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## **Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter**

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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)**

**Carl Christman, Magician at the Magical Castle in Hollywood, and Professor at La Sierra University, amazes Rotarians and their guests with his ability to read minds**



Carl Christman entertained, informed, and amazed everyone at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting August 27<sup>th</sup>. Even skeptics left the meeting shaking their heads, wondering “How did he do that?”

As a teacher as well as an entertainer Carl gives away some of the secrets that he uses to read your mind, to know what you’re thinking. His secret is that he watches you. Every blink, every inflection of a word you say when you are talking, are instantly assessed by Carl and with that information he can tell what you are thinking.

He used multiple people at the meeting to illustrate his unique ability. He had several people at the center table (Delvin, Beth, Maggie) shake a die in clear tumbler and think about the number that came up. He had them say all the numbers

on the die and he was correctly able to identify the number. Then he had them do it with 2 dice. Then he presented a grid card with numbers on it and they added up to the die numbers when you added all the numbers in each column, row or corners.

He called on Bob Syvertsen do a think about a place he would like to go. And then think about a place he would like to go but has never been to. Although the place that he hadn't been to was



Oslo, the first place he thought of, which he had been to was Miami, and Carl had written "Miami" on paper.

Carl had Bill Wishard think of a person he had not seen in a long time, and then he had visiting Bianca Torrence draw a picture of something and not show it to anyone.

Carl wrote a name on a piece of paper and asked Bill for the name of the person Bill had not seen in long time but was thinking of. Bill said, the name "Felix," and that is the name that Carl had already written on the paper.

Carl then asked Bianca to show what she had drawn—it was picture of sail boat. Carl said he wasn't a good artist but he then showed another page from the tablet he was holding, the name of the object he had written before Bianca had shown her picture. The word Carl had written the paper was "boat."

Carl showed great wit, humor, timing and magic throughout. If you missed it you missed a most entertaining and informative meeting.

To learn more about Carl to book him as a centerpiece for your meeting or party go to his website: <http://www.carlreadsminds.com/>

## **Other News and Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**

### **Report on the District Membership Meeting**

Both **Beth Mohiuddin** and **Bill Wishard** attended the recent Rotary District Membership meeting and reported that Rotary had hired the firm of Siegel and Gale to help market the "new Rotary." They are interested in finding out why people join and why people leave.

### **Happy Dollars**

One of the largest contributions in Happy Dollars came from **Bob Syvertsen**, who plunked down \$85 in celebrating his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday at the meeting.

Other Happy Dollar contributions came from **Carlye Rudkin** (daughter got a job!), **Maggie Luckerath** (she found a neighbor who can drive Rex Lewis-Clack to the Performing Arts

School, thus relieving her of this time consuming duty); **Irene Bettler** (her 13 year old grandson took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge); **David Baird** (he used the opportunity to tell a couple jokes); and probably the happiest dollar of all came from regular guest **Chris Bashaw**, who normally covers the local news for the *Malibu Surfside News* found himself in the middle of a story we all heard about in Northern California over the weekend—he and his girl friend were staying on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of a turn of the century hotel in Napa when the 6.0 quake hit August 24 at 3:20 a.m. local time. Although 200 people were injured neither Chris nor his girlfriend were among them. That was truly worth a Happy Dollar. We always see Chris with his camera. Chris, did you get some great epicenter pictures?

### Guests

Besides **Chris Bashaw** realtor **Bianca Torrence**, the Malibu Rotary Club meeting August 27 was visited by visiting Rotarian **Eri Tanaka** of the Rotary Club of Honolulu (which meets every Tuesday 11:45 a.m. at the Royal Hawaiian in case you want to make up there while you're on vacation).

## Malibu Rotary Club Has Most Successful Participation in Kiwanis Labor Day Chili Cook Off



**Maggie Luckerath** outdid herself this year in efficiently running the Malibu Rotary Club booth at the 2014 Malibu Kiwanis Club Labor Day Chili Cook Off. First, she convinced Vintage Grocers to sponsor the Malibu Rotary Club booth by donating Watermelon and water. Then she made sure the booth had workers Thursday 5 to 10, Friday 5 to 10, Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Monday from 11:00 to 6:00. Maggie was there keeping an eye on things most of those hours. She also convinced the Kiwanis Club that since the Malibu Rotary Club had raised \$8,000 to help the Bonewitz Family (see [malibu-rotary-club-fundraiser-at-chipotle-restaurant](#)) that the Kiwanis Club, with all the money they take in from the Chili Cook off should do at least that, and at the Chili Cook Off Kiwanis Club presented the family with a giant check for \$10,000. For those who didn't know it before—that's why we call Maggie the "Malibu Rotary Club Chief Negotiator."

Most of the members of the Malibu Rotary Club took part in week end event. More about this next week.

## **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher**

### **Malibu Rotary—Home Club of RainCatcher Executive Director David Zielski**



Every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness. Women and children spend 200 million hours a day collecting water.

There are over a billion people who do not have access to clean drinking water. RainCatcher is efficiently doing something to try to reduce that number. They get low cost, low maintenance and sustainable water systems to Uganda and Kenya so women and children have a safe and close water source.

Besides the obvious health benefits, providing a local and safe water source multiple other social, economical, and educational benefits also accrue. 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>

After viewing this RainCatcher video on YouTube look at some of the others. This is a project that all of the Rotary world should be participating in. Malibu Rotary Club is proud to take a lead in this endeavor.



## **Other News and Guests at the Last Meeting**

### **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))

Beth Mohiuddin Sep 03, 2014

Semester at Sea (and tips from Beth Travel Advisor)

Malibu Rotarian Beth Mohiuddin (<http://www.bethtraveladvisor.com>) will talk and show slides about her Semester at Sea and various places around the world that have highlighted her career in travel.

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. '

General Assembly Sep 24, 2014

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

Joanne Gary Oct 22, 2014

Common Core Curriculum

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.3zucHQ01.dpuf>