



The Award Winning
Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Highlights of the Rotary District Breakfast at the Westin LAX Hotel March 12 and speaker Amanda Wirtz, President of United Services Rotary - the first online Rotary club in the world serving the international armed forces community.



Instead of having a Malibu Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday March 13 in Malibu, the official meeting of the club, attended by most of the members of the Malibu Rotary Club was the final District Breakfast of the Rotary year held on Tuesday, March 12th, which was hosted by New Generations and featured speaker, **Amanda Wirtz** who went from Rotary Youth Exchange Student to accomplished Public Health Advocate and President of United Services Rotary - an online Rotary club and the first online Rotary Club serving international armed forces community.

Those who witnessed Amanda’s presentation were not disappointed. She has an amazing background, and is a dynamic and inspirational speaker. A Chicago native and two time combat veteran, served for six years as a Cryptologic Analyst for Naval Intelligence supporting military, counternarcotics and search and rescue operations in Florida, Spain, Canada, and Washington D.C. Her first experience with Rotary was when she was 16 years old and was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

She seemed to be going great guns in multiple careers while in her 20’s, until on May 5, 2003, she found herself in the ER room in a Washington DC hospital with tumors all over her body.

She said she lost her home, her job, while she had 30 tumors removed. She had some type of rare progressive disease for which there was no cure.

Her passion for the military and veteran population has translated into her service as a public health researcher and consultant for the Veterans Administration Medical Center in La Jolla, CA. In addition, Amanda conceptualized an innovative mechanism to fully partner social media and humanitarian service and now serves as the President of United Services Rotary - the first online Rotary club in the world serving the international armed forces community and perhaps the first one using the only the facebook.com platform.



If you try Google Amanda Wirth or United Services Rotary Club you find almost nothing. To find out what she and the United Services Rotary Club are about you have to log in to your facebook account. If you do not have a facebook account you might be able to see it at <https://www.facebook.com/unitedservicesrotary>.

There are actually two United Services Rotary Club websites—one for members of the United Services Rotary Club, which needs its own login, and the other is a public site. The Malibu Rotary Club also has two facebook accounts, one for members and one for the public. Since the members of the Malibu Rotary Club don't even know about the "members only" site it is not used. As for United Services Rotary Club public site, Rotarians from around the world can go to the site and do club makeup meetings by spending some time there.



Amanda says that the members of the United Services Rotary Rotary Club come from around the world. What they have in common is either someone in the family is or has been in the military, or knows someone in the military. Dues are \$125 per year. There is no charge for any Rotary to do a makeup meeting on the site. You are on your honor to have spent 20 to 30 minutes there and also click “like” button.

Besides the traditional 4 Way test Amanda adheres to the 4 S Test: “So Simple it Seems Stupid!”

She notes that Paul Harris said, almost 100 years ago, “ It is a changing world and we must be prepared to change with it.”

And Ghandi said, “The future is determined by what we do today.”

Results of Rotary District Music Competition

Editors Note: The following report was submitted by Ann Hoffman, whose daughter Hailey Hoffman won the Malibu Rotary Club Music Competition and represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary District Competition held March 9 at Loyola Marymount University. Ann not only sent the report but also video links to performances by the first and 3rd place district winners.

Hailey competed for Malibu in the 2013 District Rotary Competition at Loyola Marymount yesterday and I knew you would want to see the results. I was told that the regional area was wider than previous years because they consolidated competitions that were held for smaller numbers of districts in the past. Shucks, Malibu didn't win, but it is understandable. The competitors were simply astounding! There were quite a few concert pianists playing complex Classical pieces, the piece for the 3rd place winner was eight minutes long. As difficult as it is to judge a competition with a diverse mix of instrumentalists as well as folk, classical and musical theater singers, the judges, Rotary representatives and Emcee did an incredible job and were gracious and encouraging to all of the participants.

Here are clips of the winners (not necessarily with the piece they performed):

1st Place: Ayla Stackhouse (Hollywood)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNTu7uLH1mA>

2nd Place: Nicole Kuwahara - (Torrance) Mendolsson piece on piano (no vid. avail.)

3rd Place: Erick Chong (Manhattan Beach)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsN0ZJOrLbc>

Other News From Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting at Rotary District Breakfast

Malibu Rotary Club President **Bill Wishard** and Malibu Rotary Club members, **Pompeya Monteros, Hubert Luckerath, Peter Formosa, Mehm Jimmy Mon,** and **John Elman** all attended the Rotary District Breakfast on Mar 12th, which counted as a Malibu Rotary Club meeting. Rotary District announcements are below under **Rotary District News.**

New Meeting Place and Time for Malibu Rotary Club

After the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of March 6, President Bill, along with Hubert Luckerath, Jimmy Mon, and John Elman all went to the upper Drescher campus Villa

Graziadio Executive Center at Pepperdine University to find out about having Malibu Rotary Club luncheon meetings there. We all like what we saw. Starting April 3rd the Malibu Rotary Club will be meeting at noon in LC 152 at the Pepperdine Drescher campus Villa Graziadio Executive Center. Individuals will buy food in the cafeteria, which is a short distance from the meeting room. The meeting room has built in projector, and the Rotary club will be given space to store the Malibu Rotary Club supplies.

Malibu Rotarians will be attending the Rotary District Breakfast on March 12th, with no meeting scheduled for March 13. The Malibu Rotary Club meetings of March 20th and March 27th will be breakfast meetings at the Pepperdine Fireside Room.

Rotary Day of Service-April 6th

Malibu Rotary Club Community Service Chair forwarded us the following e-mail from DJ Sun, Rotary District Community Service Director.

Dear Esteemed Presidents and Community Service Chairs,

On April 6th, Rotarians, families, friends and volunteers will get together at South Park for the renovation of its community center, playground, and baseball field. I hope each club will send Rotarians to participate in this wonderful reverse Matching Grant project, in partnership together with the City of Los Angeles and District 3700-Korea.

The total budget for this project is \$60,000 -- \$35,000 from the City of LA and \$25,000 from the Matching Grant fund. This project will contribute in developing and making the community a better and safe environment.

We need over 200 volunteers. Please do not miss this event! You may register with Melody St John, (323) 459-6148 / melodyrchollywood@gmail.com, or Marjorie Heller, (323) 463-0304 / 2marjorieheller@gmail.com. Here is the link to the website:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Events/EVPEventDetails.aspx?accountid=50010&eid=124d4972-53e2-4976-bfa6-e91a5942828a&tid=2>

Sincerely,

DJ Sun

Koreatown Rotary Club - District 5280

Senior Assistant Governor Community Service 2012-13

District Governor 2015-16



Doug Baker has graciously accepted the appointment to serve as DG for the Rotary year 2013-2014. This appointment was made as a result of the untimely passing of DGE, Jim Dyer. The protocol and rules of Rotary International were adhered to in making this appointment. Doug served as Rotary District Governor from 2010-2011.

In Memorium: District Governor Elect Jim Dyer (1948-2013)



Jim was an official ShelterBox Ambassador for the greater Los Angeles area and was recognized by President Obama with a Presidential Volunteer Service Award in March 2012 for his volunteer efforts during 2011 to provide shelter, warmth, and dignity for survivors of natural and other disasters worldwide. Jim and his wife Sharen instantly fell in love with the concept of ShelterBox during their trip to the Rotary Convention in Copenhagen in 2006 and two years later he had become a ShelterBox Ambassador for the LA area. ShelterBox started as a project from one Rotary club in the U.K. and in Jim's words, "it was incubated out of Rotary but has become a separate stand alone effort". The dedication and enthusiasm that Jim has shown for ShelterBox can be seen in this January 9, 2012 video interview clip provided by Mel Powell, president of the E-Club of The

Greater San Fernando Valley. If you are not acquainted with this Rotary affiliated project, please do watch the video so you can see just why Jim was such a huge supporter of this project.

Watch the video at:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UXKBBfbPIeE#!

A single shelter box costs \$1,000 to sponsor and as a sponsor you will receive a certificate with a serial number which allows you to follow that box on the website and see where your sponsored box ends up. I'm sure that donating a ShelterBox in memory of Jim Dyer would be a wonderful tribute to his memory and his dedication to "Service Above Self".

The family has asked that in lieu of flower/gifts that you instead make a donation to The Rotary Foundation in Jim's name. Donation information is provided below the Rotary logo at the bottom of this page.

You are already truly missed Jim and your memory will forever live in my/our hearts. Thank you for being a joy to work with and for being my/our friend.

Sincerely,

Emily "EM" Blair Charnelle
District Office Administrator



Memorial Donation Information:

To make a [memorial donation to The Rotary Foundation](#) please utilize the online [Memorial Tribute Gift Service \(HERE\)](#) or mail in a completed [Memorial Tribute Gift Form \(HERE\)](#) to Rotary International.

If using the [online Memorial Tribute Gift Service](#), you will be asked to select a Fund and then complete 5 steps. In the 3rd step "Billing" there is a "Gift Option" in blue print, just click that to specify your memorial donation dedication to Jim.

If you are using the snail [mail Memorial Tribute Gift Form](#) then completely fill out the form, make your check payable to "The Rotary Foundation", and then mail it to The Rotary Foundation at 14280 Collections Center Dr. Chicago, IL 60693

Jim's information needed to complete these forms is as follows-

- In Memory of James E. Dyer
- Address: 3546 Shoreheights Dr. Malibu, CA 90265
- Donor ID: 1143997
- Rotary Club of Santa Monica, District 5280
- Notification of this contribution can be sent to Jim's home address above to his beloved wife Sharen.

Rotary District News

RYLA camp will be held April 26-28 and the cost is \$190.00 per student. The Rotary Club of Malibu is again sponsoring 2 students.

April 6th will be a Rotary Day of Service. Melody St John, President of the Hollywood Rotary Club, is heading up this event. .

Warren Budrow talked about Youth Student Exchanges and at the meeting of the Mar 12 incoming and outgoing students were presented for coming year. After not having it for 3 years the Japanese student exchange is back. Our local district is exchanging high school age students with 3 districts in Japan for the summer.

Instead of having a Presidents Dinner in April, all Rotarians and their families are invited to attend a special breakfast aboard the USS Iowa in San Pedro

Rotary District 5280 is having a Group Study Exchange (GSE) this year with Rotary District 2620 in Japan. The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their [careers](#). The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Rotary District Convention at The Fess Parker Resort in Santa Barbara the weekend of May 3-5. The wine tour will be on May 2. Information and reservations are on the [Rotary District 5280 website](#).

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

Like Rotary Club of Malibu on 

Calendar

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

Mar 20, 2013



Holly Mosher

"Bonsai People - The Vision of Muhammad Yunus"

Holly Mosher will speak on her experience following the work of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus for her film:

Bonsai People - The Vision of Muhammad Yunus

What if you could harness the power of the free market to solve the problems of poverty, hunger, and inequality? To some, it sounds impossible. But Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus is doing exactly that. *Bonsai People* celebrates Yunus' extraordinary humanitarian work, which started by lending \$27 to 42 people out of his own pocket and has now grown to helping 1 out of every 1,000 people on earth. But he didn't stop there - whenever he sees a problem he starts a business, creating a mix between business and social work, which he's coined "social business." By tackling some of the world's most vexing problems from healthcare, education to alternative energy, he is demonstrating to the world that complex problems sometimes do have simple answers. Microcredit is just the tip of the iceberg! <http://bonsaimovie.com>

Holly also was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Brazil in 1990 and was featured in the Jan 2012 edition of The Rotarian.

Mar 27, 2013

Peter Haynes

"Personal History of Malibu 1949-1958"

Peter Haynes has been writing a series of articles in the Malibu Surfside News about the history of Malibu he grew up with as the kid who grew up in this paradise. It begins i 1949 when he and his sister arrived in Malibu to live with his dad, resident California Highway Patrolman, Jimmy Haynes. He will bring pictures and stories of what it was like to live back in those days.

Apr 03, 2013

Bill Wishard

"Club Assembly at Villa Graziadio Executive Center LC 152 Noon Lunch"

