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- **There will be no Malibu Rotary Club meeting until 2016—Have a Happy Holiday**
- **Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Meeting January 6 in Pepperdine University Malibu Upper Drescher Graduate Campus LC 152 with fellowship at 11:30 a.m and meeting starting at 12:00 noon. Speaker will be Page Jones—who suffered from traumatic brain injury as a race car driver and was the subject of the documentary movie “Godspeed.” Excerpts from that movie will be shown and Page will take questions from attendees at the Rotary meeting.**
- **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher.**

Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org

- 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

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Editor's Note: When Pepperdine decided in 1998 to only have fraternities on campus that were affiliated with national fraternities and existing campus fraternity that had been associated with community and international service and whose president was Sam Schmidt found the ideal national fraternity in Psi Upsilon. Psi Upsilon Alumni of eastern colleges were asked to help launch the new fraternity at Pepperdine and Bill Wishard and Jack Corrodi, who were Psi Upsilon alumni at Williams College and Wesleyan College, respectively, became advisors and mentors to new Pepperdine fraternity. Bill has remained in that capacity. Jack was introduced to the Malibu Rotary Club by Malibu Rotary Club Past President Bill Wishard. Bill asked Jack to talk about his experience with Psi Upsilon at the last Malibu Rotary Club meeting we asked Jack to write highlights of what he had to say:

I am so thankful to have been a member of Psi Upsilon for the past 5 years. As a freshman, I found many men who I looked up to immensely, and as a chapter leader, I wished to be that role model for a new generation of brothers. Psi U has been an integral part of my college experience, and the organization continues to be a highly desirable and influential group on campus as our organization is wide-reaching in its scope and impact on many parts of campus life. I have witnessed a remarkable transformation of this organization from my perceived 'high' of the group as a Freshman, to a seeming low point my junior year- many of the standards of the group had been replaced by apathetic members and questionable behavior. Over the past semesters and moving into the new year, this fraternity has begun to experience a rebirth in which we are not only resurrecting the 'golden days of old', but we are laying the foundation for a new and even more powerful organization rooted in the uniquely strong moral character of our members and fraternity, commitment to excellence in our personal academics and service participation, and our renewed focus to engage and connect with our alumni. Today, we have not only achieved previously met benchmarks, but have excelled in new key metrics as well. Over a period of three semesters, we transformed from having the lowest GPA of all Greek organizations to the highest. In the Fall of 2014, our chapter set a new fundraising record by completely reimagining our annual fundraiser, Psi U Think You Can Dance, to grow our attendance to the largest on record for a Greek event at the school- 753 attendees. In one night, our organization brought in over 22 thousand dollars from attendance receipts, retail items, and auction items to benefit the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation. In that same year, our members completed over 1/3 of all logged service hours of all undergraduates at Pepperdine University, setting a record for both the school and for Psi Upsilon!

It is my belief that this level of accountability and organizational structure which we have implemented will allow our chapter to flourish in the coming years, and fortunately we have already begun to experience how even the most basic reforms such as that with dues collections and enforcement of academic minimums have strengthened the fraternity. The amazing potential of our members could not have been fully utilized without a proper vision and structure, although it ultimately took a multilateral approach to reach our goals together.

It was in the weakest of moments when we were able to make the biggest and most meaningful reforms to our organization.

I have learned invaluable social and business organizational skills through being the Treasurer, President, and later North American Ambassador of the Psi Upsilon Foundation. Although I may have grand aspirations for the future direction of our men, I have learned our operations must be a group effort; by delegating and entrusting certain projects with members, we have become not only more efficient, but more effectively unified in our transformation. Additionally through entrusting members of our younger pledge classes with projects and operational tasks, we are helping to preserve our traditions, strategies, and successes with our future generations. As a testament to the sustainability of our policies, the chapter was recently given multiple awards for the 2015 year including Chapter of the Year, Advisor of the Year (Justin Schneider), and Service Organization of the Year.

Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect **Delvin Glymph** presided over the December 16th Malibu Rotary Club meeting—the final meeting of 2015. Following the regular meeting there was a meeting of the Fund Raising committee led by **Margo Neal**. Details of the fund raiser have yet to be finalized but it would seem that members of the committee like the idea of a steak and lobster dinner to be held in the middle of May. The venue and more details will be forthcoming in the New Year.

After the meeting was learned that the annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition originally scheduled for the evening January 20th at Pepperdine's Raitt Recital Hall has been changed and confirmed for January 27 at 6:00 p.m. The latest calendar is posted online at www.Maliburotary.org.

Guests

A special guest at the December 16th meeting of the Malibu Rotary club was Pete Peterson, Interim Dean, Pepperdine School of Public Policy; and Executive Director, Davenport Institute.


Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher 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-RLo&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

Calendar (for details on these programs see malibuRotary.org)

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Speaker	Date	Topic
NO MEETING	Dec 30, 2015	
Page Jones	Jan 06, 2016	<p>"Godspeed" Documentary Movie About Page Jones Recovery</p>  <p>Speaker at the January 6, 2015 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club was Page Jones. Page, son of race driver Parnelli Jones, was himself a race driver and could no longer speak. He was recovering from a severe head injury. Although Page had not spoken in public since his injury, his successful experience at a public forum Page was encouraged to give a life. At the January 6 Malibu Rotary Club meeting excellent meeting.</p>
Wynne Ritch	Jan 13, 2016	<p>My Experience in Vietnam</p> <p>Wynne Ritch is a member of the Greater Van Nuys District, club events". Wynne's unique experience in Vietnam program of the Jan 13 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club meeting will give in an introduction of us future</p>
Rotary Peace Conference	Jan 15, 2016	Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario, CA Jan 15-16

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	2016	
David Zielski	Jan 20, 2016	Club Assembly -- 6 month Rotary Year Review David Zielski and Malibu Rotary Club leadership review
Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama	Jan 27, 2016	Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama Jann 27-Fe
Malibu Middle and High School Singers	Jan 27, 2016	Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Sing
Deanell Reece Tacha, Dean Pepperdine School of Law	Feb 10, 2016	<p>Latest News From the Pepperdine Law School</p> <p>Dean Tacha is the Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit where she served. Dean Tacha earned her bachelor of arts degree from Pepperdine University in San Francisco in 1971. She was a White House Fellow (1972-1973). She returned to the University of Kansas where she served as associate dean from 1977-1985. She served as associate dean from 1981-1985. In 1992, she returned to the university and received its most prestigious award "Woman of the Year" by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.</p>
Rotary District Breakfast #3	Feb 11, 2016	Rotary District Breakfast #3 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 C
Bernard Otis	Feb 17, 2016	<p>How to Prepare for Old Age ---- Without Taking the Fun</p> <p>Bernard Otis is an 87 year old very active Rotarian, and informative best Selling Book "How to Prepare</p> <p>"How to Prepare for Old Age (Without Taking the Fun" is a book. The message from this extraordinary man is about how he first met Bernie Otis during a time when his beloved Anna was at home to care for Anna and through a referral from a friend during a difficult time. After Anna's passing, Bernie was not only able to receive assistance from our agency. While our relationship began as a living and watched as he turned his grief into a celebrat</p>

Speaker	Date	Topic
Rotary District Breakfast #4	Apr 05, 2016	Rotary District Breakfast #4 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 C
David Zielski	Apr 13, 2016	Malibu Rotary Club Assembly--Open Discussion to Bring This will be a club assembly to provide and opportunity completion.

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