

The Award Winning
Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Malibu Rotary Club President William Wishard

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- Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
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- RI President (2012-2013) Sakuji Tanaka
- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2012-2012): Lewis Bertrand
- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Julie Jenkins (2012-13)

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Pepperdine Grad Zac Delap Shows and Tells About His Experience in New Zealand



Zac DeLap is a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar, who was a 2011 graduate from Pepperdine University Seaver College in Political Science and the Conflict Management Program. He has spoken to the Malibu Rotary Club several times in the past. He last spoke before to the club in August 2011 about his experiences spending a summer in China at a Shaolin Temple. His Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship was spent in New Zealand and at the February 6 Malibu Rotary Club meeting he showed slides of his varied experiences in that part of the world.

In the couple of years we have come to meet and know Zac it is not surprising he has taken full advantage of the opportunities afforded him through Rotary when he lived in New Zealand. The Rotary Club of Pacific Grove, California in Rotary District 5230 had sponsored him to go their RYLA camp in northern California when he was in high school, and they also sponsored him when he applied for a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to get a Master’s Degree in International Relations and Human Right at the University of Auckland, New Zealand following his graduation from Pepperdine University in 2011.

Zac did much more in New Zealand than just go to his classes. His host Rotary Club was on Waiheke Island, which was a 30 minute bus ride and 30 minute ferry ride from where he was living Auckland. Unlike many of the other Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar students, who rarely attended to their host club's meetings, Zac went every week, and participated in their events, like fund raiser, a boat race on the sand beach.

Zac said there were 20 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars in New Zealand from 18 different countries. Auckland is the largest city in New Zealand, with over one million people. He said there are many Chinese and people from India there, as well as many Polynesians. In fact, there are more Tongans and Auckland than in Tonga. The native population of the country, although a minority, are the Maoris, who have their own culture.

Zac visited the Maori village and went fishing with a native Maori.



The movies of J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings* were filmed in New Zealand and among the places where Zac visited while in New Zealand was the famous Hobbit Hole.

In a hole there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort..

[The Hobbit Hole](#)



Zac is seen sticking his head out of the Hobbit Hole



Zac got into the spirit of the Tolkien character Gandalf the White after he visited the Hobbit and is seen in the front row of friends he made in New Zealand.

Other activities Zac participated in during his stay in New Zealand included the Indian Holi Festival, which is a no caste, a religious [spring](#) festival celebrated by [Hindus](#), as a festival of colours. It is primarily observed in [India](#) and [Nepal](#). It is observed by the minority Hindus in [Bangladesh](#) and [Pakistan](#) as well in countries with large [Indic diaspora](#) populations such as New Zealand following [Hinduism](#). Although it is the least religious holiday, it is probably one of the most exhilarating ones in existence. During this event, participants hold a bonfire, throw colored powder at each other, and celebrate wildly. Zac displays the result of the throwing of colored powder.



Zac also met members of New Zealand parliament, learned techniques of milking cows on a farm while being invited by local Rotarian families to spend time at their homes. Zac also sheared the wool from lambs, and was able to put his bare feet into black hot water beaches. He also was able to observe the first sunset in the west from his vantage point near the International Date Line.

When it came for Zac to return back to the US the schedule at the airport monitors displaying departure times and gates was a bit baffling. Instead of giving the gate number the display said simply *Relax*. And we thought Malibu was laid back. As Bobby McFerrin said, Don't worry be happy.

What's next for Zac? He has applied to law school and has been accepted by several, including Pepperdine Law School. He hasn't decided where he is going to go yet, but with Rotary being such a big part of his past we expect it will be part of his future.

Island Time



Flight	Destination	Time	Status
084	Brisbane	19:55	Go To Gate 05
NZ984	Apia	20:00	Boarding 01
NZ148	Rarotonga	20:00	Boarding 05
NZ34	Vancouver	20:00	Go To Gate 05
JQ214	Melbourne	21:00	arr in 35 Min Gate
AZ2	Los Angeles/London	21:30	Relax
CZ308	Guangzhou	22:00	Relax
NZ289	Shanghai	23:15	Relax
QZ242	Singapore	23:50	Relax
NZ38	Hong Kong/London	23:59	Relax
MH132	Kuala Lumpur	00:15	Relax
DG1	Apia	06:00	Relax
QF124	Brisbane	06:00	Relax
QF830	Sydney	06:00	Relax
LA801	Sydney	06:05	Relax
QF30	Sydney	06:15	Relax
NZ270	Tonga	06:20	Relax
DJ188	Melbourne	06:30	Relax
DJ187	Brisbane	06:45	Relax
QF132	Melbourne	06:50	Relax
NZ104	Sydney	07:00	Relax
JQ238	Gold Coast	07:15	Relax

Editor's note: Previous Malibu Rotary Club programs of Zac were April 27, 2011 and August 31, 2011 and are available at the following website links:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/2529/HTML/125110//MalibuRotaryClubSurfwriterApril272011.pdf>

and

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/2529/HTML/137811//MalibuRotaryClubSurfwriterAugust312011.pdf>

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(Pictured) Malibu Rotarian to-be Jimmy Mehm Mon with RI President Sakuji Tanaka at Glob Peace Forum Honolulu

Malibu Rotary Club President **Bill Wishard** had just returned from the Rotary Global Peace Forum, held the previous weekend in Honolulu, when he presided over the January 30th meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club. He had glowing things to say about the event, which was well represented by the small Malibu Rotary Club. Bill's friend, Mehm "Jimmy" Mon, a monk and refugee from Burma, who had been imprisoned by the Myanmar regime, went to the Peace Forum in hopes he might meet Aung San Suu Kyi, who is the hero of the Burmese people for her stand against the oppressive Myanmar regime who killed her father and imprisoned her for 20 years. In attempting to meet Aung San

Suu Kyi, Mehm met many world leaders of Rotary, including the current Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka, who conceived the idea of the Rotary Global Peace Forum. Also attending the peace Forum was the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar that has been hosted this year by the Malibu Rotary Club Livia Giordano. Mehm was so impressed by his experience at the Rotary Peace Forum he has decided to join the Malibu Rotary Club and we are hoping to induct him at the meeting at the February 20th meeting of the club. He had taken many pictures at the Forum and also had videotaped Aung San Suu Kyi's speech with his i-iphone and had uploaded an unedited version of it to You Tube in 3 sections with first one at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnzB3bK4gZo>

We are hoping to show his pictures at the Malibu Rotary meeting March 6th in the Fireside Room Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of Myanmar's democracy movement and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, delivered the keynote address at the Rotary Global Peace Forum. Her father, [Aung San](#), founded the [modern Burmese army](#) and negotiated Burma's independence from the [British Empire](#) in 1947; he was [assassinated by his rivals](#) in the same year. Suu Kyi has a B.A. degree in [Philosophy, Politics and Economics](#) from Oxford, and was working toward an M.Phil in Burmese literature as a research student at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. In 1988 Suu Kyi returned to Burma, at first to tend for her ailing mother but later to lead the pro-

democracy movement. She was put under house arrest in 1989 but managed to get her message out and hope for her people.

She was honored with the Hawaii Peace Award for her longstanding pursuit of democracy through peaceful, nonviolent means. After 20 years of house arrest, Suu Kyi was released in November 2010, and last year was elected to Myanmar's parliament as a member of the pro-democracy opposition party.

More than 1,800 Rotarians, Rotary alumni, and supporters of Rotary's peace program took part in the Rotary Peace Forum in Honolulu, the second of three peace forums planned by RI President Sakuji Tanaka. The first was held in [Berlin](#) in November, and a third is planned for [Hiroshima, Japan](#), 17-18 May.

"Rotary builds peace and international understanding through education, humanitarian service, and connecting with youth," Tanaka said. "To ensure a lasting legacy in this arena, we must engage young people and the new generations to come in a meaningful way, and empower them to carry Rotary's peace-building efforts into the future."



Doug Baker has graciously accepted the appointment to serve as DG for the Rotary year 2013-2014. This appointment was made as a result of the untimely passing of DGE, Jim Dyer. The protocol and rules of Rotary International were adhered to in making this appointment. Doug served as Rotary District Governor from 2010-2011.

In Memorium: District Governor Elect Jim Dyer (1948-2013)



Jim was an official ShelterBox Ambassador for the greater Los Angeles area and was recognized by President Obama with a Presidential Volunteer Service Award in March 2012 for his volunteer efforts during 2011 to provide shelter, warmth, and dignity for survivors of natural and other disasters worldwide. Jim and his wife Sharen instantly fell in love with the concept of ShelterBox during their trip to the Rotary Convention in Copenhagen in 2006 and two years later he had become a ShelterBox Ambassador for the LA area. ShelterBox started as a project from one Rotary club in the U.K. and in Jim's words, "it was incubated out of Rotary but has become a separate stand alone effort". The dedication and enthusiasm that Jim has shown for ShelterBox can be seen in this January 9, 2012 video interview clip provided by Mel Powell, president of the E-Club of The Greater San Fernando Valley. If you are not acquainted with this Rotary affiliated project, please do watch the video so you can see just why Jim was such a

huge supporter of this project.

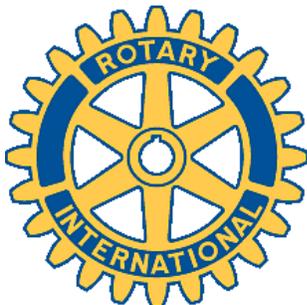
Watch the video at:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UXKBBfbPIe#!

A single shelter box costs \$1,000 to sponsor and as a sponsor you will receive a certificate with a serial number which allows you to follow that box on the website and see where your sponsored box ends up. I'm sure that donating a ShelterBox in memory of Jim Dyer would be a wonderful tribute to his memory and his dedication to "Service Above Self".

The family has asked that in lieu of flower/gifts that you instead make a donation to The Rotary Foundation in Jim's name. Donation information is provided below the Rotary logo at the bottom of this page.

You are already truly missed Jim and your memory will forever live in my/our hearts. Thank you for being a joy to work with and for being my/our friend.

Sincerely,
Emily "EM" Blair Charnelle
District Office Administrator



Memorial Donation Information:

To make a [memorial donation to The Rotary Foundation](#) please utilize the online [Memorial Tribute Gift Service \(HERE\)](#) or mail in a

completed [Memorial Tribute Gift Form \(HERE\)](#) to Rotary International.

If using the [online Memorial Tribute Gift Service](#), you will be asked to select a Fund and then complete 5 steps. In the 3rd step "Billing" there is a "Gift Option" in blue print, just click that to specify your memorial donation dedication to Jim.

If you are using the snail [mail Memorial Tribute Gift Form](#) then completely fill out the form, make your check payable to "The Rotary Foundation", and then mail it to The Rotary Foundation at 14280 Collections Center Dr. Chicago, IL 60693

Jim's information needed to complete these forms is as follows-

- In Memory of James E. Dyer
- Address: 3546 Shoreheights Dr. Malibu, CA 90265
- Donor ID: 1143997
- Rotary Club of Santa Monica, District 5280
- Notification of this contribution can be sent to Jim's home address above to his beloved wife Sharen.

Rotary District News

New Generations

The Rotary District 5280 high school Speech, Music, Art and Dance Competition will be held March 9 at Loyla Maramount University and prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 will be awarded in each category. Winner of Malibu Rotary



Club Singing Contest February 12th has been entered as contestant at the Rotary District event. Members of Rotaract can win \$1500 at and Ethics Forum to be held at Loyola Maramount University March 29. RYLA camp will be held April 26-28 and the cost is \$190.00 per student. The Rotary Club of Malibu is again sponsoring 2 students.

Other Rotary District Events:

April 6th will be a Rotary Day of Service. Melody St John, President of the Hollywood Rotary Club, is heading up this event. .

Rotary District 5280 is having a Group Study Exchange (GSE) this year with Rotary District 2620 in Japan. The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their [careers](#). The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

On Saturday March 9th there will be a special Rotary tour of Camp Pendleton to honor the Marines. A free bus has been chartered which will hold 60 people and leave from the Hawthorne Recreation Center.

Rotary District Convention at The Fess Parker Resort in Santa Barbara the weekend of May 3-5. The wine tour will be on May 2. Information and reservations are on the [Rotary District 5280 website](#).

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

Like Rotary Club of Malibu on 

Calendar

(all Malibu Rotary Club meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

Feb 12, 2013

The 2013 Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition will be held on February 12th at Raitt Recital Hall on the Malibu Campus of Pepperdine University. Three winners in the Middle School division and three winners in the High School division are given for the top finishers of entrants from Amy Loch's vocal music classes and Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School. Cash prizes of \$250, \$150, and \$100 are awarded the night of the event to the first, second, and third place finishers in each division. Winner of the High School Division is sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club to compete in the Rotary District 5280 Music Competition held March 9, 2013 at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he or she will compete for prize money of up to \$1000.00

Feb 13 2013 No Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Feb 20, 2013

[Noon Lunch Meeting at Tra di Noi Restaurant](#)

"Jimmy Mehn Mon inducted into Rotary (no morning meeting at Pepperdine University)"

Mar 06, 2013

[Mehm "Jimmy" Mon](#)

"Pictorial Impressions of the Rotary Global Peace Conference"

Mehm "Jimmy" Mon was one of the many people of the Mon race living in Burma when ruthless military dictators took over the country, changed the name to Myanmar, and imprisoned him. He became a monk and was later able to come to the United States. When Rotary sponsored a Global Peace Conference in Honolulu in January 2013 with the beloved Burmese liberator Aung San Suu Kyi as keynote speaker, Jimmy jumped at the chance to attend with Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard. He took many pictures at the conference, meeting Rotary leaders including Rotary International President Tanaka, whose theme has been global peace.

Mar 20, 2013



[Holly Mosher](#)

"Bonsai People - The Vision of Muhammad Yunus"

Holly Mosher will speak on her experience following the work of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus for her film:

Bonsai People - The Vision of Muhammad Yunus

What if you could harness the power of the free market to solve the problems of poverty, hunger, and inequality? To some, it sounds impossible. But Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus is doing exactly that. *Bonsai People* celebrates Yunus' extraordinary humanitarian work, which started by lending \$27 to 42 people out of his own pocket and has now grown to helping 1 out of every 1,000 people on earth. But he didn't stop there - whenever he sees a problem he starts a business, creating a mix between business and social work, which he's coined "social business." By tackling some of the world's most vexing problems from healthcare, education to alternative energy, he is demonstrating to the world that complex problems sometimes do have simple answers. Microcredit is just the tip of the iceberg! <http://bonsaimovie.com>

Holly also was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Brazil in 1990 and was featured in the Jan 2012 edition of *The Rotarian*.