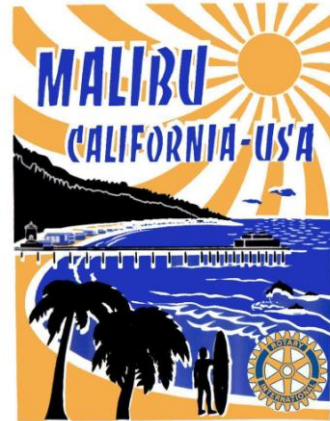




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- Next Malibu Rotary Club meeting January 31 2018 Room LC 152 on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus will be Malibu Rotary Club Assembly. Fellowship will begin at 7:30 a.m. with meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Next regular Malibu Rotary Club meeting February 7 2018 Room LC 152 (maybe move to larger room if necessary) on the Pepperdine Drescher Upper Graduate campus Speaker will be Dennis Torres talking about new true life book “The Amazon of Ray Goldberg Rivera”. Fellowship will begin at 7:30 a.m. with meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. Special post meeting coffee Q & A with community guests interested in Rotary. Dennis will not sell books but will autograph books you have.
- Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org

- **Rotary International Website:** www.Rotary.org
- **Rotary District 5280 Website:** www.rotary5280.org/
- **RI President (2017-2018) Ian H.S. Riseley**
- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2017-2018) Cozette Vergari**

2018 Malibu Rotary Club Malibu Middle and High School Singing Competition



Winners of the 2018 Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition from Left to Right High School Division Winners 1) Claire Anneet, 2) Gabby Farrer, 3) Kiraw Smit and then Middle School Division Winners 1) Camille Anneet, 2) Lauren Reed, and 3) Ellie Eddins



Above left Claire Anneet belts out her winning number and to the right her middle school winning sister Camille Anneet does her thing.



Pictured above winners of the 2018 Malibu Rotary Middle and High School Singing Competition on along with the judges flanked by Event Chair Teresa LeGrove on left and emcee Ted Silverberg and Malibu Rotary Club President on the right (pictures above from Honjin Li).

Editors Note: Malibu Rotary Club Youth Chair and Singing Competition Chair Teresa LeGrove called on members of the Pepperdine Rotaract Club to take pictures and report on the 2018 Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition on Wednesday evening January 24th. All the Rotaractors who were on campus responded. These included Nicky MacCallum, Honjin Li (who must have taken a 100 pictures and uploaded them to a shared Google Drive), Nina Sprenger and Simone Raeth. Albums are currently on the Malibu Rotary Club Facebook page containing pictures of previous annual singing competitions and as time permits we will upload the pictures that Honjin, also known as Walle, has taken of the 2018 event.

Notes from Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition

By Nina Sprenger and Simone Raeth

- **Teresa LeGrove** opened the evening, and said a few words
- Thank you's to everyone

- This is a great opportunity for young talent to practice and gain experience
- Gave a brief history of Rotary, highlighting the near eradication of polio
- § Cheers throughout the audience
- Introduced MC **Ted Silverberg**
 - Ted took the stage
- Welcomed the contestants
- Thanked Teresa's husband Tom for buying the judges dinner
- **Krysta Sorensen** serves as the director of the Malibu High School Choir
- § Sang backup vocals for artists such as Barry Manilow and Elton John
- **Joellen McNaughton** is playing piano for the competition
- § Call her "Cha-Cha"
- § Been at Malibu High for over twenty years
- § Played for Nell Carter, Rita Coolidge
- **Judge: Lenny Goldsmith**
- § Known as "the new old"
- § Sang for Clyde Davis
- § Tower of Power lead singer
- § Toured with Black Sabbath
- **Judge: John Cowsill**

- § The Partridge Family TV show is based on his family
- § Tommy Two Tone, sang 867-5309
- § Drummer for the Beach Boys currently
- **Judge: Ryan Dorn**
- § Is a music producer, owns Unisong Music
- § Produced for Whitney Houston, Cher, Stevie Ray Von, White Buffalo
- **Judge: Tris Imboden**
- § Surfer
- § He was the drummer for the hit Footloose
- § And I'm All right for the movie Caddyshack
- § Played with Neil Diamond
- § In the band called Chicago for over 30 years
- § Is the spokesman for the American Cancer Society
- **Judge: Craig Shoemaker**
- § Has been named Comedian of the Year
- § Been on Broadway
- § Wrote the book Love Master
- § Has several Emmy's
- § Has played for presidents
- § Gives back to the organization called Laughter Heals
- § Has a show on Showtime
 - Ted invited the proud parents and friends in the room to raise their hands
 - Big cheers
 - Then all middle school contestants sang
 - 5-minute intermission
 - High school contestants sang
 - Judges deliberated
 - Teresa gave closing remarks
- Explained Rotary again
- Highlighted the Interact Club at Malibu H.S., the Rotaract Club at Pepperdine
 - Ted invited the judges up on stage
- The judges sang Imagine
- Gave inspiring remarks
- Having the courage to come up on stage already makes you #1
- You are being of service by sharing your gift, the gift of song is a gift from God
- The musicians made the judges tear up several times
 - 5-minute break
 - Ted, Teresa, and Bianca announced the winners

- Middle School winners:
 - **3rd place: Ellie Eddins**
 - **2nd place: Lauren Reed**
 - **1st place: Camille Anneet**
- High School winners:
 - **3rd place: Kira Smit**
 - **2nd place: Gabby Farrer**
 - **1st place: Claire Anneet**

· Thank you and goodnight

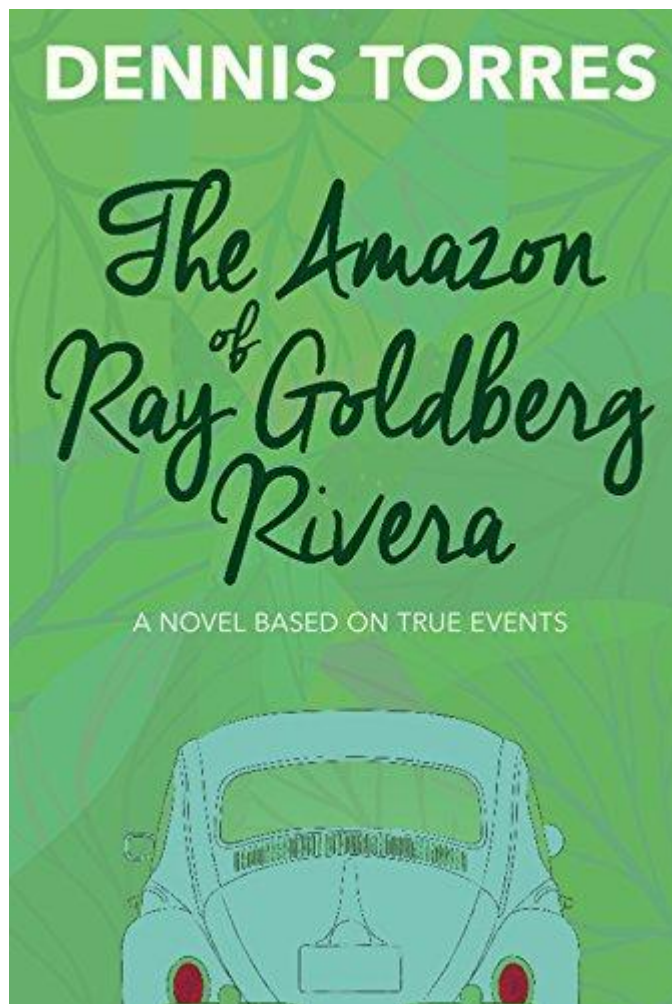
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January 31 2017 – Malibu Rotary Club Assembly led by Bianca Torrence

February 7 2017 Dennis Torres and the “The Amazon of Ray Goldberg Rivera”



Before Dennis Torres was the head of real estate operations at Pepperdine University, and before he became Mediator; Arbitrator; Litigation Consultant; Real Estate Professional; Businessman; Adjunct Professor of Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University before he started Angel Flight, in which private pilots fly sick people to get needed medical help, and before he became President of the Malibu Rotary Club, at a time when it had more members than it had any time before or after his tenure, Dennis lived an adventure that few could imagine. He talked about that adventure as a guest speaker at two successive Malibu Rotary Club meetings. After hearing Dennis tell his story, Rotarian John Elman told Dennis, "This is an amazing story--you've got to write a book about it." Years went by, with John always asking Dennis about the book, which Dennis was still thinking about writing. Finally in November 2017, Dennis announced the book, in the form of a novel called *The Amazon of Ray Goldberg Rivera* has been published.



This thrilling novel is based on a true story. After coming home from the war in Vietnam, Ray Goldberg Rivera needs a job, but the only ones he finds are in sales and require him to put on a suit and tie—two things he just can't bring himself to do. He then chances upon an ad reading, "Want to Explore the Amazon," and he soon finds himself driving his beloved 1962 Volkswagen beetle from his parents' home in Pasadena, California, to the country of Panama along with two strangers: a sexy bible-thumping southern belle and a California surfer who has never been away from home.

As the three strangers wind their way through Mexico, Central and South America, their secret motivations are revealed while experiencing amazing adventures, meeting unforgettable characters, experimenting with drugs, engaging in wild sex, and surviving near death encounters. In the end they each discover meaning in their lives.

This entertaining novel based on author Dennis Torres's experiences will captivate

armchair travelers and history buffs as well as readers who enjoy a good adventure yarn.

Dennis will be talking about it at the February 7 2018 Malibu Rotary Club meeting 8:00 a.m. in Room LC 152 at the Pepperdine Graziadillo Graduate campus in Malibu.

There will be a special post meeting coffee Q & A with community guests interested in Rotary.

February 14 2018 Alex Ayzin Speaks on "Successfully Selling Your Business."



Malibu Rotarian Alex Ayzin is known in our club as the creator of Winds of Freedom Music Video celebrating man's quest for Peace and Freedom. Alex is also the Executive Director of Frontier Brokers (www.frontierbrokers.com) which specializes in successfully selling

businesses. At the February 14th meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club Alex will tell us the essentials to consider when selling a business.