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  - Rotary District 5280 Governor (2014-2015): Elsa Gilham

**Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Tells Us What He Learned at PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) and What to Expect in the 2015-2016 Rotary Year including the 2015 Halloween Fundraiser.**



**David Zielski** joined Rotary Club President Elects from not only our Rotary District 5280 in the Los Angeles area, but from 5 other districts in California and Nevada—over 300 President-Elects—at the LAX Marriott February 20-22, to hear great Rotary speakers and planners, and to get inspired for the Rotary year which begins July 1 2015. Theme for the new Rotary year announced by Rotary International President-Elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran of Sri Lanka is “Be a gift to the World.”

Most of the Club President Elects at the seminar had been Rotarians much longer than Dave. Only 4 of the incoming presidents had been in Rotary for less than 2 years, and Dave was one of them. He learned a lot over the



weekend. Dave told us, for example, that astronaut Neil Armstrong was a Rotarian and left a Rotary pin on the moon.

Dave said that Friday's meetings had mostly to do with membership. On Saturday there were breakout sessions with each district having separate ones led by their incoming District Governors. DJ Sun is the Governor-Elect of Rotary District 5280. Dave learned about District Grants and Global Reverse Grants. He learned about grant projects that various club in District 5280 were doing.

Dave pointed out that there are several clubs that alternate meeting times in different weeks to accommodate members schedules, with clubs alternately meeting for lunch and dinner or breakfast. Malibu Rotary, which started out meeting at lunch time, then went to breakfast time, and then back to lunch time. We have in recent years had dinner meetings each quarter, specifically in month's that have 5 Wednesdays. We will try to do something similar to that this year.

Dave spoke at length about proposed Malibu Rotary Club 2015 Halloween Party Fund Raiser, which is scheduled to take place at Duke's Restaurant the evening of October 30, 2015. Dave is not Malibu Rotary Club President Elect he is the chairperson of this ambitious event.

He presented a budget for that event, which showed what the income would be with either 100, 150, or 170 paid attendees. At last year's first attempt at this event 158 tickets were sold, and there were 34 no shows, so 124 people attended, and there were 41 comp tickets. Last year's event turned out to be one of Malibu Rotary Club's most successful and fun fundraisers. It was also very labor intensive for the chair person for the 2014 event Maggie Luckerath, who is no longer a member.

Dave points out that having the event at Dukes the restaurant will take care of the room, the food, the drinks and valet parking, so it will be easier for the Rotary Club to do and members can just concentrate on selling tickets, and making sure that recipients of income from the affair, parents of Malibu Youth Football, Malibu Sharks Surf Club, Rex and Friends, all support the event.

Based on the quotes he was able to get from the restaurant (which could perhaps be negotiated lower) and assuming ticket charges of \$100.00 per person (instead of the \$70.00 per person last year), a paid attendance of 100 people would gross \$10,000 and net \$3,210 after \$6,790 in expenses. Selling 150 tickets would increase the net to \$5,469 and selling 170 would increase the net to \$6,372.60. In addition there will be an auction and possible separate donations. Last year there were separate donations of \$1675 and the silent auction raised \$2,477. There is also the possibility of having a live auction and cash drawing.

Dave also handed out a calendar of Malibu Rotary 2015-2016 Important Dates. This included special dates for both the Malibu Rotary Club and events of District 5280. The first of these is the Rotary District Conference May14-17 on Coronado Island in San Diego. The rest of these will be entered into the Calendar on Maliburotary.org in the next couple weeks.

Dave pointed out how important planning and planned succession of leadership is. Dave was supposed to be President Elect Nominee this year rather than President Elect. He stepped up a year early and Malibu Rotary Club is fortunate to have him taking this leadership.

Dave said a committee has selected a President Elect Nominee, the Malibu Rotarian who will be Malibu Rotary Club President from 2016-2017. That person has accepted the nomination. Delvin Glymph is Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Nominee. Congratulations Delvin!

Dave said that he had set 3 specific goals for his Rotary year:

1. Develop a social media suite
2. Not leave grant money on the table
3. To Be Announced—Dave will tell us about #3 later.



**Can you find our President Elect Dave in Rick Mendoza's picture of all the District 5280 President Elects at 2015 PETS?**

## **Tiffany Venable is Inducted Into Malibu Rotary Club**



**Tiffany Venalde** was inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club on March 4 by Tom Bos, Rotary Past District Governor from Holland, Michigan. Tiffany is a Registered Nurse from Ohio, who has a company, Assisted Home Living Inc, that provides assisted home living services for those that need it, either on a temporary or permanent basis. Her website is [AssistedHomeLivingInc.com](http://AssistedHomeLivingInc.com).

**Rotarians invited to special screening of “Godspeed,” the story of Page Jones—Respond to Evite to attend**



Malibu Rotary Past President Bill Wishard met Page Jones when both were recovering from major traumatic brain injuries at Daniel Freeman Hospital. Page, son of race car driver Parnelli Jones, was a top midget race car driver until the accident ended his career, and almost his life. Bill encouraged Page to tell his story at a Malibu Rotary Club meeting, and he went on to speak at 7 other Rotary Clubs, district 5280 breakfast (Jan 5 2009) and became keynote speaker at a Rotary District 5330 Conference Dinner. Page’s story and how he was able to rehab from brain injuries became a topic of interest to documentary movie makers, and the movie, “Godspeed,” is about to be premiered on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Regal Cinema Promenade Stadium 13, 550 Deep Valley Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, California. The movie includes short footage of Page speaking at the Del Amo Rotary Club following introduction by Bill Wishard. There is limited seating available, but members of the Malibu Rotary Club have been invited to a free screening of the 56 minute movie. To be admitted members must reply to the Evite at the following link:

[http://www.evite.com/plus/view/0370X47OCKLJWIH26EPEXROHPHJQ4Y/0370Q5R5VBFG7QB5QEPEYORB7TOD4M/?utm\\_campaign=view\\_invitation\\_link&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=GUEST\\_INVITE\\_EVENT\\_PLUS](http://www.evite.com/plus/view/0370X47OCKLJWIH26EPEXROHPHJQ4Y/0370Q5R5VBFG7QB5QEPEYORB7TOD4M/?utm_campaign=view_invitation_link&utm_medium=email&utm_source=GUEST_INVITE_EVENT_PLUS)

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

### **March 11 Malibu Rotary Club Meeting in the Fireside Room on Pepperdine main campus**

The Malibu Rotary Club will be back in Fireside Room, the same Room the club met in for breakfast for 18 years (from 1985 to 2013) for the Malibu Rotary Club meeting March 11, 2015. This noon meeting will be special in several ways. It will feature Pepperdine Registrar Hung Le who will talk about his experience having to leave his family in worn torn Vietnam at age 11, will not only be a Rotary meeting but a Pepperdine University convocation. As such it is anticipated that 40 to 100 students may attend. **Shannon Latson** had recommended that we do something special for the students, and at our February 11 meeting it was decided that Malibu Rotary Club bring cookies for desert—students can bring lunches from the cafeteria which is next to the Fireside Room. Malibu Rotary Club members should arrive at 11:30 a.m. Get token from guard gate for visitor parking in Smothers lot.

Margo again talked about the Rotary District “3-2-1- Go To End Polio” Day at Griffith Park on March 21. It is a 5 K / 10 K Run or Walk and Family Festival with the Start and Finish Line at Griffith Park at Chrystal Springs. The 10 K Run starts at 9:00 a.m and 5 K walk at 10:00 a.m., which is also when the Family Fun Festival Starts—there is also a 1 mile fun walk and lunch by IN-N-Out Burger starting at 11:30 a.m..and a raffle. All proceeds will go to END POLIO NOW, a humanitarian program of Rotary International to eradicate polio worldwide. Register on line at [www.321gotoendpolio.com](http://www.321gotoendpolio.com).

### **Bill Wishard appointed Rotary District Special Olympics Czar**

Dave Zielski wasn't the only Malibu Rotarian who was at PETS last weekend (Feb 20-22). Dave was there because all Rotary Club Presidents must attend PETS before they can become club president. Bill Wishard went there too, because he wanted to know if the Rotary District was doing anything special for the Special Olympics games being staged in Los Angeles July 25 - August 2, 2015. He asked District Governor Elect DJ Sun what his plans were for the games. Who was coordinating it for the Rotary District? DJ said he hadn't had time about, but knowing of Bill's experience with the 1984 Olympics that were held in Los Angeles, DJ announced the next morning that a new position had just been created in the Rotary District for the 2015 Special Olympics and Bill was in charge.

### **Guests at the last Malibu Rotary Club**

Guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting Feb March 4 included Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar **Livia Giordano** from Switzerland, who was saying her thank yous and good byes as she leaves California driving a 33 foot long Winnebago across America before returning to Europe; Rotary Past District Governor **Tom Bos**, our regular winter guest from Holland, Michigan; **Allison Kim aka Coach Allison**, who will be Malibu Rotary Club speaker on March 25 with a program on “Life-Work Balance--When Your Lifestyle Demands More Than What's Humanly Possible. “ A guest who was new to Malibu Rotary, but not to Malibu, was Ray Miller. Ray is an accountant whose father was a founder of the Malibu Kiwanis Club, which puts on Malibu's

largest fundraiser, the Labor Day weekend Chili Cookoff, in which the Malibu Rotary participates. Ray had some interesting comments about Malibu Rotary Club's Halloween Fundraiser.

## **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))

Mar 11, 2015

Hung Le

In God's Perfect Time (meeting in Fireside Room, Pepperdine main campus)

Hung Le is Pepperdine University's Registrar. Separated from his family at the age of 11, Hung recounts the stories of his coming to America as a refugee from war-torn Vietnam, without his family, and finding the power of God's faithfulness through trials and triumphs.

This is the 4th in Malibu Rotary Club's Exclusive Series of Consequences of Vietnam War.

## **March 18 2015 – Report by Margo on Rotary District Humanitarian Trip to Guatemala**

In Room LC 152 of Pepperdine University Drescher Campus **Malibu Rotary Club President Mago Neal** talks about her recent trip with 84 Rotarians and friends as they went on Humanitarian trip to Guatemala. The itinerary was changed a bit when a volcano erupted near their hotel. Fellowship at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at Noon.

**March 25 2015 Coach Allison (Kim)** “Life-Work Balance--When Your Lifestyle Demands More Than What's Humanly Possible “

## **March 31 2015 at City Club in Los Angeles**

**Last Rotary District Breakfast of this Rotary year**—featuring the Rotary Youth Organizations (Rotaract and Internact)

## **April 1 2015 Marshall Thompson and Brad Davis**

### **Emergency Preparedness Network in Malibu**

Marshall Thompson, a writer, producer, director and photographer will be bringing Brad Davis, City of Malibu Emergency Services Coordinator to the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on April 1 to talk about the Emergency Preparedness Network in the City of Malibu.

