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**Dr George Pavlakos on
“Obligations of Justice
Beyond the Borders of
the Nation State”**

As Dean Emeritus of Pepperdine’s Undergraduate Seaver College David Baird presided over Malibu Rotary Club meetings during the past several months, he has also introduced the Malibu Rotary Club to outstanding Pepperdine professors giving programs on their areas of expertise.

By the June 27th meeting most professors were traveling, and that was also true of professors in other countries. John Elman was able to introduce to the Malibu Rotary Club a visiting Greek professor of law and philosophy from Antwerp and Glasgow who was taking his

sabbatical year at the UCLA Law School as part of its Law & Philosophy Program.

He had come to John's optometry office in Santa Monica, and after John learned of his background thought it would be appropriate for him to speak to the Malibu Rotary Club at the Malibu campus of Pepperdine, a University with a heritage of international relations and with campuses all over the world.

Dr George Pavlakos is Research Chair in Globalisation and Legal Theory, Universiteit Antwerpen/Belgium, Director Centre for Law and Cosmopolitan Values <http://www.lcv.ua.ac.be> as well as Professor of Globalisation and Legal Theory, University of Glasgow/Scotland. His topic for discussion at the Malibu Rotary meeting was "Obligations of Justice Beyond the Borders of the Nation State"

The practical aspects of the concerns of the law beyond the state are dealt with all the time in a global economy, where work is outsourced to countries with cheaper labor, to produce products and services in the nation of the home company. Laws of each country are different. Is there an international law that applies to human rights violations, distributive obligations toward remote agents? There needs to be a theory in place that places legal obligation beyond the state. Dr Pavlakos talked about the need for a theory that places legal obligation beyond the state.

Legal systems create moral obligations. Other arrangements and events also generate moral obligations. Obligations are grounded on how institutions direct persons. There is a Global network of obligations beyond the state. In addition there is an obligation to set up institutions of enforcement.

Law and Morality have a controversial relationship. There is a two-theory model. It differentiates Separation vs Connection when considering Law and Morality. The other theory is that Legal obligation IS moral obligation. Law does not implement morality nor does morality 'authorize' law.

Law directs people to act in a certain way. Sometimes it is derived from custom. When there are instances of interaction between societies then there is an international economic law. There are many levels of non-state institutional interaction across the globe. They are governed by a network of (institutional) moral obligations, even in the absence of state law.

Professor Pavlakos talked about existing legal institutions – universal jurisdiction (US tort alien act; Kadi) and Obligation to set up institutions of enforcement. He is one of the people around the globe pondering these questions of obligations that we all have for each other and how they could and should be enforced.

He gave examples of certain instances where obligations and enforcement can be applied. He said he was taking a short flight from one city to another in Europe when the captain came on the speaker and announced, "There will no peanuts served on today's flight. There is one passenger who has such a peanut allergy that even the smell of peanuts from close proximity could be fatal." Peanuts, of course, were the only thing served on the plane. Should all the passengers

have to suffer because of this one passenger? Does international law allow the pilot to make decisions flying over any and all countries?

It was fun, and somewhat comforting, to think that there are international laws and customs, that can perhaps protect us from the rogue laws of a single state when dealing with international issues. If we are not dealing in international commerce and travel remember when in Rome...

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Bill Wishard whose term will begin at the next meeting, announced that Rotary District 5280 Governor **Law Bertrand** and our Assistant Governor **Julie Jenkins** will be visiting the Malibu Rotary Club on August 22nd.



Malibu Rotary Club is Official Sponsor of Smile Trek

Marine Sargent Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palate and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palate disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip

across Southeast Asia which he began in September. Before he left he explained " My route will take me through eight different countries, beginning and ending in Singapore, and the yearlong trek will be an ongoing effort to raise funds for the ICSF and awareness for children living with clefts in the developing world. I chose to base this trip in Southeast Asia because of the region's high prevalence of cleft births."

Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240.

See Winston's blog at <http://www.smiletrek.org> (which includes multiple videos) as he travels across the world. As of April 11th he had collected \$40,404 for ICSF, over 81% his goal of \$50,000.

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

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(all Malibu Rotary Club meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

Speakers

Jul 4 2012

Independence Day (no meeting)

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Jul 11 2012

Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson

"Autism Care and Treatment Today! (ACT Today!) "

Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson is the executive director of Autism Care and Treatment Today! (ACT Today!) a national, non-profit organization based in Tarzana. ACT Today! provides resources and access to therapy, medical care, assistive technology, assistance dogs, assistance to military families with autism, special needs camp, special needs schools, and social skills programs to children with autism whose families cannot afford the necessary tools their children need to reach their highest potential.

Jul 18 2012

Mike Hebert

"Eradication of Polio in India--Rotarian NID Experience"

As a member of the Thousand Oaks Rotary Club (District 5240) Mike Hebert took part in the Rotary sponsored National Immunization Day (NID) in India. The World Health Organization (WHO) has now certified polio to be completely eradicated in India. Mike, who is the owner of the Postal Annex in the Trancas shopping center in Malibu, will share his experiences at NID when he speaks to the Malibu Rotary Club on July 18,

Jul 25 2012

Bill Wishard

"Malibu Rotary Club Assembly Noon Lunch meeting at Tra di Noi Restaurant (NO Morning Meeting)"

August 22 2012

Rotary District Governor Lew Bertrand

"State of the New Expanded Rotary District 5280"