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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Malibu Rotary Club President William Wishard

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- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
- Rotary District 5280 “Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians” Website: <http://yp5280.org/>
- RI President (2012-2013) Sakuji Tanaka Rotary District 5280 Governor (2012-2012): Lewis Bertrand
- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Julie Jenkins (2012-13)

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

Editor’s Note: Malibu Resident Jim Dyer was quick to share his expertise in many matters with friends and strangers. He was one of the first to utilize the internet to make the Santa Monica Rotary Club Newsletter *Rota-Monica* available on line, and supported the integration of all club with the Rotary district using ClubRunner. But he was also a very hands on person. View the video done as he became the Los Angeles area Ambassador for ShelterBox. He seemed to be volunteering for so many things one wondered how he could accomplish it all and do it with a smile. Each year all the Rotary District Governors Elect in the world meet at a training seminar in San Diego. Jim had been elected Rotary District 5280 Governor for 2014-15. He was set to be a great Rotary District Governor but never made it to the seminar this week in San Diego. For the reason he was not there read the reports below written by Rotary District Governor Lew Bertrand and District Office Administrator Emily Blair Charnelle.

–John Elman, Editor Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter



It is with great sadness that I have to report to you that our dear friend and District Governor Elect Jim Dyer suffered a massive medical episode the night of Friday, January 11th and has passed away. He was attending a Rotary event when this occurred and his wife Sharen, was notified immediately at home. Please keep DGE Jim and Sharen in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult and sad time.

Service information has now been officially confirmed with the family and is as follows. The service will be held graveside outdoors at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica (1847 14th St. Santa Monica, CA 90404) this Friday, January 18th at 12noon with a 1pm interment to follow. A public lunch reception will not be held. In lieu of flowers/gifts, please make a donation to The Rotary Foundation in Jim's name.

Yours in Rotary, District Governor Lew Bertrand

District Governor Elect Jim Dyer wore many hats in his lifetime including loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, humanitarian, marketing executive, computer systems wiz, ShelterBox Ambassador, volunteer, and Rotarian. In my experiences with Jim he was always a great listener and really took the time to absorb everything he could about you, the project at hand, or even the most tiny details. Jim really cared about other people and showed great compassion, humor, and fairness in all that he did. There is no doubt in my mind that Jim was one of a kind. In our loss I am slightly comforted to know that he is undoubtedly continuing to do good on the other side and will likely rise quickly through the ranks of angels above.

As a Rotarian he joined the Santa Monica Rotary 23 years ago in 1986 serving as their president from 2006-2007 and in true Jim fashion, served on nearly every committee, sat in every chair, and assisted in practically every board. On the District level Jim saw to it that he worked on every committee he could before he was elected to service as our District Governor in the upcoming Rotary year 2013-14 and had planned every facet of that year with his keen and calculating brain; it would have been a joy to see his plans come into fruition. Jim never had an idle bone in his body and upon "retiring" he still managed to work as a professional consultant, continued to donate his time to being a part of District Leadership, excelled as a ShelterBox Ambassador, and most passionately he was a devout family man who loved his wife Sharen, children, and grandchildren with all his heart. On his District Governor application under hobbies he simply wrote, family.

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=UXKBBfbPIeE#!

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



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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
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- Rotary Club of Santa Monica, District 5280
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Malibu Rotary Club Inducts New Member



Rotary Past District Governor from Holland, Michigan Tom Bos (L) inducted Peter Formosa (center) into the Malibu Rotary Club. Peter was sponsored by Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard.

Peter is graduate of Santa Clara University where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering. He was a member of the Mt Shasta Rotary Club, a project manager, and also owned a Bagel Bakery in Mt Shasta. He has two children who graduated from Malibu High. We will learn more about Peter at future meetings. In the

meantime President Bill Wishard, noting Peter's classification as a Project Manager has given Peter the club assignment to be Bill's "Deadline Manager," keeping track of all the deadlines due in Rotary.

Other News And Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

There were several visitors at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on January 16th and each had a story to tell. One was **Alejandro Sangiovanni** the Argentine born Past President of Pepperdine Rotaract Club (2008-2009) who told us that after graduating from Pepperdine he went to Law School for a year then worked for a software company in the healthcare industry before deciding to move to Austin, Texas where a Pepperdine classmate now lives and where business prospects

look better. We recall that when Alejandro, who is called Alex, was living in the dorms at Pepperdine as an undergraduate, one of his roommates had gone to Senegal in Africa to help teach English. One of the people who he taught was a man in his 30's named Assane Paye who asked the roommate to help fill out a paper to enter the lottery to become an American citizen. The roommate thought he was just completing an exercise that would never be used—part of the application asked for an American sponsor and the sponsor's contact information. The roommate put in his own name and contact information. One day the roommate got a call from someone with a thick French accent who was calling from LAX. "I won and I am here." The three roommates had to figure out how they were going to fit Assane into their dorm room. Ultimately other accommodations were found and Assane, who was a math teacher in Senegal, enrolled in English classes at Santa Monica College.

Another visitor was brought by Malibu Rotarian Pompeya Monteros. She brought **Felix Guevara**, her cousin from Ecuador. The circumstance of his being at the meeting, and even being in the country, was interesting. When he originally tried to get a Visa to come to the US he was denied. It turns out that Felix' nephew works for the police in Ecuador and helped apprehend someone that had killed an American. American consulate in Ecuador had told the nephew if he ever needed a favor to just ask. And so he was granted a Visa, but for only 10 days. That was not enough time to visit all that he wanted to see. Felix flew from Ecuador to Panama, where he asked for another Visa to come to America. How long do want? 6 months. OK. He is only staying 20 days but sometimes, as they say in Rotary, you have to ask.

At the meeting the Malibu Rotary Club voted to pay the \$200 registration fee for Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Livia Govania at the Peace Conference in Hawaii. After the meeting her host sponsor Margo Neal told Livia which prompted Livia to e-mail this editor:

Hi

John

Margo told me that you lovely people voted to support my trip to the Global Peace Forum by paying my registration fee :-). That is so nice, I am so thankful! I don't know if you can do that, but could you include some words in your next newsletter to let the others know that I would like to express my deepest thanks for you all being so kind to me? I cannot find word to express how happy I am to have you in my life. That makes the entire "study abroad" experience so much special. Thank you!
Livia

Rotary District News

New Generations

The Rotary District 5280 high school Speech, Music, Art and Dance Competition will be held March 9 and prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 will be awarded in each category. Entries are due in by February. 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. .

The Rotary Global Peace Forum Conference will be held January 25th through 27th in Honolulu. Young adults are especially encouraged to attend, and Rotarians who can afford it are encouraged to sponsor young adults. Malibu Rotarians Barbara Riley and President Bill Wishard are planning to attend, along with Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar Livia Giordano.

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.

February 4th is the deadline for the District Speech, Music, Art and Dance Competition (see below).

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.

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Calendar

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

Jan 23, 2013

[\(noon meeting at Tra di Noi Rest.\)](#)

"Malibu Rotary Club Assembly Lunch meeting at Tra di Noi Restaurante (NO MORNING MEETING)"

Jan 30, 2013

[Criminal Defense Attorney Doug Ridley](#)

"The Consequences of 1st Time DUI"

Criminal Defense Attorney and former Ventura County Deputy DA Doug Ridley will talk about the Consequences of 1st Time DUI at the Malibu Rotary Club 7:30 a.m. meeting in the Pepperdine Fireside Room.

Feb 06, 2013

[Zac DeLap](#)

"Pepperdine Graduate talks about Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar's Experience in New Zealand"

Zac DeLap is a graduate of Pepperdine University who spoke to the Malibu Rotary Club twice before he completed his Rotary Ambassadorial year in New Zealand. He will talk about his New Zealand experience at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting starting a 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 6, at the Faculty Dining Room at Pepperdine University.