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## ***Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter***

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**Professor Michael Gose introduces the Board of  
the new Pepperdine International Rotaract Club  
–A New Concept That Goes Beyond Re-  
Activation of Previous Pepperdine Rotaract**



**Faculty Adviser of new Pepperdine International Rotaract Club Pepperdine Seaver College Professor Michael Gose (L) introduces officers of the new Pepperdine International Rotaract Club (L to R) Nina Sprenger club Vice President, who formulated the idea of the club after attending the Pepperdine campus in Heidelberg Germany; Simone Raeth, club secretary who was born in Germany to American Rotarian parents; Heet Ghodasain, club Director of Marketing and Promotion, who is from Rajkot, India and has been involved with Rotary Polio Plus campaign since she was in high school as Interactor in India; and Nicky MacCallum, club President, a Pepperdine freshman who was born in Hong Kong of Chinese and Irish parents.**

It has been several years since the Malibu Rotary Club sponsored Pepperdine Rotaract Club has been active. Early edition of the Pepperdine Rotaract Club with faculty advisor Constance "Connie" James, Ph.D, Pepperdine Professor of Management, won honors for its service and was invited to an RI Convention in Europe. Connie encouraged students in her business management classes to participate in the Pepperdine Rotaract Club, which became one of the biggest clubs on campus. Michael J Gose, Ph.D, Pepperdine Professor of Humanities, has agreed to be the faculty advisor for a new edition of the Pepperdine Rotaract starting in 2017, calling it not just the Pepperdine Rotaract Club, but the Pepperdine International Rotary Club

When Professor Gose came the Malibu Rotary Club on March 8, 2017 he brought with him the four students who will comprise the executive board of the new campus club, which will become part of Rotarct International.

All the members of the new campus club have lived in other countries. Pepperdine University and Rotary share a goal in international understanding. Pepperdine University in Malibu encourages its American students to study a year at one of its campuses in other parts of the world. Pepperdine has six permanent international campuses, and additional study and internship programs on six continents. In addition it recruits students from around the world to come to America and study at its Malibu campus, and the attraction for that is obvious.

Professors have noted that foreign students often stick with students from their own country and culture, rather than integrating into the campus life of students as a whole. Chinese students congregate with Chinese students, and Middle Eastern students hang around Middle Eastern students.

It is the hope that students who become part of the Pepperdine International Rotaract Club get to sample the cultures of many, if not all, the countries of the world, In fact it is the goal of faculty adviser Michael Gose to recruit students from 160 countries to become part of the Pepperdine International Rotaract Club and then go back to the Rotary Clubs in their home countries to tell them about their cultural experience.

Each of the student making up the board of the new Pepperdine International Rotaract Club was given a chance to speak at the Malibu Rotary Club. First to speak was Simone Raeth, club secretary who was born in Germany to American Rotarian parents. Her father is a Rotarian, a member of a club in the San Francisco Bay area of California. As she explains, he was the Rotarian leading a GSE (Group Study Exchange) to Germany 20 years ago. Her pregnant mom was on the trip with her GSE leading dad, visiting all the places that the GSE team was going in Europe. She was not supposed to born until the group returned to California, but she was 2 weeks premature, and as a result was born near Heidelberg Germany. The Rotarians in Germany were very helpful and accommodating to mom. Simone has grown up around Rotary since the day she was born. Back in the United States she would get up with her dad and go the Rotary meetings with him, became a Paul Harris Fellow. When she came to Pepperdine she jumped at the chance to study her second year at the Pepperdine Heidelberg campus.

When she was there she was able to meet the Rotarians and go to the places that had helped her family in Heidelberg when she was born there 20 years ago.

Nina Sprenger, Vice President on the new Rotaract club, is the most local of the students, growing up in Orange County California. She also studied at the Pepperdine campus in Heidelberg Germany, where she met Simone, and other students she wanted to stay connected with when she came back to the Pepperdine Malibu campus. She invited them to her house in Orange County. She was inspired by Simone's Rotary connections and they thought it would be great to have a Rotaract Club at Pepperdine in Malibu.

Heet Ghodasain, Rotaract club Director of Marketing and Promotion, was born in Rajkot, India and has also been involved with Rotary most of her life. She was a member of the Interact Club at her high school sponsored by the local Rotary Club, and participated in inoculation of 15,009 children in Rajkot. Rajkot was the first section of India that was declared polio-free by WHO. Heet's Interact club also participated in a literacy program in India, where they helped teach young children to read.

Nicky MacCallum, the new Pepperdine International Rotaract Club President, is a Pepperdine freshman who was born in Hong Kong of Chinese and Irish parents. Because of his cross race ancestry, he has had to deal with racial diversity in a place where he was surrounded by ethnic Chinese, and welcomes the opportunity to lead the new Rotaract club that welcomes diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.



## **Jim Herz Inducted by PDG Tom Bos as Malibu Rotary Club's Newest member**



**Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month W. David Baird attaches Rotary Pin to shirt of Malibu Rotary Club's newest member Jim Herz at induction ceremony conducted by PDG Tom Bos at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting March 8 2017. Jim is Regional Sales Manager of Prolific Business Solution, has Rotary Classification of Nonprofit Business Consultant and is Board member of Malibu Chamber.**



## **\$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](mailto: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](mailto:MalibuRotaryScholarship@gmail.com)

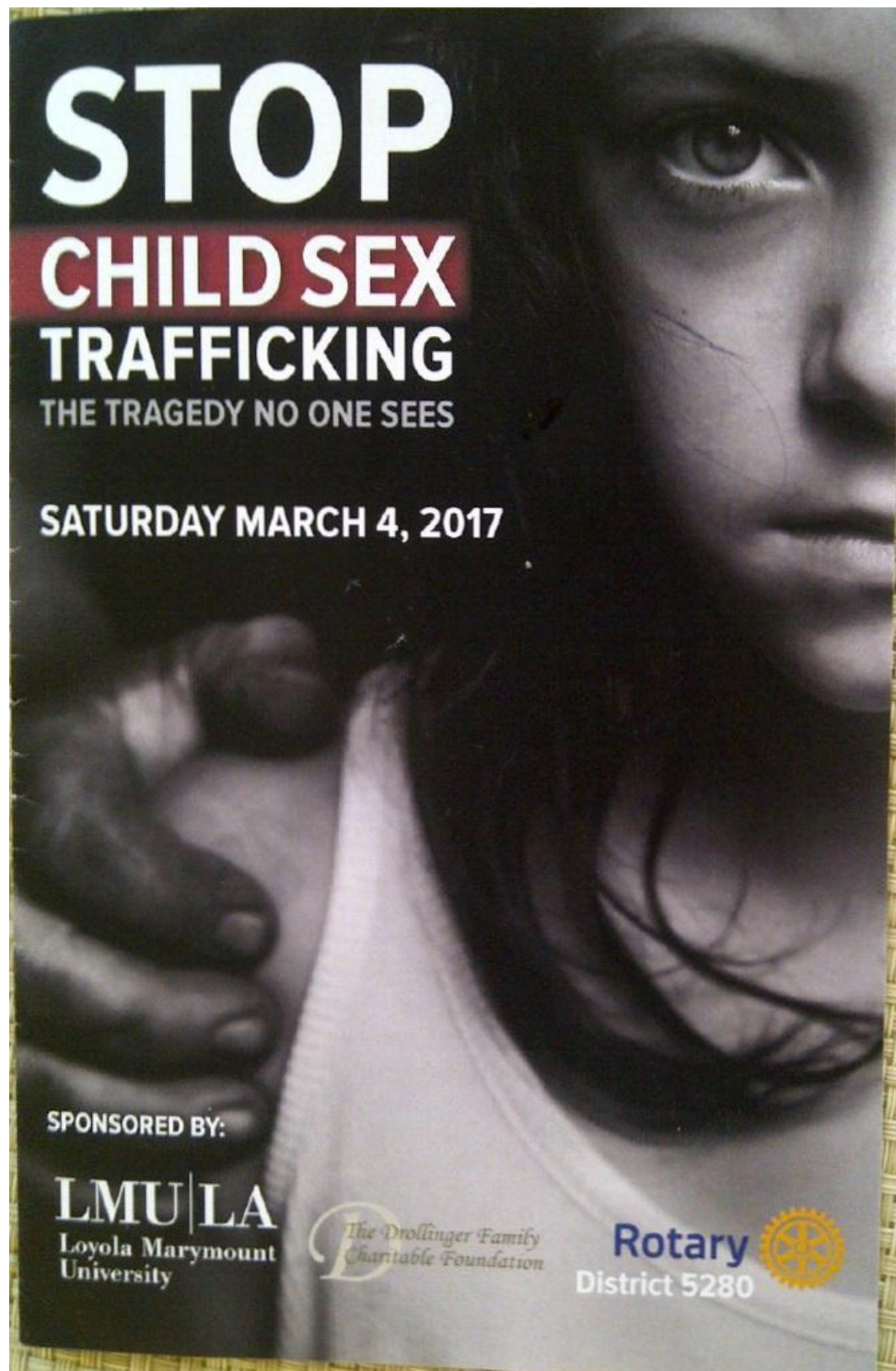
## **Birthday Celebration at Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**



**Tom Bos, Rotary Past District Governor from Holland, Michigan, and Bianca Torrence, Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect, both celebrated their birthdays at the March 8 Malibu Rotary Club breakfast meeting. Cake and flowers were compliments John Johannessen.**



**Rotary District Forum on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children  
March 4**

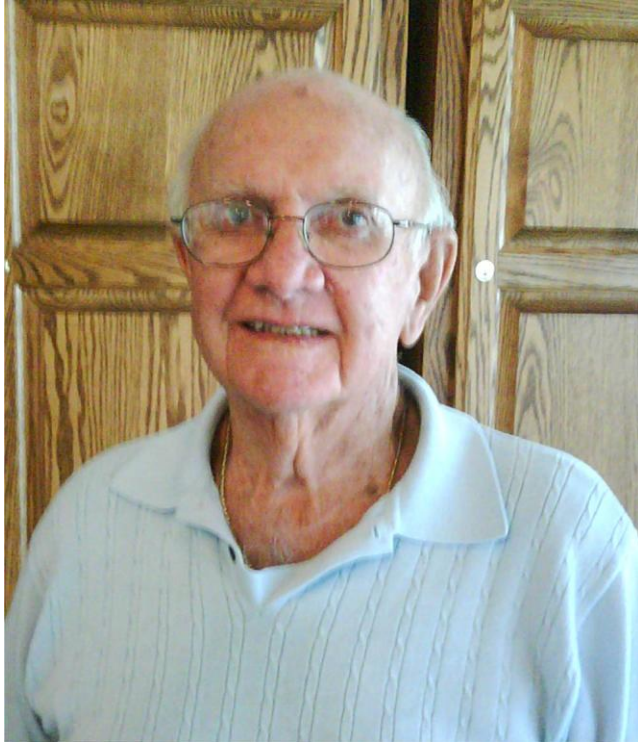


**Rotary District 5280** sponsored a special forum Child Sex Trafficking on March 4 and Loyola Maymount University. The host was Rotary District Governor Greg O'Brien, who is a retired judge. It brought together people from local and federal government, law enforcement, CIA, and various advocates to make people aware of this problem and possible steps to help solve it. Malibu Rotarians who attended were Bill Wishard, Carlye Rudkin, Teresa Le Grove and Michelle Santamaria.

Below is a copy of the agenda of the forum. It should be noted that Rotary District Governor-Elect is very devoted to this issue we expect continued Rotary involvement with this issue.

<b>WELCOME</b>  Bryant Keith Alexander, PhD Professor of Communication, Culture and Performance Dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts (LMU)  Honorable Gregory O'Brien, Retired Judge Rotary International District 5280 Governor  Councilmember Mike Bonin Los Angeles City Council District 11	<b>15-MINUTE BREAK</b> (NON-PROFIT DISPLAYS OPEN)  <b>PANEL: CREATING HOPE</b>  Tiffani Cortez, Esquire, Children's Law Center of California (Moderator) Kay Buck, CEO of Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking Cherise Charleswell, Development & Outreach for Journey Out Bobbie Arias, President of Communities in Schools of LA and SFV Amber Davies, Saving Innocence
<b>VICTIM RESCUE AND RECOVERY</b>  Bazzel Baz, President of ARC (Association for the Recovery of Children), Former United States Marine Corp Counter-Terrorism Officer, Former CIA Intelligence Special Operation Group Officer	<b>PANEL: ADVOCACY</b>  Honorable Gregory O'Brien, Retired Judge (Moderator) Tiffani Cortez, Esquire, Children's Law Center of California Sue Abrams, Esquire, Children's Law Center of California Alexis Marin, Legislative Director for Councilmember Nury Martinez Honorable Teresa T. Sullivan, Judge, Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court
<b>PANEL: STARK REALITY</b>  Cecilia Vergari, Esquire, RI District 5280 Governor Elect (Moderator) Sana Khan, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Victim Assistance Specialist FBI Special Agent Ron Schloegel Sergeant Jeffrey Walker, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Detective Lina Teague, Officer in Charge for the Los Angeles Police Department's Human Trafficking Unit	<b>SHORT FILM: UNSEEN DANCERS</b> Hidden Tears Project: Co-Founders: Jason Marinov and Jordan Gurvitz
<b>WORKING WITH VICTIMS</b>  Vicki Radcliff, PhD, Past RI District 5280 Governor Monica Levin, MA, LMFT	<b>CALL TO ACTION</b> Amira Resnick and Cozette Vergari  (NON-PROFIT DISPLAYS OPEN)

## Passing of Fred Cornett



Editor's Note: I received the following e-mail from Joyce Stickney, minister of St. Aidens Church in Malibu, about long time Malibu Rotary Club member, Fred Cornett, retired Santa Monica High School teacher, who had been a Malibu Rotary Club Past President, long time Club treasurer, and built signage for the Rotary Club and had been active with the Rotary Club and St. Aidans Church (which he helped found) as long as he physically could. I forwarded the e-mail to everyone on our newsletter subscription list, which included multiple past Malibu Rotarians, Rotary District officials and people who responded within hours to give well wishes to Fred's children and grand

children whom he had a chance to meet over the years. Fred was one of the sweetest and most dependable people I have ever met. One of the responses I received about Fred was from Malibu Rotary Past President Rex Levi, who also taught sailing at Pepperdine using a boat that was owned by Fred. Rex wrote "he couldn't have been s better boat partner... he'll be happily sailing in heaven!"

Joyce Stickney's email follows (note date of memorial service at the end):

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*Dear John,*

*I sent this email below out to the parish today and wanted you and the rotary club to know too...*

*Beloved in Christ,*



*I am deeply grieved to share with you that our beloved brother Fred Cornett passed away last night. He had been receiving hospice care at home this week after a significant health downturn and has been surrounded by family and loved ones. A service is being planned for Saturday, April 1, to celebrate our dear Fred's life and legacy. Please hold the Cornett family in your heart and prayers during this tender time.*

*"Give to the departed eternal rest; let light perpetual shine upon them."*

*Blessings, peace, and love,*

*Joyce+*

## 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Foundation Malibu Rotary Club members at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting voted to have the \$26.50 contribution the Rotary Foundation be paid with their 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

We will print the names of these two students next week and hope to have reports from each of them after they experience the camp.

### Guests

In addition to **Michael Gose** and the 4 office of the new Pepperdine Rotaract International Rotaract Club guests at the March 8 Malibu Rotary Club incuded PDG **Tom Bos** who inducted our newest member **Jim Herz Joyce Sticknery**, minister of St. Aidan’s Church in Malibu who brought with her a new guest **Joe Duncan**, whose company in west Texas owns historic hotels,



and who has a daughter who is a student at Pepperdine University, which has prompted him to think about living in Malibu part of the time and coming to Malibu Rotary Club meetings.

## Rotary District Events

- **Potential Rotary Leadership Skills (PRLS)** --. 2 locations see district website
- **March 18—3-2-1 Color Go To End Polio Run 5K & Peace Festival/Picnic at Griffith Park**

Rotarians, Families & Friends are invited to the

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Run End Polio & Picnic**

**This will be a 5k COLOR RUN with an optional one mile turnaround**

A color run is a fun run where participants will have colored cornstarch tossed on them as they run the course. You will end up with a tie-dyed looking shirt.

**Adults - \$35.00 (before March 18, \$45 day of event)**

**17 & Under - \$15.00**

With your registration you will receive a t-shirt, sunglasses, one raffle ticket and food/carnival tickets.

**100% of net proceeds go to PolioPlus**

Win a **CRUISE TO MEXICO** for two! Every participant in the 3-2-1 GO Color Run to End Polio will receive one raffle ticket to win a cruise, a big screen television or one of dozens of other great door prizes. Winners must be present at the run to win.

#### **Schedule of Events:**

8:00 am Registration opens

10:00 am Fun Run begins

Carnival Games & Food Vendors open

12:30 pm Door prize drawing

2:00 pm Event ends

## **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" Syversten**

**June 2017-----David Zielski**

**CALENDAR (see up to date calendar on [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org))**

### **March 15 2017 Speaker is Juan Alvarez on Credit Card Options For Non-Profits as Malibu Rotary Club**

Juan Alvarez is Market Manager for the west Los Angeles credit card processing of US Bank's Elavon. There are times when non-profits such as the Malibu Rotary Club may have fund raisers such as Turkey Trot Run, auction, or other events where participants may want to use credit cards, or it may also apply to paying dues and other revenue sources. Juan Alvarez will explain the most prudent options for accepting credit cards by our organization.

- **March 22 2017 –Speaker is Malibu City Manager Reva Feldman who will be giving an update on the City of Malibu**
- **March 29 2017-- Samuel Osborne will be speaker at the the Malibu Rotary Club meeting talking about Human Potential and Taking a Risk**
- **April 5 2017-- Pepperdine professor Robert Williams will be speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting**
- **April 25 2017—Rotary District Breakfast**