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One of Malibu Rotary Club's Newest Members Gives Her Craft Talk-- Maggie Luckerath Talks About Her Life And Times



Before we even met Maggie Luckerath, before she even became a Rotarian, we knew she had Rotary credentials. She had lived a life of “Service Above Self,” and was recognized as such by the Rotary Club of Denville New Jersey, when in 1991 they presented Maggie with the plaque shown at the left as “Citizen of the Year.”

At the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of July 20th we had a chance to hear Maggie’s story.

She was the youngest girl in a family of 6 boys and 3 girls, born to Fredrick and Anna Frey, two German immigrants who met and bought a tannery in Brooklyn, and

married in New York City in the early 1900’s. Fredrick

later moved it to South County Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he bought a farm, and started to raise a family who would all work on the farm, including the youngest daughter, Anna Magdalena, who would soon be called "Maggie."

When Maggie was 5 years old tragedy struck the family when her father was killed in an auto accident. Her mother was 6 months pregnant with Maggie's youngest brother and her oldest brother was 16 years old at the time. That brother quit high school and took over. Everyone in the family had their jobs to do on the farm. The family still owns the farm, some 1000 acres. Maggie says that her grand nieces and nephews are now doing what she did growing up on the farm.

4-H was a big part of Maggie's upbringing. She learned cooking, sewing and how to show angus cattle. In high school Maggie was on the tennis team, played field hockey, and was a baton twirling majorette. It's even hard for Maggie to believe that she was featured in the middle of the football field at halftime twirling 2 fire batons! She marched in many parades. Besides the sports at the high school, the school was noted for its excellent business training program. The Veterans Administration recruited business major students from the high school, including Maggie's older sister Maria. Maggie followed her, but she didn't have the proper clothes to wear in an office. Her sister Anita made her office dresses. Then it was off to Washington DC.

The VA building in DC occupies one city block. It is just across from Lafayette Park near the White House. Maggie started out as a receptionist and spent 3 years in DC. From the farm, to the city, her world view was growing and she and a friend decided they wanted to go to Europe to travel and work. Maggie's mother also wanted to visit Germany. She had not been there in 33 years. Maggie's mother had 6 brothers and 1 sister and so mother and daughter visited her mother's family in Bavaria (Rosenheim) and her father family in the Black Forest (Ahensteigdorf). Maggie said she had a great time meeting her cousins, aunts and uncles.

Maggie's mother ultimately returned to America and Maggie's European adventure continued, as she met her friend Elaine in Rome and they traveled to Geneva. She saw that there was a job opening at Chrysler International in Geneva. Maggie decided to interview for the secretarial position. In the personnel office she was warned that the manager who was looking for the secretary had fired 6 secretaries in the last half year! Are you sure you really want to go in there? Well Maggie got the job! The manager was an American, and the previous secretaries were all Swiss. In fact it was not easy for the company to hire someone who was not Swiss. Chrysler had Maggie leave the country while her work papers were being processed and she went back to visit her Bavarian relatives. The manager at Chrysler satisfied the Swiss government that no Swiss could fill job was well as the American Maggie. She was hired at Chrysler.

Her second year at Chrysler International Maggie met a charming young German named Hubert Luckerath, who was also working there. They fell in love, got engaged and had their civil marriage in Geneva. They honeymooned on the Rhine River between Koblenz and Rudesheim-then to Spain and Portugal. Maggie's European adventure went better than she could have dreamed. Now it was time to go back home, introduce Hubert to her American family, which she was able to do at a church wedding in the states.

Hubert got a job on Wall St and the couple found a 1 bedroom apartment on Staten Island. Hubert took the Staten Island Ferry—5 cents—to his job in Manhattan. Maggie worked for the Financial Director of Staten Island Hospital. It was an exciting time as Maggie's boss was involved in building the new Staten Island University Hospital. The couple lived on Staten Island for four years, but they wanted a home, and found what they were looking for on the Lake in the Woods in northern New Jersey. Maggie worked at St Clare's Hospital until their two children were born, daughter Tanya and son Peter.

At that point Maggie became not just "a stay at home mom." She became a very involved not only volunteering with her children's organizations, but community organizations that helped children. At the Lake Community she originated a tennis clinic program for children. The clinic still exists and there is "The Maggie Luckerath Tennis Trophy" which is still given annually to the most improved girl player. Maggie also organized a swim team fundraiser at Lake. She received trophies for Most Valuable Parents and Humanitarian Award.

For the town Maggie organized the Police Activity League Olympic Talent Show, as well as a Baby Parade to celebrate Denville's 75th Anniversary. She also did the hospital fundraiser for 30 years. You name it she did it. Both Tanya and Peter said recently what fond memories they have of all the wonderful things they did together as they were growing up. They were always at Maggie's side in these volunteer activities.

All these activities is what the Rotary Club of Deville recognized when they presented Maggie with that plaque!

Besides the home in Northern New Jersey the family took a vote to decide "did we want to buy a Jersey Shore beach cottage or property in the little town 'Luckerath' in Germany. We had just been back to Germany to celebrate the town "Luckerath's 800 year old anniversary. The Jersey Shore beach cottage won!" The kids were lifeguards and the family spent the entire summer there, with Hubert there on weekends.

After the kids graduated from high school and went off to college Maggie felt the empty nest. They came back for holidays, funerals and weddings but New Jersey was not the same. They sold both houses, bought a year round house at Jersey Shore, starting to coming to Malibu for winters.

Finally last year they bought a house in Malibu West and in a short time Maggie has already been making her presence felt at local events and community volunteering. Danielle Anjou, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Montecito before joining Malibu Rotary Club, introduced Maggie to Rotary. Then she met David Baird and others when she was volunteering at the SOS thanksgiving event sponsored by Malibu Rotary Club. Maggie had already found Hollie and the SOS people and is a regular volunteer at SOS.

So there you have it, New Jersey's loss is Malibu's gain. We love having you here, Maggie.

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

When Malibu Rotary Club President Kevin Boling announced last week in his message to us that he was not at the meeting because he was caught in traffic in Ventura where he was buying a truck for his KingPinz Bar B Q event catering service, we didn't realize that this was not a business he was doing in addition to his work as business development manager for Universal Waste Systems. This was *instead* of his job with UWS. He was leaving UWS. His daughter Ashley is still managing the Malibu operations for the UWS, but Kevin's catering company, based in Orange County, means he has neither a business nor a home anywhere near Malibu. In fact, he passes about 50 Rotary Clubs, and goes through 2 counties and 2 Rotary Districts to get to the Malibu Rotary Club meetings. He could have done as several of Malibu Rotary Club's short-lived Past Presidents have done, and left us without a president. But at the July 20th Malibu Rotary Club meeting Kevin said his commitment to the Malibu Rotary Club, the enthusiasm he has displayed since he first came to us, has not diminished. He intends to complete his term in office, increase membership, and do the things he set out to do with the club. This should be an inspiration to the rest of us. If people who live in Malibu are too lazy to come to a meeting, think about Kevin, who drives 70 miles to get the Malibu Rotary Club meeting. He gets up at 4:00 a.m. to make the meeting, and at today's meeting he was the first one there.

Because of the physical circumstances of what Kevin is attempting to do there are times when Kevin may not be able to get to certain Malibu Rotary Club meetings, and it was suggested that we have a "Vice President of the Month" who will preside over the meeting in Kevin's absence. If Kevin is unable to get to a meeting Kevin would contact this person early Wednesday morning (or as soon as he knows he won't be able to get to a meeting) and the VP will be ready to take over. Of course Past President **Chris Bauman** has been doing this since he officially left office in June. But we decided to assign this task to other able members of the Malibu Rotary Club and the duty roster through the end of the year is as follows:

Rotary Club Vice Presidents of the Month

August: Bill Wishard

September: Maggie Luckerath

October: McKade Marshall

November: David Baird

December: Bob Syvertsen

Letter from Hollie and S.O.S. Community Outreach

Kevin passed around a letter he had received from Malibu Honorary Rotarian and Co-Founder of S.O.S. Community Outreach Hollie Packman. She thanked Malibu Rotary for its contribution helping the children of one of the “S.O.S. families”, a family that has endured hardship for many years, be able to attend day camp for five weeks this summer. In addition to thanking the club for this contribution and she expressed “hope you will continue to partner with us in the coming years as we seek to aid those in need in Malibu.”

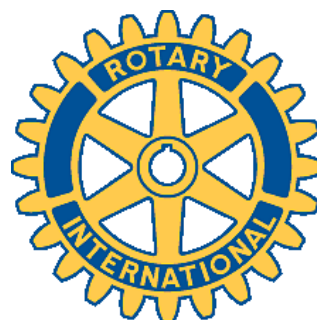
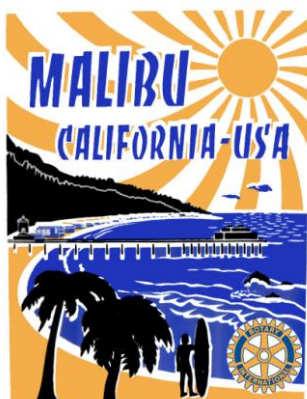
Rotary District Governor Visit August 10. Kevin said we would discuss in the next couple meetings reports needed by Malibu Rotary Club committee chairs for DG Brad Robinson’s visit. The Paul Harris Foundation Event this year will be a special Rotary performance of Circus Vargas in Del Amo on November 6. The whole family is invited to this event which will involve having fun watching a circus while raising money for the Rotary Foundation.

Changes of venue for August Malibu Rotary Club meetings. Because the normal meeting place of the Malibu Rotary Club (Pepperdine’s Fireside Room) will not be available for 3 of 5 Wednesdays during the month of August members and others planning to attend Malibu Rotary Club meetings during the month should be aware:

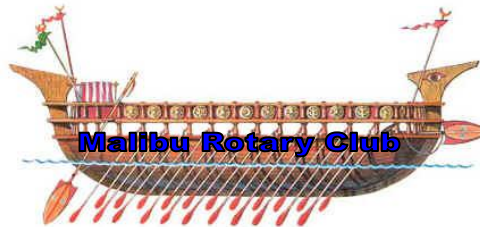
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During Maggie’s presentation her mention of participation in 4-H Club had several members eye light up. Apparently several members of the Rotary Club of Malibu had participated in 4-H programs during their youth. David Baird had run for state 4-H President.

The only guest at the July 20th Malibu Rotary Club meeting was “almost” member **Nichola Lenehen.**



Message From Malibu Rotary Club President Kevin Boling



Who knew that David was a 4H Club President? You learn the most interesting facts when you attend the weekly Rotary Club Meeting. Thank you to everyone for their support.

This Rotary year is going to be quite a challenge, but I think that working together, as a TEAM, Malibu Rotary will be the best club in the district. We are just beginning our journey to greatness and I am pleased to have everybody on board. The club is like an old rowing ship. Without everyone rowing at the same time we will simply go around in circles. The ship also needs that drum banger, and after this week's meeting I think Maggie fits the bill. How blessed are we to have such a wonderful person as a member of our club. I know you are all waiting.....so here it is.

There is no "I" in Team.

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Kevin



"Like" Rotary Club of Malibu Facebook Page

The top of the Malibu Rotary ClubRunner site, www.maliburotary.org now has a link to the Rotary Club of Malibu Facebook page. If you have a facebook account this makes it easier to "Like" the Rotary Club of Malibu Facebook page.

We need 25 "likes" to become a registered facebook page! Log into your Facebook account and "Like" the Rotary Club of Malibu Facebook page.

By July 20th number of “likes” on Rotary Club of Malibu Facebook = 19 (+2 since last week).

Of the 19 “likes” only 8 are members of the Malibu Rotary Club and the others are friends, relatives, and miscellaneous other people.

Therefore of the 16 regular members of the Malibu Rotary Club 8 (50%) have not “liked” the Rotary Club of Malibu Facebook Page yet!

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

Calendar

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- **July 26, 2011 7:00 a.m. Rotary District Breakfast at Westin LAX Hotel featuring LAUSD Superintendent John Deasy.** Prior to joining the Los Angeles Unified School District in August 2010, Dr. Deasy served as Deputy Director of Education for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Previously, he served as superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
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