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Malibu Rotary Club President of Record Bill Wishard

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

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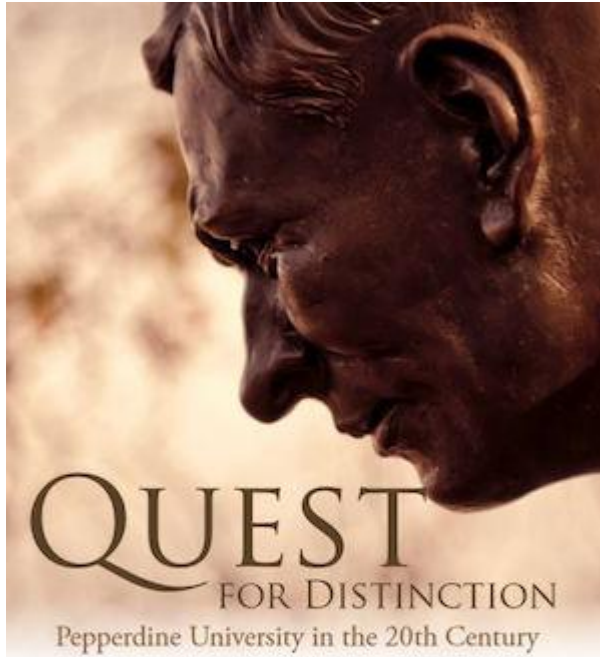
- **Last Week: Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month W. David Baird Talks Talks His Past Couple Weeks—Preparing for Washington DC trial, Book Signing, New Eyes**
- **Next Week: Regular Malibu Rotary Club Noon Meeting in LC 152 on the Pepperdine campus—Speaker will be Canadian Gern Munro, talking about Amarak Society, providing education programs to poor in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nigeria**
- **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**

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Prior to taking over in November as Malibu Rotary Club President of the Month W. David Baird David had missed several meetings. Since the scheduled speaker was not able be at our meeting on November 9 David told us what he had been doing recently that had kept away.

Something that didn't keep him away from the Pepperdine campus---in fact, forced him to be on



campus was the release and signing of David's latest book on the history of Pepperdine University, *Quest for Distinction*.

It was held before an SRO crowd on November 3 in the Fireside Room at Pepperdine University. Most members of the Malibu Rotary Club were there in addition to a Who's Who of Pepperdine. Most of David's books are about American Indians and the settling of America in past centuries. This one deals with contemporary people, David's colleagues who created Pepperdine University. It took him years to write it. Maybe he didn't want to finish it until he was retired. Now he is retired and the book was released—with rave reviews.

W. DAVID BAIRD

In 1975 David had written a book *The Quapaw People*. about an Indian tribe that had settled along the western side of Mississippi River in what is now Arkansas and who were later

moved by the U.S Government to the Indian Territory in what is now Oklahoma. Some the new land became valuable for its mineral rights. The land was allotted to individuals in the tribe and the US Government was to keep track of what was owed to these Indians. Recently current members of the tribe brought a suit against the federal government, claiming he federal government had not done its job. David, as an expert in the history of the Quapaw, was called on to provide testimony, for the plaintiffs, the Quapaw People.

David said that it had been so many years since he wrote the book about the Quapaw he forgot what he had written. He studied it as if he were going to take an exam on it. A disposition was

taken from David in Malibu. The more he reread his 40 year old book, the more he forget. He dreaded the thought of testifying in Washington about it, and was going to tell the plaintiff attorneys he wasn't going to testify. David's son, who is a plaintiff attorney, encouraged his dad to testify, and was going to meet him and David's grandson in Washington DC for moral support.

When David arrived and went to see the plaintiff attorney he was told the case had been settled—they didn't need him to testify. David was relieved, but stayed in DC a couple days to show his family the sites. David had worked in DC and done his undergraduate work there, and served as a tour guide for his family, before returning to Malibu.

Another reason David had missed Malibu Rotary Club meetings last month was because he had cataract surgery on each eye, one before he went to Washington, and the other after, and had post op surgery visits.

By the way, this writer happens to be Dave's optometrist, and you might ask why he is wearing glasses if he had cataract surgery. Usually when people have cataract surgery people get their distance prescription put into intraocular lenses at the time of the cataract surgery and they don't need glasses for distance, just for close. Sometimes people are given multifocal intraocular lens implants which correct distance and near vision. They don't always work. David, when given the choice, and being the scholar that he is, opted to have his vision corrected for near, so he doesn't need glasses for reading or computer, just for distance.

Other News And Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

The November 9 Rotary meeting was held the day after the national election. Much of the discussion at the meeting was about the election, and the surprise that most people had of Donald Trump becoming President-Elect. At least 2 members of the Malibu Rotary Club were working at the polls, **Bill Wishard**, and **Allan Mannheim**, as well as David Baird's wife Jane.

Bill was surprised at the number of Pepperdine foreign students voted where he was stationed at the Los Angeles County library. There were voting for the first time. We were surprised that people have only to give their name and address, and not any photo ID (like a drivers license) when entering the polling station. There was also a question of who is allowed to go into the booth with a voter. In addition to the voter someone who needs assistance because of a disability

or language translation can have another person in booth. A child under 18 is also allowed in the booth. Bill said that people working the booth do not know how the election turned out until hours after the poll closes and in Bill's case, until he delivers the ballots to where they are counted

Bianca Torrence announced that she and John Johannessen were in the November 6 Malibu Half Marathon and 5 K run at Point Magu. She noted that the Malibu Rotary Club hopes to do the first Malibu Turkey Trot in 2017, they would need a lot of help and sponsors—the club cannot do it alone. Bianca also talked up something come up in the near future, having club members participate in the Malibu Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17.

Malibu Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17

Like the Thanksgiving dinners the Malibu Rotary Club participated in for years with the SOS this dinner is 6:00 p.m. the week before Thanksgiving, this year at 6:00 p.m. at the Malibu Presbyterian Church on Malibu Canyon Road. They are in particular need of turkeys and ham. There are opportunities to serve. Because the kitchen is small all food must arrive ready to serve. Turkeys and hams should be hot and carved prior to arrival. Several Rotarians have volunteered. Tom Boss volunteered turkey, David Baird ham, Bill Wishard pie, Teresa LeGrove salad, Carlye Rudkin ham. Tom and David B have volunteered to serve.

Guests

Tom Bos the Past Rotary District Governor from Holland Michigan was only visitor, although he attends more of our meetings than many Malibu Rotary Club members

Special 6 Club Rotary meeting November 30

November 30 6:00 p.m. Rotary District Assistant Governor Richard Miller has arranged for Special Dinner Meeting of 6 Rotary Clubs (including Malibu RC) at the Sagebrush Cantina, 23527 Calabasas Rd, Calabasas, CA 91302. Cost is dinner is \$25.00. (no Malibu Rotary noon meeting at Pepperdine that day). Malibu Rotarians should RSVP and pay to our Treasurer Carlye Rudkin.

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**

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

November 2016—W. David Baird

December 2016—Bill Wishard

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)

- **November 15 will be USC/UCLA Tailgate Lunch**

November 16 Speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club will be Gern Munro. Gern is Director of Amarok Society, a registered Canadian charity that provides education programs to the very poor in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nigeria. Gem Munro has devoted his life and career to improving educational opportunities for disadvantage people across Canada and abroad.

Pursuit of this objective carried him into residence in unfortunate communities across most of Canada, before carrying him overseas.

He is presently a Director of Amarok Society, a registered Canadian charity that provides education programmes to the very poor in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nigeria. As well, Gem is an author and artist whose current book (which he has here today) is a bestselling collection of stories about some of the extraordinary people he's come to know in the slums of Bangladesh. (Sale of his book is a major fundraiser for Amarok Society.) For their work, Gem and his wife, Dr Tanyss Munro, were recipients of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals.

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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.