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Malibu Rotary Club President William Wishard

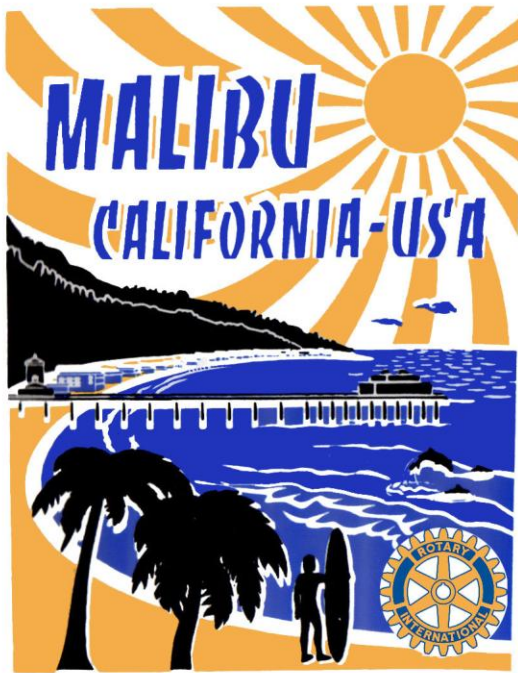
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- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
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- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2012-2012): Lewis Bertrand
- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Julie Jenkins (2012-13)



Budget and Policies Discussed at Malibu Rotary Club Assembly Led by David Baird

While Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard was able to listen in via speaker phone to part of the Malibu Rotary Club meeting taking place at Pepperdine University on April 24th from his rehab center in Carlsbad David Baird presided over a Malibu Rotary Club Assembly in which club budget and policies were discussed.

Hubert Luckerath printed a budget that was passed out to the 8 members who were present. The club really has two budgets, one for charities and the other for club operation. Although the two budgets were not clearly delineated in Hubert’s report, much of the discussion was about the operating

budget, which has been operating at a deficit the past year. Bob Syvertsen had been the budget director for years, and always presented the budgets separately. Since the club has not been able to have significant fund raisers much of the money given to charities, such as community Rotary Foundation activities, scholarships, etc., has come from a dividend earning brokerage account. Bob said it is important that operating expenses do not come out of that account. Operating expenses should be covered by membership dues. He noted that when Kevin Boling was president he lowered the club dues to the present \$25.00 per month in order to attract more members and make membership more affordable. At the same time the \$60.00 initiation fee was either waived, or at least not billed. He feels the dues are too low to operate the club. Certain things have increased the costs of operating the club. They included the extra charges Pepperdine was charging for setting up the Fireside Room for breakfast meetings, and the club

subsidizing members attending the quarterly district breakfasts. Typically members were charged \$10.00 for the breakfasts when eating in the Pepperdine Fireside Room, and were charged the same amount for the District Breakfasts which typically cost \$35.00. The club treasury paid the \$25.00 difference, and sometimes the total amount for district “no shows.” Like the government, the club was deficit spending.

Since moving the locale of the club meetings to the upper Drescher campus at Pepperdine the “setup” fee that was charged at the lower campus has been eliminated. In the new location members and guests pay the cashier directly for the food and there is no facility fee (and we all are agreed that the new location and facilities are fantastic). Certain operating expenses are non-negotiable—RI and district dues, subscription to *The Rotarian*, ClubRunner, and certain other things, like the cost of Rotary pins, badges and new member welcome package. Even before the club started subsidizing the previous members at district breakfast (and making the district breakfast the club meeting) the club always paid for new members at the district breakfast.

Resolutions

It was resolved at the Malibu Rotary meeting April 24th there is “no more free lunch” at the District breakfasts, except for the attendance of a new member. From now on anyone member wishing to attend the Rotary District Breakfast must pre-pay the club treasurer the full cost of the breakfast. Reservations will be made for the District Breakfast before the early bird deadline based on who has prepaid the treasurer for the event. The club will no longer subsidize member attendance at Rotary district events. To cover the cost of new members for the first district breakfast and for the welcome package given new members (which may include Rotary pin, badge, and certain printed material) the initiation fee of \$60.00 will again be instituted.

Other continued club subsidies include president elect attendance at PETS and attendance at Rotary International Convention. For the RI Convention the President Elect will be given either \$1000 for domestic convention or \$2000 for foreign convention.

Latest on Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard Heart Surgery



Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard is recovering from open heart surgery performed at UCLA this month. His daughter Allison Wishard Guerra sent the following e-mail April 24:

Dear family and friends,

Several people have been asking for more recent updates, so I thought I would send along an update to the group. After a bit of a traumatic discharge from UCLA and transfer to a not-so-great rehabilitation center, we all decided that it would be best if he could be in a place that was closer to me in San Diego rather than in Santa Monica where it was very hard for me to come and see him very often. We were able to get him transferred to Carlsbad By The Sea Rehabilitation (room 342A), a wonderful center in Carlsbad, CA, about 15 minutes

from my house. The quality of care there is excellent, akin to what he was experiencing at UCLA. And amazingly, it is all covered by medicare! I have learned that in order to get the quality of care one needs, you have to figure out how to work within the system and most importantly, NOT GIVE UP. It has been a disheartening experience to have his medical care go from patient centered at UCLA to care completely dictated by insurance coverage and profits, but we did not give up and found him an excellent place to be. He says he is finally sleeping well knowing that he is in good care, in a place that specializes in cardiac rehab, with great PT, nurses, food, and environment.

I will be taking the girls to see him this afternoon, as they have been painting him pictures and picking him flowers to fill up his "semi-private" room! He is in good spirits and starting to get back into his old ways, even trying to Skype into a meeting this afternoon. He is so appreciative of all the love and support that has been sent his way. He also has access to his email on the ipads the facility has for daily check out, so an email to him would be appreciated when he eventually gets to it. Or of course a short call. 310-625-5339

Much love,

Ali

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 24 with his "This Week in History" and several jokes.

From his Rehab bed at in Carlsbad Malibu Rotary Club president was able to join in to the Malibu Rotary Club meeting via phone. Maibu Rotarian **Jimmy Mon** had driven Bill from Los Angeles to Carlsbad, and was trying establish a Skype visual conference with Bill at the Malibu Rotary Club, but there were technical glitches that didn't allow this happen. It will be attempted again next week.

Although Bill will not be out of the Rehab center in time to attend the Rotary District Convention in time for the May 3-5 at the Fess Parker Resort in Santa Barbara he is planning on attending the Rotary District Assembly May 18th at the Carson Center. He urged as many club members as possible to attend, because he said that the coming year's Rotary events and deadlines are announced there and that there are too many sessions to for one person to attend. Following the Assembly there will be an important session on changes in the Rotary Foundation and how it distributes money. So far, David Baird and Hubert Luckerath, are also planning to attend with Bill.

Maggie Luckerath announced that she could again get 2 for the price of 1 tickets for "Blood Knot," the current production at Malibu Stage. Members wishing to take advantage of this contact Maggie.

Guest at the meeting of April 24th was **Jane Bos**. She and her husband **Tom Bos** are regulars at our meetings during the winter, although their home is in Holland, Michigan, where Bill is a Rotary Past District Governor. Currently Tom is leading a Rotary Group Study Exchange in Holland (the country, not the city).

2 Malibu High Students Bow Out of RYLA Weekend Too Late For Replacements

The two Malibu High School students 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. Geoff contacted Rotary District Chair for RYLA Elyse Rothstein immediately as the Malibu Rotary Club tried to scramble to provide alternate students but received the following e-mail:

Hello Geoff,

I am sorry that the 2 girls will not be able to be with [us] at Ryla.

We did hope that with the study time we offered them it would be enough to make them feel comfortable.

At this late date it is not possible to bring 2 new kids into the program, we have already planned the spots in busses and cabins.

We have also already purchased all the supplies, t shirts, snacks, workbooks certificates, 4 way test coins and more to make Ryla a success.

I do know that these 2 were the only ones that your club was sending but it is too late for us to change everything around now.

Please know that your funds will be going to the Ryla program and nowhere else as we cannot give refunds 3 days before the event is to take place.

Thanks for understanding, Elyse

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.

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Calendar

(all Malibu Rotary Club meetings are at noon in LC 152 at the Pepperdine Drescher campus Villa Graziadio Executive Center unless otherwise noted).

May 2, 2013

It will be Club Assembly Led by David Baird

May 29th will be dinner meeting in a mansion in Palisades arranged by Donna Bohana—Details to come.