



Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu

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Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition is Success Again

The 2012 Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition was held February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Stauffer Chapel on the Malibu Campus of Pepperdine University.

Three winners in the Middle School division and three winners in the High School division were announced and cash prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 were awarded the night of the event to the first, second, and third place finishers in each division. Winner of the High School Division was sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club to compete for possible \$1,000 scholarship in the Rotary District 5280 Music Competition held March 3rd at the Torrance Marriott.

In the senior high school division first prize went to Martha Thatcher who sang "Pulled",

second prize to Kylie Cassone who sang "Take It All," and third prize to Skylar Steinberg, who sang "Almost Lover."

In the middle school division first prize winner was Timmy Thames singing "Hallelujah", with second prize going to Violet Finn singing "Maybe This Time," and third prize to Isabella Thatcher singing "Two Marionettes."

All the students are in Amy Loch's choral classes at Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School. Joellen McHaughton accompanied all the singers on piano. Entrants were judged on Vocals, Presentation, and Style by a panel made up of members of the Rotary Club of Malibu, chaired by Geoff Ortiz.



Malibu Rotary Club Singing Competition for High School Division: L to R Kylie Cassone (2nd Place), Martha Thatcher (1st place), and Skylar Steinberg (3rd place).



Malibu Rotary Club Singing Competition Winners for Middle School Division: L to R Violet Finn (2nd place), Timmy Thames (1st place), and Isabella Thatcher (3rd place).

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting (special February 29th Leap Day Lunch Meeting at Giovanni's Restaurant)

Maggie Luckerath arranged to have the Malibu Rotary Club Leap Day Lunch meeting at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant on PCH in Malibu last Wednesday. No speaker was scheduled and it was a chance to invite special guests, joining everyone together around one large table with great food and fellowship.

Among the guests was **Dr Taber Chinn**, who Maggie says allowed her to throw away her canes and walk again when she went to him in his chiropractic office at the Malibu Health Center in the Professional Building on Civic Center Way next to Legacy Park. Malibu Rotarians had already met his Physio-therapist, Exercise Rehab Specialist & Wellness Coach **Tracey Brown** (who was not at the luncheon meeting). We are hoping to induct Dr Chinn as a new member to our club on March 14, the day Tracey is scheduled to speak to the Malibu Rotary Club at our morning meeting at Pepperdine University on the topic "Breakfast is the Most Important Meal." Among the guests at this luncheon meeting were **Tom Bos**, the past Rotary District Governor from Holland, Michigan, and his wife **Jane**. Other guests included Bob Syvertsen's wife **Jeanne**,

whom we learned has a real name of **Giavanna**, and when this was announced Restaurant owner **Giovanni** came out from the kitchen to meet her. Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect Nominee (Malibu Rotary Club president for 2013-2014) Donna Bohana brought as a guest one of the agents from her Solstice Realty office **Tiffany Lee**. When Chris Bauman talked about his new born daughter's name Mazzlyn Mamie-Marie, which several have simplified to "3M", Donna said that her 3 year old daughter also has an unusual name that involves M's. Her name Emme is the same when spelled backwards.

Another guest at the Malibu Rotary Club lunch meeting was past member **Danielle Anjou**, who showed a picture of the 150 foot sculpture she has been commissioned to do for the for the 2016 Brazil Olympics.

We had Giovanni's Restaurant to ourselves and since everyone seemed to enjoy this meeting we may have a meeting there once per month as a club assembly. The next Club Assembly is scheduled for March 21. Maggie has also arranged for a special Malibu Rotary Club Day at Malibu Stage for the current production of *Kimberly Akimbo* starring Katherine Ross. On March 10 Maggie (who works in the box office) will hook Malibu Rotarians and their guests up with two tickets for the price of one. Contact Maggie for details.

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. Barbara Riley (front row third from left) represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the *Centro Geriátrico San Rafael*, Arecibo, PR Rotary Project in February, 2012. Malibu Rotary was one of the lead sponsors of the project, along with 4 other Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles, CA Rotary District 5280 who also sent representatives.

Malibu Rotary Club was also a sponsor of a second project, *Hogar Santísima Trinidad (HST)* in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico which involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management.

More on Rotary District 5280's humanitarian trip to Puerto Rico can be seen at <http://www.facebook.com/PuertoRico5280>.

In the *Centro Geriatrico San Rafael, Inc* in Areciba, Puerto Rico project the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. 5 Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles

along with Rotary Foundation and the host Arecibo Rotary Club has helped the senior residential center purchase needed maintenance and repair tools, 8 energy efficient air conditioning units and a commercial sliding gate opener. This is a geriatric home for indigents founded in 1925. The Arecibo Rotary Club has been supporting them since 1935. 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 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 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.

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 February 22nd he has raised almost \$38,000 for ICSF, over 76% his goal of \$50,000.

A post card mailed by Winston to Malibu Rotary from Thailand on December 31 read "1,000 miles down, 4,000 miles to go...Thanks again for making a difference. Wishing you a happy new year from Bangkok! ---Winston smiletrek.org"

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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Mar 7 2012

Tracey Garnaas

"My Experience as Exchange Student in Brazil"

Tracey Garnaas is a senior in International Studies at Pepperdine Seaver College. She was a Rotary high school student exchange student from Arizona to Brazil and will talk about that experience at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting March 7.

Mar 14 2012

Tracey Brown

"Why Breakfast is the Most Important Meal"

Tracey Brown, "Physio-therapist, Exercise Rehab Specialist & Wellness Coach" in the Malibu office of chiropractor Dr Taber Chinn. Tracey will tell us why breakfast is the most important meal and give us other important wellness tips!

(This is the last part of Malibu Rotary Club trilogy on nutrition (Susan Helm, Camille Gaen, Tracey Brown).

Mar 21 2012

Malibu Rotary Club Assembly

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Mar 28 2012

Robert Lloyd

"What we need to know about Africa"

Dr. Robert Lloyd is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Pepperdine University. He also directs Seaver College's International Studies program. He received his Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., an M.R.P., in regional planning from Cornell University and a BA, cum laude, from the University of Arizona.

His areas of research include international conflict management and negotiation, Africa, democratization, and development

Apr 4 2012

Geoff Matlock

"My Peace Corps Experience: Small Business Development in the South Pacific"

Geoff Matlock is Peace Corp volunteer who spent over a year in Fiji doing Small Business Development

Apr 11 2012

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Apr 18 2012

Sam Lagana

"Pepperdine Athletics and Events Center"

Sam Lagana, Pepperdine University Associate Vice Chancellor will speak and show slides