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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)



Criminal Defense Attorney Doug Ridley Talks About the Consequences of First Time DUI

Doug Ridley is a criminal law attorney, former Ventura County Deputy District Attorney, and Charter President of the Moorpark Morning Rotary Club.

A graduate of Pepperdine Law School in 1998, Doug worked for the Ventura County District Attorney from 1999 through 2004, reviewing thousands of DUI cases along with working in the misdemeanor, felony, narcotics, and gang units. Doug spent the last three years of his career as a prosecutor in the special victims Sex Crimes Unit of the DA’s office, putting child molesters in prison for life.

Doug left the DA’s office in 2004 and began work in private practice. He manages the Law Offices of Douglas H. Ridley, focused on criminal defense, helping people who find themselves in the criminal justice system.

He also devotes a lot of time to the community, having served as Chairman of the Board of the both the Calabasas and Moorpark Chamber of Commerce & the Chair of Moorpark’s Relay for Life.

He joined the Rotary Club of Moorpark in January of 2005.

In 2008, as Club Service Chair, he sponsored, founded and became the Charter President of the Moorpark Morning Rotary Club, receiving the Governor’s Award in 2008 for this accomplishment.

He is a two-time Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, and is working on five years of perfect attendance with the Moorpark Morning Rotary Club.

While working in the DA's office Doug found that DUIs were the most prevalent cases he worked on, and when he decided to become a criminal defense attorney, it is still one of the main type of cases he works on. Instead of prosecuting these cases Doug now defends them, using the experience he gained as a DA.

When he spoke at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on January 30th, Doug said that most of his clients are good people who did one bad thing—made one mistake—that cost them in many ways.

He was talking about people who were barely over the limit, who were not involved in an accident. People who were pulled over for some small infraction, or stopped at some random check point, judged to be driving under the influence by a police officer.

California Vehicle Code Section 23152 has two sections:

A) Driving Under the Influence (that is, driving impaired), which is a subjective observation by a police officer. The driving could be impaired by drugs other than alcohol, and does not involve the blood alcohol level.

B) Driving while having a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher as measured by a breath analyzer or laboratory blood test performed at a hospital.

The latter (B) section is science. It is presumed accurate if the test is done within 3 hours of being stopped while driving and cited for DUI. The officer will ask, "When was the last time you had a drink? How much did you drink?"

Some people might be impaired with less than the legal limit of alcohol and some people might not be impaired when they are over the scientific blood alcohol level of .08. There are multiple factors that are considered when a person is convicted of DUI.

If you are stopped for any reason a Field Sobriety Test (FST) and/or a chemical test can be administered by a police officer. When you get a driver's license you are signing a license that grants a police officer the right to give you a chemical test. To refuse the test your driver's license will be revoked for 1 year.

If a person is convicted of a DUI there are two proceedings that the person is going to have to deal with—one is a filing from the DMV which is usually going to suspend the person's driver's license for a minimum of 6 months for the first offense, and the other is from the DA, and filed by the court, which will also deal with license suspension and legal fines.

When you have a DUI conviction most insurance companies will drop your coverage and if you still get insurance your premium will be three times higher.

It is better to be convicted in Los Angeles County than in Ventura County. It turns out that in Los Angeles County there is now an option of having an Interlock Device attached to the

steering wheel of your car that analyzes your breath. This device is instead of the 6 month license suspension. You will only be allowed to drive the car with the Interlock Device and there is 0 tolerance for any alcohol. Your blood alcohol level must remain 0.00.

The court consequences for a second offense are really bad. In Los Angeles County you will go to jail for 6 months, and be fined \$2,000.

In Ventura County you go to jail for 48 hours on your first offense, and be fined \$4,000. For second offense you will spend 30 days in jail.

Ventura County does not offer the Interlock Device, although they may in the future.

Rotarian attorney Doug Ridley indeed brought a sobering message to all in the Malibu Rotary Club attendance. Speaking a Pepperdine University, a dry campus, he knew that we would not have a need for his service, but just in case we knew someone who could use Doug's expertise, many took Doug's card.



Next meeting: Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Pepperdine Grad Zac Delap Returns From New Zealand in Faculty Dining Room

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 will show and tell about his experiences in that part of the world.

Other News And Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting (First Impressions From the Global Peace Conference in Honolulu)



Burmese Refugee Mehm “Jimmy” Mon and Rotary International President (2012-2013) Sakuji Tanaka giving traditional Hawaiian Greeting when they Met at Rotary Global Peace Forum in Honolulu January 25-27, 2013

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-phone and had uploaded an unedited version of it to You Tube in 3 sections with first one at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzB3bK4gZo>

We are hoping to show his pictures at the Malibu Rotary meeting March 6th, when the club will be back in the Fireside Room where the pictures will be better seen than the Faculty Dining Room, where the club will be meeting during the month of February.

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=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



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

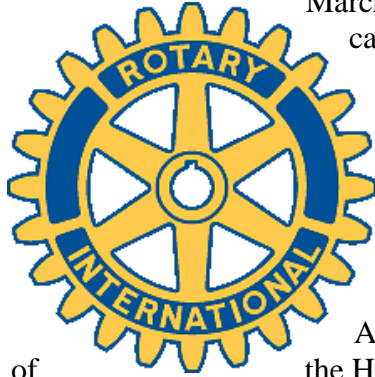
Jim's information needed to complete these forms is as follows-

- 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 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:

of 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.

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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)

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.

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 Marymont University in Los Angeles, where he or she will compete for prize money of up to \$1000.00

Feb 13, 2013

to be announced

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.