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- **On Wednesday December 9th Malibu Rotary Club will be having its annual Holiday Party at Casa Escobar Restaurant, 22969 PCH (formerly Malibu Inn) at 6:00pm. There will be no noon Malibu Rotary Club meeting at Pepperdine.**
- **Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Meeting December 16 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 Jack Sherrer on "Turning a short term weakness in a long term growth."**
- **Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**
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- 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

Teddy Roosevelt Delights Students and Rotarians Visiting Malibu Rotary Club

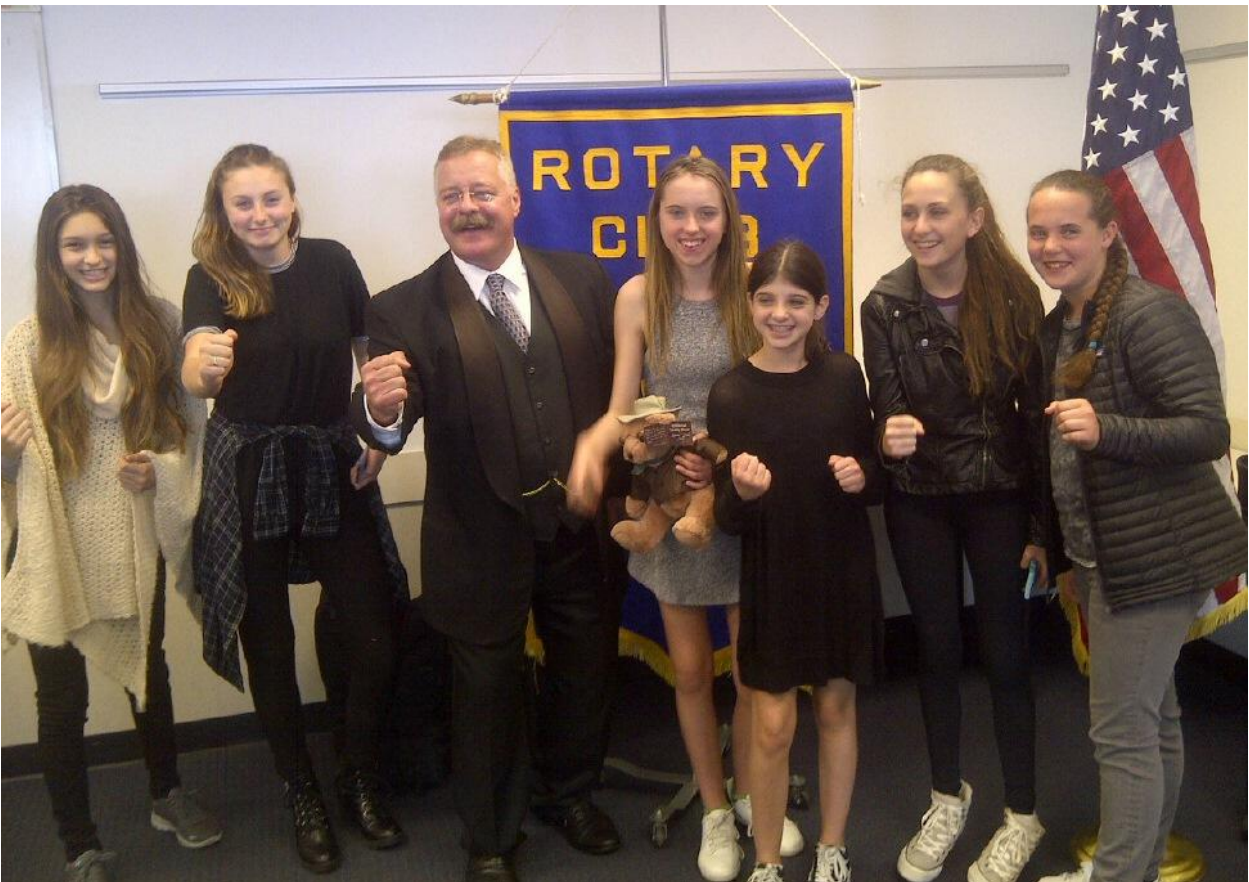


In photo above Teddy Roosevelt, America's 26th President (1901-1909) (as portrayed by Joe Wiegand) R, is greeted by Malibu Rotary Club President (2015-2016) at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting December 2 at Pepperdine University in Malibu.

Those fortunate to attend the December 2nd meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club were greeted, informed and entertained by a brilliant performance from the incarnation of Teddy Roosevelt given by Joe Wiegand, who never went out of character. He literally greeted each person who entered the room, and sprinkled planned remarks about his amazing life with observations and comments about people who happened to be at this particular Rotary meeting.

Leading up to this much anticipated program Bill Wishard had sent press releases which were printed in *the Malibu Times*, *Malibu Surfside News*, and *Malibu Patch*, both in printed and digital editions. Wiegand's T.R. recognized this by offering Bill a position as his campaign manager.

As he was speaking looked people directly in the eye to emphasize what he was saying. This included 8th grade students who were brought to this presentation by their teacher Jackie Williams.



In picture above Teddy Roosevelt (portrayed by Joe Wiegand) has the middle school girls give a bully cheer.

Theodore Roosevelt was born October 27, 1858, in New York City, and died January 6, 1919. His parents were Theodore Roosevelt and Martha Bulloch. As a child he had frequent illnesses, including asthma. Young Teddy always admired and listened to his father, calling him “the best man I ever knew.” When Teddy was very young and had especially bad asthma attacks his father would put Teddy in a horse driven carriage and ride as fast as possible down the streets of New York to try force more air down the boy’s lungs. It was probably the adrenaline from the excitement of the ride that helped the condition.

As young Teddy remained sickly his father declared, “Theodore, you have the mind, but you have not the body, and without aid of a good body your mind will go as far as it otherwise might. It is hard work and drudgery but you must make your body.”

Young Theodore responded, “Father, I shall.”

“I will do exercises, do calisthenics, parallel bars with rings, lift weights, and take boxing lessons in the classical manner.” And with this Wiegand’s T.R. strikes a classical boxing stance. He continues to his audience, “And I built my body,” and then looking down at his pot belly, “although it may seem I have overdone it.”

“But when I was in the White House at 5 ft 8 and 220 pounds I was a feather of man compared to my successor William Howard Taft, who tipped the scales and over 350 pounds.”

TR regularly worked out regularly in a gymnasium, rode horses, swam, hunted, and boxed. He frequently swam across the icy Potomac in the wintertime, and challenged his guests to do the same.

Roosevelt was the youngest man (age 42) ever to become president. He was the first American to receive the Nobel peace prize, He was the first president to ride in an automobile and fly in an airplane. Roosevelt was the first president to travel to a foreign country (Panama) while in office. Roosevelt coined the term “muckraker,” signifying writers who portrayed social ills. Roosevelt began construction of the Panama Canal. He helped bring an end to the Russo-Japanese War. Roosevelt was known as a “trust buster,” breaking up the power of large corporations. Roosevelt established five national parks and added about 150 million acres to the national forests. He also established the United States Forest Service, set aside eighteen sites as national monuments, and created the first and game preserves. In 1902 her remodeled and enlarged the White House.

Roosevelt was always interested in natural science and he tells us that he and his brother would always bring things home as boys, creating a laboratory to study whatever they found, from insects, to rodents, to snakes, living or dead. He tells us that sometimes visitors to the Roosevelt home might reach in the refrigerator for a glass of water, only to find a snake in it.

Roosevelt was home schooled and enrolled at Harvard University to become a natural scientist. But the science they taught would have him in a laboratory looking through a microscope. That did not interest him. He would rather be outside, seeing nature in the wild, doing field work. Roosevelt graduated Harvard Phi Beta Kappa.

He later thought about becoming a lawyer, attending Columbia Law School. He saw law as helping defend people against evil, but learned that lawyers defended people who were evil and decided to instead run for public office and became assemblyman in New York at age 23.

Theodore Roosevelt's life was not without its set backs and he believes it helped his character overcoming them.

He ran for mayor, and came in 3rd out of 3 candidates.

His father died at age 45 when Teddy Roosevelt was a sophomore at college. He always honored his father and in any decision he made he always thought "What would father do?"

Also in his sophomore year of college Teddy proposed marriage to the girl he considered to be the most beautiful in all of Boston, Alice Hathaway. She turned him down. He proposed to her again his junior year. She turned him down again. He proposed to her a third time his senior year and she finally accepted.

Tragedy struck the Roosevelt family on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1884 when both Teddy's wife Alice and his mother Marta died on the same day. Alice had just given birth to a daughter. Teddy named the daughter Alice after her mother.

After attending the Republican convention in Chicago Roosevelt continued west and bought a cattle ranch in North Dakota. At first the cowboys thought it strange that this city slicker from New York would have a cattle ranch. But he earned their respect when he worked as hard as they did, and could ride, fight, along side them.

He wasn't going to marry again, but changed his mind he again met his childhood friend Edith Kermit Carrow. When he ran for president and won in 1900, he would be bringing six children to the White House. Alice, the daughter from his first wife, and 5 children with Edith: Theodore, Jr; Kermit; Ethel Carrow; Archibald Bulloch; and Quentin.

The children were wild in the White House. The eldest daughter, Alice, was especially a wild 17 year old teenager there, smoking on top of White House roof, and always able to provide a colorful news story for the press. Alice lived to be 96 years old. The pillow on one of her chairs was embroidered with the words: "If you don't have something nice to say about someone sit next to me."

In 1902 Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot a wounded bear. When word of this became known a cartoonist drew Roosevelt with a bear cub, known as Teddy's bear. Later a company started sewing stuffed toy bears known as Teddy Bears. At the Rotary Program Wiegand's Teddy Roosevelt gave a special Teddy Bear to one of the students (which can be seen in the photo above with the students).

The Rough Riders, commanded by Roosevelt during the Spanish-American War, were comprised primarily of former college athletes and Western cowboys. Roosevelt's foreign policy, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," was a West African proverb.

Teddy Roosevelt was a distant relation of future President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Teddy Roosevelt is one of four American presidential faces carved on Mt. Rushmore.

At the completion of the program at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on December 2 a student drew the following thank you on the chalk board in the classroom where the meeting was held.



Joe Wigand's Teddy Roosevelt is performed across America at meetings, luncheons, banquets, with each performance adapted to the audience. He will be appearing in a new movie about Natural Parks at Imax theaters. Joe is long

The Calendar for Joe Wiegand's Teddy Roosevelt Shows is on the website: <http://www.teddyrooseveltshow.com/>

There are several YouTube Videos of Wiegand's Teddy Roosevelt including this one that was performed on Teddy Roosevelt's 150th Birthday Celebration in front of President George W Bush in the East Room at the White House: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEPf8ednP68>

Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President David had several announcements, including the Malibu Rotary club holiday party taking place the following week, Wednesday December 9th at 6:00pm at Casa Escobar Restaurant in Malibu. Dave wanted a head count that day. Everyone will order off the menu.

The morning of our meeting there was a special holiday part for Braille Institute, which was attended by **Carlye Rudkin**. There was to be another party for Braille the following day, to which Rotarians were invited.

Other events were district ones, the Jan 15-16 Peace Conference in Ontario, and an event announced by **Bill Wishard**, also in Ontario, CA. Rotary International President **K.R. Ravindran**, who is a wonderful speaker, will be at a dinner meeting. Contact District office about either of these events, or talk to Bill.

Margo Neal reported that Malibu Rotarian **Fred Cornet** was ill, and passed around a Get Well card for members to sign.

Guests

There were multiple guests at the Dec 2 Malibu Rotary Club—so many in fact we don't have all their names. The one who travelled the longest distance was the father of **Ernst Tim Ellsiepen**, Pepperdine MBA student. His father was in Malibu for Tim's graduation. The father is a long time member of a Rotary Club in Germany (Mettmann), near Dusseldorf, where Tim's grandfather was founding president. We were able to exchange with Tim's father, but we unfortunately do not have his name. **Jack Scherer**, a regular at our meetings (and speaker at the December 16th meeting) was also in attendance, as was **Tom Bos**, Past Rotary District Governor from Holland Michigan, another regular at our meetings. Another regular guest was **Chris Bashaw**, editor of the *Malibu Surfside News*, who had an extensive interview of our guest speaker, which should appear in next week's edition of the paper. Another regular guest, **Veera Mahahan**, publisher of the *Malibu Chronicle*, was briefly there handing out copies of her latest magazine.

Several people came to the meeting especially to see the **Teddy Roosevelt** presentation. These included Joe Wiegand's wife **Jennie Wiegand**, who like Joe, is a Rotarian, and also **Alan Manheim**. **Jackie Williams**, wife of actor Anson Williams, teaches a group of middle school aged kids (they are "home schooled" at Pepperdine). She heard about the Teddy Roosevelt program, and since they were learning about Teddy Roosevelt in their home classroom they jumped at the chance to see this part of history come alive.

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-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

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

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| HOLIDAY PARTY | Dec 09, 2015 | Evening Holiday Party--No Regular meeting |
| Jack Sherrer | Dec 16, 2015 | Turning a short term weakness into a long term growth |
| NO MEETING --HAPPY HOLIDAY | Dec 23, 2015 | |
| NO MEETING | Dec 30, 2015 | |
| Page Jones | Jan 06, 2016 | "Godspeed" Documentary Movie About Page Jones Re |
| Wynne Ritch | Jan 13, 2016 | My Experience in Vietnam Wynne Ritch is a member of the Greater Van District , club events". Wynne's unique experi |

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| | | program of the Jan 13 meeting of the Malibu meeting will give in an introduction of us future |
| Rotary Peace Conference | Jan 15, 2016 | Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario, CA Jan 15-16 |
| Malibu Middle and High School Singers | Jan 20, 2016 | Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Sing |
| Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama | Jan 27, 2016 | Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama Jann 27-Fe |
| Don Rudkin | Jan 27, 2016 | Pepperdine's New Masters of Science in Accounting |
| David Zielski | Feb 03, 2016 | Club Assembly -- 6 month Rotary Year Review David Zielski and Malibu Rotary Club leadership review |
| Deanell Reece Tacha, Dean Pepperdine School of Law | Feb 10, 2016 | Latest News From the Pepperdine Law School Dean Tacha is the Duane and Kelly Roberts Dea Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit where she 2007. Dean Tacha earned her bachelor of arts de Ann Arbor in 1971. She was a White House Fellow She returned to the University of Kansas where s 1977-1985. She served as associate dean from 1 for Academic Affairs between 1981-1985. In 1992, to the university and received its most prestigious the Year" by the Native Sons and Daughters of Ka |
| Rotary District Breakfast #3 | Feb 11, 2016 | Rotary District Breakfast #3 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 |
| Rotary District Breakfast #4 | Apr 05, 2016 | Rotary District Breakfast #4 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 |
| David Zielski | Apr 13, | Malibu Rotary Club Assembly--Open Discussion to Bring |

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This will be a club assembly to provide and opportunity completion.

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.FxK4gCSS.dpuf>