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## **Malibu Rotary Club Hosts 2014 Malibu City Council Candidates Forum**



**The Rotary Club of Malibu hosted a Malibu City Council Candidates forum on March 5, 2014 moderated by Malibu Times Associate Editor Knowles Adkisson, who composed the questions asked of the 5 candidates (seated L to R) Lou La Monte, Andy Lyon, Laura Rosenthal, June Louks and Hamish Patterson. Lou and Laura are incumbents and the Andy, June and Hamish are challengers.**

Although there have been other City Council Candidates Forums scheduled this was the only one where Knowles composed the questions, and the candidates did not know what those questions would be prior to the meeting. The questions had to do with both the issues facing the city as well as the backgrounds of each of the candidates, and their qualifications to make decisions that will affect the future of the City of Malibu.-



The first question posed by Knowles had to do with a topic that has been in the Malibu news for a couple years. What do the candidates think of the proposed ordinance to restrict chain stores in Malibu? Has the present city council stalled the ordinance? The city has spent \$650,000 trying to develop a plan for the Civic Center area, and various groups have made it a priority that the plan limit the size of stores and exclude chain stores.

**Lou:** It is more important that land use be defined than just the issue of “limiting chain stores.”

**Laura:** The city isn’t stalling in this issue. There has been every effort to get community input. There needs to be balance to the type of stores in the city, whether they are small independent stores or part of a chain. The city can set design guidelines, such as limiting the size and type of allowed signage.

**Andy:** Recommends down zoning

**June Louks** pointed out that she has a degree in architecture has designed houses in Malibu. She noted that the Malibu Building Department and the city have as part of its mission statement:

“Malibu will maintain its rural character by establishing programs and policies that avoid suburbanization and commercialization of its natural and cultural resources.”

Limiting chain stores restricts commercialization and is really adhering to the city’s mission statement.

**Hamish:** Window ordinances are just window dressing. The important thing to consider in limiting growth is how that will affect the infrastructure. The more the city is built out the more

water, police, fire, public works and everything else will be required to sustain it. How do you connect proposed new stores to the infrastructure?

Knowles then asked a more general and personal question to all the candidates: The city has a \$20 million budget. What management experience do you have that will lead us to believe you can handle managing the budget?

**Hamish:** “In 1994 through 1999 I was involved with the water resources in the City of Portland. Before that I ran a dude ranch in Pennsylvania with 40 employees. It catered to people from New York and involved providing food, lodging, taking care of horses and the property. My mentor in business would never have any of his employees do anything he could do himself and I always have preferred that way of management--I like hands on experience.” Hamish told us the name of the Dude ranch in Pennsylvania. Ironically it was called “Malibu Dude Ranch.” (Editor’s note: Malibu Dude Ranch is a really cool and popular place--check it out at [www.malibududeranch.com](http://www.malibududeranch.com)).

**June:** For 16 years she was involved with Mary Kay Cosmetics, where she was a top level winner of the special “Pink Cadillac,” which means she had to build a team of 150 top producing sales people under her. She is also a mother of 4.

**Andy:** Andy has lived in Malibu his entire life, delivering the *Evening Outlook* newspaper to people in Malibu Colony when at age 16. He later worked at the Colony Restaurant and later received a real estate license. He is a single dad and said that developing a family budget and the dynamics of how to handle children is similar to developing a budget for a larger organization except on a different scale.

**Laura:** Laura became involved with city government after becoming PTA President at school and then district. She was able to get the rights to song from the Beach Boys which allowed parents organization to buy playground equipment. She became involved with Parks and Recreation before there was a Parks and Recreation Commission and when one was formed she was on of the first on it. She then became involved with P:ublic Works, and then was elected to Malibu City Council in the last election. She said that she was sent be the City of Malibu to go

to Sacramento, where her experience and years of networking with people at all levels of government has allowed her to get grants for the City of Malibu.

**Lou:** Lou produces TV commercial and became involved with local government when he was President of the Big Rock Home Owners Association for 8 years. When the “Promises” rehab centers moved into his neighborhood it caused more traffic congestion to his immediate residential area, and when more rehabs centers wanted to go in he sought help from the city to reject this. He has worked on the Public Works Commission, the View Protecting Task Force, and kept his campaign promise at last election of having the California Highway Patrol enforce laws on Pacific Coast Highway, so that the Sheriff’s department will be able to deal with other aspects of the law.

All of the candidates wanted to preserve the rural character and limited growth of Malibu, but the this forum let us see the varied and unique backgrounds of each candidate, and explore their personalities.

When the forum was opened up with questions from the floor former Malibu Mayor Pamela Conley Ulich was one of those who debated about the possibility of a municipal purchase of 9.8-acres in Point Dume in 2008. The debate at the time considered the fact that a City Hall, library, community center, ball fields could be built there. There were apparently two adjacent properties that made up the land which was located on the north side of Pacific Coast Highway off Heathercliff Road. It was owned by longtime Malibu resident Kristi Dewind. There was debate about how the property would cost and whether the city could afford it. That one of the properties could have been bought for \$ 2 million and the other for \$6 million. The incumbents said they could never have gotten the one property for \$2 million. Lou La Monte said that at the time that the \$8 million that the property cost would have wiped out all the reserves the city had, and they couldn’t have afforded to develop it. The reserves are built up more now and if there is a similar opportunity the city might consider it.

In closing statements the candidates said:

**Lou:** I would like to keep Malibu as it is.

**Andy:** “Insanity is doing the same thing and expecting to get a different result.”

**Laura:** A cohesive Civic Center Plan should include the input of what the community wants.

**June:** Any development must consider the cities mission statement “establishing programs and policies that avoid suburbanization and commercialization.”

**Hamish:** Remember the limited infrastructure--Where is water and infrastructure coming from to serve any new building.

Election will be in April.

### **Other News and Guests at the last Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

*Happy Dollars:* Malibu Rotary Club President **Bill Wishard** made “Happy Dollars” contributions for several reasons which included his intention to play Botchy Ball at the Del Mar Rotary Club to study how they have one of the most successful Rotary fundraiser in San Diego County (and where Bill was one of the winners in the game which he had never played before). **Jimmy Mehmon Mon** our Malibu Rotary Club member from Burma, contributed because he was going to go back home to visit his mother in Burma, whom he hadn’t seen since the Myanmar government had taken over. **Kelly Sagona** contributed because it was lent and she was going to be selling OLM raffle tickets.

Bill was also still getting names for people attending the meeting on Tuesday, March 11, when Rotary International President-Elect Gary Huang will address the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills and members across District 5280 at the club's weekly lunch meeting.

There were so many guests at the special Malibu City Council Candidates Forum meeting, we did not get everyone’s name, but suffice it to say that the room holds 40 and it was filled with guests and the local press to see what the candidates would have to say. .



## Malibu Rotary Club Sponsors Little League Team as season opened March 8



This morning Hubert, Irene, Griselda and myself attended the Malibu Little League Opening Ceremony at Bluff's Park at 10:30.

As you see from the photos it was a big day in Malibu! Our Rotary banner hangs on the fence along with the other team sponsors. It will remain hanging there for the season.

I also met Steve and Susie Parks & Chris Tarnay who head up the team the Malibu Rotary is sponsoring. There are a total of 10 girls on the Rotary sponsored team but only 8 were present today.

We all met Paul Joseph who coordinated the sponsorship and asked if he would spread the word on our Fundraiser on March 28th. He said he would send out the flyer to all the Little League families.

Kim and Michael Bonewitz were there with a couple of their children. Kim made copies of the flyers for the March 28th Fundraiser and we handed them out. So many people said what a

wonderful fundraiser to do and "count me in".

It was a great Little League opening day!

--Maggie Luckerath







## Malibu Rotary Club Fundraiser at Chipotle Restaurant Friday, March 28



Maggie Luckerath has arranged to have a Malibu Rotary Club fund raiser at the Chipotle Restaurant at the Malibu Center on Cross Creek Road. Those presenting special paper at restaurant that day will have 50% of their bill donated by restaurant to Malibu Rotary Club charity. There will be no meeting at Pepperdine University March 26. There will be an attempt to have a meeting at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. on March 28th, although it has only 12 immovable bar stools inside. Or the meeting could be outside where there are 3 tiny tables and a total of 10 chairs.



### **Upcoming Speakers** (yet to be confirmed)

- Randy Klingensberg, Performing Arts Studio West (who trains disabled artists to perform--school attended by blind autistic musical savant Rex Lewis)
- Malibu High School Principal Jerry Block
- Founder of the National Veterans Foundation, Floyd 'Shad' Meshad
- Dana Sherman of the Fleet Street Bike Project
- Dan Wise on history of the 25,000 acres from Marina del Rey to PV Peninsula to Western Ave

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# Calendar

Mar 12, 2014

**Pat Healy**

"Malibu Monarch Project--Monarch Butterflies and Milk Weed "

Speaker will be Pat Healy who is heading up the **Malibu Monarch Project (MMP)**, a local organization hoping to make Malibu hospitable to monarch butterflies once again.

Mar 19, 2014

**Mark Persson**

"What's New at the Malibu Chamber of Commerce"

Malibu Chamber of Commerce Directory Mark Persson will tell us what's new at the Chamber.

Mar 26, 2014

**No meeting**

"No meeting--Go to Chipotle Restaurant on March 28"

Mar 28, 2014

**Fundraiser at Chipotle**

"Malibu Rotary Club Fundraiser 11:30 a.m. at Chipotle Restaurant in Malibu"

In lieu of having normal Malibu Rotary Club meeting at Pepperdine on Mar 26 Malibu Rotary Club Fundraiser at 11:30 a.m. at Chipotle Restaurant in Malibu. Those have provide flyer of event at Chipotle this day will have 50% of the bill graciously donated by Chipotle Restaurant to Malibu Rotary Club Charity.

Apr 23, 2014

**Madhava Das**

"How Eating Young Plant Parts Keeps You Young & Healthy For Life "

Madhava Dasa -- Madhava Das - Cornell University & T. Colin Campbell Foundation Certified In Plant-based Nutrition Founder and Chief Researcher at Nutritional Research Maui Health & Kindness Motivator, Author, Speaker Author of - Eat Your Way To Health: Healing, Kindness & The Plant Life Cycle (Five Star book review by Maynard Clark, Research Administrator at the Harvard School of Public Health) - Soon to



**publish: Younger Plant Part, Younger You: How Eating Young Plant Parts Keeps You Young & Healthy For Life**

**The national health news is that animal protein is linked to early death.**

**<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/meat-dairy-may-be-as-detrimental-to-your-health-as-smoking-cigarettes/>**

**Being certified by Cornell University in Plant-based nutrition, Madhava Das will tell you how to avoid early death, with the vegan diet former President Bill Clinton, Steve Wynn of Las Vegas hotel fame, and John Mackey founder of Whole Foods Market have adopted.**