



The Award Winning

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  - **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2014-2015): Elsa Gilham**

### **2015 Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition**



**10 Malibu Middle and High School Singers Participated in the 2015 Malibu Rotary Club Singing Competition held January 21 at Raitt Recital Hall (L to R) Gina Marcelino, Isabella Thatcher, Luna Salinas, Cat Evers, Claire Aneet, Maggie Valdman, Alina Rose Armstong, Nancy Walecki, Morgan Perlmutter and Isobel Anthony.**

The 2015 Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Annual Singing Competition was held January 21st at Raitt Recital Hall at the Pepperdine University campus in Malibu. 10 singers Malibu Middle and High Schools competed for six prizes awarded by the Malibu Rotary Club.

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 in the Rotary District 5280 Art, Dance, Music and Speech Competition held March 28th at Loyola Marymount University.

In the Malibu Rotary Club Senior High school division Isobel Anthony won first prize singing the aria "*O Luce di Quist 'a Anima*". Second prize went to Nancy Wakecki for her rendition of "Lullaby of Birdland," and third prize to Maggie Valdman, who sang and scatted down "Route 66."

**High school winners are pictured right to left starting with Isobel Anthony..**



In the middle school division first prize winner was Morgan Perlmutter who had everyone in stitches with the hilarious "Daryl Is a Boy (Who Lives in My Closte", with second prize going to Claire Aneet singing "Stranger to the Rain," and third prize to Alina Rost Armstrong singing "Cute Boys With Shorts".

**Middle school winners are pictured below right to left starting with Morgan Perlmutter.**



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 of judges made up of John Elman, Avery Davis, Hunter Havins, Terrence Davis and Marcelo Gindlin (pictured L to R).**



## **Khoi Pham Speaker at Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>**



Malibu Rotary Club, Speaker for Wednesday January 28, will be Khoi Pham, a native of Vietnam who received a BA degree from UCLA Cum Laude in Economics and an MBA from UCLA's Anderson School of Management. Beginning his career as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, followed by corporate positions in financial management at Nestle, Sony Entertainment, other start-up companies, and Adjunct Lecturer in Finance at Woodbury University, he is CoFounder and Executive Director of Bella Communities. He will present his firm's integrating Community Service with affordable housing for low-income families through participants engaging in a multi-part Social Capital Professional Network Volunteership Program they have developed. He will address their short and long term goals.

Pham and his family were among the last of many thousands evacuated by helicopter from Saigon on 30 April 1975, featured in the recent film "The Last Days in Vietnam," just nominated for a Documentary Film Academy Award. His Rotary talk will focus on his pioneering work with affordable housing, but will likely include some reference to that historic family day in Vietnam.

His father and mother Khai and Thanh My (Mimi) Pham, who secured their family's evacuation from Saigon's Tan Son Nhat airport and now spend most of their time developing a Foundation they created to aid Vietnamese families in need, are expected to accompany him, along with two of his business colleagues.

This is the third in Malibu Rotary Club exclusive series of outcomes of American involvement in Vietnam war.

### **Malibu Rotary Club Charter Member Jack Corrodi Passes Away After Long Illness**



**Jack Corrodi is seen above in this picture taken January 2, 2000, as he was hosting members of the Malibu Rotary club at Adamson House, where he was a docent.**

Malibu Rotary Club charter member John T. “Jack” Corrodi Jr., 79 passed away passed away at UCLA Santa Monica Hospital on January 24<sup>th</sup> following a long illness.

Jack was known by most people in Malibu for his wit and humor and involvement in so many things and because of the extended family he created. Besides helping start the Malibu Rotary Club, he helped start the Psi Upsilon fraternity at Pepperdine University having been an alumni of the fraternity at Wesleyan College. He and his family were also known as for their membership at Our Lady Of Malibu Catholic Church.

Born in Ohio, Jack grew up a fan of Ohio State University. He hoped to play football there, but when football coach Woody Hayes saw him, he recommended he go somewhere else, and he became the center on the Wesleyan University football team. In 1963 Jack graduated from the Harvard Business School. For their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary HBS invited their 1963 graduates to submit advice in chapters of a book called "If I knew then."

Jack submitted some quotes on several topics including the topic of Marriage and Family. For this section Jack wrote

"Don't rush into getting married. At age 35, I knew better where I was headed and whom I wanted to be with.

We were shocked at not being able to get pregnant. Never mind. Adoption of newborns turned out to be delightful. (We did it 16 times.)"

A story that appeared in the July 5, 1995 *Los Angeles Times* written by James Rainey entitled "A House of Love : One Couple's Boundless Compassion Has Given 16 Adopted Children a Second Chance at Life" ([http://articles.latimes.com/1995-07-05/local/me-20360\\_1\\_adoptive-children](http://articles.latimes.com/1995-07-05/local/me-20360_1_adoptive-children)) tells how, over the course of 25 years Jack and Kay's frustration at trying to adopt local children, brought them to Central and South America to build a family of 16 adopted children.

The Corrodis' quest for family began in 1972. Unable to conceive their own children after two tubal pregnancies, then stalled in early efforts to adopt through Los Angeles County, the couple found a Mexican woman who wanted to give up her daughter. That little girl, Luci, is now 42. At the time Jack still recalls "roaring down the 405 Freeway at 2 in the morning to get to the hospital in time to see her born."

There were many trips after that, forays to Central and South America. Some ended with Jack and Kay clutching a new bundle as they hopped a plane or car for home. Others ended in disappointment--like the time a young Colombian woman wanted to give up her child, but was still in labor when the Corrodis had to leave the country. Failed adoptions "really tore us up," Jack Corrodi said. So, after adopting seven children, the family began taking in foster children from the county Department of Children's Services.

The first foster child was so badly damaged by her mother's drug abuse that, well into childhood, she could not speak or sit up on her own. But the Corrodi's persevered--eventually becoming parents to a total of nine more children.

More than half the Corrodi clan was born drug addicted--a scourge that left the children with enough medical, emotional and learning disabilities to fill a book, literally. Jack and Kay Corrodi learned so much about children born hooked on alcohol and cocaine that they helped write a pamphlet that officials at UCLA once used to help counsel other parents of drug babies."

Jack was an entertaining story teller. Until recent years he could always be counted on to be the closer at annual Rotary Demotion Party Roasts. Able to weave parts of the outgoing Rotary Club president's personality into an elementary grade school classroom, with the that person sitting next to an imaginary character named Archibalus Hollis, Jack would always have the room in stitches as he told the story. Even though the audience had heard the routine many times before, Jack would have them laughing before he was half through.

We appreciate Kay and the Corrodi family sharing Jack with us for so long.

As this is written funeral services for Jack have not yet been announced. When they are, subscribers to the *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter* will be e-mailed the plans for funeral and memorial service.

### **Malibu Rotary—Home Club of RainCatcher Executive Director David Zielski**

The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher. There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously no clean drinking water.

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher, makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>



# Calendar (for details on these programs see [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org))

## **Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting, January 28, 2015 Noon in Room LC 152**

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## **February 11 Speaker Dustin Plunkett**

### **News of 2015 Special Olympics and Volunteer Opportunities For Locals to be Presented at Feb 11 Malibu Rotary club meeting**



2015 Special Olympics will be the largest sports and humanitarian event anywhere in the world in 2015, and the single biggest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games. The 2015 Special Olympics World Games, with the unparalleled spirit, enthusiasm, teamwork, joy and displays of courage and skill that are hallmarks of all Special Olympics events, will feature 25 Olympic-style sports in venues throughout the Los Angeles region. The Opening Ceremony, to be held July 25, 2015 in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, site of the 1932 and 1984 Olympic Games, is expected to attract 80,000 spectators. On April 30, 2014, LA2015 and ESPN

announced a global programming deal that will see ESPN bring coverage of World Games to millions of fans around the world.

**Josh Voorhees Feb 18, 2015**

How he received Pepperdine Scholarship from his Boston area Rotary Club

**Sade Obanwo Feb 25, 2015**

Science Care whole body donor program

Sade Obanwo is Manager of Community Relations for Science Care.

The Science Care whole body donor program links those that wish to leave a lasting legacy through medical research with the researchers and educators that need human tissue to do their important work. Each donor not only gives of him or herself but gives hope to future generations. Hope for new disease treatment options, better patient outcomes and advanced surgical procedures to improve the future for all of us.