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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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- **Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Wednesday May 7 at noon at Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus in LC 152 (with fellowship starting at 11:30 a.m.) Speakers will be Linda Montellano Werner and Sourena Vassegh who will talk about how " Big Dreams Take Small Sacrifices"**
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- Check [Calendar](http://www.maliburotary.org) on Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
- RI President (2013-2014) Ron D Burton
- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2013-2014): Doug Baker
- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Alice Muntean (2013-14)

Malibu Rotary Club Assembly April 30

The Malibu Rotary Club April 30th was a Club Assembly.

Briefly discussed was Kelly Sagona representing the Malibu Rotary Club at the Earth Day celebration the previous Sunday at the Malibu Country Mart. She said she met several contacts there who might be interested in Rotary.

Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard had a busy week going to Indianapolis for the 55th Anniversary of his high school classes. The class only had 12 people and the 10 in the class are still alive were all there. Bill also had the printed bio of “William Niles Wishard III” from his recent Williams College Reunion book. In the bio Bill talks about the famous people he met while he was still a student at Williams College—and became involved with organizations promoting world peace. He met Gandhi’s grandson, President Ng Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam, Madame Chiang Kai-Chek, Martin Luther King, Prem Rawat, and others. Since his visits to Viet Nam he has always had a keen interest in Viet Nam—the U.S. involvement there, who was really responsible for the assassination of Diem, and a lot of history in which facts have never been discovered. While Bill was in Indianapolis for the high school reunion had, through what he described as through the “Magic of Rotary,” met at the airport a fellow from Viet Nam, Khoi Pham, who is the Executive Director of company Bella Communications, that tries to provide affordable housing to people in several cities across the country, including Los Angeles and Indianapolis. When the United States withdrew its military support of South Viet Nam in 1975 Americans and South Vietnamese who were friendly toward America had to leave the country quickly or be killed. Because the runway had been bombed the best way out was by helicopter and the last one left on

April 30 1975. Bill knew this history and asked Khoi about this week's significant anniversary. Khoi, who received his B.A. of Economics Cum Laude from UCLA and also his MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management was very familiar with this date. He was on that last helicopter flight out of Saigon in 1975!



Bill is hoping to have Khoi speak at our club

Most of the Rotary Club meeting had to do with future events

planned for the club and at the time of meeting plans were still being discussed for an event that will have already happened by the time you read this—the Malibu Rotary Club booth at the Fiesta Malibu on Sunday, May 4th at Juan Cabrillo School. There is a picture and story about that below.

In addition Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Margo Neal talked about several future events. Coming up this month are two major district events, the District Assembly on May 10 at the Carson Center, and the Rotary District Conference the weekend of May 16-17 in Indian Wells near Palm Springs. Margo said that since she is not going to the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia, the money that was budgeted for that out of the Malibu Rotary Club budget could be used subsidize registration for Malibu Rotarians to attend both the District Assembly and the District Conference. For the District Conference members would still be responsible for their own rooms. There was some debate by treasurer Hubert over whether there was indeed enough to cover these subsidies, because the club is

already paying a majority of the cost for members attending the quarterly district breakfasts. There was also some debate on whether the club should even consider these subsidies, and in the final analysis it was agreed that these subsidies will be available to members who request them, and any who feel comfortable paying their own way for these district events should do so. Several members are attending both the district assembly (**Bill Wishard, Hubert Luckerath, Griselda Espinoza, Irene Bettler, Margo Neal and David Baird**) and district conference (head count to come).

There was a discussion about the charity budget—how it is very important that the club keep a separate charity budget and operating budget, but that a certain percentage of the charity budget can come from the Charity Trust account. The charity trust account has about \$51,000 in it, and to sustain it it is hoped that only interest will be taken out for charity giving, probably 5%, which would be about \$2500.

At the Club Assembly Margo will make that the Malibu Rotary Club will reserve the maximum 4 seats for the Paul Harris Rotary Foundation dinner.

Margo announced her slate of officers for the 2014-15 Rotary year, and in addition to **Hubert Luckeath** and **John Elman** continuing in their capacity as treasurer and secretary, respectively, and **Maggie Luckerath** as community service director and PR, **Griselda Espinoza** and **David Zielski** have positions as both co-youth directors and fund raising, **Irene Bettler** as vocational service director, **David Baird** in charge of Rotary Foundation, **Bill Wishard** in charge of programs, and she will call on **Bob Syvertsen** to deliver a weekly “Rotary Minute” history of club and/or Rotary International

Already on the job in her new position of fund raising chair Griselda announced that she has continued Donna Bohana about the use of her Malibu office building at 22741 Pacific Coast Highway for a fundraiser on October 25th for a fundraiser called “Hollywood Halloween” which will be a costume party.

Other News and Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

Guests

There was only one guest at the April 30 meeting **Beth Mohiuddin** of Beth Travel Advisor, a returning guest who is an Board member and Ambassador of the Malibu Chamber.



**Malibu Rotary Club Booth Features Fleet Street Bikes at Fiesta Malibu
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Dana Sherman and other representatives from FLEET STREET, the Bike Project at Pacific Boys Lodge, were present with their tools and parts to conduct free ordinary bike repairs and adjustments for both children's and adult bikes for guests next to the Malibu Rotary booth at Fiesta Malibu May 4.

Two bikes were raffled off at the Malibu Rotary Club booth:

One 20 inch "boys" bike - beach cruiser style (one speed)

One 20 inch "girls" bike- beach cruiser style (one speed)

and 3 bicycles were part of the silent auction at the Fiesta Malibu

Money raised from auction and raffle is going to Juan Cabrillo School programs.

David Zielski reports on award for Malibu Rotary and Raincatcher in Uganda



David Zielski and Jeff Kayongo in Uganda sent where David has been doing Raincatcher installations. David sent picture above with e-mail below on May 2 from Uganda.

I am representing Malibu Rotary here in Uganda. Much to share when I return. See below.

Dear Friends,

I believe and trust this finds you well. With great pleasure I write to inform you that on our just concluded Rotary District Conference at Speke Resort in Munyonyo on Sat 27th April 2014 with a total attendance of 1350 participants. I was among the few Rotarian out of thousands that was

awarded for excellency in service in our District in Service above self by our District Governor Emmanuel Katongole in our District which comprises of Uganda and Tanzania.

I share with you this Short with My Friend David Zielski a Rotarian from California USA also a leader of the NGO RainCatchers USA which is working tirelessly to provide clean and safe water to lots of poor communities all over the world..Blessings and take care.

Jeff

Upcoming Speakers (yet to be confirmed)

- Randy Klingensberg, Performing Arts Studio West (who trains disabled artists to perform--school attended by blind autistic musical savant Rex Lewis)
- Malibu High School Principal Jerry Block
- Founder of the National Veterans Foundation, Floyd 'Shad' Meshad
- Dana Sherman of the Fleet Street Bike Project
- Dan Wise on history of the 25,000 acres from Marina del Rey to PV Peninsula to Western Ave

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 

May 07, 2014

Linda Montellano Werner and Sourena Vassegh
" Big Dreams Take Small Sacrifices"

May 14, 2014

Michael A. Smith, Principal OLM School
"Our Lady of Malibu School"

May 21, 2014

to be announced

May 28, 2014

Carl Christman
"Carl Reads Minds"

Carl Christman is a mentalist at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. His Rotary presentations are educational and entertaining. Rotarians and guests at this special meeting will learn about the power of their own mind and have a once in a lifetime experience. You can find out more about Carl and see a demo video at www.CarlReadsMinds.com. This should be a fun Rotary meeting. Come and bring a friend.

Jun 04, 2014

Cami Winikoff
"Reaching for the stars"
Jun 25, 2014

Doug Kmiec
"Why Aristotle and Jimmy Stewart were both right – AMB"
Former U.S. Ambassador to Malta Douglas W. Kmiec explains Why Aristotle and Jimmy Stewart were both right – AMB.

Jul 23, 2014

Jo Anne Books
"Life After Polio"

Jo Anne Books, from Laredo, Texas, and now living in Northern California, contracted polio at age 4 and became paralyzed in both arms. She did not let that stop her, becoming a probation officer and the mother of 2 children. She has spoken at many Rotary clubs about polio and will be in Malibu this week attending the Malibu Arts Festival, taking time out to share her experiences with the Malibu Rotary Club.

