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## **Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter**

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu  
Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski

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

- **Rotary District 5280 Website:**[www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
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- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2015-2016): D.J. Sung**

**Malibu Rotary Club David Zielski Echoes the theme of RI President K.Ravi Ravindran and asks all Rotarians “Be a gift to the World.”**



At the July 8 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club Malibu Rotary Club President (2015-16) David Zielski echoed the words of Rotary International President (2015-2016), who tells Rotarians to “Be Gift to the World”.

RI President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran chose *Be a Gift to the World* as his theme for 2015-16. Ravindran urges Rotary members to give the gifts of time, talent, and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe. "Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."

David showed a video of part of the Theme address Ravindran gave at Rotary International's annual Assembly in San Diego, California 5 months ago when he addressed RI Governor’s Elect. The moving speech is available as an online video at <https://vimeo.com/117317680> .

David talked about important dates to remember for the Rotary year, as well as his goals and aspirations for the year.

The Malibu Rotary Club meeting on September 23 will feature Rotary District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila. Just as important as the Noon meeting when the Assistant Governor speaks is a meeting that will take place at 10:45 p.m. that morning in the same room, when each of the Malibu Rotary Club officers will give 3 to 5 minute oral reports to Assistant Governor Heikkila on what the club plans are for each avenue of service. In preparation for the AG's visit on September 23 the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Club Assembly in Preparation for Rotary District Assistant Governor Visit.

Some of the areas that President David wants to get involved with during his year at the helm is increasing the Malibu Rotary Club awareness on social media, getting district grants (possibly in vocational service), increasing membership by at least 4 new members, and working more with the Malibu Chamber of Commerce.

### **Bill Wishard, Rotary District Special Olympics Chair**



Bill Wishard is coordinating Rotary District efforts for the Special Olympics games being staged in Los Angeles July 25 - August 2, 2015. People in Los Angeles, and especially Rotarians, can get involved. The

Special Olympics will have 7,000 athletes from 177 countries.

Rotary District 5280 is getting a block of 1020 tickets for the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics which will start at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum 5:00 pm July 25<sup>th</sup>. Price for ticket and special Rotary T-shirt that will be worn at the event is \$40.00. Members can register on line at the Rotary District website [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/) or by clicking [here](#) if you are viewing this newsletter on line. The log on is the same on the district site as MalibuRotary.org and if you register on line at the district site they have all your information except T-Shirt size and how many tickets you want. Over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend Bill was able to get bus transportation to the Coliseum from Malibu for Rotary members and guests. We already have enough people to fill a 24 passenger bus, but it would cost less person if we could fill a 50 passenger bus. We have one of each reserved and will confirm when we have

a head count. To fill the 50 passenger bus the Malibu Rotary Club is soliciting passengers from adjacent Rotary clubs, specifically Santa Monica, Palisades, Calabasas and Woodland Hills. Margo Neal was to contact Santa Monica and Palisades and John Elman has contacted Calabasas and Woodland Hills.

Rotarians can also participate as volunteers “Fans in the Stands,” or by sponsoring an athlete. It free to go to the games, and individual Rotary Clubs should each of a captain to have club members go to the sporting events together for a fun group experience. Sponsoring an athlete financially costs \$2500. Some large clubs in District 5280, LA 5 and Wilshire Rotary Clubs have done this. For smaller clubs, like the Malibu Rotary Club, they can join with other clubs to raise the \$2500. The Malibu Rotary Club is contributing \$500, and will join with another club to support an athlete.

Stevie Wonder will be part of the opening ceremonies entertainment and dignitaries will include Michelle Obama and past regular Olympics gold medal winners. Highlights of the Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies flyer are printed below:•

Rotary District 5280 is supporting thousands of international athletes at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Opening Ceremonies. Be a part of this amazing experience!

**About The Event:** All Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, friends and family are welcome to attend. 1,000 seats have been reserved for Rotary District 5280 at Opening Ceremonies at the LA Coliseum on July 25, 2015

**How To Sign Up:** *Tickets are available from June 22 only on a first come, first served basis.* Sign up at [www.rotary5280.org](http://www.rotary5280.org) or mail back the registration form available on line at the same website.

**Ticket Prices:** All tickets include admission to Opening Ceremonies and a T-shirt. \$40 for Small, Medium, Large, XL T-shirts. \$42 for XXL and XXXL Tshirts.

**Procedure For Picking Up Tickets & T-shirts:** All tickets and T-shirts must be picked up at the District Office between July 20-25, 2015 only. Rotary District 5280 Address: 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 210, Los Angeles, CA 90045. *No tickets or t-shirts will be mailed to attendees.*

#### Contact Information

**Ticket info:** [office@rotary5280.org](mailto:office@rotary5280.org) or 310-670-9792

**Event info:** Bill Wishard, Special Olympics Chair, [wnwishard@aol.com](mailto:wnwishard@aol.com) or 310-625-5339

**You can still buy opening ceremony tickets on line at Rotary District website ([www.rotary5280.org](http://www.rotary5280.org)) and navigating to the Special Olympics link or by copying the following url into your browser address bar:**

**<http://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=1b676f97-dce0-48c9-81d8-84e626048800>**

## **Other News and Guests at Malibu Rotary Club**

There were several issues brought up at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Malibu Rotary Club meeting that were tabled for further discussion. One was budgeting payment for guest speakers lunch in operating budget, and how the guest speaker's lunch should be paid for. In most Rotary clubs the lunch has a set fee and a ticket is given for food, which is given gratis to the speaker. Since food is optional at the Malibu Rotary Club meetings at the Villa Grazidio meeting room and there is no set fee for it, the issue of complimentary food have never been addressed. When the Malibu Rotary Club previously met in the Fireside Room of the Pepperdine main campus the speaker was given a breakfast ticket which was good for anything that morning in the cafeteria line.

Another issue that was brought up and not resolved was the fact that at an event last year in which the Malibu Rotary Club shared a booth with the Woodland Hills Rotary Club and Fleet Street Bikes, and Fleet Street had to find and make special parts for old bikes that were brought to and later given back to Kim Bonewitz. Fleet Street Bikes ([www.fleetstreetbikes.com](http://www.fleetstreetbikes.com)) is a non-profit business of the Pacific Lodge in Woodland Hills that fixes old bikes and sells them, showing boys who were previously in gangs, a useful craft, and enabling the Pacific Lodge high school to stay viable. Malibu Rotary had donated money to Fleet Street in 2014. In order to fix the 10 Bonewitz bikes Fleet Street incurred an expense of \$500 for parts. A request had been made to the Malibu Rotary Club to reimburse Fleet Street for their expenses. This issue was brought to the attention of the Malibu Rotary Club via e-mails sent to Bill Wishard, and was still not resolved at the July 8 Malibu Rotary meeting.

The only guest at the July 8 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club was **Chris Bashaw**, Editor of the *Malibu Surfside News*.

## **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher**

Clean drinking water is a problem affecting millions of people around the world. A Malibu company, RainCatcher, is trying to solve the problem in an efficient manner. Much of their work has been in Africa. The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher. There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously no clean drinking water.

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. In February The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing in Africa was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

# Calendar (for details on these programs see [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org))

## July 15, 2015—

**Speaker will be Bill Wishard, who will tell us about differences and similarities on how "Los Angeles Prepares for Olympics: 1984 and 2015."**

Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard is Rotary District 5280 Special Olympics Chair for 2015. He also worked with Peter Ueberroth on the 1984 Olympics held in Los Angeles. At the July 15th meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club Bill will relate difference and similarities between preparing Los Angeles for these 2 world events.

## July 22, 2015—

**Speaker will be John Elman, "Rotary members online tools--How ClubRunner makes communication easier"**

John Elman has worked with various versions of ClubRunner for the past 5 years. He has come to appreciate useful online tools that are available to all Rotary club members, but are used by only a few. He will explain how members can make these tools work for them at the July 22, 2015 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club.

July 25, 2015 Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

## Future Rotary Club and Rotary District Events

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Speaker	Date	Topic
William P. Magee, Jr., D.D.S., M.D.	Jul 28, 2015	Rotary District Breakfast #1 at Westin LAX Hotel <a href="#">Join District Governor DJ Sun for the first District Breakfast of the year. Operation Smile is a worldwide children's medical charity whose next event is on July 21 for the early bird price of \$38/person. Reservation link: <a href="#">b0c48f6bae5b#sthash.8pnjefiI.dpuf</a></a>
Speaker To be Announced	Aug 12, 2015	Literacy Breakfast at Lawry's Restaurant in Beverly Hills At Lawry's Restaurant, 100 N. La Cienga Beverly Hills.

Speaker	Date	Topic
		The annual Rotary District Literacy Breakfast is a morning dedicated to vocational chairs, youth service chairs and any Rotarian wishing to attend. <a href="#">39dd71caacc7#sthash.1gl3rs11.dpuf</a>
David Zielski	Sep 09, 2015	Club Assembly in Preparation for Rotary District Assistant Governor
Rotary District Beach Party	Sep 20, 2015	Rotary District Picnic at Seaside Lagoon in Redondo Beach Don't miss one of the most fun events every year- the District Picnic! - See more at: <a href="http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/Event/14de5674-91f">http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50010/Event/14de5674-91f</a>
Rotary District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila	Sep 23, 2015	Rotary District Report from The Rotary Assistant District Governor
Rotary District Breakfast #2	Oct 20, 2015	Rotary District Breakfast #2 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd.
Rotary Foundation Celebration	Nov 14, 2015	Rotary Foundation Celebration "Seaside Serenade" at Lowes Santa Monica
- See more at: <a href="http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.Qb0txYKW.dpuf">http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.Qb0txYKW.dpuf</a>		