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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu

Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month Bob Syvertsen
Malibu Rotary Club President of Record William Wishard

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- **Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting will be Jan 4 2012 in Pepperdine Fireside Room. Meeting will start 7:45 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. (Kitchen opens at 8:00 a.m.) Speaker Chris Bauman Presentation (slides of Pepperdine Campuses of Europe) starts at 8:15 a.m.** . In October Chris 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. We need to be out of Fireside Room by 9:15 as another group will be using the room at 9:30. OK to move food to main dining room.
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- **Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org**
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- **Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280la.org**
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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](#)**

Resolutions and Elections of Malibu Rotary Club Board meeting December 21—Bill Wishard named President-Elect and Donna Bohana named President-Elect Nominee



The Malibu Rotary Club meeting of December 21, 2011 was led by **Bob Syvertsen**. It was a club assembly and board meeting dealing with election of officers for the coming Rotary year and beyond, as well as other club business. **William (Bill) Wishard** (left) who served as Malibu Rotary Club President in 2003, and who was named “Malibu Rotary Club President of Record” for the present Rotary year (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012), has



agreed to be President-Elect, which means he will become Malibu Rotary Club President again for the year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. He will guide Malibu Rotary Club's newest member Realtor and Mom **Donna Bohana** (pictured above R) in preparation for her year as Malibu Rotary Club President in Rotary year July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014. For more about Donna see her craft talk in the [Nov. 30 Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/2529/HTML/147770/MalibuRotaryClubSurfwriterNovemb er302011.pdf) (available on line at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/2529/HTML/147770/MalibuRotaryClubSurfwriterNovemb er302011.pdf>).

It is probably too late for with Bill or Donna to go to sign up for the Rotary Leadership Conference to be held January 7th at the Hacienda Hotel LAX.

Bill Wishard will go **Pre P.E.T.S** at Hacienda Hotel LAX Jan 28, 2012 - Jan 28, 2012 to and to **P.E.T.S 2012** at LAX Marriott Hotel Feb 24, 2012 - Feb 26, 2012 in represent the Malibu Rotary Club at the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand that will take place from 6-9 May 2012. Donna may to **Pre P.E.T.S.** , and as many district events as she can. She will represent the Malibu Rotary Club at the RI Convention 2013 in Lisbon, Portugal.

Various past presidents will preside over the Malibu Rotary Club meetings before July, 2012. Bill will preside over the January 4, 2012 meeting and David Baird will preside over the rest of the meetings of January. It was urged that as many members as possible attend the Rotary District Breakfast January 10 at the **Westin LAX Hotel**, 5400 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Registration is at **7:00 a.m. and** Breakfast begins at **Breakfast 7:25 a.m.** The speaker will be John Osterlund, General Manager of The Rotary Foundation and he will update us on how Rotarians are changing lives around the world and provide a preview of **Future Vision**, Rotary Foundation's new grant model to support club and district humanitarian and educational projects. 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. This is one you don't want to miss so make your reservation early! For the registration form, click [HERE](#).

Also discussed at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting was the **Youth Protection Policy Certification & Training** given by the Rotary District on Friday January 13th. The Youth Protection Policy Certification Training & Wine Tasting Event at the Hacienda Hotel Courtyard Hotel. 6:30pm is the seminar & certification and at 8:00pm is the wine tasting social. All Rotarians who work with Youth/New Generations must be certified with YPP and go through the background certification process. This event makes it easy; watch a quick power point, fill out a few papers and then you're excused to the wine tasting. Each club must be represented. From the Malibu Rotary Club **Chris Bauman** and **Geoff Ortiz** have been heads of our New Generations committees and both agreed to get YPP certified at that event.

Geoff has worked with Malibu High School and previously with the Malibu Boys and Girls Club, to recruit 2 high school students annually for the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly) camp which was held last year on Catalina Island. At our December 21 meeting RYLA check for 2 students totaling \$360.00 was approved, although because it had to be received by the district by December 20 it had been sent the week before.

Bob Syvertsen and **Hubert Luckerath** who have backgrounds in accounting and banking made suggestions about accounting and banking procedures of the Malibu Rotary Club. **Fred Cornett** remains treasurer of the Malibu Rotary Club, but Hubert is now assistant treasurer. Hubert said that there should be a monthly financial report at a meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club Board of Directors. He said he would be able to provide such a report. It was decided to have a monthly Board meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month following and at the location of our regularly club meeting, starting with January 18th, 2012. Bob said the names of the signers on the Malibu Rotary Club checking account needed to be updated annually. After discussion it was decided that there should be 4 names listed as signers, based on their positions with the club. These should be the club president, club treasurer, club assistant treasurer, and club secretary. The club secretary (John Elman) was asked to write a letter to bank where Malibu Rotary Club checking account is held (Bank of America, Malibu) instructing bank that that board of directors of Malibu Rotary Club should honor signatures of Club President William Wishard, Club Treasurer Fred Cornett, Club Assistant Treasurer Hubert Luckerath, and Club Secretary John W Elman.

Also discussed at the December 21 Malibu Rotary Club meeting was the representation of the Malibu Rotary Club on the Rotary Foundation/District Grant projects that were previously funded by the Malibu Rotary Club and will be part of District visit to Puerto Rico in February. These projects are described below (in **Malibu Rotary Club International Projects in Puerto Rico**). In the second project (*Centro Geriatrico San Rafael, Inc* in Areciba, Puerto Rico) the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. Names of 3 club contact representatives on the document are Kevin Boling, McKade Marshall, and Chris Bauman. Two of these people are no longer part of the Malibu Rotary Club, and the Chris is not planning to go to Puerto Rico. Malibu Rotary Club's newest member **Barbara Riley** is planning to go to Puerto Rico and meet with the Rotary District 5280 group in Puerto Rico. It is the hope of the Malibu Rotary Club that Barbara will represent the Malibu Rotary Club visiting the projects in Puerto Rico.

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

The first Malibu Rotary Club meeting of the New Year will be January 4 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. (meeting starts and ends 15 minutes later than usual) in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University. Chris Bauman will show slides of his recent visit to the Pepperdine Campuses of Europe. Meeting will be presided by Bill Wishard. Meetings during the rest of the month will be presided by David Baird. We need to be out of Fireside Room on January 4 by 9:15 because another group will be using the room at 9:30. OK to move food to main dining room.

Despite the fact that the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of December 21 was a club business meeting, two visiting guests were present to participate and add comments. No stranger to our meetings **Tom Bos** is a member of the Rotary Club of Holland, Michigan, a Past Rotary District Governor of a district encompassing parts of that great lakes area (including Canada) who has a

daughter and granddaughter in Malibu. He has presented a couple of programs at our club and had just returned Greece. **Cathy Liu Mendelsohn** was the other returning guest at the Malibu Rotary Club December 21 meeting. She works for the international newspaper *The Epoch Times* (see <http://Epochtimes.com>). The Epoch Times is one of the sponsors of *Shen Yun*, and she was the one who brought to our attention **Dr. Michael Ye** and his program on The Renaissance of Chinese Culture and preview of the Musical show *Shen Yun* January 13-14th at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion (See [Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter November 9, 2011](#)). She was here to remind us that tickets for show are limited and that for the Malibu Rotary Club to get 10% back for ticket purchasing for fund raising use the coupon code **Rotary-Malibu** in the website www.LASpectacular.com or hotline 1-800-880-0188.

Guests at the Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party (Baby Shower) at BeauRivage on December 14

As reported in the last issue of the Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter the Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party and Surprise Baby Shower December 14th at the Beau Rivage Restaurant was a successful affair in which was attended by 29 people. Besides Malibu Rotary Club members as their spouses and **Nicholas Ortiz**, a couple members brought multiple guests. The editor had asked **Bill Wishard** and **Donna Bohana** who all the guests were that they brought to the Holiday Party. Their replies came after the December 14 issue of the *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter* was sent, but just in case you were wondering who those people were here are the replies from Bill and Donna:

Bill replied: "My guests included previous guests **Mehm Tala Mon**, former 9 yr. Mon Buddhist Monk from mountains of Burma and recently inducted as U.S. citizen after being freed by U.N. from prison in Thailand after protesting govt. of Myanmar taking over the Mon nation land in Burma (also last week graduate degree recipient from largest independent standing U.S. school for hair cutting, Vidal Sassoon Academy in Santa Monica); his long time landlord/mentor /citizenship helper-sponsor **Nucheree** _____(sp?), treated like royalty today in Thailand as 3rd. generation from a Mon family who fought war with Burma long ago and lost, welcomed and treated as heroes then in Thailand--her family also gave the land and funds to build the current Mon Buddhist Temple in No. Hollywood, near her home. **Pompeya** I'm sure will send more details re her guests **Charlie**, whose stirring story at dinner of personally capturing a dangerous armed criminal in Torrance years ago in front of police who had failed to capture him led to Torrance Rotary Club and city of Torrance giving him a heroes award at a Rotary meeting--we were gripped by the details of the story, worthy of a talk at our club and an interested potential new member. Other guest **Edna** from the Philippines I met in her hospital room last week while she was recovering from heart procedure."

Donna's reply: "**Mark Klein** is the VP of Skyline Funding located in Agoura..he is also my in house lender for Solstice International realty; Also **Gene Ewing** was a fashion designer in her day now retired but represents a few high end artist ...her art is featured in the Solstice office..."

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 Santísima 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 insufficient 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 Arecibo, 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

Malibu Rotary Club is Official Sponsor of Smile Trek

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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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.

