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## Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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- Rotary District 5280 "Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians" Website: <http://yp5280.org/>
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Left: Malibu Rotary Youth Exchange Student Zoe Dunne is presented with Malibu Rotary Club flag by Rotary Club President Kevin Boling.

After Zoe Dunne completed this year at Malibu High School

she said a special goodbye to her friends there and had started to meet new friends from around the world. She spoke at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. In 3 days she would be headed for a new high school in Rüsselsheim Germany as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program.



She is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Malibu, and is one of three high school students in the Los Angeles Rotary District 5280 to be selected this year to study next year in a foreign country. As the incoming part of the Rotary Youth Exchange 3 students from foreign countries will be coming to high schools in the Los Angeles area.

Zoe came to the Malibu Rotary Club meeting with Rotary District 5280 Youth Exchange Co-chair **Warren Bobrow** of the Westchester Rotary Club.

Zoe said she always liked to travel, and wanted to be a foreign exchange student. Her family investigated different programs and concluded the Rotary Youth Exchange program was the best one. Her sister became a foreign exchange student to Sweden. The Rotary Youth Exchange program was first established in 1923 to help foster world peace and understanding. Students between the ages of 15 ½ and 18 ½ go to high school in a foreign country and stay with host families who are members of Rotary Clubs in the host countries. Typically, although they go to the same school for the year, they stay with 2 or 3 host families. The students themselves do not have to be relatives of Rotarians, nor is there any GPA or academic requirement.

Students write essays about themselves, where they would like to go and why. They may or may not be given their first choice of a country. Although they may be given language classes, they may have to learn the new language on the fly. Zoe admits she speaks very little German, but hopes to quickly learn. She said she was able to meet her primary host family in Rüsselsheim. The family consists of a mother, father and son. The son is going to be a Rotary Youth Exchange student in New Mexico. Another family she will stay with has two daughters.

Several Rotary Districts in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Hawaii have joined their Youth Exchange programs together to get even more students together and share their experiences. This multidistrict youth exchange program, using the acronym SCANEX, has incoming and outgoing students meet several times a year. Zoe was able to meet some of these students before her departure.

Rotary YES/SCANEX USA Train Tour was founded by Paul R. St. John, a past President of the Malibu Rotary Club, as a way for those Rotary Youth Exchange Students who completed their high school year in the USA successfully to see more than just the area around their host club. 45 Youth Exchange students participated in the Train Tour this year.

The tour is based on a 30-day rail pass for foreign passport holders and makes approximately 15 stops, seeing major cities of the US, including San Francisco, the Rotary International Headquarters in Chicago, New York, Washington DC, continues down the Atlantic coast to Florida before returning to Los Angeles. Overnight homestays with Rotary families are planned to cover four distinctly different regions of the USA. Hotels, youth hostels and public transportation is used whenever possible. The tour is paid for by the students.

Paul and his wife Melody, who is past president of the Hollywood Rotary Club, have no children of their own, but have hosted a foreign student each year for at least the past dozen years. They stay in touch with all their adopted children and many have been invited back to act as chaperones on the Train Tour. Paul and Melody are hosting one of the three incoming Youth Exchange students again this year.

Warren said there are many more students that want to come here than there are host families and he is always looking for qualified local host families who want to have the foreign teen stay in their home and be part of the family.

### **Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**

**President Kevin Boling** talked about several upcoming Rotary District 5280 events, and the fact that he had raffle tickets (12 tickets for \$100) for the Paul Harris event below. Kevin, Bill, Maggie and Hubert all attended the Rotary District breakfast the day before and Kevin asked Hubert for his impressions. Hubert was impressed by how organized this breakfast was, from the parking to the event in the ballroom of the hotel. Also the fact that there were so many people from so many places. It turns out he managed to sit next to our friend Benedikt Fischer-Brydern, who is the current president of the Hollywood Rotary Club again, and we all know he was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in music from Germany. So he made Hubert feel right at home as the two of them could *sprechen die deutche*.

**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. Details are as follows:

Circus Vargas for Rotary on November 6

Doors open at 11:00 am 🕒 Pre-Show begins at 12:10 pm

Tickets: \$65 adult ☐ \$35 children under 16

Includes: **Children and adults get one hot dog or nachos, one cotton candy or popcorn, and two beverages.**

**Plus, each Adult ticket also gets one deli sandwich.**

Del Amo Fashion Center Torrance

3 Del Amo Fashion Square, 3525 Carson Street, Torrance 90503

If you click on the following link you can print out a flyer for the event in pdf format:

[http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280//HTML/133016//CircusVargasFlyer\[1\].pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280//HTML/133016//CircusVargasFlyer[1].pdf)

## **Literacy Breakfast**

Please join Rotary district in the quest to promote literacy at the Annual District 5280 Literacy Breakfast on August 12, 2011 from 7:00am - 9:00am at Lawry's Restaurant in Beverly Hills. RSVP your seat to the District Office by phone or email as soon as possible. Come to enjoy fellowship, a great breakfast and listen to the wonderful guest speakers. This event is free but please bring a donation of school supplies. For more information click for the flyer [here](#).

## **Rotary Club Vice Presidents of the Month**

August: **Bill Wishard**

September: **Maggie Luckerath**

October: **McKade Marshall**

November: **David Baird**

December: **Bob Syvertsen**

**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.

**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:

- **August 3, 2011 7:30 a.m.** Fireside Room Not Available—meeting **in Faculty Dining Room** next door to Fireside Room.
- **August 10, 2011 7:30 a.m.** This will be the only meeting of the month in the **Fireside Room** at Pepperdine. Rotary District Governor Brad Robinson to Hear Reports from Malibu Rotary Committee Heads and to Report on the State of the District
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- **Guests**

There were multiple guests at the July 27<sup>th</sup> Malibu Rotary Club meeting: “almost” member **Nichola Lenehen** as well as “almost” member **Shannon Gilman, Warren Bobrow** of Westchester Rotary Club. **Michael Hakim** of the LA 5 Rotary Club (who was in town looking for a home in Malibu for his 1 mo and 1 year old daughters), and **Makita Lamb**, who came with Youth Exchange student **Zoe Dunne**.

### **Message From Malibu Rotary Club President Kevin Boling**



If we continue down the path we have set upon, we may have to reserve a bigger meeting venue! This week featured guests from LA5, one of the District Trainers, our Youth Exchange Student as well as our two “soon to be members”. We even had some members absent and it was still a full house. Great job Malibu Rotary. This is what I have been talking about, looks like we are all on the same page. I was filling out the Rotary International report following the meeting and we now have 19 active members. Let’s shoot for another 5 new members by Christmas. That means a bigger Holiday Party and more fun for all. Hubert, Maggie, Bill and I attended the District Breakfast on Tuesday and we had a great time. You really can learn a lot about Rotary at a District function. The next Breakfast is in September, lets all go and show the District that Malibu is alive and well!! Give Jack a call or stop by if you can, he is one of the best.

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Kevin



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## **McKade's Friends Put Rotary Club of Malibu Facebook Page Over the Top**

### **We are now a registered facebook page!**

By July 27th number of "likes" on Rotary Club of Malibu Facebook = 35 (+16 since last week).

Nearly of these new "likes" seem to be friends of McKade Marshall (who has almost 3,000 facebook friends).

McKade is powerful. What else could he do with this large voting bloc?

Of the 35 "likes" only 8 are members of the Malibu Rotary Club and the others are friends, relatives, mostly of McKade!

The top of the Malibu Rotary ClubRuner site, [www.maliburotary.org](http://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

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org) for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

## **Calendar**

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