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- **Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting September 4th at noon (with Fellowship starting at 11:30 a.m.) in LC152 at Pepperdine Drescher Campus. Speaker will be Kyle Smith of New Zealand, who is General Secretary of the Salvation Army. He will talk about “Life Lessons on Literacy.” His presentation impressed everyone when he was keynote speaker at the recent Rotary District Literacy Breakfast. He has done humanitarian work around the world.**
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- Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/

- Rotary District 5280 “Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians” Website: <http://yp5280.org/>
- RI President (2013-2014) Ron D Burton
- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2013-2014): Doug Baker
- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Alice Mautean (2013-14)

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The Malibu Rotary Club meeting of August 28th was the first meeting with messages from this 2013-2014 Rotary Assistant Governor **Alice Muntean**, who is a Past President (in 2005) of the Rotary Club of Calabasas, and is now a member of the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills. She brought with her two other Rotary district leaders, **Arturo Velasquez**, who is also a member of the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills and also the Rotary District 5280 Colombia Humanitarian Trip Leader and **Jim Micelli**, who is the current president of the Universal City Sunrise Rotary Club, and past Rotary District 5260 Rotary Foundation Chair.

All three of these Rotary leaders had important messages to deliver to the Malibu Rotary Club.

Rotary Assistant District Governors are assigned four Rotary Clubs in the district which are usually close together. Assistant District Governor for the Malibu Rotary Club was usually the same person who was the assistant district governor for Palisades Rotary Club, Santa Monica and another west Los Angeles Rotary Club. Now that Rotary District 5280 has expanded over the Santa Monica Mountains into what was formerly District 5260 in the San Fernando Valley the configuration and responsibility of assistant district governors is much different.

The area assigned to Rotary Assistant District Governor Alice includes the Rotary Clubs of Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Tarzana-Encino, and Universal City Sunrise. It seems strange to group two clubs in central and east San Fernando Valley with Malibu and Palisades Rotary Clubs in the western coastal area of Los Angeles County since Rotary Clubs in Agoura Hills and Woodland Hills are much closer, but that is how Rotary decided to configure the district. It turns out Malibu Rotary Club benefited from this because it may have brought us Universal City's Jim Micelli, who is probably one of the new district's best authorities on the relationship between an individual club, like the Malibu Rotary Club, and the Rotary Foundation. He brought with him the lifetime Rotary Foundation contributions of every current member of the Malibu Rotary Club. What longtime members of the Malibu Rotary Club have been unable to find online Jim brought with him, already printed out, and was able to give this information to club secretary John Elman.

Alice Muntean, who is originally from Romania, and underwriter for Anthem Blue Cross Health Insurance, explains that her function as Rotary Assistant District Governor is to be the liaison between the Rotary club and the Rotary District. She says that she has been a Rotarian for 12 years and Rotary has given her back tenfold what she has put into it. Besides being a past club president and an Assistant Governor she has been an Aid to a District Governor. She appreciates the efforts the Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard and other members of the club have made in filling out the club Planning Guide. She said the Planning Guide is an outline of the plans and promises the club is striving for during this Rotary year—how much is pledged to the Rotary Foundation by the club and the members, the planned growth of the club, and the club participation in District and International events.

Alice also talked about the “Bless the Beasts and the Children” fundraiser that the Woodland Hills is sponsoring in Malibu (see story below), and also the Malibu Rotary Club past and future participation in Rotary District Matching Grants.

Last year the Malibu Rotary Club committed to partner the Woodland Hill Rotary Club to get a Rotary Foundation matching grant for the City Ballet school serving underserved youth.

This year there is another program she recommended we partner them with. It is called “New Directions For Youth.” It involves services for high risk youth in Los Angeles. The commitment from the Malibu Rotary Club would only need to be \$250.00 on a project that will cost \$173,000. The papers for the matching grant would have to be filed before December. We will have a future program about this.

Rotary District Colombia Humanitarian Trip

Arturo Velasquez showed a video and talked about a special humanitarian trip planned for members of Rotary District 5280 to the South American country of Colombia. The video was obviously from the Colombian visitors bureau promoting Colombia as a beautiful country to visit. Their catch line: “the only risk is wanting to stay.”

For Rotary and Rotarians the March 19th trip goes along with one of Rotary’s mottos: “World Peace through Better Understanding.” Arturo asked if anyone in the Malibu Rotary Club had participated in previous Rotary District 5280 humanitarian visits to other countries. Three Malibu Rotarians had participated and two were at this meeting. Both Malibu Rotary Club President **Bill Wishard** and **Pompeya Monteros** had gone on the Rotary mission to Ecuador in March of 2010. Bill said that Rotarians often talk about their “Rotary Moment,” when they realize what Rotary is all about. It is on these type of trips, give wheelchairs to someone who needs one, or seeing the faces of people that are being helped by the Rotary projects, is always an unforgettable moment for all involved. Not at our meaning, but another member of the Malibu Rotary Club who has participated on a Rotary District humanitarian visit to another country was **Barbara Riley**, who went on a similar mission to Puerto Rico in 2012. Malibu Rotary Club had contributed to two of the Puerto Rico projects and Barbara represented the Malibu Rotary Club there and at other projects that club in district 5280 contributed to in Puerto Rico.

Arturo said that after deciding to go to Colombia the district chose 9 of the 90 projects that were being done in the city of Medellin, Colombia.

Each project is a Rotary Foundation grant, with participation from a Rotary Clubs in district 5280 and partnering host Rotary clubs in Colombia. The nine projects are:

1. Dentistry Equipment and furniture for an Adult Community Center with host club Itagui. This impacts 500 adults at a cost of \$39,310.00 of which Rotary District 5280 clubs donated \$10,600.00
2. Water Creek and water source recovery impacting 7000 in habitants of host club Rionetro at a cost of \$41,600.00 of which disticts 5280 clubs contributed \$9,600.00.
3. Musical and technical assistance for disabled children. This impacts 300 people at a cost of \$40,000.00 of which district 5280 donated \$9,300.00

4. Family Economy, Leadership and anti-violence program which affects 500 inhabitants of host club El Poblado, at a cost of \$39,100.00, of which District 5280 donated \$9,133.00
5. Equipment and supplies for a town's only care hospital which affects 4000 inhabitants at a cost of \$41,700.00, of host club Medellin/Nutit, of which District 5280 donated \$9,000.00.
6. Folic Acid pre-natal education campaign which affects 5,000 inhabitants of host club Nutibara at a cost of \$63,000.00 of which Rotary District 5280 donated \$16,975.00.
7. Ludotec for at-risk youth to provide after-school programs for 700 children of host club Medellin at a cost of \$33,000.00 of which district 5280 is donating \$4,900.00/
8. Build and provide equipment for an Educational and Economic center that helps able and disabled children and their families affecting 1150 people of host club Envigado-Ayun at a cost of \$60,000.00 of which district 5280 donated \$10,000.00.
9. To provide leadership training for at-risk youth affecting 1,800 inhabitants of host club Nuevo Medellin at a cost of \$43,000.00 with donation of \$6,900.00 from out local 5280 district.

The global grant for these projects is \$400,000, and the local 5280 Rotary district is contributing \$86,000.

The entire PowerPoint presentation that Arturo showed can be seen on line at http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050010/en-ca/files/stories/now-boarding-district-5280-is-going-to-colombia/colombia-projects-power-point/Updated-Colombia_District_Humanitarian_Trip.pdf.

The cost to go on this trip, which leaves 3/19/2014 and returns 3/23/2014, is \$1,675.00/person is double occupancy, which includes airfare, accommodations, and ground transportation. For singles making the trip it is \$300 more.

There is also a post trip tour to Cartagena, the "Walled City," with touring of coffee plantations, river rafting and other fun, which is scheduled from 3/23/2014 to 3/28/14 for an additional \$800 per person (double occupancy) or \$1400 for a single.

Registration for the trip must be in by October 15, 2013 and the registration form is on the District website at: <http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050010/en-ca/files/stories/now-boarding-district-5280-is-going-to-colombia/colombia-registration-form/Colombia%20Registration%20Form.pdf>.



Jim Micelli, who had been Rotary Foundation Chair of Rotary District 5260, was a wealth for information on Malibu Rotary Club Contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Every Rotary Club member is supposed to contribute at least \$100 each year to the Rotary Foundation. If every Rotarian in Rotary District 5280

buys a \$100 book of raffle tickets this can be done. Jim showed various club Recognition rewards. There is a recognition reward for those clubs in the district who have the average giving of \$100 per member and have every member give something. That is if you had a club of 10 members and each one gave \$100 that would be \$1000 donated to the Foundation at the club would be recognized as such. If, however, one member contributed \$1000 and the rest contributed nothing, the club would not be recognized. They would be recognized if one member contributed \$900 and the other nine members contributed \$10 each.

Only 5 clubs in Rotary District 5280 have had the required membership participation to achieve this recognition.

Once a member has contributed \$1000 over his lifetime the member is recognized at a Paul Harris Fellow. For each additional \$1000 accumulated he is awarded another Paul Harris Fellow. Seven members of the Malibu Rotary Club are Paul Harris Fellows. Four members of the Malibu Rotary Club PHF +1, that is they have contributed over \$2,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

To help members get to the Paul Harris level it is possible to take Paul Harris contributions from previous members and using them a matching grants towards Paul Harris Fellowship. So if a member contributes \$100 to the Rotary Foundation then points can be taken from Available Club Points to give that person another 100 points so they would have 200 points towards their 1000 point Paul Harris Goal. The Malibu Rotary Club has 3,045 Foundation Recognition Points Available for this purpose and Jim Micelli e-mailed John Elman the form necessary to draw on the club recognition points to assist current members towards their Paul Harris Fellow goals.

News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard did not call on historian **David Baird** to recap events that had had happened on the meeting date of August 28th. Bill, however, noted that this day in history is the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I had a Dream" speech. He also recalled that in 1965 when Bill was at Williams College he had the rare opportunity to meet and talk to Martin Luther King about the words that were part of the lyric of a song taken from an MLK speech that Bill knew were used in the "What is the color of God's skin" song that Up With People, the group that Bill toured with in the 60's.

Maggie Luckerath passed around a duty roster signup sheet for Malibu Rotary Club booth at the annual Malibu Chili Cookoff held Labor Day weekend August 30 through September 1. Malibu Rotary Club will again be selling water and water melons. Although he wasn't present at the meeting the club is depending on **Chris Bauman** and his truck to keep the inventory of ice, water, and watermelon well stocked for the weekend Malibu Rotary Club customers for this annual community fund raising event.

Guests

There were 11 guests at the August 28th Malibu Rotary Club meeting. Three of the guests were visiting Rotarians who were part of the program: **Alice Muntean, Arturo Velasquez,** and **Jim Micelli**. We celebrated the birthday of one of the guests, **Jeanne Custis**, who has been an active participant in all the Malibu Rotary Club meetings she has attended. Other guests at the meeting included **Irene Bettler** who is from Switzerland and now lives in Malibu West. Another frequent visitor at the August 28th meeting was **Veera Mahajan**, publisher of *The Malibu Chronicle*. Other visitors were **Kathleen Jensen, Iliana Rizescu, Elizabeth Tilkian,** and **Rhea Regus**.

BLESS THE BEASTS & THE CHILDREN
A Fund Raiser in Malibu Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills
Join the Fun on Saturday, September 7th, 2013

On Saturday, September 7, you are invited to join the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills Charitable Foundation and Malibu Pet Companions when we host the Bless the Beasts & the Children event at a private estate in Malibu.

Last year's event was a huge success with more than 320 guests enjoying an elegant evening that included live music, a hosted bar, a lavish dinner buffet, silent and live auctions. This year's event promises to be even bigger and better, so we hope you'll join in the fun.

Our honorees this year are MPC President Robin Kahrs and Rotarian Sheri Polak. These two women have dedicated years of service and love to children and homeless animals, and we are pleased to celebrate their generosity, caring and dedication to "beasts and children."

All the information about the event including how to buy tickets, sponsor a table, buy a program book ad or donate an auction item can be found at <http://events.rcwh.org>

Tickets to the event are \$100 each and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Last year's event sold out weeks in advance so don't wait too long to buy your tickets.

"Our first annual Bless the Beasts & the Children event was a great success. We honored Dave Woods as well as Malibu Coast Animal Hospital and in the process, we raised more than \$40,000 for Rotary projects benefitting children and Malibu Pet Companions' work on behalf of homeless animals. Our Master of Ceremonies, Dick Van Dyke, was funny and entertaining. The event was held at the home of Honorary Rotarian Dr. Amarjit Marwah who was, as always, a gracious host. Many Rotarians from our club enjoyed the evening with music by the Symphomaniacs, and a delicious buffet dinner and dessert."

October 24th is WORLD POLIO DAY

Julie Jenkins, of the Rotary Club of Burbank Sunrise, visited the Malibu Rotary Club last year as Rotary Assistant District 5280 Governor. This year Julie, who is a victim of polio, has been named Rotary District Polio Plus Chairperson.

She has written the following:

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has generously provided a new challenge to help meet the U.S. \$1.5B funding gap in the strategic campaign to eradicate polio by 2018. Through June 2018, the first \$35 million donated via Rotary to the Polio Plus Fund each year will generate a \$2 matching contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This is a fantastic opportunity for every participant to see his or her donations quickly expand to inoculate three times as many children.

\$1 donated through Rotary + \$2 contributed by Gates Foundation = \$3 total funding = 5 children inoculated

\$35 million donated through Rotary + \$70 million contributed by Gates Foundation = \$105 million total funding = 175 million children inoculated

Please share your fundraising and/or public awareness ideas with your fellow Rotarians throughout the District by sending them to us Jjenkins845@charter.net for inclusion on [the Rotary District website] and other District communications. Inspire us, challenge us, ask for support and share your results, so that together we can watch the number of children that will be inoculated as a result of your good efforts and generosity grow each week.

October 24th is WORLD POLIO DAY

How will you and your Club recognize this important day?

Prompt your City Council to officially recognize October 24 as World Polio Day, then promote that recognition.

Editor's note: I have told Julie I will help get the word out that October 24th is World Polio Day by publishing it here in the *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter* and on the club website Maliburotary.org. If anyone can get a City Proclamation of that day please let Julie know.

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

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Sep 04, 2013

Kyle Smith

"Life Lessons on Literacy"

Major Kyle Smith of New Zealand is General Secretary of the Salvation Army. He has done relief work all over the world, including Rwanda. He was keynote speaker at this year's Rotary District Literacy breakfast in Los Angeles and Malibu Rotarians who saw him there were so inspired by his presentation he was asked (and he accepted) this invitation to speak at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting at Pepperdine University on September 4

Sep 11, 2013

Sherry Weinstein

"Peace Education Program "Peace on the Inside" from Prem Rawat Foundation"

Sherry Weinstein has worked with the Prem Rawat Foundation for 47 years and helped develop the successful Peace Education program that has been very successful in a Texas prison which lowered the recidivism in the prison population. On a date associated with hostility, September 11, Sherry will bring the message of peace.

Sep 18, 2013

David Baird and Malibu Rotary Club Leaders

"Rotary Information Meeting for New and Prospective Members--What is Rotary?"

This is a meeting especially meant for new and prospective members to find out about the Malibu Rotary Club and Rotary International.

Sep 25, 2013

David Zielski

"Solving the Worlds Water Crisis--1 Raindrop at a time"

David Zielski is Executive Director of RainCatcher, an organization that is dedicated to healing communities by providing clean water for children in the developing world using affordable and sustainable solutions. Currently, RainCatcher systems have been

setup in Kenya, Uganda and Haiti. Their hope is to diversify and spread across the globe to other third world countries that need clean drinking water as well. One of its main mission's focuses will be on education. "We will plan on teaching individuals not only how to use our RainCatcher system, but also enlighten them about the diseases that can arise through drinking adulterated water."

Oct 02, 2013

John Elman presents Jim Dyer Legacy Video

"What is a ShelterBox? "

Santa Monica Rotarian Jim Dyer was to have been the Rotary District Governor for 2013-2014 when he died suddenly on the eve of the Rotary District Governors Training seminar last year. He was Shelter Box Ambassador for the Greater Los Angeles Area. In this video interview by Mel Powell of the e-Club of San Fernando Valley you see Jim Dyer explain and show what is in a Shelter Box and why it was one of his passions. After Jim's passing many Rotary Clubs gave donations to Shelter Box in Jim's memory.

Oct 09, 2013

Christopher Chauncey

"Preparedness Counts"

Christopher Chauncey of Preparednes Counts (www.Prepcounts.com) will speak on on how to be prepared for natural disasters.

Oct 16, 2013

Bill Wishard

"Club Assembly Where Malibu Rotary Club Plans will be discussed"

Oct 23, 2013

Rotary Distrist Governor Elect Elsa Gillham

"Rotary District Governor State of the District Report"

Annually the Rotary District Governor visits all the clubs in the Rotary District to report on the state of the District, and also receives reports from the leaders of each Rotary Club on projects, plans and events of the clubs. This year, because of the increased number of clubs in the district DG Doug Baker is going to only half the clubs and Rotary District Governor Elect Elsa Gillham is going to the other half. The Malibu Rotary Club will host DGE Elsa at noon on October 23rd in Room LC 153 of the Pepperdine University Malibu Drescher Graduate campus.

Oct 30, 2013

Kate Rosloff

"Working on the Rotary Rose Parade Float "

Nov 06, 2013

Kimberly Rusell

"And Then There Were Eight"

Kim and Michael Rusell have 3 children of their own. The number of their children grew suddenly to 8 when they agreed to take care of the 5 children of a single mom who died shortly after being diagnosed with lung cancer. Kim's moving story will be told at the October 2 Malibu Rotary Club meeting at noon in LC 153 of the Pepperdine Malibu Grazadio Graduate campus.