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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski

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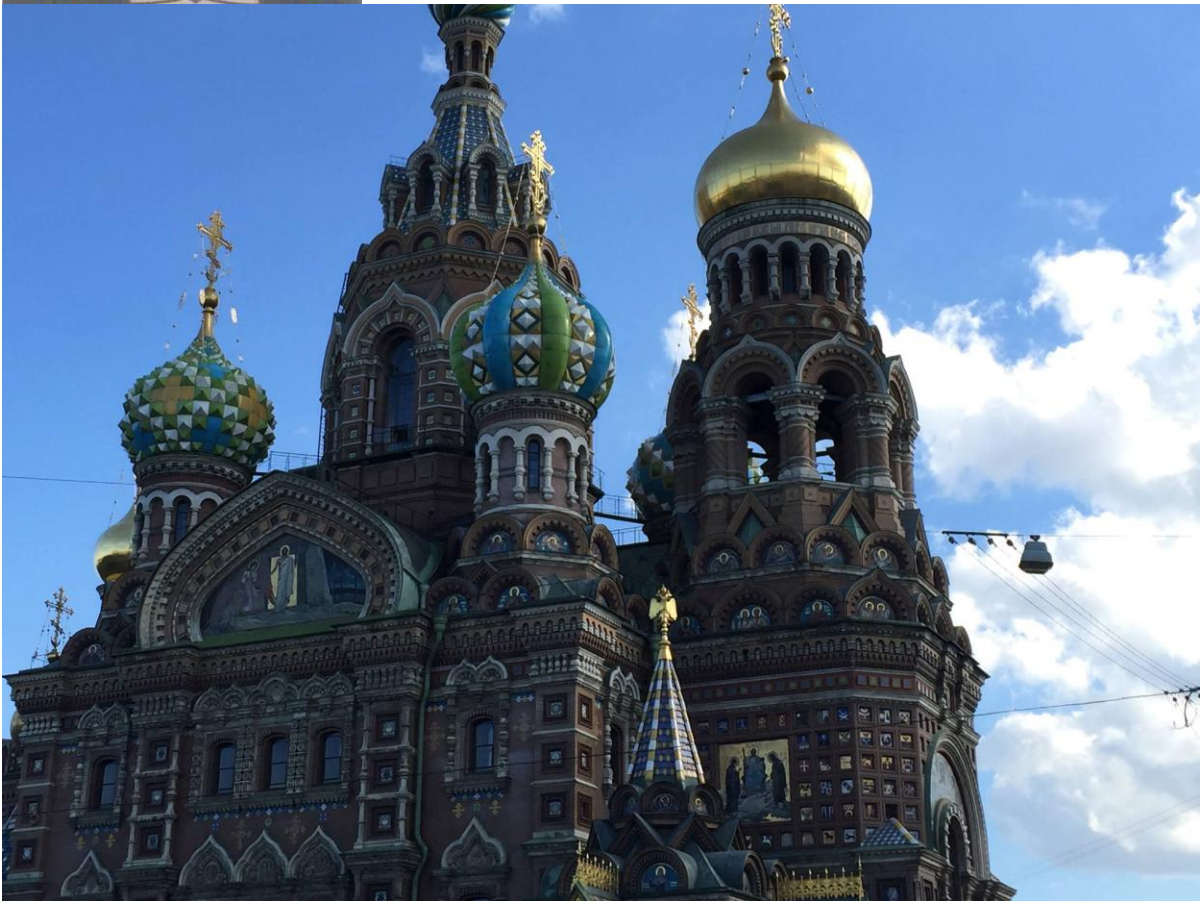
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
- RI President (2015-2016) K.R. Ravindran

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

Margo Returns and tell us about her visit to St. Petersburg Russia



Editors note: Malibu Rotary Club Past President Margo Neal and husband Schenkelberg returned from a cruise on the Baltic Sea this week. Margo talked about that trip, and the special place she wanted to see, St Petersburg, when she returned for the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 19. The editor asked Margo to describe her visit to his city which was originally called St. Petersburg, then Leningrad when the Communists took control, then changed back to St. Petersburg.



This historic place was on my bucket list, so now I've crossed it off. I loved our visit there. I had been reading Russian history so I was very interested in seeing the places I had read about. The old buildings that were erected during the Romanov reigns are magnificent. Their

opulence is staggering—so much gold leaf (everywhere), the exquisite furnishings, the beautiful but huge ceramic heaters, the parquet floors with their fabulous artistry, the art work---I could go on and on.

The city itself was beautiful: The exteriors of the imperial buildings were very colorful: blue & white, green & white, yellow & white. And at least in the areas where we were there was no litter, no graffiti, no billboards, no homeless, no McDonalds (although I did see a Starbucks)--perhaps all were in an area where we were not allowed to go. Many gardens and flowers; one guide told us the greenhouses start growing the flowers in Feb & then transplant them. Yes, the city was full of tourists and the museums were full.

Security was strict. We had to show our passports every time we left the ship, also on the return, and every tourist had to have a visa. There was no browsing in shops or stopping for a coffee at an outdoor café; the only place we could purchase anything was in the museum gift shops. One guide told us they get only 60something days of sun a year—and we had three of them. Very lucky!

I know that Putin is from St. Petersburg. One of the speakers we had at Rotary told us that his father was a chef for Stalin. Perhaps Putin has absorbed some of Stalin's thoughts and tactics?





The artistry in these parquet floors in the castles in St. Petersburg is amazing.....all hand done, of course.

Other News and Guests at Malibu Rotary Club

. Malibu Rotary Club President **David Zielski** had a nasty swollen spider bite above his eye as he presided over the Malibu Rotary Club meeting August 19th. David said he was going on a special 18th wedding anniversary vacation with his wife to Big Sur and other places in northern California after the meeting. He said the inflammation on his face was getting better, but setting off on his anniversary vacation with this malady made him remember what happened just before his 5th anniversary vacation. On that occasion he promised his wife he wouldn't do anything to jeopardize going on the vacation. He said that at the time he was working with a bunch of young people in a computer software company. At noon they would go out and play various competitive sports, basketball or on this particular day, soccer. Somehow David got kicked in the forehead with another player's knee, opening up a big gash, requiring him to be taken to the emergency room and get stitches, leaving him the prospect of going on his anniversary vacation with swollen face and black eyes. The spider bite was, as Leo Durocher used say, "déjà vu all over again".

Dave had several announcements. The annual Rotary District 5280 Picnic will be held September 30 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Seaside Lagoon, 200 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach. **Bill Wishard** has been to these before and says they are lots of fun, especially for kids. Admission is free but it is recommended you bring some food or dinks to share with the group. The Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held November 14 at the Loewe's Hotel in Santa Monica. It is sold out, but several club members have tickets. Everyone should be Rotary Foundation Raffle tickets, which are \$100 per book. Selling these books the money goes directly into the Rotary Foundation and counts towards Rotarians' Paul Harris total of \$1000. Items are being solicited for the silent auction at the event. At our August 19 meeting we decided to create a "Taste of Malibu" basket which will contain wine from local Malibu Vineyards and certificates for Malibu Restaurants. When the Rotary District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila visits on September 23 he will be presented with the Malibu Rotary Club auction item (or items) as well as a \$333.00 donation to the Rotary Foundation, derived from our club's Happy Dollars account. With Bill Gates matching 2 for 1 dollars the \$333.00 will become \$1000.00. Are we donating \$333.00 or \$333.33 1/3? Maybe it should be \$333.34 to reach that magic \$1000.00 plateau with Gates' help.

Malibu Rotary Club Participation in Malibu Kiwanis Club Chili Cookoff

Bianca Torrence is chairing Malibu Rotary Club participation in the Annual Malibu Kiwanis Club Chili Cookoff held Labor Day weekend September 4, 5, and 6th. The Malibu Rotary club is again selling water and watermelon. Usually Kiwanis supplies tent for booth, but not this year. Bianca is getting us tent. Kiwanis had Malibu Rotary Club buy \$100 raffle ticket for car in order to participate in event. All Malibu Rotarians are expected to put desired hours on sign up sheet

Bianca circulated at the August 19th meeting and will have at future meetings leading up to event.

Guests

There were 2 guests at the August 19th Malibu Rotary Club meeting: Frequent guest *Malibu Surfside News* editor **Chris Bashaw** new guest, and future member of the Malibu Rotary Club (to be inducted September 23) **Mark Persson**, Executive Director of the Malibu Chamber of Commerce. Mark, who has been a speaker at our club, jumped right in and said he would work on getting us items for the “Taste of Malibu” basket to be auctioned at the Rotary Foundation Dinner.

Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatche makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to Raincatcher installations and maintenance. In February The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing in Africa was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now 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 maliburotary.org)

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Speaker

Date

Topic

Carmen Ramos Koros and
Bianca RamosTorrence

Aug 26,
2015

Rosa O Ramos Foundation

“In many Latin American cities, children as young as 5 are selling candy or newspapers, washing cars and doing other jobs (Marcela Raffaelli). The Government has no policies and the pillars of any compassionate system is shattered.”

Speaker	Date	Topic
		<p>The Rosa O Ramos Foundation is a public</p> <p>assisting with the basic necessities including food</p> <p>the surrounding local communities. It partners</p> <p>Ministers of Charity to provide these services</p>
Irene Bettler	Sep 02, 2015	<p>What is Kyäni?</p> <p>Malibu Rotarian Irene Bettler explains how Kyäni uses Alaskan Sockeye Salmon, to create the most compelling</p>
JT Waring	Sep 09, 2015	<p>Bringing Rotary Back to Burma</p> <p><u>Since 2011 JT Waring has been</u> Special Representative of the International</p> <p>Rotary International.</p> <p>He lives in both Anaheim Hills, California, USA, and Yangon, Myanmar.</p> <p>He is recognized for senior public affairs/civic service leadership in providing clean water to orphanages in Myanmar (the former Burma), where Rotary International was established as a local organization on June 3, 2013. He will now lead</p>
David Zielski	Sep 16, 2015	Club Assembly in Preparation for Rotary District Assistant Governor
Rotary District Beach Party	Sep 20, 2015	<p>Rotary District Picnic at Seaside Lagoon in Redondo Beach</p> <p>Don't miss one of the most fun events every year- the District Fellowship! - See more at: http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/Events</p>
Rotary District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila	Sep 23, 2015	Rotary District Report from The Rotary Assistant District Governor
Rotary District Breakfast #2	Oct 20, 2015	Rotary District Breakfast #2 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd
Rotary Foundation Celebration	Nov 14, 2015	Rotary Foundation Celebration "Seaside Serenade" at Lowes Santa Monica
David Zielski	Jan 13, 2016	Club Assembly -- 6 month Rotary Year Review

Speaker	<u>Date</u>	Topic
	2016	David Zielski and Malibu Rotary Club leadership review the club's
Rotary Peace Conference	Jan 15, 2016	Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario, CA Jan 15-16
Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama	Jan 27, 2016	Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama Jann 27-Feb 1
Rotary District Breakfast #3	Feb 11, 2016	Rotary District Breakfast #3 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blv

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.ImTqdWhe.dput>