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Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Wednesday August 20 is official visit of Rotary District Governor Elsa Gilham—at 10:45 a.m. in Villa Graziadio Executive Center Room 115 Malibu Rotary Club leaders meet with DG and discuss club accomplishments and goals; at noon in same room at Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus is regular meeting when DG Elsa talks about District events and inducts 2 New Malibu Rotarians

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- **Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org**
- **Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/**
- **RI President (2014-2015) Gary CK Huang**

- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2014-2015): Elsa Gilham**
- **Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Neil Godsey (2014-15)**

**David Sagona Talked About the Malibu Youth Commission:
What is it and What is does**



David Sagona, member of the City of Malibu Youth Commission and student at Our Lady of Malibu, was the featured speaker at the August 13 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club. He was there to tell the Malibu Rotarians about the Youth Commission.

The City of Malibu's Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission was established in 1999. Since that time the Commission has gone from seven (7) members to as many as 25. The Youth Commission for the 2014-2015 school year includes 23 members who represent grades 7-12 from four different schools (Malibu High School, Our Lady Of Malibu, Crossroads School and Harvard Westlake). David said he had to give a speech in front of the mayor and City Council. At 12 years old David is the youngest member. The Commission meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Malibu City Hall.

Commissioners are appointed by a majority vote of the members of the City Council and serve a one year term that is active during the school year. To be appointed to the Commission, students must either live or go to school in Malibu and be in grades 7-12. The Commission's meetings focus on the goals that are given to them by City Council.

The 2013-2014 Commission organized a Teen Drive-In Movie Night, Teen Haunted House and had volunteered at a variety community events. This is the first year that the Commission met in committees during the summer and were able to get a head start on planning teen events and leadership opportunities for upcoming year.

The Youth Commission has begun planning:

- Teen Haunted House and Movie Night: October 17, 2014 at Malibu Bluff Park. The Commission will be working with Mending Kids International to seek donation requests from the public. Previewing the movie "ParaNorman" on the City's inflatable screen and organizing a haunted house.
- Malibu Teen Film Festival: January 9, 2015 at the Malibu Civic Theater. This is a first annual event; the Commission has been working with outside professionals to assist with the planning and implementation.
- Battle of the Bands: date TBD (spring 2015): 9th annual event that will expand this year to include bands and dancers.
- Additional activities that the Commission is planning include: teen leadership workshop, youth business recognition program, volunteer opportunities and service hours.

All activities that are planned by the Commission are funded by the City's general fund. Budgeted items include promotional/marketing expenses, prizes for event winners, raffle items for guests who attend events, movie licenses, etc.

This year the Commission is reviewing options of seeking donations for Teen Film Festival winners. Ideally, the Commission would like to offer the Teen Film Festival winner(s) an option to attend a film school during a school break, editing software or filming equipment as well as recognition awards for all the students who submit film for the festival.

The Youth Commission will be reach out to various agencies throughout the year to assist with marketing, promoting, volunteering and seeking donations for the Malibu teen community.

The City of Malibu staff contact for the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission is Kristin Riesgo, Recreation Supervisor (310)-456-2489 ext 350 or Krisgo@malibucity.org.

David is the son of Malibu Rotarian Kelly Sagona, and, in addition to participating in the Youth Commission he plays youth football and he has some unique programs he would like to implement to recognize young children, teens and coaches.

“For example, I am looking for players that are kind, who help others, team leaders, and hard workers. As for coaches, we have fathers that take time to help, even though they have a tough schedule. Right now I know coach Mike Bonewitz, who has a large family, and takes time out to coach youth football. He also lets kids join for free if the parents have a hardship. I would like to see him and his wife go out to a nice dinner. That is why I am selling Car Wash tickets from California Waterless Car Concepts. . A portion (10%) will go towards my goals. I will be selling tickets at events, stores, and you can also go the website and buy tickets and products (Californiawaterlesscarwash.com or call 310-456-2850).”

Other News and Guests at the Last Meeting

The Malibu Rotary Club meeting August 13 was yet in another room in the Villa Graziadio Exective Center. This one was obviously the Board Room—long table, high back chairs, patio with a view, large flat screen TV. If I didn’t know it was Pepperdine I would think there was a private bar behind one of the walls. I think if our speaker wasn’t a minor they would have passed out cigars after the meeting. It doesn’t matter what room they throw us into-- every room is probably better than any room other Rotary Clubs meet in—and for the best price of any Rotary Club in the District. Malibu Rotarians consider yourselves blessed!

Happy Dollars

There were several members with Happy Dollars. **John Elman** had happy dollars, all having to do with stories in the local press, both in the *Malibu Times* and *The Malibu Surfside News* . mailed editions of the July 30 meeting; *Malibu Surfside News* August 13 issue had 3 significant pages for John: 1)top event on Calendar on page 2 was the Malibu Rotary Club, top story on page 10 was “Rotary hosts ‘Dream Builder’ coach” and original story and color picture by **Chris Bashaw** about Malibu Rotary Club’s August 6 speaker **Laura Cazares**—John feels that Chris went into more depth than John did in writing about what this speaker had to say and recommends Chris’ report on that meeting, and 3) on page 14 of the same issue the top story is “Pet of the Week”—**Gizmo**—owned John and Lee Ann.Elman Of course John and Lee Ann are very proud of this—check Lee Ann’s facebook to see how proud! **Bill Wishard** also had happy dollars involving multiple things. Bill is a member of a volunteer group that helps the Topanga Police. He must attend regular meetings which are often rather boring. The meeting the previous night was not boring, however, when Bill asked the Captain if he was involved in the previous week’s car chase involving the car chase that began at the LA Fitness in Chatsworth and ended in Malibu Bluff’s Park, with gun shots fired by both suspect and police. “Glad you asked.” Bill

related how the meeting suddenly became alive as the Captain, was indeed involved, described the action of the night—will try to get him as a future Malibu Rotary Club speaker. Bill also attacked about that morning's Rotary District Literacy Breakfast at Lawry's. There were two speakers, Austin Beutner, who is, among other things, Founder and Chairman of Vision to Learn, and also Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey. Bill said that except for having to get up so early to get there this was a wonderful event—the speakers and food were great. There was some speculation whether Austin Beutner was going to be there. He was on that morning's front page of the *Los Angeles Times* as that paper's new publisher. Bill said he was indeed there, casual, and impressive for his passion for the Vision to Learn Program as benefit to society.

Guests

Guests at the meeting included **Delvin Glymph**, career counselor at Pepperdine, and **Shannon Latson**, a Marriage and Family therapist at Stillpoint Family Resources, as well as a member of the staff at Pepperdine University in the Foreign Language Department. Both Delvin and Shannon are scheduled to be inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club at the next meeting.

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)

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

Calendar (for details on these programs go to www.maliburotary.org)

Rotary District Governor Elsa Gilham Aug 20, 2014

Rotary District Governor Official Visit (in Pepperdine Villa Graziadio Room EC 115)

Rotary District Governor Elsa Gilham, who is no stranger to the Malibu Rotary Club, will have her "official" visit to the Malibu Rotary Club, to talk about the state of the district and district events. There will be a special meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors with the governor in the meeting room at 10:45 a.m., where the Malibu Rotary Club officers will tell the governor what the club plans are for this Rotary year.

Carl Christman Aug 27, 2014

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.

Beth Mohiuddin Sep 03, 2014

Travel & Craft Talk

Dr Alison Gallwey Wishard Guerra Sep 10, 2014

Early Childhood Development

Assistant Professor , UC San Diego Education Studies, Dr. Wishard is an alumna of Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, Student Body Pres. Malibu Park Junior High School '89, UC Santa Cruz '97, UCLA PhD School of Psychological Studies in Education '05, speciality in early childhood development and multicultural children.

Her husband Eduardo Guerra, UC Santa Cruz '97, a club leader of Del Mar Solana Beach Rotary, son of Malibu Rotarian Pompeya Monteros, was born in Ecuador ,raised in Manhattan Beach,CA

They have 2 daughters, Sofia Alexandra Wishard Guerra 6 y.o., Alina Luz Guerra, 4 y.o. expected to accompany her 10 Sept.

UCSD Dean Elman noted: "her work is sophisticated, important, thoughtful, and impactful," in recently announcing her being tenured and promoted.

Veera Mahajan Sep 17, 2014

Learning to L.I.V.E. -- A Journey....

Veera writes:

"I am Veera Mahajan. I have been in Malibu for almost 4 years. I moved here from Michigan after my divorce from a long marriage of 23 years. On the surface my life and marriage looked like a model life. My family lived in a mansion that was 27000 sq ft house. We were educated and very successful. Had two beautiful healthy sons. We were the honored guests at most parties and gatherings and threw grand parties ourselves. We all liked to dance so we always looked happy. But, not many knew what was happening when we were alone.

"People thought I lived like a queen but I use to feel and sometimes say, yes I do live like a queen when he lets me. I thought I was free but I did not know what real freedom was till I was here in Malibu. Three months after I was here, I realized one day that I had not cried for 3 months. That is when I knew I was free.

"Since I have been here, I am running a local multi media magazine called Malibu Chronicle. My magazine focus on All Good News. It gives me a voice and I share that voice with others. I helps anyone who has a good story to tell to use my magazine to have a voice too.

"I have been working on my first book for last 4 years. It is a collage of stories from a lot of successful men and women who have lived and escaped lives of abuse and now enjoying life that they want.

"Leaning to L.I.V.E.is a journey that I went through from a life in domestic violence to love and freedom.

"**L.I.V.E.** stands for

Love your Self

Insist on freedom

Victory over victim syndrome and
Empowered being. '

PDG Rick Mendoza Oct 01, 2014

Rick's Underwater Images -- A slide show you won't want to miss

Richard "Rick" Mendoza, PDG

Rick joined Rotary in 1986 - was club president in 1993-1994. And he served as **District Governor in 2002-2003** –

In 2009 he was recognized with Rotary International's highest award the *"Service Above Self"* award.

In 2012 he was recognized with The Rotary Foundation's highest *award, the "Distinguished Service Award"*.

He served a three year term as the District Rotary Foundation Chair for D-5280. And, he is currently serving Zone 26 as the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in 2013-2015.

In 1973, as a hobby, he became a Los Angeles County Certified Under Water SCUBA instructor - and was cross certified with NAUI and PADI. He taught SCUBA for 4 years certifying 200+ students.

His passion for photography is recognized throughout the District, Zone and Rotary International. At this meeting Rick will show some of the images he has captured with underwater camera.

Shannon Latson Oct 15, 2014 -

Creating a Lower Conflict Environment