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Chris Bauman Talks About the Pepperdine Campuses of Europe



Bill Wishard presided over the January 4 Malibu Rotary Club meeting and introduced **Chris Bauman** as the speaker. It was Bill who had introduced Chris to Rotary in 2004 and the picture above left was taken on that occasion. Since that time Chris was president of the Malibu Rotary Club three times and also has become Director of Financial Planning for Pepperdine University.

A perk of Chris' position was the inspection of the Pepperdine's 4 unique European campuses in during the last two weeks of October in 2011. He was able to inspect the facilities, talk to the director of each one, have focus groups with students and tour are around each European city in which a Pepperdine campus is located. Because of some electronic glitches those attending the January 4th meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club were not able to see the wonderful photodocumentary Chris was able to assemble. If you are able to access Chris' Facebook page you will find 14 photo albums of his European trip, each containing 17 to 165 photos, often with commentary. The link is <http://www.facebook.com/media/albums/?id=1221780503>.

Chris was able to describe his journey to us and we were able to download a few pictures from his facebook albums to further illustrate his European journey:



Chris' first official European stop was to visit the Pepperdine University campus in London (pictured L).

56 Prince's Gate

Pepperdine established a "campus" in this building in 1983. There are 45 students studying here.

The London house at 56 Prince's Gate is surrounded by some of the most significant educational resources in the world. This magnificent residence is in the midst of the University of London's Imperial College of Science, Medicine, and Technology. It is located across the street from Imperial College, and but one block from the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Museum of Natural History, the Royal Albert Hall, and Hyde Park.

The house is a Victorian Grade II listed building, which underwent an extensive remodel in 2008. The elegantly decorated

London house features six floors. The students live on the lower ground floor, the second floor and the third floor. On the lower ground floor, there is a spacious modern kitchen, a lounge where the students can watch both British and American television, as well as three bedrooms with three beds each. The second and third floors each have two two-person rooms and two six-

person rooms. The ground floor houses the extravagant library and the classrooms. The faculty family live in a flat on the fourth floor. In Victorian times, when the house was constructed, the fourth floor, with its smaller rooms, would have been the servants' quarters.

Some of the sites that Chris was able visit in London were the site of the 2012 Olympics and the pedestrian road in front of 2 of the Queen's palaces. If the flag is up it means the queen is home.

Lausanne, Switzerland



Next stop for Chris was visiting one of Pepperdine University's newer European campuses in Lausanne, Switzerland which opened in 2007 and currently houses 70 students. There were several things that impressed Chris about the Swiss. From Swiss Air to operations at the Pepperdine campus everything was efficient and on time. And instead of peanuts Swiss Air gives its passengers Swiss Chocolate!

Lausanne is located in the French speaking part of Switzerland on picturesque Lake Geneva, a few hours from (but within sight of) the Swiss Alps and 30 minutes from Geneva, the most international city in Europe and home to the European headquarters of the United Nations.

The Pepperdine Lausanne program opened in January 2007 when 42 pioneering students came to the Croisée hotel as guests and as the first

Lausanne students. The hotel was the property of a Christian foundation, part of a Christian hotel chain and managed by Jesus Bustamante. The Pepperdine students lived in the building with other guests, who lived there on a semi-permanent basis, until January 2008.

After the last guest moved out of the hotel the Pepperdine program was officially opened in March 2009 by the Daniel Brelaz, the Mayor of Lausanne, in the presence of President Andy Benton, Dr. Charles Hall, Mary Mayenfisch-Tobin, his Excellency the Irish ambassador and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, and the Countess de Rola, widow of the famous painter Balthus (Count de Rola).



The students love a café in town called the Barbare, where they can get the thickest, most intense chocolate drink ever. Group dinners are provided at a local restaurant three days a week and lunches are provided in La Croisée from Monday through Thursday. Students receive money credited on a Stored Valued Card for dinners on Sunday and Thursday and lunches on Friday.

Other features that Chris noted about the converted hotel in Lausanne included the fact that the basement was a converted bomb shelter with extremely thick walls, and the hotel as well as the rest of Switzerland took “going green” to a new level. Among energy efficient practices he observed: Room lights automatically went on and off when you entered and exited the room. **Instead of using electric or gas clothes driers clothes were dried as they hung in rooms with special dehumidifiers (picture to left).**

They also had special “smart car” features and motorscooters with canopies to be used in the rain. Among the extracurricular visits Chris made while in Switzerland was to the headquarters of Evian Water.

Florence, Italy

Chris next stop was Florence, Italy. Located at viale Milton 41, the Pepperdine facility is within walking distance of Florence’s historic center’s many museums, cathedrals, and architectural treasures, and the city’s main railway station, Santa Maria Novella. Pepperdine’s website says of the Florence campus: “Step outside the Pepperdine house, turn left, and see Michelangelo's David.”

The first Pepperdine International Programs in Florence were operated in temporary locations during the summers of 1985 and 1986. In 1987, the program moved to a rented Villa la Macine in the suburb of Il Pogetto. Although students enjoyed the beautiful grounds that



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surrounded the Villa, part of the building itself was nearly 500 years old and many of the things that most Americans take for granted - like ample hot water for showers - were hard to come by. In 1995 the University purchased two adjacent properties which had the same owner. These are now known as the Villa Di Loreto, which contains the classrooms, library, offices and the apartment for the Visiting Faculty member, and the Residenza Tagliaferri, which contains the dining



room, student center and student rooms. The Villa Di Loreto was built in the late nineteenth century by a Russian emigre, the Countess Platoff, and its stained glass windows and other architectural features were brought from Russia.

60 students live at the Villa. Chris said that Pepperdine students in Florence have an account at a local café and when he visited the café was warmly greeting by the café's owner, who appreciates the business he gets from the Pepperdine students. Chris spoke in glowing terms about the Director of the Pepperdine Florence Program **Elizabeth Whatley**. Chris said she had been there for 14 years and has been the director during renovations. He said she had found the original architect

had over bid the construction and work has saved Pepperdine money.

One of Chris' online photo albums is entitled *Duomo of Florence* and the pictures shown above are from that album. *Duomo* is Dome in Italian and the colorful picture of the inside of the dome is an example of art within one of the most famous cathedrals. In Chris photo album he describes finding a side entrance away from other tourists which took him up to a higher level of the structure where he was able to take the picture of the city of Florence (aka Florinz).

Moore Haus in Old Town Heidelberg, Germany



The last stop for Chris was actually Pepperdine's first European campus, in Heidelberg, Germany. Pepperdine started a program in Heidelberg German in 1963.

Built in 1906, the Moore Haus made architectural history because of its eclectic German country villa style. After World War I, the wealthy Schmitthelm family, manufacturers of down comforters, purchased the mansion. During World War II, in 1945, the U.S. occupational army confiscated the house and it became headquarters for the C.I.C., forerunner of the C.I.A.. The house was used to interrogate former Nazis and monitor communist activities, and you can still see evidence that

the current office was used as a prison cell. When West Germany received limited sovereignty from the Allies in 1953, the house was returned to the Schmitthelm family.

Pepperdine University purchased the mansion in 1965, the third year of the Heidelberg Program, and made extensive renovations, converting the mansion into a dormitory building. Great care was taken to preserve its turn-of-the-century character and architectural interest. The house was christened "Moore Haus" after J.C. Moore, Jr., Pepperdine Controller and spiritual father of the Heidelberg Program, along with Dr. Norvel and Dr. Howard White. More than 2,000 students have called the grand old house, now a historic monument, their home.

Moore Haus overlooks romantic Old Town Heidelberg, a university town rich in culture and history. The University of Heidelberg was founded in 1386 and is the oldest University in Germany. Three hundred yards from the entrance to Heidelberg's famous castle (Schloß), the house provides easy access to the bustling main street (Hauptstraße) of Old Town Heidelberg, but is located in the peaceful setting of a quiet, wooded neighborhood.

Pepperdine is trying to renovate and enlarge the structure which is one of its smaller European buildings. It houses 45 students. Heidelberg has very stringent codes and laws regarding building and banking and Pepperdine is finding it difficult to enlarge the facility from its present size because of this.

Pepperdine's international programs are truly impressive. Besides the European campuses there are also ones in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Shanghai, China, which offer one year programs as well as summer programs in other locations. We are hoping Chris will show his beautiful slides at another Malibu Rotary Club meeting.

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Bill Wishard was the speaker at Rotary Club of Thai Town dinner meeting at the Thailand Plaza Restaurant in Los Angeles. While many clubs were dark on the January 2nd holiday Bill said the club had a formal meeting. He invited a couple of his Thai friends (meeting Mehm Tala Mon and Nucheree) to the meeting. The two had been at our meeting in the past, including the holiday part last month, but Bill said he learned more about them at the Thai meeting, as they conversed in the Thai language and asked questions (that were interpreted for English speakers) that had to do with their background as political prisoners and Burma (now Myanmar). People of the Rotary Club of Thai Town are arranging transportation for people of our local Rotary District to attend the RI Convention in Bangkok in May, which Bill will be attending.

Several members of the Malibu Rotary Club are attending the Rotary District Breakfast on Tuesday morning January 10 at the **Westin LAX Hotel**, 5400 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. The speaker will be John Osterlund, General Manager of The Rotary Foundation and he will update us on how Rotarians are changing lives around the world and provide a preview of **Future Vision**, Rotary Foundation's new grant model to support club and district humanitarian and educational projects. Starting in 2013 all districts will transition to the new grant model which offers two types of grants. District grants are block grants that enable clubs and districts to address immediate needs in their communities and abroad. Global grants offer opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high-impact activities within the six areas of focus. Global grants range from \$30,000 to \$400,000.

Geoff Ortiz and **Chris Bauman**, who are both involved with Malibu Rotary Club New Generations activities, are scheduled to attend the **Youth Protection Policy Certification & Training** given by the Rotary District on Friday January 13th. The Youth Protection Policy Certification Training & Wine Tasting Event at the Hacienda Hotel Courtyard Hotel. 6:30pm is the seminar & certification and at 8:00pm is the wine tasting social. All Rotarians who work with Youth/New Generations must be certified with YPP and go through the background certification process. Each club must be represented. Chris and Geoff have been heads of our New Generations committees and both agreed to get YPP certified at that event.

Guests at Jan 4th meeting

No stranger to our meetings **Tom Bos** is a member of the Rotary Club of Holland, Michigan, a Past Rotary District Governor of a district encompassing parts of that great lakes area (including Canada) who will be attending the District breakfast with several of our members. Other guests at our meeting included **Jeff Runyon** from the Beverly Hills Rotary Club and **Cliff Mortensen**, a Pepperdine graduate now working with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, who has attended several meetings as a guest as **Bill Wishard** whom he met along with **Chris Bauman** as a part of the campus Psi Upsilon fraternity.

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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.

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.



citizen residential facility in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

In the second project (*Centro Geriatrico San Rafael, Inc* in Arecibo, Puerto Rico) the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. 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 project involves upgrading equipment (mostly air conditioning) in a low income senior

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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 November 5th he has raised almost \$32,000 for ICSF, over 60% his goal of \$50,000.

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Jan 11 2012

Susan Helm

"why we should have 4 or 5 meals each day"

Susan Helm is Pepperdine Professor of Nutrition, speaking on why we should have 4 and 5 meals each day.

Jan 18 2012

Al Sturgeon

"Malibu Labor Exchange"

Al Sturgeon is Chair of the Board of the Malibu Labor Exchange, a staff member at the School of Law

Jan 25 2012

Camille Gaon

"the benefits of anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer cooking and life-style changes"

Camille Gaon is New York writer and chef who just finished a book on anti cancer nutrition. She is a Consultant/Chef for Anti-cancer diet and general wellness life-style choices. Created tailor-made menus and instruction on how to prepare food according to safe handling guidelines to maintain optimum health benefits. Clients include cancer-survivors and patients undergoing treatment.

Feb 1 2012

Lee Schwing"Third Millenium Awakening Biosand Water Filters in Ganeshuri, India"

Lee Schwing is curator for GreenLife Buzz in Malibu and also a spokes person for the nonprofit Third Millennium Awakening based in Malibu.

