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- **Following the June 18 meeting at 9:00 p.m. there will a special PETS for the Malibu Rotary Club Presidents of the Month (2018-19) who should have a filled out the “Evaluate Your Rotary Brand Experience” handed out by William Wishard the previous week.**

- Following the Malibu VP PETs at 9:30 a.m. will be a Malibu Rotary Club Assembly at which Operating Budget and Charity Budget sent out by Bianca Torrence will be Discussed
- Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
- RI President (2018-2019) Barry Rassin
- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2018-2019) Joe Vasquez

Marianne Gisele Bema Demonstrates African culture and “Bantu Arts Atelier For Kids”



Marianne Bema (L in above picture) brought family friends, food, fabrics and fabulous African cultural examples to show and tell about her origins in Camaroon and the Bantu people, who are people occupy Camoroon and adjacent countries in central and west Africa. Holding examples of this African art and culture are (L to R) Bill Wishard, Mark Koller, Zacharie Atanga (who a graduate student in African studies at UCLA who was born in Gabon, the country in west Africa located to the south of

Camaroon), Teresa LeGrove, Marianne's son William Bema a student at Calabasas High School, Marianne's niece Natacha Jouonang, Nia Green, Menalisa Okojie, Malibu Rotary Club Vice President W David Baird presiding Malibu Rotary Club President for July, and seated in front is Malibu Rotary Club President Bianca Torrence looking very much the queen as she holds the horse hair (horse tail) Mekwaah.

Marrienne Bema's presentation to the Malibu Rotary Club on July 11 was a multimedia experience. In fact, it is Marrienne's goal to make the presentation an experience—something you can see, touch, and taste. You can read up the African culture in a book, but Marianne wants you to experience it, and to that she wants to bring it to you. Through her Bantu Arts Atelier she brings it to classrooms and grade schools and her dream is to set up a Bantu village in Calabasas where everyone can visit.



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Pictured above: Natacha Jouonang, Marianne's niece, serves Beignets to Rotarians and guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting July 11. Beignets are a traditional breakfast food, This is a popular snack all over Africa. This famous snack is sold in every street in many African countries. It is called puff puff in Nigeria, togbei in Ghana, Mikate in Congo, gateaux in Guinea and beignet in other African countries. They are usually served with a hot tomato sauce or alone. They are also found in the French Quarter in New Orleans and remind us of "doughnut holes" or popovers, both in taste and appearance.

Marianne Bema, is descendant of the prestigious Batoufam and Batoum Royalty, was born and raised in Cameroon, Central Africa. After the birth of her twins, Marianne was given the special and highly respected name of Magnie as required by the Bantu-Bamileke culture (which means the Mother of Twins). It is to notice that some worldwide celebrated Artists such as Picasso, Matisse, Gauguin and most recently La Maison Hermes, got their inspiration from the Bantu people outstanding handmade arts pieces. Magnie is fluent in 10 languages. Over the years she has had the privilege of living in various countries of the world where she experienced diverse cultures from Belgium to France, Gabon, Germany, where she lived 27 years, and now the United States of America.

Marianne, a philanthropist, has always believed in giving back to the community. She found a way to propagate this through artifacts, arts, songs, dances, messages of unity, cultural diversity and awareness in children and communities. She set aside her Interior Design and Special Event Coordinator to expand her knowledge on working with children. She did this by successfully completing a Curriculum Development, Classroom Management and How to Teach Young Children Program at the University of California Los Angeles. After which, Marianne developed a curriculum to teach Bantu arts under her non-profit Bantu Arts Atelier For Kids, located in Calabasas.

Her love for fostering cultural diversity awareness and promoting Global Citizenship within children and communities, lead her to write a multicultural children's book "Nguni Stands Up To Gure the Bully: Finding strength in one voice."

In this book, Marnie is not only addressing the Bullying issue, that is a major scourge existing at every level in our society, she also raises awareness about children with albinism who are subject to multiple forms of discrimination, persecution, seclusion, mutilation and bullying worldwide. Sadly, the believe of some ethnic groups is that the body parts of children with albinism have magical powers for providing wealth and good luck.

Marianne, a lover of people and culture believes the world is all connected through various cultures. Every day she does her own part to promote unity, cultural diversity and love that are necessary for a healthy living environment.

*Note: Magnie's book "Nguni Stands Up to Gure The Bully: Finding strength in one voice." Is available at Barnes and Nobles, Amazon and some other online book seller outlets.



Above (L to R) are Mariranne Bema, Mark Koller, Teresa LeGrove, Zacharie Atanga, William Bema, Natacha Jouonang, Nia Green, Monalisa Okogie, Stephanie Porras (who is does Public Relations for Bantu Arts Atelier), and W. David Baird

The **Bantu peoples** are the speakers of Bantu languages, comprising several hundred ethnic groups in sub-Saharan Africa, spread over a vast area from Central Africa across the African Great Lakes to Southern Africa. There may over 500 languages spoken by the Bantu people. Bantu languages derive from a [Proto-Bantu language](#), estimated to have been spoken about 4,000 to 3,000 years ago in West/Central Africa (the area of modern-day [Cameroon](#)). They were supposedly spread across Central, Eastern and Southern Africa in the [Bantu expansion](#), a rapid succession of migrations during the [1st millennium BC](#),^[10] in one wave moving across the [Congo basin](#) towards [East Africa](#), in another moving south along the African coast and the Congo River system towards Angola. In Marianne's classes she teaches various aspects and skills of the Bantu people. She points out that the art of these people influenced European artists such as Picasso. She talks about various practical skills that were developed, like carrying objects on a persons head. She teaches the songs, has story telling, and drum circles. Are classes are all about social studies and develop a global appreciation for sharing cultural ideas.

You can learn more about Bantu Art Atelier at www.bantuartsatelier.org.



1- The fabric is called NDOP. It is a resist stitched used for very high ranked ceremonial purposes un Bamileke culture. The pattern are usually ethnical and have a meaning.

2- Horse hair (Horse Tail) calls Mekwaah. It defines victory, victory on death, victory on desperation, and high status of the owner. The beaded handled shows wealth and power.

3- The elephant mask represents power and highly stratified kingdoms of the Bamileke people. Because imported beads were historically rare and very expensive, beadwork is also associated with high social rank, making the mask a truth emblem of power and wealth.



Pictured below: Marianne shows us the Nsongo'o board game. It is also called Oware and part of the Mancala series of games, which may have begun in Egypt in 1000 BC. Oware is an [Ashanti abstract strategy game](#) among the [Mancala](#) family of board games (pit and pebble games) played worldwide, especially in west Africa and the Carribean, with slight variations as to the layout of the game, number of players and strategy of play. Marianne

tells us she likes to bring it to restaurants to keep children occupied while they are waiting for food. She believes it to be better than having them looking at their cell phones.





Above to the left is the hand carved exterior to the Nsngo'o Mancala board game and to the right is the interior, with the game pieces, which are pebbles or pits.

Marianne Bema's work in bringing African culture into the schools with her Bantu Arts Atelier for Kids and her book so impressed the City of Calabasas the City Council and Mayor of Calabasas presented Marianne with the certificate of recognition below last October.



City of Calabasas State of California

*The Calabasas City Council
does hereby recognize and congratulate*

MARIANNE BEMA

*on the occasion of the Bantu Arts Atelier for Kids
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Book Release and
her efforts and contributions fostering cultural diversity.*

October 19, 2017

Mayor Mary Sue Maurer

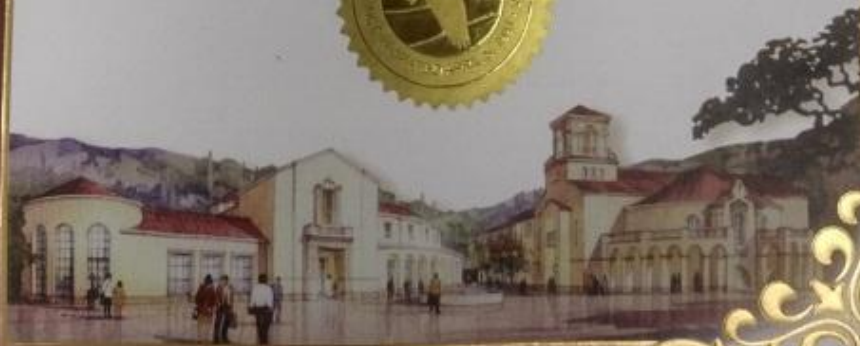
Mayor pro Tem Fred Gaines

Councilmember David J. Shapiro



Councilmember James R. Bozajian

Councilmember Alicia Weintraub



Malibu Rotary Club Inducts Nagy Henein as newest member



(Above) W. David Baird (L), Malibu Rotary Club President for July Inducts Nagy Henein into the Malibu Rotary Club on July 11 2018. Malibu Rotary Club President

Bianca Torrence was Nagy's sponsor. Nagy is the Regional Manager for First Bank, which just opened a new office in the Malibu Village Center, 3822 Cross Creek Rd in Malibu .

MALIBU ROTARY CLUB

2018-2019 Club GOALS

Goal No. 1 Increase club membership, diversity & engagement

- Invite new members with different perspective, business and backgrounds, this will fuel innovation, will give our club a broader understanding of our community needs and will strengthen our club in a positive way.
- Engage new members young professionals under 50, and increase female membership.
- Encourage current members in activities outside club meetings.
- Plan and organize 2 social mixers per year. Invite community & young professionals.
- Attend the connection breakfast with chamber of commerce one Wednesday per quarter instead of having a regular meeting.

Goal No. 2 Increase awareness in humanitarian service

- We must make a difference in our community and across the globe by engaging young people, rotary alumni and the public in rotary programs.
- Inform everyone about our 6 areas of focus and get more involvement in Rotary Foundation opportunities.
- Carry out at least one project focused on the environment.
- Collaborate with other Rotary clubs to increase focus scope and visibility.
- Learn and use Rotary's crowdsourcing platform, Rotary ideas to contribute to our project we are seeking.

Goal No. 3 Enhance Rotary Public Image

- Host and/or promote a community event to support World Polio Day
- Engage community by hosting at least one VIP networking event for local professionals & community organizations by doing a "Meet and Greet" inviting a VIP or dignitary that will draw attendance from the community.

- Establish a partnership with the local government or city entity, collaborate with other service clubs or non-profits us to create an event that community will truly enjoy.
- Increase and optimize our social media presence by using twitter, Instagram Facebook. This will enable to share context and promote our club activities
- Improve and update our club website to be user friendly and more innovative, so it will captivate people that are searching the web.

Below are the 2018-2019 Malibu Rotary Club Executives and Directors as well as the rotating acting presidents for the coming year:

MALIBU ROTARY CLUB 2018-2019

CLUB EXECUTIVES & DIRECTORS

President of Record

Bianca Torrence

Vice-President

Margo Neal

Vice-President

W. David Baird

Vice-President

John W. Elman

President Elect

Teresa Le Grove

Immediate Past President

Bianca Torrence

Treasurer

Joy Arcenas

Assistant Treasurer

Bob Syvertsens

Secretary

John Elman

Club Service

David Baird

Joy Arcenas

Community Service

Bianca Torrence

Mark Koller

Vocational Service

Margo Neal

International Service

Allan Mannheim

Bianca Torrence

Youth Chair

Teresa LeGrove

Rotary Foundation

David Baird

Club Administration

William Wishard

Membership

Carlye Rudkin

Margo Neal

Editor Malibu Rotary Surfwriter

John Elman

Webmaster

John Elman

Assistant Webmaster

Mark Koller

Programs

John Elman

Advertising & Marketing

Mark Koller

Social Media

Bianca Torrence

Teresa LeGrove

Public Relations

Margo Neal

Bianca Torrence

Historian

David Baird

Bob Syverstein

Peace Chair

Carlye Rudkin

Peace-Co-Chair

Alex Ayzin

Fundraiser Chair

Margo Neal

Fundraiser Co-Chair

David Zielski

Malibu Rotary Club Rotating Presidents for 2018-2019

July 2018

August 2018

W. David Baird

Margo Neal

September 2018
October 2018
November 2018
December 2018
January 2019
February 2019
March 2019
April 2019
May 2019
June 2019

Margo Neal
Margo Neal
W. David Baird
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Bianca Torrence
John W Elman
John W Elman
John W Elman
Teresa LeGrove Cherkas
Bianca Torrence

Other News and Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

W. David Baird presided over the July 11 Malibu Rotary Club meeting. It was the first meeting of the new Rotary year as well as David's birthday. David ran the meeting pretty smoothly, still calling on himself to do a "This week in History." He probably should not have called in himself to tell the meeting ending joke. It seemed to be something he found in a magazine, and started to read the beginning of the joke on a page he had cut out. Unfortunately the punch line was on another page. It took him a while to find the other page. In humor timing is everything—next time just end the meeting without the joke with the lost punch line.

Bill Wishard said that each of the Rotating Monthly presidents for the Malibu Rotary Club 2018-19 will have a special PETs after the July 18 meeting. The July 11th was originally scheduled for this but the meeting ran over. Bill did give out an evaluation form at the July 11th meeting that all the monthly presidents should have filled out and be ready to discuss at the special meeting on July 18. Rotary District Governor Joe Vasquez will be visiting the Malibu Rotary Club on August 29th and official Club evaluation form will have to be filled out and given to the Governor at that time, along with reports from the club officers. These activities will have to be organized by the Malibu Rotary Club Vice President in charge of August John Elman, . The first Rotary District Breakfast of the new year will be August 14 at the LAX Westin, 5400 West Century Bl, in Los Angeles at 7:00 a.m.

Guests at the July 11 Meeting

Marianne Gisele Bema filled the Malibu Rotary Club meeting room on July 11 talking about "Bantu Arts Atelier For Kids". Guests included **Jose Angel Manaiza Jr**, the President of Malibu Toastmasters who graciously changed his speaking date at the Malibu Rotary Club to October 31 so we could have Bianca give her report on the District Humanitarian Trip to Peru on the date we originally gave to Jose (July 25), , **Zacharie Atanga, William Bema, Natacha Jouonang, Nia Green, Monalisa Okogie, Stephanie Porras (who is does Public Relations for Bantu Arts Atelier)**.

CALENDAR

July 18, 2018 Claire Fullerton, “A Novelist Discusses her Path to Publication”

Claire Fullerton will be speaking to the Rotary Club July 18th about the process of writing a novel and the road to traditional publication. In this day and age of so many self-publishing, she will provide insight into how to enter the arena of the traditionally published, beginning with writing a novel.

According to Claire the good news is it's not as daunting as many assume.

Claire Fuller grew up in Memphis, TN and now lives in Malibu, CA. She is the author of contemporary fiction, "Dancing to an Irish Reel," set in Connemara, Ireland, where she once lived. Dancing to an Irish Reel is a finalist in the 2016 Kindle Book Review Awards, and a 2016 Readers' Favorite. Claire is the author of "A Portal in Time," a paranormal mystery that unfolds in two time periods, set on California's hauntingly beautiful Monterey Peninsula, in a village called Carmel-by-the-Sea. Both of Claire's novels are published by Vinspire Publishing. Her third novel, Mourning Dove, is a Southern family saga, to be published in June, 2018 by Firefly Southern Fiction. She is one of four contributors to the book, The South in All Seasons, with her novella, Through an Autumn Window, to be published in October, 2018 by Firefly Southern Fiction. Claire is represented by Julie Gwinn, of The Seymour Literary Agency, and can be found on WordPress, Twitter (cfullerton3) Goodreads, Instagram (cffullerton) as well as the website under her name.

July 25 2018 Jose Angel Manaiza Jr –“How I Achieved the American Dream” (Winning Toastmast Speech)

Jose Manaiza Jr is President of the award winning Malibu Toastmaster's and has given a prize winning speech, How I Achieved the American Dream, which he will share with the Malibu Rotary Club at the July 25 2018.

August 1 2018 Joy Arcenas shows her ART of Giving--Flip Flops and More

Malibu Rotary Club Treasurer Joy Arcenas founded a private charity in 2014 which gives away backpacks and school supplies and other requested items to needy children in the Phillippines. This year there was a special request for Flip Flops for the feet, and many members of the Malibu Rotary contributed to help Joy buy these items for a return trip she made to the Phillippines this past May. At the August 1 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club Joy will give a slide presentation showing the results of her most recent mission to the Phillippines.

August 8 2018 Malibu Rotary Club's newest Member Mark Koller answers the question "How did I get here?"

August 14 2018 First Rotary District Breakfast at LAX Westin Hotel 5400 Century Blvd Los Angeles 90045

August 15 2018 Danial Fereydani speaking on "Income Planning and Overall Tax Strategies for 2018"

Danial Fereydani, President and Founder of Pendo Insurance Services of Beverly Hills will be the featured speaker at the August 15 2018 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club at 8:00 a.m. at Pepperding University Upper Drescher Graduate campus Room LC 152. Mr. Fereydani specializes in income planning, tax-advantaged strategies and tax-free legacy planning.

Mr. Fereydani named his company Pendo after the Greek word for value" because he is passionate about adding value to clients. He focuses on helping clients achieve their long-term financial goals by understanding their specific situation and implementing a strategy that will position them for principal protection, minimizing taxes and leaving a legacy for loved ones.

August 22 2018 Nagy Henein, Regional Vice President and Private Mortgage Banker at First Bank, talking about "New Trends in Banking"

August 29 Rotary District Governor Joe Vasquez – DG Joe will give his report on the state of the District and Malibu Rotary Club leadership, led by President of the Month John Elman, will give reports to the District Governor on activities of the Club, past, present and future.

September 19 2018 Jacquie Jordan---"Grounding the Spiritual Into the Material"

Jacquie Jordan is the CEO of TV Guestpert. Celebrity guests she has produced in the past include Steven Spielberg, Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, and she was producer for TV Show Donnie & Marie Osmond. She is a successful published author of "Heartfelt Marketing" and "Get On TV" and also she has a magnificent publishing company which helps people write their legacy through publishing a book.

*Not sharing, or hoarding, your professional experience or talents is debting the Universe.

*Earning Money is necessary for self sustaining and impacting and reaching more people.

- *Running a Principle based business requires a primary purpose or company mission statement; harmonic value exchange (money for product or service or time and talent); aligning with the right clients; finding your marketing expression.
- *Discerning an intuitive idea that is yours to actualize and express vs. a collective idea, that may or may not be your own - where to put the focus on time and energy.
- *Attention sovereignty - not letting so much information steal your time and attention when you need to focus on creating.
- *Living live on purpose not distraction.
- *Creating support systems and incubation's around ideas and systems.

September 26 2018 Lou Dennig “Authenticity Made Simple”

Lou Dennig is a four time Emmy nominated Executive Producer and Studio Executive with experience managing Current Programs, Development for Syndication and Cable, Local Broadcasting Schedules, Advertising, Promotion, Research and Business Affairs. This position translates into influencing daytime television in some of the most significant programming content of the last two decades

October 3 2018 Shana Elman, MA MD answers the question “What is Nuclear Medicine”

John Elman's daughter Shana grew up in Malibu, attending Webster School, Malibu Park Middle School, and SaMoHi, before getting a Bachelor's degree at UCLA, and MA in psychology at Pepperdine, and MD at Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, a Doris Duke Fellowship in medical research at University of Texas in Dallas, and spending 2 years as resident in general surgery at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle Washington, and becoming certified in Nuclear Medicine at University of Washington, where she served as Chief Resident in Nuclear Medicine. She recently completed the 4 year Residency in Radiology at UW. She has lectured across the country in Nuclear Medicine and has been an author of 18 Pub Med cited journal articles. In October she will be part of the faculty at the University of New Mexico Medical Center in Albuquerque.

When Shana told her dad she was leaving general surgery to go into Nuclear Medicine he had to ask, "What is Nuclear Medicine?" At the October 3 2018 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club we will all find out.

October 10 2018 Dr. Patty Durath Cooper tells us HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATOR FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

Dr. Patty Durath Cooper lives in Italy and will be the featured speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club when she comes to Malibu on October 10 2016.

She sent us the following e-mail prior to her visit:

"I am a mind traveller and a doors opener. Follow me in my journey. Open those doors that you would have rather left closed. The specific form of communication you need is between yourselves and your real-selves. Once this channel is viable, you will become the most successful communicator.

Based on my true story, on my own true experience as a scientist, as a journalist, as a mother of three, as a lover, as a wife, as a FIGHTER.

You will learn:

- 1) to open a specific communication channel with your real-self, to better reconnect with family and friends.
- 2) to impact people with the clarity of your reasoning.
- 3) to master your sorrow and loneliness and turn it all into a productive lifestyle.

I look forward to spend some quality time with you all! A warm embrace from Italy,
Yours

Patty”

October 17 2018 Jeffrey Lipsius “Selling to the Point”

Jeffrey Lipsius is the President and Founder of Selling To The Point®, LLC Sales Training and Consulting. He developed the Selling To The Point® sales training method during his 30-years of sales training experience. In the late 1970's Jeffrey pioneered inside selling for the Natural Foods Industry, and trained the first sales force of this type in that Industry. As a result of the success, his selling model is being utilized by many Natural Foods Industry brands. Jeffrey has trained over 100 salespeople, both inside and outside, as well as sales trainers throughout his career. The salespeople trained by Jeffrey are some of the highest commission earners in their respective industries. Salespeople trained by Jeffrey also cultivate great customer relationships and enjoy their careers as salespeople. The salespeople Jeffrey trained have cumulatively sold over two billion dollars worth of products.

His book "Selling to the Point" is available on Amazon in English and Spanish. Tim Galwey says of it "Jeffrey Lipsius may have come up with the most influential book for sales in a decade."

October 24 2018 Margo Neal will lead Club Assembly--Final Planning Session for Halloween Fund Raiser

October 31 2018 Jose Angel Manaiza Jr –“How I Achieved the American Dream” (Winning Toastmaster Speech) Jose Manaiza Jr is President of the award winning Malibu Toastmaster's and has given a prize winning speech, How I Achieved the American Dream, which he will share with the Malibu Rotary Club at the July 25 2018.

November 7 2018 Alex Ross The Social Chameleon - A 3D Animated Short Film

The Social Chameleon is an animated short about a chameleon who is good at fitting in with all the other animals, but doesn't know how to be himself. The story follows Cosmo the Chameleon day-by-day as he successfully postures and fits in with each animal group, but ultimately returns home alone and empty. He doesn't know how to change his colors - or even that he can - until one day his fate is turned by another chameleon. Alex Ross will show this animated film at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on November 7. You can see more at the following websites:

IndieGogo: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-social-chameleon-animation/x/>

Website: www.thesocialchameleon.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheSocialChameleonShort

Instagram: @the.social.chameleon