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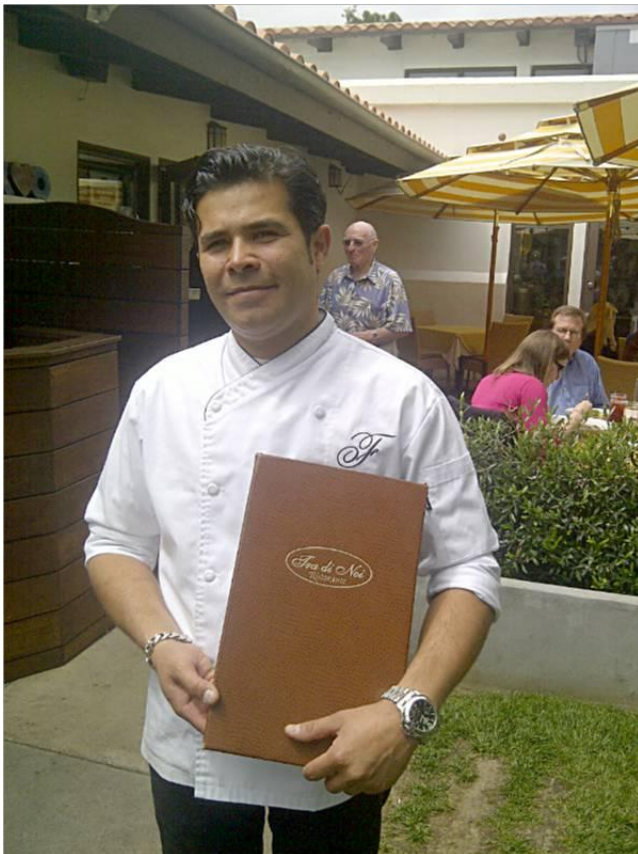
Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month David Baird
Malibu Rotary Club President of Record William Wishard

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Last Week: Malibu Rotary Club Assembly Lunch Meeting at Tra di Noi Restaurante in Malibu Country Mart

Instead of meeting for breakfast in the Fireside Room at Pepperdine the Malibu Rotary Club met a local Italian restaurant for lunch—this time it was Tra di Noi Restaurante in the Malibu Country Mart. Maggie Luckerath arranged this meeting as she had done for earlier lunch meetings at the Malibu Inn and Giovanni’s. An as was the case at previous lunch meetings, the lunch brought some members who have a problem making the morning meeting but can make the noon affair.

There is no scheduled speaker and everyone was able to sit around one very large table in the private wine room in back of the restaurant.

Maggie had negotiated a special price for a lunch that included choice of either Caesar or Casa salad, and entre of either *Fusilli Del Posto* (spiral pasta, sautéed broccoli, sun dried tomatoes, chicken with cream sauce), *Petto di pollo al Limone* (free range chicken breast in lemon and capers sauce, served with organic vegetables) or *Pesce Bianco* (sautéed white fish picatta style served with broccoli and rotated potatoes. This entrée seemed to be the most popular. This writer chose it and he is glad he did! Also included was the *dulce Crostata di Fragole* which seemed to be fresh strawberries and vanilla ice cream. Non-alcoholic beverages were also included in Maggie's negotiated price, although those who wanted to pay for it, there was also wine. After all, we were in the wine room.

David Baird presided over the meeting, and most of the meeting consisted of going around the table and having everyone introduce him or herself and his/her most memorable Rotary moment. The last two people were just introduced to Rotary at that meeting.

Maggie has done a wonderful job negotiating these lunch meetings for the club. She later e-mailed me "Before going to Tra di Noi on Wednesday Hubert and I went to the garden on the side of the house and cut a box full of fresh rosemary and very large bundle of fennel to take to Francisco. When we got to the restaurant Francisco the Chef came out of the kitchen and smiled - I handed him the bundle of fennel and Hubert gave him the box of fresh rosemary! Francisco said he uses the fennel in a couple of different recipes and was happy to get our fresh herbs!"

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Among the Malibu Rotarians at this meeting who normally are not morning meetings were Malibu Rotary Club Charter member **Jack Corrodi** and our newest member **Taber Chinn**.

Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard representing Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok this week. Before he left Bill said it is important that several officers of the Malibu Rotary Club attend the Rotary District Assembly the morning of June 2 at the Carson Center. The theme for the new Rotary year will be "Peace Through Service."

Maggie Luckerath talked about the Fund Raiser Polo Match for Safety Harbor Kids that will be held June 9th at the Will Rogers Polo grounds in Pacific Palisades.

There were at least four guests at the May 2 Malibu Rotary Club meeting, and two of them were guests of **Donna Bohana**. These included **Yuri Plotkin**, a real estate agent, and **Natalia Plotkin**, a student of Chinese medicine. Both were born in Russia, and lived in Israel before coming to Southern California. Yuri is also a jazz saxophonist. A regular guest at our morning meetings was also at the lunch meeting, **Cliff Mortensen**. Other guests at the meeting included Past President of Malibu Rotary Club **Rex Levi**, who works in the Pepperdine University Real

Estate office, and past Malibu Rotarian **Danielle Anjou**, who told a great story about how her sculpture *L'Enfant*, which she had donated to a fund raiser brought in the most money when Robert Downey Jr. bid \$24,000 for it.

The following Saturday was designated as Malibu Rotary Club day at Malibu Stage Company and Rotarians were to get 2 tickets for the price of 1 for the production of "The Oldest Living Graduate."

Safety Harbor Kids May Fundraiser at the Polo Grounds

To Benefit Orphans, Foster and Homeless Children

Join Safety Harbor Kids at [Will Rodgers Polo Field](#) to watch the game of kings while indulging in spectacular food generously provided by [Taste at the Palisades](#).

2012 Event to be held at Will Rogers State Historic Park

1501 Will Rogers State Park Road

Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

1:00am Red Carpet and Goodwill Ambassador Awards Ceremony

2:00pm Polo Match, Dining & Wine Tasting

Join, attend or sponsor a child click [here](#) or call today 800.277.0497

"In seven years at the home, I have never seen such a dramatic change upon these children after they attended your events"

JC Mazdar, director at Hathaway-Sycamores

Bless the Beasts & the Children

What: First Annual Bless the Beasts and the Children fundraiser with food, drink, entertainment, both live and silent auctions and special emcee Dick Van Dyke.

When: Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: Private estate in Malibu, CA.

Why: To honor Dave Woods for a lifetime of Rotary Service projects and Malibu Coast Animal Hospital for years of service to homeless animals.

Who: Sponsored by Woodland Hills Rotary Club Charitable Foundation and Malibu Pet Companions.

Special Note: The event will be held outdoors and the attire is dressy casual.

For more information about **Malibu Pet Companions**, please go to:
www.MalibuPetCompanions.org

For more information about **Rotary Club of Woodland Hills**, please go to:
www.WHRotary.com

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The event will be held at a private Malibu estate and jointly hosted by the [Rotary Club of Woodland Hills](#) and [Malibu Pet Companions](#), the event will raise money for local and international service projects benefitting children, as well as for the medical care for sick, injured and un-weaned homeless pets at the [Agoura Animal Shelter](#).

Malibu Rotary Club International Projects in Puerto Rico



With matching grants from The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5280 (District Designated Funds [DDF]), and in partnership with other Rotary clubs in Rotary District 5280 and host clubs in Puerto Rico, the Malibu Rotary Club is involved in two humanitarian international projects in Puerto Rico in 2012. Barbara Riley (front row third from left) represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the *Centro Geriátrico San Rafael*, Arecibo, PR Rotary Project in February, 2012. Malibu Rotary was one of the lead sponsors of the project, along with 4 other Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles, CA Rotary District 5280 who also sent representatives.

Malibu Rotary Club was also a sponsor of a second project, *Hogar Santísima Trinidad (HST)* in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico which involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management.

More on Rotary District 5280's humanitarian trip to Puerto Rico can be seen at <http://www.facebook.com/PuertoRico5280>.

In the *Centro Geriatrico San Rafael, Inc* in Areciba, Puerto Rico project the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. 5 Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles along with Rotary Foundation and the host Arecibo Rotary Club has helped the senior residential center purchase needed maintenance and repair tools, 8 energy efficient air conditioning units and a commercial sliding gate opener. This is a geriatric home for indigents founded in 1925. The Arecibo Rotary Club has been supporting them since 1935. This project costs \$15,585.00 of which the Malibu Rotary Club and the Westchester Rotary Club have given \$1170.00 each. Other partner clubs are Culver City, Wilmington, along with the host Rotary Club of Arecibo.

The most ambitious project (*Hogar Santisima Trinidad* [HST] in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico) involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center (who are also highly likely to have HIV) to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management. HST is a private community based non-profit organization, offering a safe residential rehabilitation and treatment program to 35 young males addicted to drugs and /or alcohol, established in 1993. HST depends on income from their semi-industrial aluminum and metal recycling and processing program. As part of their rehabilitation program, the HST implements occupational, physical and work therapies through their Mobile Recycling Center Program (MRCP). It consists in the training of patients in the use of a fixed industrial recycling unit permanently located at the Center, where they learn how to process and recycle aluminum, car batteries, diverse metals and other materials under the close supervision of trained supervisors. They also pickup recyclable materials in nearby communities to process at the center. The project also addresses a problem of waste management in Puerto Rico. Studies done by the US Environmental Protection Agency have revealed that improper or insufficient capacity to dispose of solid waste in Puerto Rico has created public health problems. The management and disposal of solid waste in the Island has long been a challenge, aggravated by the limited space available due to its geographical size, roughly 100 mi by 35 mi, and its delicately balanced ecosystem and the large amount of solid waste generated, at 4,000,000 tons per year. Puerto Rico's residents generate more waste than people living on the mainland and recycling rates are lower. Much of Puerto Rico's waste ends up in landfills, most of which do not comply with local and federal governments' landfill requirements. The cost of HST Rotary project in Puerto Rico is \$22,570. The primary international club sponsoring this project is the Westchester Rotary Club. Malibu Rotary Club is an equal share holder with the Westchester Rotary Club, with each club contributing \$1570.00. Besides the host Rotary Club of Santurce, the Rotary Club of Torrance-Lomita is a partner in this project.

Malibu Rotary Club is [Official Sponsor of Smile Trek](#)



Marine Sargent Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palate and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palate disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip across Southeast Asia which he began in September. Before he

left he explained " My route will take me through eight different countries, beginning and ending in Singapore, and the yearlong trek will be an ongoing effort to raise funds for the ICSF and awareness for children living with clefts in the developing world. I chose to base this trip in Southeast Asia because of the region's high prevalence of cleft births."

Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240.

See Winston's blog at <http://www.smiletrek.org> (which includes multiple videos) as he travels across the world. As of April 11th he had collected \$40,404 for ICSF, over 81% his goal of \$50,000.

An e-mail from Winston on April 11 :

Hi everyone,

Happy belated Easter. Here is [my latest blog post](#). I'm 80% of the way to my fundraising goal, woo-hoo! All the best,

Winston Fiore
Sgt/USMC
smiletrek.org

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

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Calendar

(all Malibu Rotary Club meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

Speakers

May 9 2012

Cynthia Colburn Ph.D

" The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Sicily"

Cynthia Colburn Ph.D, Pepperdine Associate Professor of Art History will present an illustrated overview of The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Sicily from the Iron Age through the Medieval era.

May 16 2012

Tomas Martinez Pepperdine Professor of Psychology

"My Life as a Polio Survivor"

Rotary has all but eliminated polio in the world, but millions of people were afflicted with the disease before the polio vaccines became available in the 1950s. One of those afflicted was Tomas Martinez Pepperdine Professor of Psychology. Professor Martinez will talk about his life as a polio survivor at the May 16 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club.

May 30 2012

Dennis Torres

"The Art of Negotiation"

Malibu Rotary Club Past President and current Executive Director of Real Estate and Adjunct Professor of Negotiation, Dispute Resolution and Critical Thinking at Pepperdine University Dennis Torres will speak on the Art of Negotiation at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting at 7:30 a.m. May 30th in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University.

Jun 20 2012

Barbara J Riley

"Rotary District Humanitarian Trip to Puerto Rico"

The Malibu Rotary Club is a co-sponsor in two humanitarian projects in Puerto Rico. Barbara Riley represented the Malibu Rotary Club at Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian Trip to Puerto Rico in February to visit these projects and will describe her experience at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting June 20.