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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Malibu Rotary Club President (2011-2012) Kevin Boling

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David Baird Gives Part One of the International Multi-Campus Concept of Pepperdine University

Malibu Club President **Kevin Boling** was still home recovering from the illness that had



hospitalized him 2 weeks ago. Past President **Chris Bauman** had just returned from Europe where he had spent the last 2 weeks touring the Pepperdine campuses there. November Malibu Rotary Club Vice President Pepperdine Dean Emeritus and History Professor **David Baird** not only presided over the November 2nd meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club, but he inducted **Barbara J Riley** as a new Rotarian, and he presented the program of the day, which was really the first part of a two part program on the history of the International Multi-Campus Concept of

Pepperdine University.

David is currently writing a book on the history of Pepperdine, and Chris' return from the tour of Pepperdine's European campuses, and Chris' agreement to do a slide presentation of that trip at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on December 7th, prompted David to tell us how and why all those European Pepperdine campuses came to be—an introduction, as it were, to Chris Bauman's December 7th presentation.

In the 1950's Pepperdine had started a popular Travel Abroad Program during the summer for its students studying at the original Pepperdine campus in south central Los Angeles. A house that was built in Heidelberg Germany in 1920, and had been a German army station, and later an American Army station, became available in 1964. Pepperdine bought the building, and offered their junior students the opportunity to take 2 semesters there, receiving full credit for academic studies taught Monday through Thursday, and giving the students the opportunity to travel through Europe Friday through Sundays. Herbert Luft was appointed Director of the Pepperdine Heidelberg Campus. The emphasis was on travel. The four weeks between semester offered the students the opportunity for more extensive travel. Initially there were no dormitories and the students stayed at local hotels while attending the university. According to professor Baird, the purchase of the Heidelberg building caused Pepperdine a severe cash flow problem at the time. M. Norvel Young, who was President of Pepperdine University from 1957 to 1971, had previously been a minister at the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, and knew that they had money to loan Pepperdine for this and other expansion. The original Pepperdine Campus was very close to the center of the 1965 Watts Riots and National Guard Troops stayed on that campus. Pepperdine was already opening other educational centers in Los Angeles, Orange County (where the first Pepperdine Law School was established), and San Fernando Valley. Pepperdine ultimately moved its main campus from its original location to Malibu in 1972.

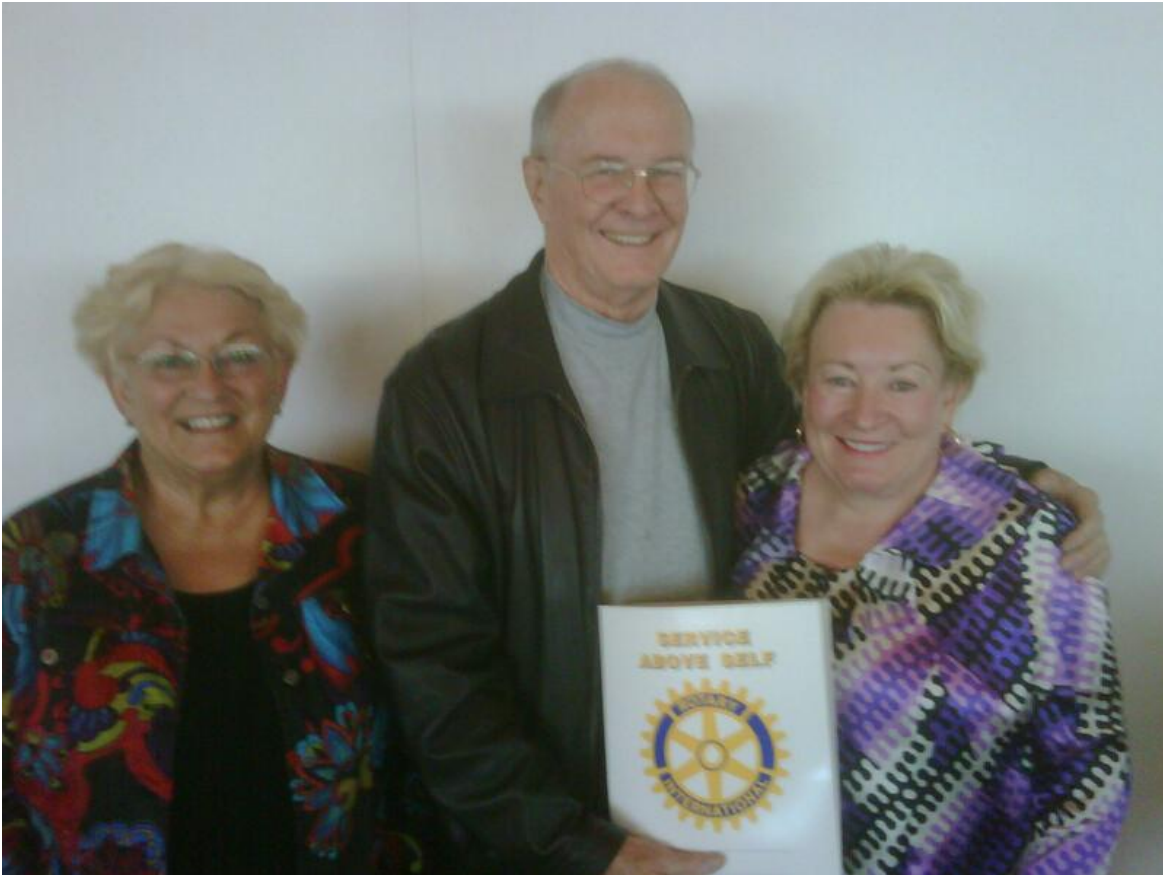
The 1964 Heidelberg campus was the first of the Pepperdine campuses on foreign soil. In the 1980s others were established in London, England; Florence, Italy; [Lausanne, Switzerland](#); as well as Buenos Aires, Argentina; [Shanghai, China](#) and in Washington, DC. All but the Shanghai campuses are owned by the University.

Currently there are 500 Pepperdine students, mostly sophomores, involved in international studies. Before they graduate 65% of the Pepperdine students participate in International programs. It is not surprising that Pepperdine University is the number one college for students interested in international studies.

On personal note David noted that both his son and daughter had the opportunity to participate in Pepperdine international studies and he said the transformation in them, the opportunity and challenge of being on their own, was a remarkable experience for them both. He could see a huge difference in his children—the ones who he picked up from the airport were much more mature than the ones he had taken to the airport a year earlier.

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Barbara Jo Riley (R) was inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club on Nov 2 by club vice president David Baird (center). She was sponsored for club membership by her longtime friend Maggie Luckerath (R). They met doing volunteer work for Staten Island Hospital. Barbara Jo lives primarily in Massachusetts and is involved in philanthropy projects throughout the world. She flew in for the Malibu Rotary Club induction.

Barbara Jo has a lengthy resume which we have printed at the end of this newsletter. She will make up at Rotary Clubs in her travels and visit us when she is in the Los Angeles area.

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Geoff Ortiz reported he filled out the paper work for a permit from the City of Malibu for use of Bluffs Park for "Rotary Family Day" March 25, 2012

Bill Wishard has confirmed that our Holiday party will be Wednesday Dec. 14, at Beurivage restaurant. Most of us who have lived in Malibu for some time have had special occasions in this unique restaurant. (It was the location this reporter's engagement party, as well

as the location for one of Malibu Rotary club's earliest High School music competitions). Daniel & Luciana Forge established the picturesque Mediterranean restaurant in 1982. The restaurant is about to be sold, and as one of his last acts before leaving the business and as a sense of community Daniel is giving the Malibu Rotary Club a very special price for the evening and use of his upstairs room--\$35.00 per person, including tax and tip.

Malibu Rotary Club/SOS Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 17th

Maggie Luckerath has the signup sheet for Malibu Rotarians, family and friends who are providing food for the annual Malibu Rotary sponsorship of the SOS Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless held at Webster School in Malibu the Thursday before Thanksgiving—this year on November 17th. 200 people are expected to attend dinner.

There will be a regular morning Malibu Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday November 16th, but no meeting the following week, November 23rd, the week of Thanksgiving.

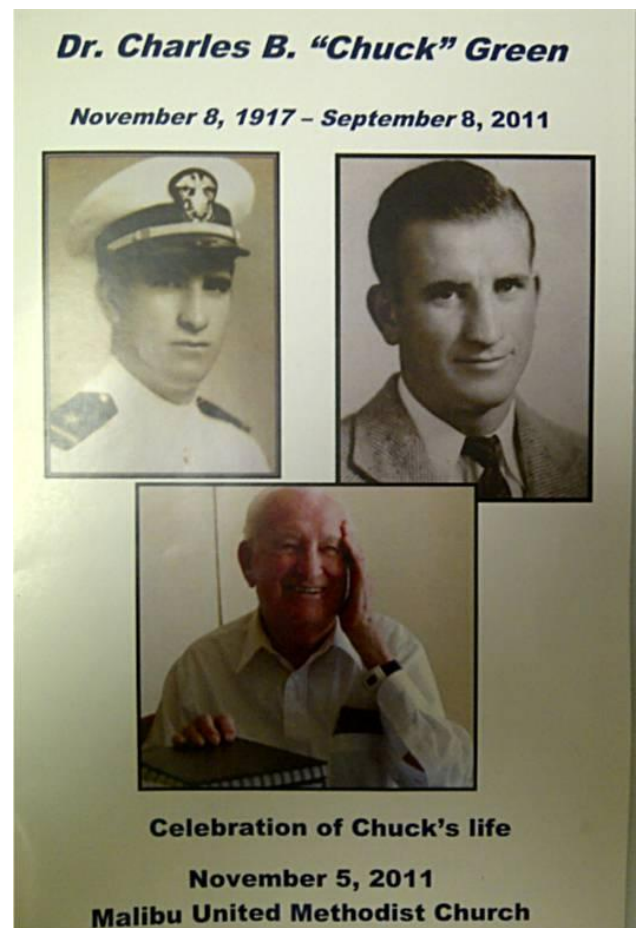
Guests

Cathy Liu Mendelsohn was a guest at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of November 2nd. She works for the international newspaper *The Epoch Times* (see <http://Epochtimes.com>). She will return next week to introduce **Dr. Michael Ye** will be giving us a program on The Renaissance of Chinese Culture.

Highlights of the Chuck Green Memorial Celebration

The Chuck Green Memorial Celebration done by his daughter Marilyn Green Jones, son Terry Green and son-in-law Larry Jones was an amazing happy celebration of Chuck's life. They all were inspired by Chuck to be teachers, and Chuck taught his class on current events in both the Malibu Senior Center as well as the Santa Monica Emeritus College as long as he could physically get to the class room, which he did until he was 92.

Chuck had taught and influenced the educational system in 70 countries. He had a Ph.D from UCLA, was a UCLA Golden Gloves boxing champion, a Lieutenant and



teacher of Midshipman for the Navy and as we all know, had endless stories to tell about his many assignments around the world for the state department, setting up educational systems in these countries. In Bogata, Colombia there is a school named after him *Escuela Charles B. Green*.

Loved ones -

I am 92½ and I'm really feeling my age. Of course, I know not what awaits me but I am ready for what comes just as I always have been. Anyone that has been as fortunate as I should certainly be immensely thankful! It is not just the many years - it has been that they were such great years.

Teaching has played such an important part of my life, and I am sure that it is the greatest profession. I hope I never hurt any of my students - I think we should steal from the doctors: "Do no harm." No other profession has such an opportunity to improve the lives of others. I knew that if I were to teach students, I had to love them, and that love has always come back multiplied! My cup was always, always way running over!

Growing up my family life was not always smooth but it did so much to me. I learned some things of what not to do just as well as what to do. I learned to be a better head of the family.

No matter what I did as head of the family, I recognize how lucky I have been. Dorothy has been just perfect for me. So much that I did could not have been possible without her. And she has been the best wife ever and also the best mother ever. I was so busy teaching that she raised you kids. She had the ability to learn and so she became better and better at all the things she did. I'm sure my children and grandchildren would echo these remarks about Dorothy. You must realize how fortunate you are to have her for a mother and grandmother. She was very good when you were born but kept getting better and better. I guess the best thing in life is to improve.

Of course, what I really want to do is to challenge you to keep getting better. I think you are great but don't stop doing what you can do to make this a better world.

I love you as much as is possible. I am so proud of all you do. I am as fortunate as anyone could be!

What a life!

Chuck

Don't cry for me! I have had such a wonderful life!!!

This goes to all my family - in-laws and certainly grandchildren. CBG

From a letter Chuck wrote a year ago and left for the family to find.

He introduced to the Malibu Rotary Club the tradition of hugging new members at their induction.

In his last years he enjoyed being in theater productions and wanted to do one more play. He couldn't get to the Senior Center so this year they came to him and they did the production in his living room.

He wrote the letter to the left last year and asked that it not be

opened till his death.

Words of the letter were put together with pictures and music as a PowerPoint presentation at the United Methodist Church on November 5 at the Memorial Celebration. Chuck was a regular member of the church. Less than a year ago Chuck had delivered a sermon at the church about loving people and an excerpt of the video was played at the memorial service.

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Chuck Green’s family is encouraging donations to a scholarship in Chuck’s memory for students pursuing a career in education or in foreign service at the colleges where his son and daughter teach. The Malibu Rotary Club has already made a commitment for the Santa Monica College scholarship.

For those who wish to donate checks may be made out to either the Santa Monica College Foundation

Santa Monica College

1900 Pico Blvd.

Santa Monica, CA 90405

Or

The Moorpark Board/Management

Scholarship fund

ATTN: D. Kolibas

Moorpark Unified

5297 Maureen Lane

Moorpark, CA 93021

Please indicate that the check is in memory of Dr. Charles Green.

Malibu Stage Company
presents
a tribute to Blake Edwards, and
BLAKE EDWARDS'
VICTOR
Victoria

Directed by
Richard Johnson
Choreography by
Albertossy Espinoza
Musical Direction by
Scott Nagatani

Book by Blake Edwards
Music by Henry Mancini
Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse
Additional music by Frank Wildhorn

Starring
Julia Holland, Jake Broder
Kristen Towers Rowles,
Butch Anderson, Oscar Best
Diane Peterson, Marlee Candell,
Bonnie Frank, Don Pitts,
Albertossy Espinoza, George Fisher,
Anibal Siveyra, Richard Van Slyke,
Emilia Vili, Alison Williams,
Mo'Nique, Steven W. Nelson,
Colby Nickerson, Jonathan Mercer,
Milva Rinaldeli.

The Band
Ian Dahlberg, David Lamont,
Matt Clark, Danny Yamamoto,
Scott Nagatani

MALIBU STAGE COMPANY Box Office (310) 589-1998
29243 Pacific Coast Highway, and: www.brownpapertickets.com
Malibu, CA 90265 www.malibustagecompany.org

October 28th
through
December 4th 2011
Friday & Saturday 8 p.m.
Sunday 5 p.m.
(Sunday the 20th at 7:30)
tickets \$34.99

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Malibu Rotarians Enjoy Malibu Stage Company Theater Production of *Victor/Victoria*

Malibu Rotarian **Geoff Ortiz** has been President of the Board of Malibu Stage for years and now another Malibu Rotarian **Maggie Luckerath** is managing the box office. Between the two of them Malibu Rotarians were able to get half price tickets to the current production at the theater, Blake Edwards's *Victor/Victoria*, a musical with music by Henri Mancini and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. At the November 2nd meeting of the Malibu Rotary meeting Geoff managed to get a bottle of wine on campus to give to Maggie for her amazing efforts getting all the Malibu Rotarians so efficiently booked into the theater at such short notice.

The Malibu Rotarians attending the Saturday October 29th performance were entertained and impressed by the acting, singing, dancing and staging of this production directed by

Malibu Stage Artistic Director Richard Johnson. Most of us have seen the screen version of this work with *Victoria* played by Blake Edwards' wife Julie Andrews. In this stage production the title role is played by Julia Holland. Blake Edwards and Julie Andrews lived in Malibu. Edwards died December 15, 2010 at age 88, and Richard Johnson decided to do this production dedicated to him.

Besides **Geoff and Michelle Ortiz** and **Maggie and Hubert Luckerath**, other Malibu Rotarians attending the night at the theater were **Bill Wishard, Margo Neal** and husband

LaVern, **Nichola Lenehan**, Bob and Jeanne Syvertsen, Fred and Connie Cornett, and John and Lee Ann Elman. The production continues to December 4th.

Rotary Foundation Celebration—Circus Vargas

The **Paul Harris Rotary Foundation Celebration Event** this year is a special Rotary performance of **Circus Vargas** in Del Amo Fashion Center in Torrance on Sunday November 6. Several Malibu Rotarians had planned to attend; the club bought a block of 10 tickets.

Details of the **Rotary Foundation Celebration** are as follows:

Circus Vargas for Rotary on November 6

Doors open at 11:00 am 🕒 Pre-Show begins at 12:10 pm

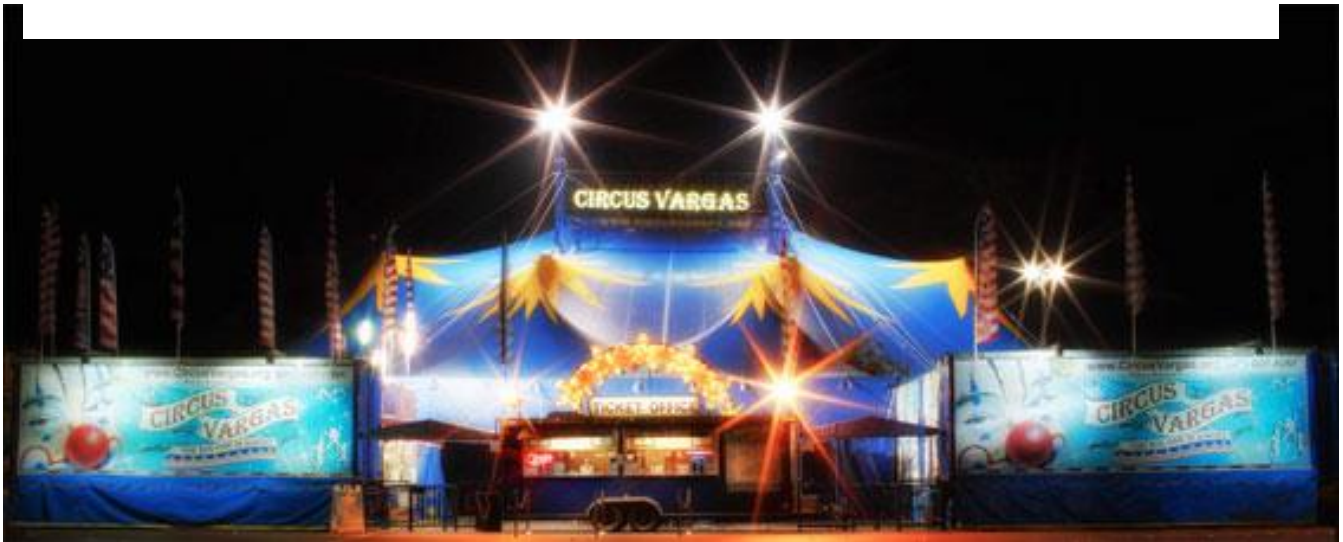
Tickets: \$65 adult □ \$35 children under 16

Includes: **Children and adults get one hot dog or nachos, one cotton candy or popcorn, and two beverages.**

Plus, each Adult ticket also gets one deli sandwich.

Del Amo Fashion Center Torrance

3 Del Amo Fashion Square, 3525 Carson Street, Torrance 90503



Rotary Club Vice Presidents of the Month

November: David Baird

December: Bob Syvertsen

Resume of Barbara J Riley (Inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club on Nov 2, 2011)

City Meals on Wheels - NY, NY Board member (5 years) Chaired fundraising

Riley Rink at Hunter Park - Manchester, VT Board member - 7 years, Underwriter for Ice Skating Rink and Summer Music Festival

Montreux Switzerland Jazz Festival (9 years) Underwriter providing bronze sculptures of various musical artists - i.e. BB King, Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Quincy Jones, Willy Nelson, Ella Fitzgerald.--2012 for Carlos Santana.

Animal Medical Center NY, NY Board member 5 years

Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, NY, NY 3 years Board member. Funded the restoration of the Garden Conservatory

Bide-A-Wee Animal Shelter 3 years Board member

Museum of the City of New York Women's Committee - 2 years

New York Restoration Project (Bette Midler) Board member - 3 years -Instituted Childrens' Garden at public elementary school in the Bronx

University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. Honorary Doctorate Degree

New Mexico National Dance Institute-Board member - Funded childrens' after school programs - 5 years and funded building of the theater (named "Riley Theater")

Spirit of Anne Frank Award-Awarded for outstanding business & community leader

Southern Vermont Art Center - Benefactor - sponsored childrens' art programs throughout central Vermont schools

Burr & Burton Charter Academy in Manchester, Vt.-Benefactor for computer programming - school news & T.V. connection to UVM-

Hildene - Robert Todd Lincoln Home-Endowment for childrens' programs

Food-TV Network – NY- Chair for **Let's Make Sure Everybody Eats** tied with "Share our Strength" to feed the hungry nationwide

Panama - Sponsor for Panamanian women to learn a craft trade and education project

Interior Decorating -Owned business NYC for 10 years. Published in Architectural Digest Magazine

Dorset Theater Festival, Dorset, Vt -Board Member - 7 years

Dorset Elementary School - Dorset, Vt.-Sponsored the Spanish Language Program for 3 years until it was approved by the Board of Education as part of the curriculum.

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. 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 country. As of November 5th he has raised almost \$32,000 for ICSF, over 60% his goal of \$50,000.

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

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Nov 9 2011

Dr Michael Ye

"The Renaissance of Chinese Culture"

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Nov 16 2011

Shawn Bromnell & Robert De Santis

"Update on Sheriff's Activity in Malibu"

Nov 17 2011

Malibu Rotary Sponsors SOS Thanksgiving Dinner at Webster School 3602 Winter Canyon Road in Malibu. Malibu Rotarians prepare and cook food for local homeless at Webster School. SOS organization does this weekly with the help of local community volunteers, but the Thanksgiving Dinner, held annually the week before Thanksgiving Dinner, is larger one, attended by about 200 people

Nov 23 2011

No meeting

"Club will be dark"

Dec 7 2011

Christopher Bauman

"Visting the Pepperdine Campuses of Europe"

On November 2, David Baird talked about the history of Pepperdine University's multicampus programs, Pepperdine campuses that have been established throughout the world, starting with the first campus in Los Angeles, to the Heidelberg Campus established in 1964. Christopher Bauman, past President of the Malibu Rotary Club and Budget Director of Pepperdine University, visited all the European campuses of Pepperdine during a 2 week tour in October. He will show slides of his trip during this presentation to the Malibu Rotary Club on December 7.

Dec 14 2011

No morning meeting

"Holiday party in eve at Beaurivage"