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President of the Month Margo Neal Leads Malibu Rotary Club Assembly and Board Meeting



Philippa Sklaar was the scheduled speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club April 12 meeting, but she had to stay in South Africa, her country of origin, to attend to a sick family member. She has been rescheduled for May 3 speaking on the “Lighter Side of Abuse.”. Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month Margo Neal took the opportunity to make the meeting a club assembly and be the board meeting that was supposed to follow the regular meeting.

Much of the meeting was taken by Treasurer Carlye Rudkin who discussed both Malibu Rotary Club operating budget as well as the charity budget. The club dues for the quarter beginning April 1 included at \$26.50 donation from each member to the Rotary Foundation. It was announced that district and RI dues had been increased and the club. Because of various increased expenses an increase in the Malibu Rotary Club dues was discussed and passed. As a result of this action dues for the Malibu Rotary Club starting July 1 2017 will be \$125.00 per quarter. This is still one of the least expensive dues amounts in the district.

Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect **Bianca Torrence** had several announcements. She announced that the Malibu Film Society and the Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue is going to have a free showing of the movie *Sold* on April 27. This movie is about Sex Trafficking, an issue that Rotary has been interested in both locally and internationally. Bianca later e-mailed the following details about this special showing:

Free Screening from MFS & MJCS Sisterhood, Hosted by Henry Stern!

The Sisterhood at Malibu Jewish Center & Synagogue is joining with MFS to sponsor an evening dedicated to the fight against human trafficking. The event will be hosted by State Senator Henry Stern, who will talk about the bill he's authored to help the victims of human trafficking in California (yes, it even happens here).

Stern's appearance will then be followed by a screening of **SOLD**. From Executive Producer Emma Thompson comes this impassioned drama starring Gillian Anderson as a traveling photojournalist who embarks on a dangerous rescue mission after encountering a 13 year-old sold into prostitution. Oscar-winning director Jeffrey Brown also wrote the screenplay, based on the international best-seller

by

Patricia

McCormick.

The event will be held Thursday, April 27, with doors opening at 7PM for the 7:30 showtime at the Malibu Screening Room @ MJCS, (located at 24855 PCH). **This event is free and open to the entire community** with your advance reservations at www.MalibuFilmSociety.org. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Bianca had been trying to get a grant from the City of Malibu to help with community projects that the Malibu Rotary Club is working on. The City Council's Administration and Finance Subcommittee is meeting Tuesday May 2nd at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the City of Malibu's General Fund Grant applications for fiscal year 2017-2018

Each speaker will have three minutes to speak about their grant applications. Bianca is attending that meeting and encourages other Malibu Rotarians to join her if they can attend that meeting.

Bianca also felt the the Malibu Rotary Club should include in its budget a contribution to Malibu CART. Bianca has been a co-founder and volunteer with CART and in another e-mail she explained what it is.

CART is a team of remarkable local volunteers. It has recently become a nonprofit 501(c)3

Meetings are open to the public and are chaired by the co-founders of CART, Carol Moss and Bianca Torrence, Elizabeth Smith acts as the treasurer and Terry Davis as the secretary. Communication with constituents is facilitated through the CART website, Facebook page and email alerts. Articles in local Malibu newspapers are also used to get out the word on meetings and activities.

CART participates and partners with LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority) in the annual Homeless count, organizing the volunteer deployment site for the very first time in Malibu in 2014. Being the pioneer and raising awareness in the community about the Homeless concern. CART has been partnering with LAHSA for the last 3 years and continues with upcoming homeless counts in Malibu

It has cosponsored two successful Connect days which brought an abundance of agencies (DMV, Social Security, etc.) under one roof at our Civic Center and multiple other services such as haircuts, massages, foot washing, and gifts of needed toiletries and clothing, just to mention a few of the good things that take place there. Hopefully there will be another one in June.

We have brought UCLA Mobile Eye Clinics twice to Malibu.

We created and distributed flyers about the Connect evenings that take place at the shelter which is a destination of our shuttle service.

We obtained a shuttle service to a West LA Shelter in the winter months.

We have hosted meetings with the County, the Palisades Task Force, the Westside Coalition and many other affiliated groups.

It was CART that introduced OPPC, now the People's Concern, to the Malibu community and made the initial connection to the major funder for the task force, The Hilton Foundation. This has brought two full time caseworkers here who bring people into services and housing; there are dramatic instances of connecting people in dire need with the caseworkers of People's Concern, with promising outcomes.

We round up fresh produce, etc. from local vendors and prepare and serve it at the Wednesday community dinners at Malibu Methodist Church and some Thursday SOS dinners there for the homeless as well. Now there are daily lunches at the local library as well, prepared and donated by local citizens and groups.

We have had a laundry program, currently on hiatus. There are no laundry facilities in Malibu because we are on septic, so laundry must be transported elsewhere.

We are constantly doing triage for the endless needs that come up such as cash for phone cards and food cards, diapers, bus tokens, wheelchairs, PO Box access, and of course sleeping bags, warm clothing, tarps, ponchos and tents, toiletries and nonperishable food to name a few examples.

Currently, we are helping a master gardener create and maintain a vegetable garden at a Santa Monica shelter so there can be fresh vegetables served there.

We hope to initiate a computer component, getting refurbished laptops to people who are asking for them in order to expand employment opportunities.

("Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.")

We are working with E Pluribus Unum, which owns land in Malibu to create a small house community of homeless employed

We hope to bring a shower van here in the not too distant future.

We are working with Santa Monica college to bring services for needy and homeless to new Malibu campus. Are in the process of bringing volunteer retired doctors under an umbrella of liability insurance by introducing them to Venice Family Clinic.

Currently we have a group of talented and devoted men & women who bring great skills to the homeless project and love working together, alongside many other volunteers. So many want to help the homeless and CART provides a vessel for this to happen.

I am sure I have left many things out. The nature of CART is to respond to evolving opportunities to help, often unexpected.

The Malibu Rotary Club voted to allocate \$250.00 of the charity budget towards Malibu CART.

Video of the Winner of \$3,300 Fire Academy Scholarship from Malibu Rotary will be Shown at Next Meeting

The Malibu Rotary Club will award a \$3,300 scholarship to a student enrolled in a fire academy in Los Angeles County, CA.

The \$3,300 will be paid directly to the Fire Academy, in the student's name to pay for the student's tuition, fees, etc.

In order to apply, students had to email Malibu Rotary Club (at MalibuRotaryScholarship@gmail.com) a 60-90 second video explaining :

- (1) Why they want to be a firefighter, and
- (2) How winning the \$3,300 scholarship would positively

impact their life.

Additionally, the fire academy student must email the Malibu Rotary Club:

- (1) Student's name
- (2) Student's phone number
- (3) Name of the Fire Academy they are enrolled in



(4) Address of the Fire Academy they are enrolled in

The Deadline to apply was Midnight on Sunday, April 16, 2017.

At the April 12 meeting of the club Michelle Santamaria reported that there had been no valid entry received and at the meeting we discussed plans if there was no valid entry received.

Fortunately the contingency plan did not have to be instituted because before the deadline there was a valid entry received. At the next meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club April 19 the winning video and student sending it will be announced.

Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

\$26.50 for the Rotary Foundation marks 100 year anniversary

Foundation history

At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

Explore the rich history of our Foundation as we celebrate 100 years of doing good.

To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Malibu Rotary Club members at the March 1st meeting voted to have the \$26.50 contribution to the Rotary Foundation be paid with their 2nd quarter dues. Instead of paying our quarterly dues of \$100.00 write check to Malibu Rotary for \$100.00 and check to Rotary Foundation for \$26.50.

Malibu Rotary Club Sends 2 Students to RYLA Camp



Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month W. David Baird announced that the Malibu

Rotary Club has chosen the 2 local students the Malibu Rotary Club is sponsoring to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly) Camp at the Alpine Conference Center in Blue Jay, CA in the Big Bear Lake area of San Bernadino Moutains April 21-April 23.

The two students sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club at this year's RYLA camp are **Morgan Perlmutter** of Malibu High School and **Amir Mohiuddin** of Calabasas High. We hope to have reports from them after their return from the camp.

Guests

There were 4 guests at the April 5 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club: Speaker PDG **Tom Bos** Rotary Assitant District Governor **Richard Miller**, **Darlene Dubary**, who is a member of Maibu Kiwanis, Malibu Film Society and other community groups, and **Joe Duncan** a regular guest from west Texas.

Malibu Rotary Club Presidents of the Month (2016-2017)

Malibu Rotary Club President of Record (2016-17) Bill Wishard

August 2016-----Margo Neal

September 2016—David Zielski

October 2016-----John Elman

November 2016—W. David Baird

December 2016—Bill Wishard

January 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syvertsen

Februay 2017-----John Elman

March 2017-----W. David Baird

April 2017-----Margo Neal

May 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syvertsen

June 2017-----David Zielski

CALENDAR (see up to date calendar on maliburotary.org)

- **April 19 2017 --Pepperdine professor of Political Science and author Robert Williams will be speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting. His topic “The End of the American Century”**— Robert Williams is Professor of Political Science at Seaver College Pepperdine University. Is is co-author of several books, including *Seeking Security in an Insecure World* . The book discusses including the Syrian civil war, Russia’s annexation of Crimea and its intervention in East Ukraine, the global refugee crisis, China’s military buildup, the impact of fracking on oil and gas markets, and rapidly evolving cyberwar capabilities. It offers a clear and compelling framework for understanding what world security means today and how it can best be achieved. Professor Williams topic at the April 19 Malibu Rotary Club meeting with be “The End of the American Century”
- **April 25 2017—Rotary District Breakfast**
 - The last District Breakfast of the Rotary year is focused on the youth of our District. Interactors, Rotaractors, and Youth Exchange students are invited to attend, along with Rotarians across the District. Consider sponsoring your club's youth to attend. It will be a fascinating and inspiring event!
 - **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Dennis Hong is a TED alumnus, professor and the Founding Director of RoMeLa (Robotics & Mechanisms Laboratory) of the Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Department at UCLA. Dr. Hong has been named to Popular Science's 8th annual "Brilliant 10", honoring top scientists younger than 40 years of age from across the United States, "Forward Under 40" by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and also honored as the "Top 40 Under 40" by Purdue University. The Washington Post Magazine has called Dr. Hong "the Leonardo da Vinci of robots". He is the inventor of a number of novel robots and mechanisms, including the world's first car that can be driven by the blind.
 - Cost is \$40/person by April 11 and \$45 after April 11.
 - RSVP to the District Office at office@rotary5280.org or 310-670-97
- **April 26 2017 – W. David Baird will be featured at the Malibu Rotary Club morning at Pepperdine with “Rotary Around the Fireside”**

Traditionally new Rotary members are invited to a Fireside Chat, in which the elders of the club tell the recent inductees about the history of Rotary, and how Rotary works, both on the club level and internationally. This meeting of the Rotary Club David Baird, who has been a Rotarian longer than any other member, starting in Oklahoma a half century ago, and who is a historian by profession, will tell all what he feels is important about Rotary. Pay attention, the professor might have a quiz at the conclusion.

- **May 3 2017 – Philippa Sklaar and the “The Lighter Side of Abuse**



Philippa Sklaar is a survivor of abuse, author, coach and advocate. Philippa immigrated to the USA after she fled from a violently abusive marriage and resolved to learn a lesson and be more careful next time. In America she met a man who, on the surface, was everything that her second husband was not. Until she owned her own contribution to the dance of abuse she was destined to repeat the pattern. Her story exists as proof of this. She co-wrote *When Loving Him Hurts* – recovery from an abusive relationship and *The Affair* - recovery from illicit sex, lies and betrayal. She is also the author of *Hot Cuisine*, and her clients included dignitaries such as Nelson

Mandela and Elizabeth Taylor was her first client in LA. She appeared in the Food Network’s *Guy’s Grocery Games*

with Guy Fieri and with Margaret Cho in *Blind Dinner Party*.

Her commitment to reduce domestic violence led her to create a nonprofit, The Women’s Voice Project. Her programs have been accepted by the LAUSD, the LAPD (Newton Division) and The California Institution for Women.

“If you *laugh* at it, you can deal with it, and if you don’t, you can’t deal with it.” Joan Rivers

Domestic Violence is the only diagnosis that is still shrouded in shame and often treated with contempt. There are so many misconceptions and myths about domestic violence that are simply not true. In *When Loving Him Hurts* we exposed what they are.