



*The Award Winning*

## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

April 20, 2016

Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu  
Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski

Edited by Dr. John W. Elman  
Pictures by Dr. John W. Elman

In This Issue (click underlined topics for web link when connected to the Internet)

- Last week Glenn McConnell, a 48 year veteran of the LAPD, talks about “A Police Officers's Devotion to Community and Service to God”
- Allan Mannheim inducted as Malibu Rotary Club’s newest member
- Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting
- Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Meeting April 6 at Pepperdine Graduate Campus Room LC 152 with fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at noon. This will be a Club Assembly at which we will discuss the first ever Malibu Rotary Club Turkey Trot Run-Walk to be held Thanksgiving morning
- Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher.

Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)

- Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
- Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
- RI President (2015-2016) K.R. Ravindran

- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2015-2016): D.J. Sung**

**Glenn McConnell, a 48 year veteran of the LAPD, talks about  
“A Police Officers's Devotion to Community and Service to God”**



**Glenn McConnell has been a police officer for 48 years, and he is also a Christian pastor and a police chaplain. He brought a message to the Malibu Rotary Club on April 20<sup>th</sup> to always be prepared—that is why if Glenn is in the room you should know that his Smith & Wesson service revolver is probably strapped to his side.**

Glenn always wanted to be a policeman, and was civilian cadet in high school. He wasn't sure if he was going to be accepted into the police academy. When he graduated from high school in 1968 most police officers were white males at least 6 feet tall. Glenn was only 5 ft 7 in. As women were accepted as police officers the height restrictions were eliminated.

Once Glenn became a police officer he worked all sorts of assignments. He was in vice, burglary, robbery, homicide. Eight of his first 13 years he worked in narcotics infiltrating drug dealing motorcycle gangs. He passed around a picture of how he looked in those days, with long dark hair, full beard, riding his hawg. He looked like a bad dude!

Glenn officially retired in 2008, but he really didn't. He became a fulltime reserve officer. He had sworn to "Protect and Serve" and he couldn't stop doing that. Yes, he had been shot, stabbed, had his nose broken 5 times and had 6 concussions, but he still had the drive to do more.

While still a police officer he became a Christian minister. He said that most mention of police officers in law refers to them as "Peace Officers," and Glenn believes that is their main function. Sometimes you have to use your gun to keep the peace.

The LAPD has long had chaplains. In a June 12, 1988 *Los Angeles Times* article entitled "The Pastor Patrol : For LAPD Chaplains, Goal is to 'Serve Those Who Protect'" Steve Padilla writes, " The chaplains, officially listed as reserve officers with the Police Department, are clergy members who take time off from their regular pastoral duties to meet officers and basically make themselves available for anyone who wants to talk.

"And in the macho world of cops and robbers, officers who would shy away from counselors and psychologists will sometimes confide in a rabbi, priest or minister, said the Rev. Jim Adams, chaplain at the West Valley Division. For some officers, counselors are intimidating; clergy members are not. As Rothstein put it: "If you're macho, you can't have problems."

"Breaking through the hardened, cynical exteriors of some officers is a lengthy process that requires patience, diligence, tact and time, the three chaplains said. 'It might be years before

someone approaches you,' said Adams, associate pastor of the Valley View Foursquare Church in Canoga Park.

What makes Glenn McConnell rather unique among the 60 LAPD chaplains is that he is both police officer and clergy. Glenn points out that counseling that that he and the other chaplains do is not religious. Police officers may be of any religious faith, agnostic or atheists. When dealing with shootings the feelings of any of the officers and their families have to be dealt with in a way that allows them to go on with their life.

Glenn, who is an entertaining speaker, was obviously an inspiration to his two sons. One of them has been an officer with the LAPD for eight years. The other is a state Attorney General.

Glenn was introduced to the Malibu Rotary Club by Malibu Rotary Club past president Bill Wishard, who is a volunteer for the LAPD Surveillance team in Canoga Park, where Glenn was a leader. Bill said he got hooked on the program the first day when his job was to watch students in the parking lot at Taft High School where it had been reported that students had been involved in illegal activity and because of Bill's observations 17 students were arrested.

Glenn spoke briefly about the reality of the world we live in—how shooters get in schools like Columbine and Sandy Hook Elementary School, and the terrorists attack in San Bernardino. He said these things could happen anytime and anywhere. Everyone should be vigilant and be prepared what you are going to do when someone comes into the room and starts shooting. He said you have three choices: you can run, or hide, or fight. Whatever you do have a plan. If you are going to run, where are you going to run where will it be? If you are going to hide where will it be? As for Glenn, we all know what he is going to do—he's probably always going to fight. That's why he always has his gun!

**Allan Mannheim inducted as Malibu Rotary Club's newest member**



**Bill Wishard (center) congratulates Allan Mannheim (left) as he is inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club by club president David Zielski at the club meeting April 20**

## **Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

**Bianca, Carlye and Margo** all volunteered at Vision To Learn screenings at Morningside High School in Inglewood.

Bianca Torrence reported that her son David Torrence started the running season as a winner in the 1500 meter race.

Bianca is Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Nominee and will be attending the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea representing the Malibu Rotary Club.

Bill Wishard will be representing the Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary District Convention in San Diego.

Several Rotarians will be going to the May 14<sup>th</sup> District Assembly in Carson.

### **Turkey Trot**

An idea coming out of the March 23 meeting was one suggested by Bianca Torrence for Thanksgiving morning—a Turkey Trot Run- a planned Thanksgiving morning Malibu Rotary Club sponsored or cosponsored Turkey Trot 5k-10k run and walk at Trancas Beach -. Mark Person recommended Beth Neal who might be able to help with the logistics of putting this on— . Barefoot Alberto, who is in charge of Malibu Marathon was at the April 13 meeting and said he would help out in several ways, such as promoting the Malibu Rotary Turkey Trot at the same time he is promoting the Marathon, with promotion flyers and publicity. The April 27<sup>th</sup> Malibu Rotary Club meeting will be devoted to working on logistics of the Turkey Trot.

### **Guests**

Guests at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Malibu Rotary Club meeting included **Alan Mannheim** started the meeting as a guest but by the end of the meeting he was a member. Therefore the only guest was speaker **Glenn McConnell**

## Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya for new Raincatcher installations and maintenance of those previously intalled.. More about Raincatcher can be see on it website Raincatcher.org. A link to Raincatcher video is on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

## Calendar (for details on these programs see Calendar on [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org))

Filter records:

Speaker	<u>Date</u>	Topic
Turkey Trot Committee	Apr 27, 2016	Plans for the M
Harvey Mudd College	May 04, 2016	RainCatcher

---

---