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Samuel Osborne Entertains and Talks about Human Potential and Taking a Risk



Above: Bill Wishard (L) introduced Samuel Osborne (center) at the Malibu Rotary Club March 29, which was presided over by Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month W. David Baird.

Samuel Osborne is an Australian educator, researcher and public speaker on Human Potential and Creativity. He is on a mission to serve humanity. He speaks to business groups, conducts seminars and holds private consultations.

He has completed a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English, a Graduate Diploma of Education, a Certification of Neuro-Linguistic Programming, and Foundations of Anthroposophy; a formal educational, therapeutic, and creative system established by Dr. Rudolf Steiner to optimize physical and mental health and well-being.

Prior to commencing his speaking career, Samuel was a Living Statue Performer, an elementary School Teacher, and Professional Beatboxing and Sound FX Artist. Samuel has over 6 years experience as a school teacher in a variety of educational settings and has taught across the K to 12 age levels within Australia. Has published a science fiction novel, interviewed over 100 creative thinkers for his podcast, Think Like a Thought Leader. In 2015, Samuel was a Finalist for Arthur Garvey Speaker of the Year Competition in Australia. Samuel's personal interests are astrophysics, comparative mythology and dream interpretation. In his spare time, he bakes banana bread.

For those fortunate enough to be at the March 29 Malibu Rotary Club they found themselves thoroughly entertained and transported by the wonderful story telling abilities of this young man, who it turns out, had only been in America for 100 days. The story of how he got to America, how he got to the Malibu Rotary Club meeting that day, and the things he had people do once he was given the stage—it was all quite remarkable.

Let's start with the fact that Sam got to the meeting to our meeting on time even though he had every reason to be late or not get there at all. After moving from Australia to America to follow his heart and the girl of his dreams whom he had met 2 years before, Sam lives in Van Nuys, California, without a car. To get the morning meeting of the Malibu Rotary club Sam decided it would be preferable to start closer to Malibu, and asked a friend in Santa Monica if he could stay overnight there. From there he would call Uber and get a ride to the Malibu Rotary Club at Pepperdine University in Malibu. After all, wasn't it just up Pacific Coast Highway a half hour a way?

Not this morning. Malibu became a lot further from Santa Monica. PCH was closed because of an auto accident and the Uber driver had to take him on the Santa Monica Freeway to the 405 to the Ventura Freeway, through the Valley where he lived, and then to Las Virgenes Canyon Rd, but after all that here he was, remarkably on time to do his show, and the show must go on!

During his presentation Samuel covers a lot of area in a very short time. He does remarkable sound effects using his voice, sounding like the bass and drum beat of a rap song, a helicopter—we guess that is what a Professional Beatboxing and Sound FX Artist does, and that alone pretty entertaining, but then he has this background something opposite—That of being a Living Statue Performer for 2 years in Perth, Australia. To do that you make no sound, make no movement, have your body completely painted bronze, are carried out on a hand truck and placed in front of the entrance to a convention center and without blinking for many minutes make a sudden movement to scare convention goers.

Samuel asks us if we have a talent that we keep to ourselves because we don't think we are good enough at this talent to let anyone know about it. In exercise he calls "Come Alive" he says that letting the world know of your talent may be very fulfilling. What will people say about your gift, your talent?

He thought his gift of making sounds would be entertaining to school children and called a 100 schools to see if he could perform, and one school responded. He was nervous the first time he did it in public but his young audience liked it, and he knew he could be successful trying other things.

Samuel told us he decided to come to America, and specifically the Los Angeles area. Two years ago he went subscribed to an online dating service in Australia. He was especially attracted to one of the girls who used this service. They met in person in a rooftop bar. They immediately were attracted to each other and dated regularly until she received a job offer from Burbank, California, USA.

He really missed her when she left. He called her and told her how he missed her and asked her if she missed him too.

She asked if he if she wanted him to come to California so they could be together. She said, "yeah."

When he came to California he found out he needed a special visa to work. When his girl friend came she already had a job. He talked to an immigration attorney who told him he could get visa to work if he married. So he asked his girl friend if she wanted to get married.

She said, “Yeah.”

So they went to Las Vegas and got married. He went back to Australia and sold all his belongings and came back to America 100 days ago.

Samuel met people at various Rotary Clubs in the San Fernando Valley and has been a popular motivational speaker. He writes and records videos on several websites. <https://samuelosborne.com.au/> and <https://samuelosborneblog.wordpress.com/> .

In just 100 days in America Samuel has done a lot. He is such a charismatic figure we expect to see more of him in the future.

Fred Cornett Memorial Service



On April 1 Malibu Rotary Club long time member Fred Cornett was honored at Memorial Service at St. Aidens Church in Malibu. Fred passed away March 10 at the age 92. He and Connie helped found and build the church. He joined the Malibu Rotary Club in 1986 after teaching science at Santa Monica High School for 37. His sail boat was used by Malibu Rotary Club Past President Rex Levi to teach a sailing for Pepperdine University. Besides serving as Malibu Rotary Club secretary for many years Fred was a skilled artist, and made signage used a Malibu Rotary Club fundraisers.

Several Rotarians and past Rotarians attended the service honoring Fred, These included, David Zielski, David Baird, Bob and Jeanne Syvertsen, Margo Neal, Carlye Rudkin, John Elman, past member Hubert Luckerath, and past Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Livia Giordano who arrived in Malibu the previous day from Switzerland.

\$3,300 Fire Academy Scholarship from Malibu Rotary

The Malibu Rotary Club will award a \$3,300 scholarship to a student enrolled in any fire academy in Los Angeles County, CA.

The \$3,300 will be paid directly to the Fire Academy, in the student's name to pay for the student's tuition, fees, etc.

The funds will not be written directly to the student.

In order to apply, students must email Malibu Rotary Club (at MalibuRotaryScholarship@gmail.com) a 60-90 second video explaining :

- (1) Why they want to be a firefighter, and
- (2) How winning the \$3,300 scholarship would positively impact their life.

Additionally, the fire academy student must email the Malibu Rotary Club:

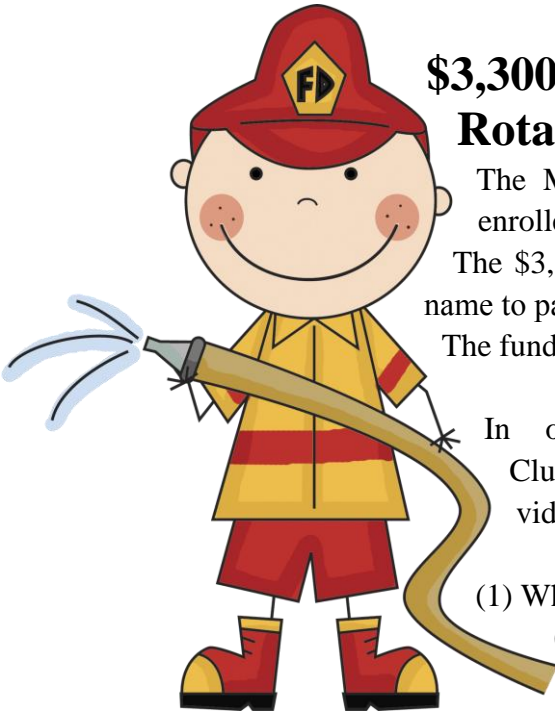
- (1) Student's name
- (2) Student's phone number
- (3) Name of the Fire Academy they are enrolled in
- (4) Address of the Fire Academy they are enrolled in

The Deadline to apply is Midnight on Sunday, April 16, 2017. **NO MORE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED STARTING AT 12:01 A.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 17.**

Each e-mailed application received will receive a confirmation reply e-mail. If the student does not receive a confirmation e-mail within 3 days assume it has not been received by the Malibu Rotary Club.

Winner will be notified by April 30, 2017

For questions, please email Malibu Rotary Club at MalibuRotaryScholarship@gmail.com



Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

\$26.50 for the Rotary Foundation marks 100 year anniversary

Foundation history

At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

Explore the rich history of our Foundation as we celebrate 100 years of doing good.

To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Malibu Rotary Club members at the March 1st meeting voted to have the \$26.50 contribution the Rotary Foundation be paid with their 2nd quarter dues. Instead of paying our quarterly dues of \$100.00 write check to Malibu Rotary for \$100.00 and check to Rotary Foundation for \$26.50.

Malibu Rotary Club Sends 2 Students to RYLA Camp



Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month W. David Baird announced that the Malibu Rotary Club has chosen the 2 local students the Malibu Rotary

Club is sponsoring to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly) Camp at the Alpine Conference Center in Blue Jay, CA in the Big Bear Lake area of San Bernadino Moutains April 21-April 23.

The two students sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club at this year’s RYLA camp are **Morgan Perlmutter** of Malibu High School and **Amir Mohiuddin** of Calabasas High. We hope to have reports from them after their return from the camp.

Guests

Other than our guest speaker San Osborne PDG **Tom Bos** was the only guest at the Malibu Rotary Club March 29

Highlights of the Malibu Rotary Club Board Meeting Mar 29

At the Malibu Rotary Club held on March 29 several items were voted on and approved.

- **Carlye Rudkin** was unanimously elected President Elect Nominee of the Malibu Rotary Club. This means she will serve at Malibu Rotary Rotary Club President (2018-2019).
- Pepperdine International Rotaract Faculty Advisor **Michael Gose** was unanimously elected Honorary Malibu Rotary Club member, and we hope that he and Board of the new Pepperdine Rotaract Club can attend the April 25 Rotary District Breakfast which will be led by Rotary District Rotaractors.
- The Club voted to have a “No Host” Demotion Party honoring the 6 Malibu Rotary Club Presidents of Month. This party is tentatively set for June 28. If no more that 20 attend it will be at Tra di Noi Restaurant.
- Bianca Torrence completed the Malibu City Grant process.
- All incoming club officers should attend the Rotary District Assembly on June 3rd at the Carson Community Center.
- **Bill Wishard** and **Allan Mannheim** agreed to represent the Malibu Rotary Club at the annual Rotary District Grant certification seminar held April 1.
- At the quarter beginning April 1 2017 all clubs members will be billed \$126.50. \$100 for the regular quarterly dues, \$26.50 to the Rotary Foundation, honoring the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, and the first contribution to the Foundation.
- Each Rotary club in the district was to submit the name of a member of the club to be honored at the Rotary District Conference in May at Lake Arrowhead who has contributed outstanding service to club to receive “Unsung Heror” award. This reporter shall be so honored.

Malibu Rotary Club Presidents of the Month (2016-2017)

Malibu Rotary Club President of Record (2016-17) Bill Wishard

August 2016-----Margo Neal

September 2016—David Zielski

October 2016-----John Elman

November 2016—W. David Baird

December 2016—Bill Wishard

January 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syvertsen

February 2017-----John Elman

March 2017-----W. David Baird

April 2017-----Margo Neal

May 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syverstsens

June 2017-----David Zielski

CALENDAR (see up to date calendar on maliburotary.org)

- **March 29 2017-- Samuel Osborne will be speaker at the the Malibu**
- **March 29th 9:00 a.m. Malibu Rotary Club Board Meeting in Pepperdine LC 152**
- **April 5 2017-- Speaker at Malibu Rotary Club is PDG Tom Bos speaking on the “History of Polio Eradication”**

PDG Tom Bos has made 3 trips to India participating in the Rotary's campaign on polio eradication. The first one was 2000, and then in 2003 and 2004. He will share his knowledge on the world wide eradication of polio at the April 19 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club.

- **April 12—Speaker at Malibu Rotary Club meeting is Philippa Sklaar Title of talk “The Lighter Side of Abuse”**

"If you *laugh* at it, you can deal with it, and if you don't, you can't deal with it." Joan Rivers

Domestic Violence is the only diagnosis that is still shrouded in shame and often treated with contempt. There are so many misconceptions and myths about domestic violence that are simply not true. In *When Loving Him Hurts* we exposed what they are.

Philippa Sklaar is a survivor of abuse, author, coach and advocate. Philippa immigrated to the USA after she fled from a violently abusive marriage and resolved to learn a lesson and be more careful next time. In America she met a man who, on the surface, was everything that her second husband was not. Until she owned her own contribution to the dance of abuse

she was destined to repeat the pattern. Her story exists as proof of this. She co-wrote *When Loving Him Hurts* – recovery from an abusive relationship and *The Affair* - recovery from illicit sex, lies and betrayal. She is also the author of *Hot Cuisine*, and her clients included dignitaries such as Nelson Mandela and Elizabeth Taylor was her first client in LA. She appeared in the Food Network's *Guy's Grocery Games*

with Guy Fieri and with Margaret Cho in *Blind Dinner Party*.

Her commitment to reduce domestic violence led her to create a nonprofit, The Women's Voice Project. Her programs have been accepted by the LAUSD, the LAPD (Newton Division) and The California Institution for Women.

- **April 19 2017 --Pepperdine professor of Political Science and author Robert Williams will be speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting.**

His topic “The End of the American Century”– Robert Williams is Professor of Political Science at Seaver College Pepperdine University. Is is co-author of several books, including *Seeking Security in an Insecure World* . The book discusses including the Syrian civil war, Russia's annexation of Crimea and its intervention in East Ukraine, the global refugee crisis, China's military buildup, the impact of fracking on oil and gas markets, and rapidly evolving cyberwar capabilities. It offers a clear and compelling framework for understanding what world security means today and how it can best be achieved. Professor Williams topic at the April 19 Malibu Rotary Club meeting with be “The End of the American Century”

- **April 25 2017—Rotary District Breakfast**

- The last District Breakfast of the Rotary year is focused on the youth of our District. Interactors, Rotaractors, and Youth Exchange students are invited to attend, along with Rotarians across the District. Consider sponsoring your club's youth to attend. It will be a fascinating and inspiring event!
- **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Dennis Hong is a TED alumnus, professor and the Founding Director of RoMeLa (Robotics & Mechanisms Laboratory) of the Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Department at UCLA. Dr. Hong has been named to Popular Science's 8th annual "Brilliant 10", honoring top scientists younger than 40 years of age from across the United States, "Forward Under 40" by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and also honored as the "Top 40 Under 40" by Purdue University. The Washington Post Magazine has called Dr. Hong "the Leonardo da Vinci of robots". He is the inventor of a number of novel robots and mechanisms, including the world's first car that can be driven by the blind.
- Cost is \$40/person by April 11 and \$45 after April 11.
- RSVP to the District Office at office@rotary5280.org or 310-670-97

- **April 26 2017 – W. David Baird will be featured at the Malibu Rotary Club morning at Pepperdine with “Rotary Around the Fireside”**

Traditionally new Rotary members are invited to a Fireside Chat, in which the elders of the club tell the recent inductees about the history of Rotary, and how Rotary works, both on the club level and internationally. This meeting of the Rotary Club David Baird, who has been a Rotarian longer than any other member, starting in Oklahoma a half century ago, and who is a historian by profession, will tell all what he feels is important about Rotary. Pay attention, the professor might have a quiz at the conclusion.