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## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

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**Malibu Rotary Website:** <http://groups.msn.com/maliburotary>

Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280la.org](http://www.rotary5280la.org)

Rotary District 5280 "Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians" Website:  
<http://yp5280.org/>

**RI President (2008-2009) D.K. Lee**

**Rotary District 5280 Governor (2008-2009): Chuck Anderson**

**News and Guests from Last Week's Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

The scheduled speaker was unable to be at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club, and the meeting turned into a club assembly in which various things were discussed and planned for the year.

**Bill Wishard** reported that the January 5, Rotary District Breakfast Westin LAX in Los Angeles, featuring Page Jones as speaker went over very well except when governor expected Page and Bill to be at the "Malibu table" Bill, as is often the case, was the only representative from Malibu, but the two got to sit with district dignitaries. Also in attendance was Page's famous father, Parnelli. Bill said that speaking at the Malibu Rotary Club was good preparation for Page to speak at the district event, although the video which ran so smooth at the Fireside Room, didn't run as smoothly at the Westin. We have primo audio visual equipment in the Fireside Room thanks to Pepperdine.

Bill also talked about the 2009 Rotary District Conference held April 30-May3 at the Westin Hotel South Coast Plaza.

**Margo Neal** wanted the Malibu Rotary Club to tap into the club's charitable trust to take care of needs for local families. People who attended the Thanksgiving event were moved by the number of homeless people that were served—and wondering what they are doing the rest of the year. **Bob Syvertsen**, the Malibu Rotary Club's longtime budget director talked about the charitable trust, it's history and it's variable assets. In 1999 \$36,000 was invested in CDs. We were going to only disburse interest from the account for charitable giving. To increase its value money was invested into what was thought to be conservative market vehicles (although perhaps not conservative enough), and its value rose to \$47,000 before plummeting more recently to \$30,000. Until we give money from the account Bob suggested that a the Malibu Rotary Finance Committee, composed of Bob, **Chris Bauman**, **Geoff Ortiz**, and **Holmes Osborne**, decide if the money should be kept where it is, reallocate it, and decide how much can and should be withdrawn for charitable giving. In the meantime Margo was to determine what local needs are, and we decided a good source of information on local needs would be honorary Malibu Rotary Club member **Holly Packman**, whose SOS organization has long helped the local homeless population and knows the collective needs perhaps better than anyone.

**Jack Corrodi** reported on possible new members: who had been at several meetings (although not at this one): **Greg Hanley**, who owns several properties in Malibu which are used for Sober Living programs and is interested in community service, but whom Jack learned had recently had a recent neck and back injury; **John McNeal**, whom Jack describes as THE Malibu Appraiser (he is only appraiser who lives in Malibu) and **Park Blair** of GeoSource, who has a company that produces

energy from solar and wind, that individuals can incorporate into their property and actually have the utility meter go backwards and Edison pays you for power!

Jack also would like to club to go back to a long time tradition of giving 4 Way Test Awards, physical plaques to students in all the local schools who exemplify good citizenship as recognized by principals of the schools. We had done this for many years, usually with Rotary Club members going to each school to give the awards during an end of year awards ceremony.

**John Elman** spoke about the fact that the current Malibu Rotary Club website <http://groups.msn.com/maliburotary>, has to be moved because Microsoft is doing away with all the MSN Group sites of which the club site is one. Microsoft is recommending that the administrators of the MSN Group sites convert their sites into a Multiply.com site. The multiply.com sites are more like Facebook or Myspace, geared more for personal use, than what he thinks a club website should be. He suggested that the Malibu Rotary do as most of the other Rotary clubs have done, and affiliate with the ClubRunner, although this will create an added operating expense for the club. John has been able to maintain the MSN site for the bargain price of \$20.00 per year (it is free with 10 mb of storage and the premium site he has been maintaining is \$19.95 for 30 mb of storage). A decision on this has to be made immediately. John wants to save all the archives on the present site, which include back issues of the newsletter, pictures of all speakers, all the winners of past Malibu Rotary Music awards, and stories and pictures of other Malibu Rotary Club events since 2002. President Bow recommended John check into what is required to make the conversion to Clubrunner.

**Geoff Ortiz** announced that he finally received confirmation from the new choral director at Malibu High School about having this year's Malibu Rotary High School Singing Competition. Details are in the article that follows. In addition the Malibu Rotary Club sent two \$185 fees (\$370) to the district to send two students the RYLA camp. The students will be selected from Malibu Boys and Girls Club.

## **Malibu Rotary Middle and High School Singing Competition—January 29<sup>th</sup> at Malibu High School**

**Geoff Ortiz** has been in contact with the new choral director at Malibu High School—Amy Lock. He has confirmed we will be conducting our annual Malibu Rotary Middle and High School singing competition on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 7:00PM at the Malibu High School Auditorium. Malibu Rotarians will vote on the winners. As in previous years awards of \$250, \$150, \$100, for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd voted finishers in the high school and middle school groups will be awarded.

What is unique about this year's event is that because we are having in January (as opposed to June in previous years) the winner of the Malibu Rotary High School music competition can advance to our Rotary District 5280 2009 Governors Music Award Competition. The entry must be submitted by FEBRUARY 1, 2009. The Malibu Rotary Club will pay a \$50 entry fee for the Malibu High School winner to advance to district. Auditions will be held on March 21, 2009, and the Awards ceremony will take place on May 2nd, 2009 at the Rotary District Conference at the Westin Hotel, South Coast Plaza. Winners at this level receive \$1,000 for first, \$500 for second, and \$250 for third place.

### **La Estanzuela, Honduras Water Project**

The Malibu Rotary Club is one of the clubs joining with the Century City Rotary Club to bring clean water to the Village of La Estanzuela in Honduras. There wasn't enough time to complete funding of this project during the past Rotary year. We are hoping to complete the project this year with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant

## Calendar .

- **January 14, 7:30 a.m. : Rick Johnson, Malibu Repertory Co. at Malibu Rotary Club Meeting at Fireside Room, Pepperdine University.**
- **January 21, 7:30 a.m. : (to be announced)**
- **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m.: Bob Brager, Head of Public Works Dept, City of Malibu at Malibu Rotary Club Meeting at Fireside Room, Pepperdine University.**
- **January 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.(Thursday): Malibu Rotary Middle and High School Singing Competition—January 29<sup>th</sup> at Malibu High School**
- **February 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. Ron Wildermuth, West Basin Municipal Water District at Fireside Room, Pepperdine University**
  - **February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. : “Alternative Fuels”**
  - **February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. :Bob Syvertsen, Craft talk**
  - **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m.: Jim Thorsen, City Manager, speaking on “Legacy Park”**

### Join Malibu Rotary's MSN Group Website

The Malibu Rotary website at <http://groups.msn.com/maliburotary> is updated weekly. You can go to it and see our calendar of events, pictures of our speakers and activities, and past issues of our weekly bulletin, the illustrious *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter*. Contact information for the club, e-mail addresses of the club officers and other club information is also there. If you go to the site and become a member of the site (which you can do whether or not you are a member of the Malibu Rotary Club) then you can post items on the site, and have access to [documents](#). Directions for becoming an *on-line group member* are available on the website. To join the online Maliburotary group as an online member you must sign up

for a free MSN passport, fill out an on line form with a name (which can be an alias), an e-mail address, and agree to the rules of membership. You can view most of the site without signing on as a member, but as an online member you can post information on the site, including the calendar and bulletin board, view [documents](#), and participate in the on-line interactive chat room.

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