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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

November 30, 2016

Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu

Malibu Rotary Club President of Record Bill Wishard

Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month (November) W David Baird

Malibu Rotary Club President Elect Bianca Torrence

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- **Last Week:** November 30 Malibu Rotary Club met with members of 6 other Rotary Clubs for dinner at the Sage Brush Cantina in Calabasas
- **Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Noon Meeting December 7** in LC 152 on the Pepperdine campus—Speaker will be Malibu Rotary Club's newest member Teresa LeGrove, who will giving her Craft Talk
- **Letters to the Editor—Amorok Society**

- **Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org**
- **Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org**
- **Rotary District 5280 Website:www.rotary5280.org/**
- **RI President (2016-2017) John F. Germ**
- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2016-2017) Greg O'Brien**

Editors Note: The official Malibu Rotary Club meeting on November 30, 2016 was a dinner meeting joining 6 nearby Rotary Clubs at the Sagebrush Cantina in Calabasas, CA. Since the time of this meeting conflicted with the rehearsal of the Malibu Jazz Ensemble, in which the editor is drummer and singer he could not attend this special Rotary meeting. To keep his 30 year perfect attendance intact he signed in on line with eClub One this weekend to get credit for the meeting and asked members attending the November 30 meeting to e-mail him stories and pictures. He received no pictures but did receive e-mails from Malibu Rotarians Peter Formosa and Carlye Rudkin. Their reports follow:

Some reflections and notes from the 6 Rotary club dinner meeting in Calabasas

By Peter Formosa

The meeting was well attended - maybe 60 Rotarians, partners and guests assembled in a large tent adjacent to the Sagebrush Cantina. One of the speakers mentioned that the turnout would have been better, but there was both a Rotary District event and a Calabasas City event that were big draws. It was a fun event with lots of networking and socializing. The food was plentiful, hot and appetizing and the serving line was fast and friendly! (The space was a bit chilly and some of us could have used a warmer layer!)

After the Governor's assistant called the meeting to order and the flag salute and invocation had been done, there was a call for guest. Ours, Pastor April, was asked to come up front and introduce herself and her interest in attending. Pastor April's ministry is to care for those who need help in the West Valley - primarily seniors on a fixed budget and the homeless and others that need a meal and some encouragement. Over the last 5 years, she has created three weekly sit down 4-course dinners served by volunteers in a restaurant style atmosphere designed to show these people some respect in a very Christian sense. She has a long term vision of creating a real shelter with showers etc. Her current need is blankets for those who are sleeping on the streets. (There were others but I know her story because Sally and I invited her and volunteer with her.)

After the guests, the club presidents were invited to address the gathering and to share their club's projects and past successes.

Woodland Hills has had a very successful program that collects clothing at the Lost and Found section of schools and has the items dry cleaned for free and then they are distributed by the Fleet Street Bicycle club at different events (at least that's the way I heard it). As one of the larger clubs, they have many activities and had organized the dinner, they were our hosts!

[Van Nuys raised over \\$50K last year at an event called "Day of Service over Self" where attendees paid \\$75 to attend the dinner and acknowledge people for what they had given to the community.](#) Those in attendance then contributed money very generously apparently, but how

exactly, i don't know. What I do know is that they hope to get Jay Leno this coming year and really produce a mega event!

Calabasas was the home club, but there was a conflict so they were under represented. They recently bused in 750 seniors for a Thanksgiving feast. They were able to do this partially because they have 2 very active youth clubs that they sponsor. They were also promoting a big fundraiser for this week end called the Annual Penny Party on Sunday Dec. 4th

The Greater Van Nuys club reported that they had received a \$2500 district grant and had taken a loosely knit group of 12 student musicians at Cleveland High School and formed a music department that has involved 200 students and a music director and now boasts a marching band. The speaker was sad to report that all of this had not helped the football team in the least!

Malibu appeared to be the best represented with about 20 including guests and partners. Bill introduced Bianca and she announced our goal of having a Turkey Trot as a Fund Raiser next Thanksgiving. Bill also encouraged people to participate in the yearly talent night coming up early next year!

Other Notes About Sagebrush Rotary Dinner

By Carlye Rudkin

Well attended by our club, Social time to mingle with Rotarians from other clubs including W H, V N, Calabasas. Each club came to the mic. Bianca spoke about the Turkey Trot. Nice buffet Mexican Dinner. Nice time

Members attending the dinner were; David B, Peter, Teresa, Allan, Margo, Carlye, Bianca, Bill and David Z.

Tom B was also there.

Other Notes About Sagebrush Rotary Dinner (phoned report from Bill)

Each club president was offered 3 minutes on the mic to talk about things their club was doing. Largest applause came when I announced that the last 2 winners of our singing competition received scholarships to Julliard.

We will talk more about the November 30 dinner meeting at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on December 7.

December 7 Malibu Rotary Club meeting

- Teresa's craft talk

- November 30th meeting report and
- Prep Rotary (PrePets) Preview Rotary 2017-2018 seminar attended on Saturday Dec 3. By Bianca and Bill
- Carlye also needs final head count and check for the December 14 Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Dinner meeting at Tra di Noi
- Turkey Trot Report—Margo
- January Speakers announced
- Malibu Rotary Advancement Committee Meeting after meeting

Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party

Carlye has confirmed December 14 Holiday Party in Wine Room in Tra di Noi Restaurant at Malibu Country Mart at 6:00 p.m. (no noon meeting)—Cost of \$37.00/person includes tax and tip. Menu is salad, entrée choice of Chicken Marsala or Salmone, and Tiramisu for desert. Carlye may throw in a bottle or 2 of her Malibu wine. RSVP to Carlye Rudkin. Space limited to first 20.

Rotary District Events

Humanitarian Trip to Merida, Mexico will take place January 25-30 2017, and will feature Rotarians participating in 7 different humanitarian projects. Margo is going on trip. She said that the district is asking each Rotary Club in the Los Angeles district to contribute something towards a Rotary project in Merida.

Rotary District Leadership Skills Courses.will take place February 4 and 11th

Letters to the Editor—Amorok Society

Editors Note: Speaker at the November 16 Malibu Rotary Club meeting was GEM Munro who told us about the Marok Society, a Canadian non-profit association that trains mothers in Bangladesh to become neighborhood teachers in their homes. GEM's son Gabriel sent me the following e-mail along with a pdf which explains how Rotary Club's can participate in this projects.

Dear John,

I'm sending this email to follow up on the presentation my father, Gem, made to the Rotary Club of Malibu. He told me how pleased he was to meet the members of your club; we appreciate his warm reception.

Amarok Society is seeking support from such vital clubs as yours in order to continue providing education to some of the poorest, most oppressed families on earth. We are moved by the courage shown by our mothers on that side of the world in making a stand for education and peace; we must show them that people on this side of the world care enough to help.

93% of the funds we raise go directly to our projects: we don't employ professional fundraisers and marketers. We believe education and love is far more powerful than war and hate, and can transform people and communities toward peace. We are asking for a donation from each club we visit. I've attached a proposal for your consideration. Included is an organizational chart and some basic metrics for Amarok Society.

Thank you for your interest in Amarok Society, and please contact me for any further information you require.

With best wishes,

Gabriel Munro

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Amarok Society

www.AmarokSociety.org

Teach a Mother, Change the World

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OE6yqLvUSRo>

Malibu Rotary Club Presidents of the Month (2016-2017)

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August 2016-----Margo Neal

September 2016—David Zielski

October 2016-----John Elman

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January 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syvertsen

February 2017-----John Elman

March 2017-----W. David Baird

April 2017-----Margo Neal

May 2017-----Robert "Bob" Syverstsens

June 2017-----David Zielski

CALENDAR (see up to date calendar on maliburotary.org)

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- **December 21 and 28 No meetings**

- **January 18 2017 Ken Chong on “Membership”**-- Ken Chong is Past President of LA 5 and membership chair Rotary District 5280. He was featured speaker at Governor Elect Seminar in San Diego because of his creative ideas.