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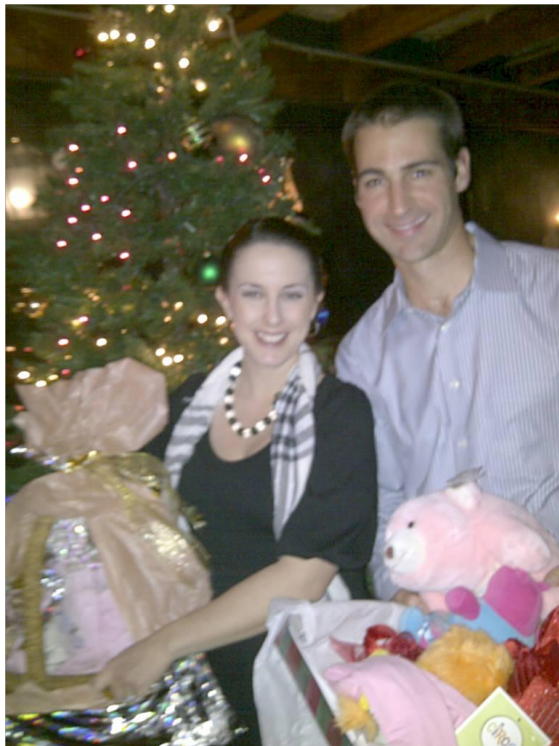
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- **[RI President \(2011-2012\)](#) Kalyan Banerjee**
- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2011-2012): Brad Robinson**
- **Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Kevin Smith**
- **Rotary District Newsletter—see it on Rotary District 5280 site or click [here](#)**

Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party on Dec. 14 at BeauRivage Restaurant is Surprise Baby Shower for the Baumans Enjoyed by All



Two of the 29 guests attending the Annual Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party Dec. 14, at Beau Rivage Restaurant thought it would be the traditional event, where wrapped holiday gifts would be brought and exchanged in the order of numbers drawn, and where people would try to get rid of things they didn't want by trading them up to three times. After the person holding number 1 chooses the first gift, they open it for all to see and then take back to their seat at the table. The person holding the second number can either take Number 1's open gift, or choose one of the unknown wrapped gifts. If your gift is taken you choose another. It was always a fun occasion. For these

two guests they were expecting the normal gift exchange that had been repeated ever since they had joined the Malibu Rotary Club. Yes they knew the venue was special this year. Most of us who have lived in Malibu for some time have had special occasions in this unique upscale picturesque Mediterranean restaurant, established by Daniel & Luciana Forge in 1982. The owner was still there to meet and greet. People have been raving about the food since it first opened. But these two special guests, Malibu Rotary Club Past President Chris Bauman and his wife Leslie, thought the gift exchange, with all the gifts, beautifully wrapped in holiday paper and ribbons under the Christmas tree at the end of the room, would be the traditional exchange that it has been over the years. But as the person who drew number 1, opened the first gift, which turned out to be a beautifully wrapped basket of things that might be used by a---baby, the Baumans started to become suspicious. And when the person holding number 2, chose a gift from under the tree, it also was a baby gift, and so it went and so they knew. The surprise was on them! This was not your normal holiday gift exchange, this was a surprise baby shower for the Bauman's first child, a little girl due around Valentine's Day.

The event was conceived of by Maggie Luckerath, who worked with Bill Wishard, to make this evening the success it was. Professional Event Planner Bill worked with restaurant owner Daniel to get the best price, the table setup, food and details that could have easily gone unnoticed because everything went so smoothly. Originally the dinner was going to be in the restaurant's upstairs room, but when it was discovered that the elevator didn't work, having it on the main level to accommodate Malibu Rotary Club Charter Member Jack Corrodi seemed to be the best idea. The original menu included potatoes but not rice. For the Asian guests it was decided to add a rice side dish. Detail after detail was considered and implemented. Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month Bob Syvertsen emceed the evening and had to admit that this holiday party was probably the best the club has ever had.

Malibu Rotary Club International Projects in Puerto Rico

With matching grants from the Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5280 (District Designated Funds [DDF]), and in partnership with other Rotary clubs in Rotary District 5280 and host clubs in Puerto Rico, the Malibu Rotary Club is involved in two humanitarian international projects in Puerto Rico in 2012.



The most ambitious project (*Hogar Santisima Trinidad* [HST] in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico) involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center (who are also highly likely to have HIV) to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management. HST is a private community based non-profit organization, offering a safe residential rehabilitation and

treatment program to 35 young males addicted to drugs and /or alcohol, established in 1993. HST depends on income from their semi-industrial aluminum and metal recycling and processing program. As part of their rehabilitation program, the HST implements occupational, physical and work therapies through their Mobile Recycling Center Program (MRCP). It consists in the training of patients in the use of a fixed industrial recycling unit permanently located at the Center, where they learn how to process and recycle aluminum, car batteries, diverse metals and other materials under the close supervision of trained supervisors. They also pickup recyclable materials in nearby communities to process at the center. The project also addresses a problem of waste management in Puerto Rico. Studies done by the US Environmental Protection Agency have revealed that improper or in sufficient capacity to dispose of solid waste in Puerto Rico has created public health problems. The management and disposal of solid waste in the Island has long been a challenge, aggravated by the limited space available due to its geographical size, roughly 100 mi by 35 mi, and its delicately balanced ecosystem and the large amount of solid waste generated, at 4,000,000 tons per year. Puerto Rico's residents generate more waste than people living on the mainland and recycling rates are lower. Much of Puerto Rico's waste ends up in landfills, most of which do not comply with local and federal governments' landfill requirements. The cost of HST Rotary project in Puerto Rico is \$22,570. The primary international club sponsoring this project is the Westchester Rotary Club. Malibu Rotary Club is an equal share holder with the Westchester Rotary Club, with each club contributing \$1570.00. Besides the host Rotary Club of Santurce, the Rotary Club of Torrance-Lomita is a partner in this project.



citizen residential facility in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

In the second project (*Centro Geriatrico San Rafael, Inc* in Areciba, Puerto Rico) the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. This project costs \$15,585.00 of which the Malibu Rotary Club and the Westchester Rotary Club have given \$1170.00 each. Other partner clubs are Culver City, Wilmington, along with the host Rotary Club of Arecibo. The project involves upgrading equipment (mostly air conditioning) in a low income senior

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Marine Sargent Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu.



His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palate and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palate disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip across Southeast Asia. He explains, "In late September, 2011, I will set out on a 5,000-mile walk through Southeast Asia. My route will take me through eight different countries,

beginning and ending in Singapore, and the yearlong trek will be an ongoing effort to raise funds for the ICSF and awareness for children living with clefts in the developing world. I chose to base this trip in Southeast Asia because of the region's high prevalence of cleft births." Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240.

See Winston's blog at <http://www.smiletrek.org> (which includes multiple videos) as he travels across the world. As of November 5th he has raised almost \$32,000 for ICSF, over 60% his goal of \$50,000.

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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Calendar

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Dec 21 2011

Malibu Rotary Club Assembly led by Bob Syvertsen to Determine Club Leadership for Coming Year

Dec 28 2011 (no meeting)

Jan 4 2012 Meeting will start 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. Speaker Presentation starts at 8:30 a.m. Chris Bauman

Christopher Bauman is Pepperdine University's Budget Director. In October he toured the Pepperdine University's European campuses in London, Florence, and Heidelberg. At the first Malibu Rotary Club meeting of 2012, Chris will talk and show slides of his visit to these European cities

Jan 10 2012

Rotary District Breakfast—Speaker: Rotary Foundation General Manager John Osterlund. Starting in 2013 all districts will transition to the new grant model which offers two types of grants. District grants are block grants that enable clubs and districts to address immediate needs in their communities and abroad. Global grants offer opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high-impact activities within the six areas of focus. Global grants range from \$30,000 to \$400,000. Register by January 4th to receive the Early Bird rate of \$34. After the 4th, the cost of admission is \$39

Jan 11 2012

Susan Helm

"why we should have 4 or 5 meals each day"

Susan Helm is Pepperdine Professor of Nutrition, speaking on why we should have 4 and 5 meals each day.

Jan 18 2012

Al Sturgeon

"Malibu Labor Exchange"

Al Sturgeon is Chair of the Board of the Malibu Labor Exchange, a staff member at the School of Law

Jan 25 2012

Camille Gaon

"the benefits of anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer cooking and life-style changes"

Camille Gaon is New York writer and chef who just finished a book on anti cancer nutrition. She is a Consultant/Chef for Anti-cancer diet and general wellness life-style choices. Created tailor-made menus and instruction on how to prepare food according to safe handling guidelines to maintain optimum health benefits. Clients include cancer-survivors and patients undergoing treatment.

Feb 1 2012

Lee Schwing "Third Millenium Awakening Biosand Water Filters in Ganeshuri, India"

Lee Schwing is curator for GreenLife Buzz in Malibu and also a spokes person for the nonprofit Third Millennium Awakening based in Malibu.

