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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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- Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website MalibuRotary.org
- Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
- RI President (2013-2014) Ron D Burton

- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2013-2014): Doug Baker**
- **Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Alice Muntean (2013-14)**

**Malibu Rotary Club Assembly--Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard
and President-Elect Margo Neal Discuss Future Club Plans**



Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard was proud that he had a printed agenda for the February 12 Club Assembly meeting. The first item was a report by **President-Elect Margo Neal** on her plans for the 2013-2014 Malibu Rotary year. Actually we didn't get to the first item until half hour after meeting started.

Margo, who was born in Canada and a volunteer at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, was wearing one of the shirts from that event as she recalled her time there while watching the

2014 Sochi Olympics. She was excited about her coming year is President. She reiterated that has more time to devote to it this time than when she Malibu Rotary Club President the first time. She is excited about the ideas and energy from Kelly Sagona and Maggie Luckerath about community projects. Maggie heads several committees, including community service, membership and publicity, and encourages new members to work with Maggie on these.

Margo said that there are four Rotary District Breakfasts scheduled for the new year, and hopes that the Malibu Rotary Club members continue to attend these. She said the Rotary Foundation Paul Harris dinner has been scheduled for November 8 at the Biltmore Hotel.

Other ideas Margo has for the coming year:

- Have some meetings, especially board or Club Assembly meetings at Tra di Noi (are club has grown so much since we were there can we all fit--attendance at today's Club Assembly was 18 people--but we all love the food there).
- Bring back "Rotary Minute" where a senior member talks about a Rotary fact.
- Food Drive to benefit those who need it

The second part of Bill's agenda had to do with the final 4 ½ month of the 2013-2014 Rotary year, from February 12, 2014 to June 30, 2014.

Bill said there was a \$2250 RI District 5280 grant received by the Malibu Rotary Club for support requested by Woodland Hills, Downtown Rotary (different from LA 5), and Rotary Club of Malibu for the FLEET STREET BIKE PROJECT at Pacific Lodge Youth Services. Bill said he had heard about the project in name only--he didn't know what it was exactly. Originally there was some type of graffiti removal project, but this was different. Bill contacted our Assistant Rotary District Governor Alice Mutean, who arranged a visit to Pacific Lodge Youth Center in Woodland Hills.

According to the Pacific Lodge Youth Center facebook page:

Pacific Lodge Youth Services is a quality therapeutic residential treatment program for foster care/probation youth. We build productive lives!

Mission

We provide the knowledge, experiences and skills necessary for the growth and development of troubled adolescents to begin and continue living productive lives.

Company Overview

Founded in 1923, Pacific Lodge Youth Services provides a therapeutic residential treatment program for boys ages 13 to 18. On a lushly landscaped 10-acre campus in the San Fernando Valley, boys receive 24-hour treatment for psychological, emotional or behavioral problems and learn how to build more productive lives.

Programs include individual, group and family therapy, an accredited and individualized academic program, substance abuse treatment, vocational training and well-supervised activities that lead to the development of tangible skills.

Pacific Lodge Youth Services is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization with a professional staff and a dedicated board of directors.

Judges apparently assign troubled youth to Pacific Lodge rather than a detention center when their crimes have been minor and they show promise for rehabilitation. There is no wall around Pacific Lodge. The youth there could leave if they wanted to, but they don't. This environment is better than they would have anywhere else.

Since **Kelly Sagona** was already working on separate graffiti removal project at the local detention center he had Kelly go to visit the Pacific Lodge Youth Center with him on Saturday February 8th to find out more about the FLEET STREET BIKE PROJECT.



Bill called on Kelly to give a report, and she not only reported on the project, as it is already conceived, she added her own ideas to it.

Kelly said that most of the kids at the Pacific Lodge Youth Center come from families where the parents are in jail.

The Fleet Street Bike Project is a fund raiser for Pacific Lodge Youth Center. Abandoned bikes, some poor condition, from USC and other places are given to PLYC to fix up and auction off. Kelly's idea is to have the bikes signed by local celebrity stars and display them at local restaurants to before auctioning off. In addition there can be prize drawing for a bike.

Upcoming Rotary District and International Events This Year

Bill talked about the upcoming Rotary District events:

- Club Assembly May 10
- District Conference May 15-18 at the Hiatt Regency in Indian Wells
- District Breakfast April 8
- Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia

Maggie talked about a fundraiser for the Family of 8 Children (**kids adopted by Kimberly Russell and husband Michael Bonewitz**) at the Chipotles Restaurant. Fliers will go out and those fliers in hand 50% will go to the family. Those working on this project tentatively for March 28, include Maggie, David Zielski and Eddie Torbati.

Maggie said there is also another Rex and Friends Concert Fundraiser planned.

Malibu City Council Candidates Forum Set for March 5

David Zielski and Griselda Espinosa agreed at this to contact the 5 candidates running for the Malibu City Council to take part in a candidates Forum to be held by and hosted by the Malibu Rotary Club March 5 at the noon Malibu Rotary Club meeting. (election in April).

Upcoming Speakers

Besides next week's speaker Steven Glasberg, of Crowell Weeden, who will be talking about "Investing in Uncertain Times" and Tom Bos' program Feb 26 on his experience as a Rotary Group Study Exchange leader in Holland, there are other speakers Bill would like to line up-- none of whom have committed to a date:

- Randy Klingensberg, Performing Arts Studio West (who trains disabled artists to perform--school attended by blind autistic musical savant Rex Lewis)

- Malibu High School Principal Jerry Block
- Founder of the National Veterans Foundation, Floyd 'Shad' Meshad
- Dana Sherman of the Fleet Street Bike Project
- Dan Wise on history of the 25,000 acres from Marina del Rey to PV Peninsula to Western Ave

Other News and Guests at the last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

Happy Dollars: Those contributing Happy Dollars included **Hubert Luckerath**, thankful that the problem he has had with his left leg didn't require hip surgery, Malibu Rotary Club **President Elect Margo Neal** contributed, happy that she got through a recent piano recital, **Irene Better**, contributed because the Swiss team was doing so well in the winter Olympics, **David Baird** contributed in honor of his grandson's birthday, **Jimmy Mon** as well as guests **Jeanne Custis and Eddie Torbati** all contributed by because they were happy to be at the meeting, and Malibu Rotary Club President **Bill Wishard** made "Happy Dollars" contributions for several reasons which included finding out about the credit that the Malibu Rotary Club had made for District grant with Woodland Hills has been funded and the participation and ideas that our member **Kelly Sagona** has with the project (which is explained more above).

There were four guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting February 12: Our regular winter guests from Holland, Michigan **PDG Tom Bos** and wife **Jane**; regular attendee **Jeanne Custos**; **Edmond "Eddie" Torbati**, who was a former trainer for self help coach **Tony Robbins**, who is now into his own self help coaching. There were other guests who were seen briefly--Malibu Rotary Club Past President **Chris Bauman** could be seen through the window attending a Pepperdine meeting in an adjacent room, **Lee Ann Elman** and Mogwai pet son **Gizmo** came by after the meeting to pick up John. (Editor's note: If Gizmo is a Mogwai (from the movie *Gremlins*) then he would be a good Rotarian-- *According to the novel based on the first film, the mogwai were created on an extraterrestrial planet by a placid scientist named Mogturmen, as the ultimate organism, docile, loveable little powder puffs, intended to promote peace and good will throughout the galaxy as ambassadors for harmony.* This assumes Rotary to not merely be international, but inter-galactic!)

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Calendar

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[Steven Glasberg](#)

"Investing In Uncertain Times"

Steven Glasberg, Senior Vice President Crowell, Weedon & Co., Westlake Village, CA, will be talking about the general market as well as what we refer to as "Alternative Investment Strategies."

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[Tom Bos](#)

"My Experience with Rotary Group Study Exchange from Holland, MI to The Netherlands"

Tom Bos, a Past District Governor from the Holland Michigan Rotary Club will share his experiences as Team Leader of group of business people from his Rotary District in Michigan to the land of his ancestors in The Netherlands.

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"Malibu City Council Candidates Forum"