



## Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu

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

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- **[RI President \(2011-2012\)](#) Kalyan Banerjee**
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- **Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Kevin Smith**
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One of Malibu Rotary Club’s newest members is Donna Bohana. While most people in the real estate profession tend to specialize in a certain segment—commercial, residential, high end, low end, sales, leasing—

Donna does it all out of her Solstice International Realty offices. Her main office is in Malibu, with satellite offices in Santa Monica and Pasadena having 8 agents working for her. She said you won't find her company's name on bus stop benches or typical advertising places. 99% of her business is referral from her pleased customers. She works 7 days a week, but not only in her real estate office. She is also the property manager for 7 buildings in Santa Monica and Venice and is a single mom who drives her 3 year old daughter to and from preschool in Beverly Hills. She has help on that from her own mom on Wednesday mornings so she can get to the Rotary meeting.

Donna became involved in real estate while a student at Pepperdine 18 years ago. She took a part-time job as a receptionist in the Malibu office of Fred Sands Realty and liked the people she met and the work they did. She later became executive director of the Malibu Board of Realtors.

Although Donna grew up in Los Angeles she went to high school in London. While there she was able to travel to all the countries in Europe and developed an interest in international studies. Pepperdine University has one of the best programs in International Studies in the world (Malibu Rotarians will get a look at that when Chris Bauman gives his slide presentation of the Pepperdine Campuses of Europe at the January 4 Malibu Rotary Club meeting).

Before becoming a Rotarian Donna worked with several long time Malibu Rotarians also in real estate—Jack Corrodi, Rex Levi and her own agent Shannon Gilman. Her networking through various affiliations has helped her in business. She met someone who wanted to have a restaurant in Malibu and another who wanted to retire from the restaurant business. She introduced the two parties and that is how the former Alegria Restaurant on PCH became what is now Charlie's Restaurant. The Malibu Rotary Club will meet there February 29<sup>th</sup> for a lunch meeting (an rare 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month of February).

The Malibu Rotary Club appreciates having the ever working multi-tasking mom amongst its members.

## **Bill Wishard Named Malibu Rotary Club President of Record as Kevin Boling Steps Down**

**Kevin Boling** had been struggling to get to Malibu Rotary Club meetings from his Newport Beach home even before he had become ill and various members had been presiding over the weekly Malibu Rotary Club meetings over the past couple months. November the President of the month was **David Baird**, always a delight with his “This Day in History” (usually a significant day only remembered in Oklahoma), and in December the President of the Month will be **Bob Syvertsen**, who urged everyone to attend next week’s meeting on time for guest speaker State Senator Fran Pavley.

Malibu Rotary Club has a history of sharing the presidency, but Rotary International needs one person to be named “Club President of record” for the year. It is also required to have a President-Elect who attends the weekend PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) and is able to carry out the District Governor and RI Presidents themes for the Rotary year which starts in July. Kevin Boling was both current year president as well as president-elect for next year. Although we plan to continue having various Malibu Rotary Club Past Presidents preside over the weekly meetings (each assigned for one month term) at the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the club **William (Bill) Wishard** agreed to be the “President of Record” for the remainder of Rotary year. He also was the one person in the club desiring to go to Bangkok for the next RI Convention. Bill has represented the club and attended many district and RI events. The President-Elect has not been named but stay tuned....



### **Malibu Rotary Club/SOS Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Editors Note: Maggie Luckerath directed the actions for Malibu Rotarians, family and friends who were 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 237 people attended the dinner. Not only was there enough food for everyone there, there were take home bags of food for the many who attended. Maggie submitted the following report on the event:*

SOS (Standing on Stone) for those homeless and in transition Annual Thanksgiving Feast was quite an event here in Malibu on Thursday, November 17th at Webster Elementary School.

Since a year ago the weekly meals served

have considerably increased. This Thanksgiving meal was a combined effort from Malibu Rotary, Malibu Presbyterian, and Pepperdine University Ministry.

Coordinators for the meal were: Kacie Scherler (Pepperdine),

Nicki Osborne (Malibu Presbyterian), Maggie Luckerath (Malibu Rotary).

Yes indeed, it was in "Malibu Style" with linen table cloths and candlelights! Thanks to Malibu Presbyterian for the decorations.

Over 200 meals were served. The menu included 12 turkeys, 8 hams and alllllllllllllll the trimmings.

Highlight memories of this event: David Baird arriving looking like a "man on a mission" with his electric knife and 2 turkeys he had just roasted! David was at the carving board for about 2 hours!

Fred Cornett with his turkey, cutting board, knife and fork! Nichola did a fantastic job along with Danielle on the gravy as well as helping Maggie keep the kitchen organized!

Shannon after a 2 hour trip in traffic arrived on time with her mashed potatoes and was a big help in the serving line. Pompeya came with her mashed potatoes and right away started cutting the hams and then was a great help in the serving line putting on the gravy!

Bill came with his donation of gigantic pumpkin pies.

Margo just back from a "chick trip to Paris" came with her delicious green bean casseroles.

John's wife Lee Ann dropped off her wonderful green bean casseroles and some carving utensils. Was happy John came by after his late office hours.

Connie James was kind enough to drop off gravy for 50 people and cranberry sauce.

Yes, Dennis Torres had a real big tray of red skinned mashed potatoes and gravy (very, very good as I took a taste!)

Danielle brought rolls for 100 plus gravy then she helped serve the homeless.





Hubert picked up Geoff's order of mashed potatoes and brought them to the dinner. Geoff's pumpkin pie also was much appreciated.

Jack Corrodi and son received a big cheer when they arrived with their large jars of cranberry sauce.

Bob showed up with his donation of 3 pies then sorta disappeared.

Barbara our newest Malibu Rotarian who was traveling donated toward the expense of the 5 large trays of stuffing Maggie and her daughter Tanya made and toward the rolls and gravy Danielle purchased.

After this year we will never hear again "where was the cranberry sauce and stuffing?"....

Also thanks to Maureen from OLM who roasted a turkey and to Susan (Maggie's neighbor) for her tray of mashed potatoes and 4 home made pies!

At the dinner the air was filled with love, kindness, a sense of community, and giving!

Hollie and Dan Packman are the leaders of the SOS Outreach Program.

Copied from an email to me from Gary who is the SOS Community Outreach Program and Volunteer Coordinator: *"Please extend our warmest thanks from SOS to Rotary. This was the best year yet.*

*And thank you for all your hard work. It showed in many ways."*

Truly a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season. A team effort..... with great results

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

### **Holiday Party Money Due**

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. Fred and/or Hubert will be collecting money from members for this dinner

party at next meeting. *RSVP reservations and prepay money for this holiday dinner at the meeting of Dec 7, not at restaurant!*

### **Guests**

There were three guests at the November 30 Malibu Rotary Club meeting. Malibu Rotary District Assistant Governor Fire Chief of El Segundo **Kevin Smith** was on hand to find out who was going to be the Malibu Rotary Club President of record, since **Kevin Boling** had resigned.

Additional guests were **Petrie Alexandra Williams** was representing Safety Harbor Kids ([www.safetyharborkids.org](http://www.safetyharborkids.org)), a non profit organization that teaches life skills to children coming from 14 foster homes in local communities. Ages of kids served are 13 to 17. Upcoming fundraiser for Safety Harbor Kids is a dinner December 11 at Duke's Restaurant. Membership is \$50.00 per year for individual or \$100.00 for family. Another guest was **Lucy Padilla** of M & A Electrical and also Taproot Foundation.

### **Rotary Club Vice Presidents of the Month**

**November: David Baird**

**December: Bob Syvertsen**

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. He explains, “In late September, 2011, I will set out on a 5,000-mile walk through Southeast Asia. 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 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](http://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 Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

**Dec 7 2011**

**California State Senator Fran Pavley will update Malibu community on the latest from the state capital at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting Wednesday 7:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University.**

**Dec 14 2011**

**Holiday Party at Beaurivage in Evening (no morning meeting)**

**Dec 28 2011**

**No meeting**

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**Jan 4 2012 Meeting will start 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. Speaker Presentation starts at 8:30 a.m.**

**Chris Bauman**

**Christopher Bauman** is Pepperdine University's Budget Director. In October he toured the Pepperdine University's European campuses in London, Florence, and Heidelberg. At the first Malibu Rotary Club meeting of 2012, Chris will talk and show slides of his visit to these European cities

**Jan 11 2012**

**Susan Helm**

**"why we should have 4 or 5 meals each day"**

**Susan Helm is Pepperdine Professor of Nutrition, speaking on why we should have 4 and 5 meals each day.**

**Jan 18 2012**

**Al Sturgeon**

**"Malibu Labor Exchange"**

**Al Sturgeon is Chair of the Board of the Malibu Labor Exchange, a staff member at the School of Law**

**Jan 25 2012**

**Camille Gaon**

**"the benefits of anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer cooking and life-style changes"**

**Camille Gaon is New York writer and chef who just finished a book on anti cancer nutrition. She is a Consultant/Chef for Anti-cancer diet and general wellness life-style choices. Created tailor-made menus and instruction on how to prepare food according to safe handling guidelines to maintain optimum health benefits. Clients include cancer-survivors and patients undergoing treatment.**

**Feb 1 2012**

**Lee Schwing**

**"Third Millenium Awakening Biosand Water Filters in Ganeshuri, India"**

**Lee Schwing is curator for GreenLife Buzz in Malibu and also a spokes person for the nonprofit Third Millennium Awakening based in Malibu. TMA is dedicated to uplifting the quality of life in impoverished areas of the Thane District, Maharashtra State, India. In India, diarrhea alone causes mor than 1600 deaths daily. Lack of pure drinking water is a major cause of diarrhea. As Malibu Rotarians have seen by the project we had donated to in Ecuador Biosand Filters is the best method for purification in these type of environments and TMA is providing them in Ganeshpuri.**

**Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Club Assembly noon at Charlie's Restaurant (no morning meeting at Pepperdine)**

