



The Award Winning

## Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal

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- **Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Wednesday August 27 room LC 152 at Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus. Speaker is Carl Christman, a magician at the Magical Castle in Hollywood who amaze Rotarians and their guest with his ability to read minds. Fellowship begins at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at Noon sharp.**
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- **Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)**

- **Rotary District 5280 Website:**[www.rotary5280.org/](http://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)**

**Rotary District Governor Elsa Gilham inducts 2 New Malibu Rotarians and Tells Malibu Rotary Club continues to be the ideal VIBRANT Club**



**Rotary District Governor Elsa Gillham inducted Shannon Latson and Delvin Glymph into the Malibu Rotary Club on August 20<sup>th</sup> as the club’s newest members. Shown above (L to R) are Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal, Shannon Latson, Shannon’s sponsor Maggie Luckerath, Delvin Glymph, Rotary District Governor Elsa Gillham, and Delvin’s sponsor Malibu Rotary Club Past President Bill Wishard.**

With 62 Rotary clubs comprising the local Rotary District 5280, clubs are fortunate to get even one visit from the current Rotary District Governor. The Rotary Club of Malibu therefore was especially blessed to have Rotary District Governor Elsa Gilham visit the club 3 times since last October (when she was Governor-Elect). At each visit Elsa has inducted multiple new members into the Malibu Rotary Club. On October 23, 2013 Elsa inducted a record 5 new members into the club. On July 2 (her second day in office as District Governor) Elsa inducted 2 new member, and on August 20, 2014, making her “official” visit to the club, Elsa inducted 2 more new Malibu Rotarians—that’s 9 new members in 10 months—almost 1 per month. The Malibu Rotary Club now has 24 members (including charter member Jack Corrodi) and is probably the fastest growing club in the district. Couple this with the fact that the Malibu Rotary Club meets in the most beautiful location in the district and yet has the least expensive dues, no wonder why Elsa can consider the Rotary Club of Malibu one of the most VIBRANT clubs in the district!

The two newest Malibu Rotarians are **Shannon Latson** and **Delvin Glymph**. Shannon is a Marriage and Family Therapist at Stillpoint Family Resources in West Hills, CA. She is also the office manager for the Pepperdine University International Studies and Languages Division. Delvin is a Career Counselor at the Pepperdine University Seaver College Career Center. Shannon's Rotary Classification will be "Marriage and Family Therapist" and Delvin will be "Educator."

Elsa explained that her message from Rotary International President (2014-15) is to "Light Up Rotary." Inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius, who said "It is better to light a candle than to sit and curse the darkness", President Gary CK Huang directs each of us to "Light Up Rotary" in 2014-15. What better way to do so than for "Each Club to be a VIBRANT Club" which is my one District Goal for this year. Imagine how our District with 62 VIBRANT Clubs and over 2400 members will "Light Up Rotary" by doing good, having fun and sharing Rotary. I am excited and honored to be your District Governor this coming year and along with my extraordinary team of experienced and dedicated district leaders, we are here to help you make your club a VIBRANT club. Together District 5280 clubs will "Light Up Rotary"!

We want every one of our District 5280 clubs to "Light Up Rotary" by being a

VIBRANT club.

Each letter in the word **VIBRANT** stands for an idea she would like us all to embrace.

"Every Club a Vibrant Club" is the only District goal this year.

A **VIBRANT** club is

Visible in their communities, has

Involved members, does

**Bigger, Better and Bolder** Projects,

Reaches out to recruit and retain members with a net

Increase of 2 per club,

Advances and trains their members to become leaders, has

Never ending fun and supports

The Rotary Foundation with an average of \$250 per member contribution.

"In short, **VIBRANT** clubs are strong, energized, engaged and growing and are recognized for their outstanding service to the local and world communities. I challenge each Rotarian to Light Up Rotary by making your club a **VIBRANT** Club."

To amplify her **VIBRANT** theme Elsa cited examples and gave out certificate award to certain members of the Malibu Rotary Club who exemplified who made the Malibu Rotary Club a **VIBRANT** club.

- **Visibility**—All members can make the Malibu Rotary Club more visible by telling your friends about it, by wearing your Rotary pin, and the club itself has been visible at club projects and events with signage, stories in the press and internet (website, social media, etc)
- **Involvement**—All the new members of the club must be given jobs to do, committees to serve on. If they do not choose areas of interest they will be assigned.
- **Bigger, Better, Bolder** exciting projects. To this end DG Elsa gave a special award to **Maggie Luckerath** for chairing so many **Bigger, Better, Bolder** exciting projects.
- **Reaching Out** to recent members, potential younger members. Invite spouses, friends. **Maggie Luckerath** was given another certificate award for bringing in the most members.
- **Advancement and Training of New Members**—This is something the Malibu Rotary Club has done more recently than in previous years, when recycling presidents seemed more the rule than the exception. Griselda and David Zielski, both inducted in October by Elsa, are already committed to be Club President in 2015 and 2016 respectively.
- **Never Ending Fun**—Elsa suggested fellowship activities that both club and the district has on a regular basis. Some of the fun activities the district has coming up are the Rotary District Breakfasts, the next of which is at the Citi Club on October 7, the Rotary District Picnic at the Seaside Lagoon on September 14, a second picnic along with Race (and walk) to End Polio on March 21 at Griffith Park, the Humanitarian Trip to Guatemala (with its fun side excursions), and ending the Rotary year in May at the Rotary District Conference on Coronado Island in San Diego Bay.
- **The Rotary Foundation-** It is important for all Rotarians to support the Rotary Foundation because that is the main source of funds for all the humanitarian projects, scholarships, student exchanges, grants, for local community projects, etc. Although the District goal is for all members to contribute \$250.00 per year to The Rotary Foundation, our club goal and club past contributions of been much less than that. There are various ways that people can contribute to the Foundation. One of the easiest is buying a book of raffle tickets for the Rotary Foundation Dinner November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Biltmore Hotel, which is \$100 (there are 11 raffle tickets in each book which can be sold for \$10.00 each—the member gets credit towards \$100 Rotary Foundation contribution for each book). Elsa gave **Bob Syvertsen** a special recognition award because Bob bought 2 raffle books last year, making him the Malibu Rotary Club's biggest contributor to the Rotary Foundation.

## David Zielski Shows Latest Raincatcher Video



There are over a billion people who do not have access to clean drinking water. RainCatcher helps get low cost, low maintenance and sustainable water systems to Uganda and Kenya so women and children have a safe and close water source.

Every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness. Women and children spend 200 million hours a day collecting water. By providing a local and safe water source, there can be an increased girls' school attendance, level of education and literacy rates, as they no longer need to miss school to secure water for their families and have adequate and separate sanitation facilities.

There can also be reduced physical injury from constant lifting and carrying heavy loads of water, reduced risk of rape, sexual assault, and increased safety as women and girls do not have to go to remote and dangerous places to defecate or to fetch water during the night.

The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher.

There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously no clean drinking water. David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher, makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing 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>

## Other News and Guests at the Last Meeting

### Rotary Moments.

### Bill's Rotary Story

Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal wanted a member to choose a "Rotary Moment" that was especially memorable in the member's life. She chose Bill Wishard, because of all our members, he had participated more Rotary events than anyone—going to several Rotary International Conventions, going to the Rotary District Humanitarian Trip to Ecuador, et al, but

what he chose was when Margo had asked him to have his brain concussion rehab mate Page Jones speak to the Malibu Rotary Club.

For those who hadn't heard the story before, in 1994 Bill had been on a motorcycle on Mulholland Dr that had been hit by a drunk driver and he was unconscious for a month in a hospital bed at Daniel Freeman Hospital, one of the top brain trauma centers in the area. After he awoke he spent a year at Daniel Freeman's rehab center recovering from his severe brain injuries. In 1994 Parnelli Jones' son Page was the top midget race car driver in the country. That year he was in a major accident on the track and was also unconscious for a month. He had major brain injuries which prevented him from talking, and he ended up in rehab at Daniel Freeman Hospital next to Bill.

Bill was making a recovery and Page's parents thought it would be good for Bill to talk to Page, to show that recovery from a similar injury was possible. They ended up spending a lot of time together, and slowly Page was able to talk, and communicate with Bill. Bill said Page had a great sense of humor and had great stories to tell about his days in racing. Page never recovered as fully from his brain injury as Bill did from his. Bill remained friends with Page even after both were out of Daniel Freeman, and in fact, when they are in town they see each other weekly to this day. Page cannot drive, has a caretaker, but later was able to marry and have children.

When Margo was Program Chair for Malibu Rotary Club Bill told her about Page and she asked if he could speak at a Malibu Rotary Club meeting. Bill said Page couldn't really give a speech. He had trouble putting his thoughts together cogently. He can answer questions, but could not plan a speech. Maybe if Bill set up a Larry King style interview of Page where Bill asked him questions about things Page knew about. So that was the format set up as the Rotary program.

The program of Page Jones as guest speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club was successful and when other clubs in the District heard about the program they wanted to have Page "speak" also. The District Governor of the Rotary District in Riverside was a race car driver and he wanted Page to be keynote speaker at their District Convention. At Bill's demotion party last June, Page was unable to attend, but he sent a letter that was read:

"I HAVE KNOWN BILL WISHART [sic] SINCE 1994 WHEN WE MET AT DANIEL FREEMAN HOSPITAL WHERE WE BOTH WERE RECOVERING FROM TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES. LEARNING OF BILL'S DRAMATIC RECOVERY AND EXPERIENCING HIS UP BEAT PERSONALITY AND FRIENDLY DEMEANURE INSPIRED ME TO DO MY BEST TO TRY RETURN TO THE STATE THAT I WAS PRIOR TO MY INJURY. THAT MEETING HAS EVOLVED INTO A LASTING AND ENDEARING FRIENDSHIP.

OVER THE YEARS BILL HAS CONTINUED TO BE AN IMPORTANT AND ENCOURGING PRESENCE IN MY LIFE. HE HAS PROVIDED ME AND MY CARE GIVER IGGY ESTRADA, WITH VALUABLE INSIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE ON MANY SUBJECTS, ALONG WITH GREAT CONVERSATION REGARDING TOPICAL ISSUES OF THE DAY AT OUR USUAL FRIDAY LUNCHESES PRIOR GOING TO THE MOVIES. I CANNOT EXPRESS ENOUGH THANKS TO BILL FOR UNSELFISHLY GIVING ME SO

MUCH OF HIS TIME AND FOR BEING SUCH A WONDERFUL FRIEND.

IN ADDITION, BILL HAS ENCOURAGED ME TO DO MUCH PUBLIC SPEAKING, ESPECIALLY TO THE VARIOUS ROTARY CLUB CHAPTERS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. AND THANKS TO BILL, THIS ENDEAVOUR HAS VASTLY IMPROVED MY SELF CONFIDENCE AND AT THE SAME TIME, MADE ME MORE AWARE OF THE GOOD DEEDS PERFORMED BY THE ROTARY, AND BILL HIMSELF.

IN CLOSING, ON BEHALF OF MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY, MY PARENTS, I SINCERELY THANK YOU BILL, FOR BEING A TRUE FRIEND.

RESPECTFULLY,

PAGE JONES

### **Happy Dollars**

There were several members with Happy Dollars. **Margo Neal** was happy to be back home from her trip—I think we were all happy to see Margo back. New Member **Shannon Latson** was happy about her son's grades at Moorpark College. **David Baird** was happy that school has started and his grandson is no longer in David's home.

### **Guests**

Guests at the meeting included

**Melody St John**, DG Elsa Gillham's Executive Aid, Past President of the Hollywood Rotary Club, and wife of former President of the Malibu Rotary Club and Hollywood Rotary Club and founder of the Rotary YES/SCANEX USA Train Tour for Rotary Youth Exchange Students who completed their high school year in the USA (it is a 30 day train trip around the US for those students); and

**Bianca Torrence**, realtor with RE/MAX ELITE in Malibu.

### **Upcoming Speakers** (yet to be confirmed)

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](http://www.maliburotary.org))

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](http://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

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