other Rotarians from around the world who registered for the 103rd Annual Rotary International Convention in Bangkok. On 7 May, exactly 2,012 participants put on yellow and blue jackets and hoods to form Thailand’s Biggest Smile at the Impact Arena for Ripley’s Believe It Or Not. The number 2012 reflected the convention year and the year Rotary members celebrated exceeding Rotary’s US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication.

The Impact Arena, where events such as the opening ceremony were held, has 22,000 seats on the one story flat floor. To accommodate the 35,000 people at the convention the ceremonies were done twice, and everyone’s name badge was electronically coded with the ceremony session you were assigned to, along with lunches, and other activities you signed up for. Once programmed these badges could not be changed.

One would think this would cramp Bill’s style because he always seems to get into every event he wants to get into, and end up in the front row even if there are thousands of seats and the event is sold out and he has no ticket.

Usually when Bill goes to a foreign country he plans everything well in advance. His airline, his hotel, his local modes of transportation to get to all the local events and details of the venues of all the events are all meticulously mapped, reserved and paid. In the case of the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok Bill had been planning to go there ever since he heard about it, he spoke to Dong Jin (DJ) Sun, our Rotary District 5280 Senior Assistant Governor and Chair of the District International Programs, who is a member and past President of the Koreatown Rotary Club. The Los Angeles Koreatown Rotary Club is a sister club of the Rotary Club of Seoul Korea. DJ knew He Bong Lee, District Governor of the area around Seoul Korea, and the family was in the travel business.

Through these connections DJ told Bill not to worry about anything, he would make sure Bill got the best deal on a flight with Korean Airlines, and get a room at the best rate in the Windsor Hotel near the convention in Bangkok.. As the time for the convention grew closer Bill received no confirmation or explicit information about where he was going. He was finally told that he was flying to Incheon International Airport, which is located on an island 30 miles west of Seoul, Korea, before continuing on to Suvarnabhumi Airport which located 16 mi east of downtown Bangkok. Someone will meet him at the airport and drive him where he needs to go.

### **Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok, Thailand**



Bill said the plane he was on was the largest he had ever flown on—a double decker Airbus which exited simultaneously from two levels. When he disembarked from the plane he wasn't sure who was going to meet him or where. Suvarnabhumi Airport has only one very large terminal. At LAX people are often standing at the exit points of various terminals holding signs with people's names to greet arriving guests. In this massive airport Bill looked for

someone holding such a sign. There were thousands of people in the terminal, but he saw no one holding a sign with his name on it. Finally he saw directional sign that directed arriving passengers to a "Meeting Center." He started walking towards the "Meeting Center." He said the distance he walked was probably the length of going from terminal 1 at LAX to the Bradley Terminal. When he finally got to the "Meeting Center" he saw hundreds of people holding signs with names on the them, but none with his name on it. Finally he spotted a sign that had a name on it that was not exactly his, but it was close. He walked over to the man holding the sign and

introduced himself. The man was District Governor He Bong Lee's brother and was indeed there to drive Bill around. Was he going to drive him to the Windsor Hotel? No—The Windsor Hotel was sold out. But not to worry. "We are staying at an even better hotel." Bill thought "We?" Is my driver staying there too?

Bill said the accommodations were great. He was given a private suite, and it included a huge buffet breakfast, larger than what we have at our weekly breakfast meetings in the Pepperdine cafeteria.

To get to the convention center Bill said he often road on Rotary sponsored busses, and the people on the sitting next to him were always very interesting—past district governors, and many leaders from around the world.

On Monday of the convention Bill went to an event similar to the Hospitality Night of the District Convention, called "Kitchens of the World," where chefs prepared dishes from around the world and there were thousands of people sampling all the worldwide dishes.

Bill was able to get into a Rotary lunch where about 3,000 people were seated. Most the seats were reserved for dignitaries. Bill found a seat at a table at someone he recognized as one of the first people to be involved in the Rotary polio eradication campaign. The original polio eradication program was part of the Rotary Foundation *Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants*: Support for large-scale, two- to four-year projects that improve health, alleviate hunger, or promote human development. In 1978 The first 3H Grant in 1978 helped immunize 6.3M children in the Philippines against polio the project that evolved into PolioPlus and started in Angeles and Mabalacat, District 3790, as pilot areas.

There were 60 breakout sessions at the Convention covering all sorts of topics. There were amazing speakers, including the Director-General of WHO, and a message from Bill Gates.

Bill said he bought videos of the speakers and we will see these at future meetings.

## **News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**

**Maggie Luckerath** talked about the Fund Raiser Polo Match for Safety Harbor Kids that will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Will Rogers Polo grounds in Pacific Palisades

**Geoff Ortiz** volunteered to represent the Malibu Rotary Club at the Malibu High School awards ceremony on May 29 and will present two \$500 scholarship checks from the Malibu Rotary Club to 2 students at the school at the evening ceremony.

**Yuri Katz**, a real estate agent, who works with **Donna Bohana**, was again guest at the May 23rd Malibu Rotary Club meeting.

## **Safety Harbor Kids May Fundraiser at the Polo Grounds**

*To Benefit Orphans, Foster and Homeless Children*

Join Safety Harbor Kids at [Will Rodgers Polo Field](#) to watch the game of kings while indulging in spectacular food generously provided by [Taste at the Palisades](#).

2012 Event to be held at Will Rogers State Historic Park  
1501 Will Rogers State Park Road  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

1:00am Red Carpet and Goodwill Ambassador Awards Ceremony

2:00pm Polo Match, Dining & Wine Tasting

**Join, attend or sponsor a child [click here](#) or call today 800.277.0497**

***“In seven years at the home, I have never seen such a dramatic change upon these children after they attended your events”***

***JC Mazdar, director at Hathaway-Sycamores***

***ADVANCED DISCOUNT PURCHASE AVAILABLE MAY 12th-19th only!***

<b>Ticket Type</b>	<b>Sales End</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b><i>Reserved Admission</i></b> <i>Admission to Polo Club &amp; Match</i> <i>take your picture on the Red Carpet,</i> <i>live Jazz music. Lunch, Wine, Cocktails</i> <i>Parking not included \$12 to State Park</i> <i>Event from 1-6pm.</i>	<i>June 8th by 5pm</i>	<i>\$95 <a href="#">Buy Tickets</a></i> <i>\$75.00 before 5/19</i>

## Malibu Rotary Club International Projects in Puerto Rico

With matching grants from The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5280 (District Designated Funds [DDF]), and in partnership with other Rotary clubs in Rotary District 5280 and host clubs in Puerto Rico, the Malibu Rotary Club is involved in two humanitarian international projects in Puerto Rico in 2012. Barbara Riley (front row third from left) represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the *Centro Geriátrico San Rafael*, Arecibo, PR Rotary Project in February, 2012. Malibu Rotary was one of the lead sponsors of the project, along with 4 other Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles, CA Rotary District 5280 who also sent representatives.

Malibu Rotary Club was also a sponsor of a second project, *Hogar Santísima Trinidad* (HST) in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico which involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management.

More on Rotary District 5280's humanitarian trip to Puerto Rico can be seen at <http://www.facebook.com/PuertoRico5280>.

In the *Centro Geriatrico San Rafael, Inc* in Arecibo, Puerto Rico project the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. 5 Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles along with Rotary Foundation and the host Arecibo Rotary Club has helped the senior residential center purchase needed maintenance and repair tools, 8 energy efficient air conditioning units and a commercial sliding gate opener. This is a geriatric home for indigents founded in 1925. The Arecibo Rotary Club has been supporting them since 1935. This project costs \$15,585.00 of which the Malibu Rotary Club and the Westchester Rotary Club have given \$1170.00 each. Other partner clubs are Culver City, Wilmington, along with the host Rotary Club of Arecibo.

The most ambitious project (*Hogar Santísima Trinidad* [HST] in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico) involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center (who are also highly likely to have HIV) to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management. HST is a private community based non-profit organization, offering a safe residential rehabilitation and treatment program to 35 young males addicted to drugs and /or alcohol, established in 1993. HST depends on income from their semi-industrial aluminum and metal recycling and processing program. As part of their rehabilitation program, the HST implements occupational, physical and work therapies through their Mobile Recycling Center Program (MRCP). It consists in the training of patients in the use of a fixed industrial recycling unit permanently located at the Center, where they learn how to process and recycle aluminum, car batteries, diverse metals and other materials under the close supervision of trained supervisors. They also pickup recyclable materials in nearby communities to process at the center. The project also addresses a problem of waste management in Puerto Rico. Studies done by the US Environmental Protection Agency have revealed that improper or insufficient capacity to dispose of solid waste in Puerto Rico has created public health problems. The

management and disposal of solid waste in the Island has long been a challenge, aggravated by the limited space available due to its geographical size, roughly 100 mi by 35 mi, and its delicately balanced ecosystem and the large amount of solid waste generated, at 4,000,000 tons per year. Puerto Rico's residents generate more waste than people living on the mainland and recycling rates are lower. Much of Puerto Rico's waste ends up in landfills, most of which do not comply with local and federal governments' landfill requirements. The cost of HST Rotary project in Puerto Rico is \$22,570. The primary international club sponsoring this project is the Westchester Rotary Club. Malibu Rotary Club is an equal share holder with the Westchester Rotary Club, with each club contributing \$1570.00. Besides the host Rotary Club of Santurce, the Rotary Club of Torrance-Lomita is a partner in this project.



### **Malibu Rotary Club is Official Sponsor of Smile Trek**

Marine Sargent Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palate and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3<sup>rd</sup> world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palate disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip

across Southeast Asia which he began in September. Before he left he explained " My route will take me through eight different countries, beginning and ending in Singapore, and the yearlong trek will be an ongoing effort to raise funds for the ICSF and awareness for children living with clefts in the developing world. I chose to base this trip in Southeast Asia because of the region's high prevalence of cleft births."

Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240.

See Winston's blog at <http://www.smiletrek.org> (which includes multiple videos) as he travels across the world. As of April 11th he had collected \$40,404 for ICSF, over 81% his goal of \$50,000.

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website [www.maliburotary.org](http://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 held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

May 30 2012

**Dennis Torres**

"The Art of Negotiation"

Malibu Rotary Club Past President and current Executive Director of Real Estate and Adjunct Professor of Negotiation, Dispute Resolution and Critical Thinking at Pepperdine University Dennis Torres will speak on the Art of Negotiation at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting at 7:30 a.m. May 30th in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University.

Jun 20 2012

**Barbara J Riley**

"Rotary District Humanitarian Trip to Puerto Rico"

The Malibu Rotary Club is a co-sponsor in two humanitarian projects in Puerto Rico. Barbara Riley represented the Malibu Rotary Club at Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian Trip to Puerto Rico in February to visit these projects and will describe her experience at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting June 20.

Jun 27 2012

**Prof. dr. George Pavlakos**

"Global Law: obligations of justice beyond the borders of the nation state"

Dr George Pavlakos is Research Chair in Globalisation and Legal Theory, Universiteit Antwerpen/Belgium, Director Centre for Law and Cosmopolitan Values <http://www.lcv.ua.ac.be> as well as Professor of Globalisation and Legal Theory, University of Glasgow/Scotland. He is taking a sabbatical year lecturing and studying at UCLA and the Malibu Rotary Club is fortunate to have this international scholar of law speak at our club June 27 on Global Law: obligations of justice beyond the borders of the nation state.