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## Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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- Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
- Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
- RI President (2014-2015) Gary CK Huang
- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2014-2015): Elsa Gilham
  - Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Neil Godsey (2014-15)

### Chris Sariego Talks About The Many Services of Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Los Angeles



**Chris Sariego, a member of LA 5 Rotary Club, is the Director of Public Relations & Marketing for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Los Angeles ([www.svdpla.org](http://www.svdpla.org)).**

Although not scheduled to speak on this day at Malibu Rotary, Chris was ready, when original speaker was a no show. Chris had a PowerPoint, video, and handouts, to tell the Malibu Rotarians of the many services of this worldwide organization which started in Paris, France in 1833. With a credo of *“No Act of Charity is Foreign to the Society”*, the Society is an international organization of volunteer Catholic women and men with more than 1,000,000 members in 142 countries, and a mission to “seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived.”

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in Paris, France in 1833 by a 20-year old student, Frederic Ozanam. Challenged by the poverty he saw on the streets, and by his contemporaries who believed the Church no longer demonstrated an active faith in works of charity, Frederic organized the first “Conference of Charity” to help the poor of all religions created by the industrial revolution, as well as create an avenue that assisted people to express their faith and grow spiritually through acts of charity. Frederic named his conferences after the great French Saint, Vincent de Paul, who was known for his heroic goodness to the poor.

Students in the Conference began begging for money, food, fuel and other items that could be used to help the desperately poor families they found in the slums of Paris. These students also met weekly to take stock of their resources and plan their activities.

This first Conference of Charity grew rapidly to more than 600 members and fifteen additional Conferences were formed in the cities and towns surrounding Paris.

By 1845 there were Conferences of Charity all over the European continent, as well as in Ireland, England, Greece, Mexico and the United States.

Members are actively involved in providing person-to-person assistance to those in need, guided by the credo of *“No Act of Charity is Foreign to the Society”*.

### **THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES**

The Los Angeles chapter of St. Vincencet de Paul volunteers have served the suffering in Southern California for over 100 years. They help the needy become self-sufficient by providing emotional and financial support, food, clothing, furniture, appliances, housing and by connecting the disadvantaged to helpful resources in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Donations to their thrift stores make their work possible. More than six million Californians live in poverty and one third of them are children.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, LA provides multiple services in multiple locations:

### **CARDINAL MANNING CENTER (CMC)**

CMC is a homeless shelter in downtown Los Angeles' Skid Row area at 231 Winston Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. The CMC offers a comprehensive program for homeless men transitioning off the streets and into housing through transitional housing and intensive case management services. For information about services contact us at 213-229-9963 or [socialservices@svdpla.org](mailto:socialservices@svdpla.org).

### **VENTURA COUNTY SHELTER**

The Society runs a winter shelter in Oxnard or Ventura from December first to March 31 each year to warm and protect individuals living on the streets in the cold and rainy winter months. This program is solely a sheltering program that provides basic support to individuals on a nightly basis with a bed and hot meals.

### **RESOURCES AND STATISTICS**

On any given night in Los Angeles:

- Over 43,000 people are homeless, almost 20% of these families with children, the highest homeless population for any major metropolitan area in the country.
- Another 16% to 20% of homeless adults are employed in low-paying jobs.
- 42% are chronically homeless individuals having one or more serious handicaps such as mental illness, substance abuse, or a physical disability.
- 18% of L.A. County residents and 25% of L.A. County's children live below the poverty line.
- 73% of low-income renters pay more than 50% of their earnings in rent.

For more than 50 years the Cardinal Manning Center has been a constant, reliable presence for homeless people in the Skid Row Area of downtown Los Angeles. The Center's primary goals are to enable homeless men and women with children to:

- Stabilize their life circumstances
- Regain their self-sufficiency
- Find permanent housing and employment

### **PRISONER RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM**

The Prisoner Resettlement Program responds to the needs of men and women who are approaching release from prison by assisting them in their transition back to wholeness and a productive life in society.

Currently California incarcerates more than 150,000 men, women and youth; the highest incarceration rate in the country. Los Angeles County registers almost 36,000 parolees a year with a re-arrest rate of 32 percent; 18 percent higher than for California as a whole.

This high rate of return to prison may be because treatment and rehabilitation programs available to inmates in the California Department of Corrections are difficult to verify as these programs are listed on the Department of Corrections books whether or not they actually take place or are accessible to inmates. 80 percent of the parolees presently enrolled in the Prisoner Resettlement Program state they received no treatment programming while they were incarcerated.

The goal of the Prisoner Resettlement Program is to break many parolees' cycle of falling back into drugs, gangs and crime by:

- Assisting parolees in developing skills that empower them to be successful in their educational, social, employment and faith settings
- Encouraging parolees to establish a more positive environment that will nurture their transition back into the community
- Engaging the involvement of the local community to furnish the support these men and women need in order to become productive citizens again.

The program achieves these goals by providing soon-to-be-released inmates and parolees with:

- A team of mentors that visit inmates while they are in prison and furnish them with support and guidance upon their release
- A needs assessment and action plan with short and long-term goals to develop independent living skills
- Assistance finding housing and first month's rent
- Help with filing paperwork for government, educational and vocational programs, as well as assistance with maintaining contact with the parole board and the stipulations of their parole.

This program has been extremely successful with a recidivism rate of 6% versus a national recidivism rate of 60%.

## **FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Family Housing Program employs two models to prevent and end homelessness among families with children in Los Angeles County: Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing.

The Permanent Supportive Housing Program utilizes 'Housing First' approach which seeks to house and keep homeless people in permanent housing while providing supportive services to increase their independence by addressing barriers to housing that would lead to re-occurrence of homelessness.

The Transitional Housing Program provides a safe and stable environment for families with children while providing support and opportunities to attain their goals that will lead to housing. For more information: 213-229-9966 or [socialservices@svdpla.org](mailto:socialservices@svdpla.org).

For donations of cash, stock, real estate and planned gifts, please call **323-226-9643**.

For free pickup of donations by truck call **800-974-3571**.

Phone number of Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Los Angeles is 323-227-6288. More information is on the website [www.svdpla.org](http://www.svdpla.org).

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

**David Zielski** again presided over the Malibu Rotary Club meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>. He called on **Delvin Glymph** he reported on both progress on the January 20<sup>th</sup> Malibu Rotary Middle and High School Music Competition as well as a being a first time attendee of the November 8<sup>th</sup> district Rotary Foundation Dinner. The Music Competition has generally been held at Pepperdine's Stauffer Chapel in recent years. That venue is not available on the desired date, and Raitt Recital Hall may not be available either. The event venue will be announced as soon as it is confirmed. Delvin, **Hubert Luckerath** and **Bill Wishard** all reported on their impressions of the Rotary Foundation Dinner. All talked about the elegance of the Biltmore Hotel and how all were impressed with the event. For Delvin, it was his first major district event, and gave him an appreciation the immensity of Rotary. There were about 400 people there. The theme of the party was the roaring '20s, and many people came dressed in the 1920's flapper attire. Bill said that Paul Netzel's invocation incorporated many aspects of that time in history, when Rotary increased from 516 to 3000 Rotary Clubs. A video was shown about the effects of polio at that time. Delvin said he had never seen anyone with polio and now has a greater appreciation for Rotary's efforts for Polio eradication.

### **Malibu Rotarians at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Rotary Foundation Dinner**



Malibu Rotarians attending the November 8<sup>th</sup> Rotary Foundation Dinner at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles were joined by Rotary District photographer **Linton Morgan** of the Inglewood Rotary Club (standing to left), Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar **Livia Giordano** who was hosted by Malibu Rotary Club (standing in center). Also standing is Malibu Rotary Club Past President **Bill Wishard**. The other Malibu Rotarians attending were (L to R Seated) **Hubert Luckerath, David Baird, Peter Formosa, and Delvin Glymph**

### **Happy Dollars**

There were Happy Dollars by **Bill Wishard**, who reported that he was happy to have talked to Khoi Pham as our January 28<sup>th</sup> speaker; **Shannon Latson** for her son getting accepted as a student to Pepperdine; **Annalisa Averill**, for being a part of Rotary; **David Zielski**, for his son's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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### **Guests**

In addition to regular guest **Annalisa Averill, Bill Hebert**, a local Rotarian who own the Postal Annex at the Trancas shopping center.



## **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher**

### **Malibu Rotary—Home Club of RainCatcher Executive Director David Zielski**

Every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness. Women and children spend 200 million hours a day collecting water.

There are over a billion people who do not have access to clean drinking water. RainCatcher is efficiently doing something to try to reduce that number. They get low cost, low maintenance and sustainable water systems to Uganda and Kenya so women and children have a safe and close water source.

Besides the obvious health benefits, providing a local and safe water source multiple other social, economical, and educational benefits also accrue. There can be an increased girls' school attendance, level of education and literacy rates, as they no longer need to miss school to secure water for their families and have adequate and separate sanitation facilities.

There can also be reduced physical injury from constant lifting and carrying heavy loads of water, reduced risk of rape, sexual assault, and increased safety as women and girls do not have to go to remote and dangerous places to defecate or to fetch water during the night.

The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher.

There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously

no



clean drinking water. David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher, makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjHXhtkVf0idcQUg>

After viewing this RainCatcher video on YouTube look at some of the others. This is a project that all of the Rotary world should be participating in. Malibu Rotary Club is proud to take a lead in this endeavor.

## Upcoming Speakers (yet to be confirmed)

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

## Calendar (for details on these programs see [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org))

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Rick Mendoza Dec 03, 2014

Rick's Underwater Images -- A slide show you won't want to miss

### Richard "Rick" Mendoza, PDG

Rick joined Rotary in 1986 - was club president in 1993-1994. And he served as **District Governor in 2002-2003** –

In 2009 he was recognized with Rotary International's highest award the "*Service Above Self*" award.

In 2012 he was recognized with The Rotary Foundation's highest award, the "*Distinguished Service Award*".

He served a three year term as the District Rotary Foundation Chair for D-5280. And, he is currently serving Zone 26 as the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in 2013-2015.

In 1973, as a hobby, he became a Los Angeles County Certified Under Water SCUBA instructor - and was cross certified with NAUI and PADI. He taught SCUBA for 4 years certifying 200+ students.

His passion for photography is recognized throughout the District, Zone and Rotary International. At this meeting Rick will show some of the images he has captured with underwater camera.

Evening Dinner Holiday Party Dec 10, 2014 (location to be determined)

Dec 17 will be Budget Meeting Club Assembly

Shannon Latson Jan 14, 2015

Managing Conflict at Home and at Work

**Description:** Few of us like conflict, but it will always be a part of our lives. Dealing with conflict in healthy ways can deepen your relationships, permit personal growth, and improve the outcome of challenges that you face. Join us to get some tools on how to approach your next difficult conversation.

**About the Presenter:** Shannon Latson works as a Marriage and Family Therapist for Stillpoint Family Resources in West Hills, and she also works as an Office Manager in the International Studies and Languages Division of Pepperdine. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Business from Michigan State University, her master's degree in Psychology from Pepperdine University, and her Certificate in Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute at Pepperdine's School of Law. Shannon volunteers as a club convocation leader for Pepperdine students, serves as the faculty/staff advisor for the Pepperdine Swing Dance Club, and she has presented at many community organizations, including a psychiatric facility, a gang prevention unit of the Van Nuys police department, a domestic violence shelter, Many Mansions, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Malibu Rotary Club Middle & High School Music Comp Jan 21, 2015

Khoi Pham Jan 28, 2015

Community Service Integrated into Affordable Housing for Low Income

Khoi Pham MBA, UCLA Anderson School of Management, one of last helicopter evacuees out of Saigon as 8 year old, and now Executive Director of Bella Communities, will talk about integrating community service into affordable housing for low income.

Third in Malibu Rotary Club exclusive series of outcomes of American involvement in Vietnam war.

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.uJTvcsUe.dpuf>