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- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
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**Divorce
Attorney
Michael Kelly
Talks About
the Health and
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Divorce**

When it comes to Family Law and Divorce Law J. Michael Kelly has done it all and seen it all.

After receiving his JD from the University of Miami Law School in 1968 and Post Graduate Fellowship from University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1969 Mike Kelly

moved to Santa Monica, California, where he opened a practice limited to Family Law in 1969. He is Former Chairman of American Bar Custody Committee, served two terms as Chairman of CA State Bar Custody & Visitation Committee, Former Chairman of CA Trial Lawyers – Family Law Section Membership Committee, Former Chairman of California Custody Commission, served three terms as Chairman of Santa Monica Bar Association - Family Law Committee and has served over 20 years as Judge Pro Tem in Los Angeles County

Superior Family Law
Courts and Family Law Mediator in Santa Monica, Torrance & LA Central District Superior Courts. His many legal achievements has included Assisted in rewriting and expanding CA Civil Code 4606, “Children’s right to an attorney”(1985), expanding children’s rights to an attorney (Ryan). He has taught advanced family law courses and lectured across the country in subjects such as Child Custody Litigation, Division of Assets, Pre-nuptial Agreements, High Asset Celebrity Divorce, and Domestic Violence. For the past 30 years Michael Kelly has been married to a former Playboy Playmate, and has represented Playmates in divorce, many of whom were physically abused.

Michael Kelly’s talk at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on April 17 dealt with the consequences of divorce on the people getting divorced. And he seen how it has affected thousands of people in over 40 years of specializing in divorce. He said that divorce does things to each person’s mind and body. Divorce is like cancer, like death. It is the death of a marriage gone bad.

Of the people getting divorced there is the “Leaver” and the “Leavee.” Sometimes the “leavee” doesn’t even know the divorce is happening until he or she is served papers at his or her place of work. The “Leaver” wants freedom, and when the divorce is final they take a deep breath and feel free.

Unless people have lots of money divorced people generally will have to change their life style. They have to deal with giving up things—of giving up time with their children, of giving up money, property, and things they have taken for granted. Laws governing children try to give parents joint custody. Pets are treated as chattel and may result in a real “dog fight” among the people involved.

Divorce changes the mental and physical state of people. It changes the serotonin levels in the brain. It causes headaches, and depending on the person, it can cause either weight gain or weigh loss, cause people to start or stop drinking. It can cause Crohn’s disease, loose bowel or constipation, and has been known to cause esophagal cancer. Kelly cited a book written in 1955 by two psychologists, entitled *Anger Kills*, which attributed to various medical conditions, such as high blood pressure and stroke, to anger. It is usually because people are are angry with other that they get divorced. Inch by inch they are falling out of love. Their needs aren’t being met by their mate. Peoples needs are different. A relationship can run its course. It is usually several things that lead to the divorce, but one last thing that may put a person over the edge—the last straw—which could be an extramarital affair, a financial problem, physical or verbal abuse, alcohol or other substance abuse. It can be due to obsessive compulsive disorders

Not all divorces are filled with hate anger and confrontation. There are ocassions when there is a friendly divorce. The two parties agree on exactly how they want to divide their joint property and take care of their children. It is important to not lie or withhold anything from your attorney.

Through the years Mike Kelly has grown his law firm until now it employs 38 people and 6 attorneyes, all specializing in Family Law. It is now called Kelly Fernandez & Karney (www.kfkfamilylaw.com) located at 429 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90401 with phone of 310-393-0236.

Latest on Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard Heart Surgery



Immediately after the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on April 17th Malibu Rotarians John Elman and Hubert Luckerath visited Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard at the Cardiothoracic ICU unit at Ronald Reagan UCLA Hospital, where they joined Jimmy Mehmon Mon and his friend Janesh, who were already there. Bill is recovery from successful open heart surgery and was unable to stand, but was about to take his first steps with the aid of a physical therapist, and later that day was transferred out of the ICU unit into his own room where he was thrilled to have his own bathroom and a view of UCLA Spaulding Field. He will be there for few more days before being moved to a convalescent facility in Santa Monica. He was energized talking about Rotary and future plans. We will update you as his condition changes.

Other News and Guests From Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

In Bill's absence **David Baird** presided over the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of April 17 with his "This Week in History" and several jokes.

Guests at the meeting of April 17th included were members of speaker Mike Kelly's group, **James Morehouse**, and **Katie**, who videotaped the meeting. After the video is edited we will have it on the Malibu Rotary Club website.

2 Malibu High Students Bow Out of RYLA Weekend

The two Malibu High School students, Emma London and Gabriella Grahek, who had been selected to represent Malibu Rotary Club and MHS at the April 26-28 RYLA camp in Blue Jay, e-mailed Malibu Rotary Club New Generations Chair Geoff Ortiz on April 20th that they will not be attending this event because they need to study for their AP exams. Emma has 3 AP classes and Gabriella has 4. In the e-mail they said that they needed to study for their exams that weekend. Geoff will try to contact Malibu High School Counselor Ah Chi on Monday April 22, and if there is not an immediate reply from the school counselor that day a message will be sent to the Rotary District to find 2 alternates to attend this event which is sold out and which the Malibu Rotary Club has prepaid.

Rotary District News

Our local district is exchanging high school age students with 3 districts in Japan for the summer. Malibu Rotary Club will be helping to host the students on Tuesday, July 30th. David

Baird is arranging a tour of the Pepperdine campus and Margo Neal is arranging a tour of Villa Getty in Malibu.

Rotary District 5280 is having a Group Study Exchange (GSE) this year with Rotary District 2620 in Japan. The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their [careers](#). The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Rotary District Convention at The Fess Parker Resort in Santa Barbara the weekend of May 3-5. The wine tour will be on May 2. Information and reservations are on the [Rotary District 5280 website](#).

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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April 24th, 2013

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