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## **Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter**

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**Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu  
Malibu Rotary Club President Christopher Bauman**

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- **Next week** The next Malibu Rotary Club meeting will be held 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18th, in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University in Malibu. Speaker is Pon Nya Mon, a Buddhist monk from Thailand who has two bachelor degrees from Purdue University, two Masters degrees in Economics (one from Williams College and one from Washington State University), and Ph.D from Washington

State University in Political Science. His Ph.D dissertation in 2010 was on *Identity, Image and ethnic conflicts in Burma*. He is currently a

**banker in Las Vegas, Nevada and is coming to Malibu specifically to address the Malibu Rotary Club. He will be talking about Ethnic Conflict in Thailand--Possible Outcomes---and what you can do.**

- **Also being attempted next week: There will be an unprecedented Triple Induction of Members Increasing Membership by 25% in One Day!**
- **Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**
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- **Check Calendar on Malibu Rotary website [MalibuRotary.org](http://MalibuRotary.org)**
- **Malibu Rotary Club Website: [www.MalibuRotary.org](http://www.MalibuRotary.org)**
- **Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)**
- **Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280la.org](http://www.rotary5280la.org)**
- **Rotary District 5280 “Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians” Website: <http://yp5280.org/>**
- **[RI President \(2010-2011\)](#) Ray Klinginsmith**
- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2010-20 11): Doug Baker**

### **Last meeting: May 11Potpourri of news from visitors**

For the past several weeks three regular visitors to the Malibu Rotary Club, **Danielle Anjou**, **Hubert Lukerath**, and **Maggie Lukerath**, have all been planning to be inducted into the club by President Elect **Kevin Boling** and also for the past several weeks, **Kevin Boling** was not there to do it. On May 11<sup>th</sup> Kevin was out showing people at CBS studios what a good trash collector he is. So this long anticipated induction is to take place the following week (May 18), on what will be a very special meeting with the guest speaker that **Bill Wishard**, invited **Pon Mon**, coming in from Las Vegas to give a presentation about Ethnic Conflict in Thailand--Possible Outcomes---and what you can do. Bangkok Thailand is the location of the 2012 Rotary International Convention.

Malibu Rotary Club President **Chris Bauman** found many things to talk about and called on several visitors at the meeting to report on events in their lives. Chris had spent the previous weekend touring the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. Reagan was an early supporter of the Pepperdine University Malibu campus and historian **David Baird** reported that he was at the campus dedication ceremony. One of the items on display at the Reagan library is a surfboard given to President Reagan by Pepperdine with a campus logo on it. Chris reported that the Malibu Rotary Club is participating in the Rotary International Youth Exchange by sponsoring **Zoe Duarte**, whom members of the club met with her mom Pam at Chris' home dinner party a few months ago, to study in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Several Malibu Rotarian are going to the Rotary District Convention in Indian Wells this weekend. **Bob Syvertsen** talked about a Rotary District Convention he attended in the 1980s that was held on a cruise ship. Except for the captain and crew, the entire ship was filled with district Rotarians. He recalled that on the first morning everyone had to get up early for lifeboat drills. District governor addressed everyone in attendance, an invocation was given, and the Rotarians were instructed to place their hands over their hearts and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, which was at the back of the ship, but could not be seen from where the people were standing. Later the captain remarked that this was quite extraordinary. When asked was extraordinary the captain said, "All these American Rotarians pledging allegiance to the Panamanian flag!"



One of the visitors at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Malibu Rotary Club meeting was Malibu Rotary Club Immediate Past President **Holmes Osborne III**. Holmes said he tries not mix Rotary and politics, but had some opinions about how the census affects congressional redistricting. Certain states, like Texas, are gaining congress people, and certain states, like Missouri, are losing congress people, based on the 2010 census. The way congress districts are made up the borders of the district are based on where people from each party live, rather than the natural geography of the area. He thinks the districts should be made up of natural boundaries and existing county and state boundaries. The shapes would be more rectangular and square, rather than odd gerrymandering shapes that dramatically change every 10 years depending on which party is in power. Since we last saw Holmes he has become a father of a 7 week old daughter, Adelaide Joy Osborne. Asked if Holmes was still bullish on gold, his reply was that he is presently more bullish in uranium.

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

**Jack Corrodi** is still home recovering following his stay in the hospital for a leg infection. He is able to walk with aid of a walker, but is still not able to walk as far as he would need to for Rotary meeting.

### **Malibu Rotary at Rotary District Convention**

Remember Kevin's big plans on the Malibu Rotary Club participation at this year's Rotary District Convention. Malibu Rotary Club will be one of the clubs participating in the Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Party at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort in Indian Wells. He wants club participation as he cooks his pull pork sliders and makes his special margaritas. He



may be selling some of his secret Barbeque Sauce as a fund raiser. Some of the Malibu Rotarians committed to help are Margo Neal, McKade Marshall and Chris Bauman. John Elman also has reservations in Indian Wells, but writing this newsletter Friday afternoon because Lee Ann is still a juror in Santa Monica superior court in deliberation. Even though John is ready for Ho Down theme of Hospitality Night, it appears he will not get to Indian Wells till after Hospitality night is over.

### **Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund**

**Jim Dyer**, District 5280 Disaster Relief Chair, sent the following message about what Rotary is doing through the Rotary Foundation in Japan's current emergency situation and how you can help.

**The 9.0-magnitude earthquake, Japan's largest in history, caused a devastating tsunami that swept over northern coastal towns. At least 10,000 people are assumed dead, but government officials say the death toll will rise. The emergency situation is still unfolding but what is clear is the immediate need for money to support relief efforts and shelter.**

**In response to this massive earthquake and tsunami, The Rotary Foundation has established the *Rotary Japan & Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund*. Also, ShelterBox, a designated Global Rotary Club Project, had response team members on the ground within 24 hours after the earthquake, one of the first international aid agencies to arrive in Japan. The first deployment of ShelterBoxes, including the provision of emergency shelter, water purification and lifesaving supplies are on their way to Tokyo with more on stand by.**

**During this initial response period we are encouraging District 5280 Clubs, Rotarian's and friends to support one of the Rotary affiliated relief efforts or other recognized international relief organizations like the Red Cross.**

- **Rotary Japan & Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund** - Checks should be made payable to The Rotary Foundation - note on your check that the contribution should be used for the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, #G10005. Please see the attached PDF with answers to frequently asked questions. The Foundation will begin accepting online in the coming days.
- **ShelterBox** - donations to ShelterBox USA can be made on their website at [www.ShelterBoxUSA.org](http://www.ShelterBoxUSA.org), or use the attached sponsorship form to mail in your donation. Be sure to note your club name and District 5280.

As relief efforts progress, we will establish direct contact with Rotarians in Japan. For more information, please contact [Jim.Dyer@RotaryClubofSantaMonica.org](mailto:Jim.Dyer@RotaryClubofSantaMonica.org)

Jim Dyer

District 5280 Disaster Relief Chair

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org) for latest Calendar and future speakers

## Calendar

**Malibu Rotary Club Speakers (all meetings at at 7:30 a.m in the Pepperdine University Fireside Room)**

May 18 2011

**Pon Nya Mon**

"Ethnic Conflict in Thailand--Possible Outcomes"

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