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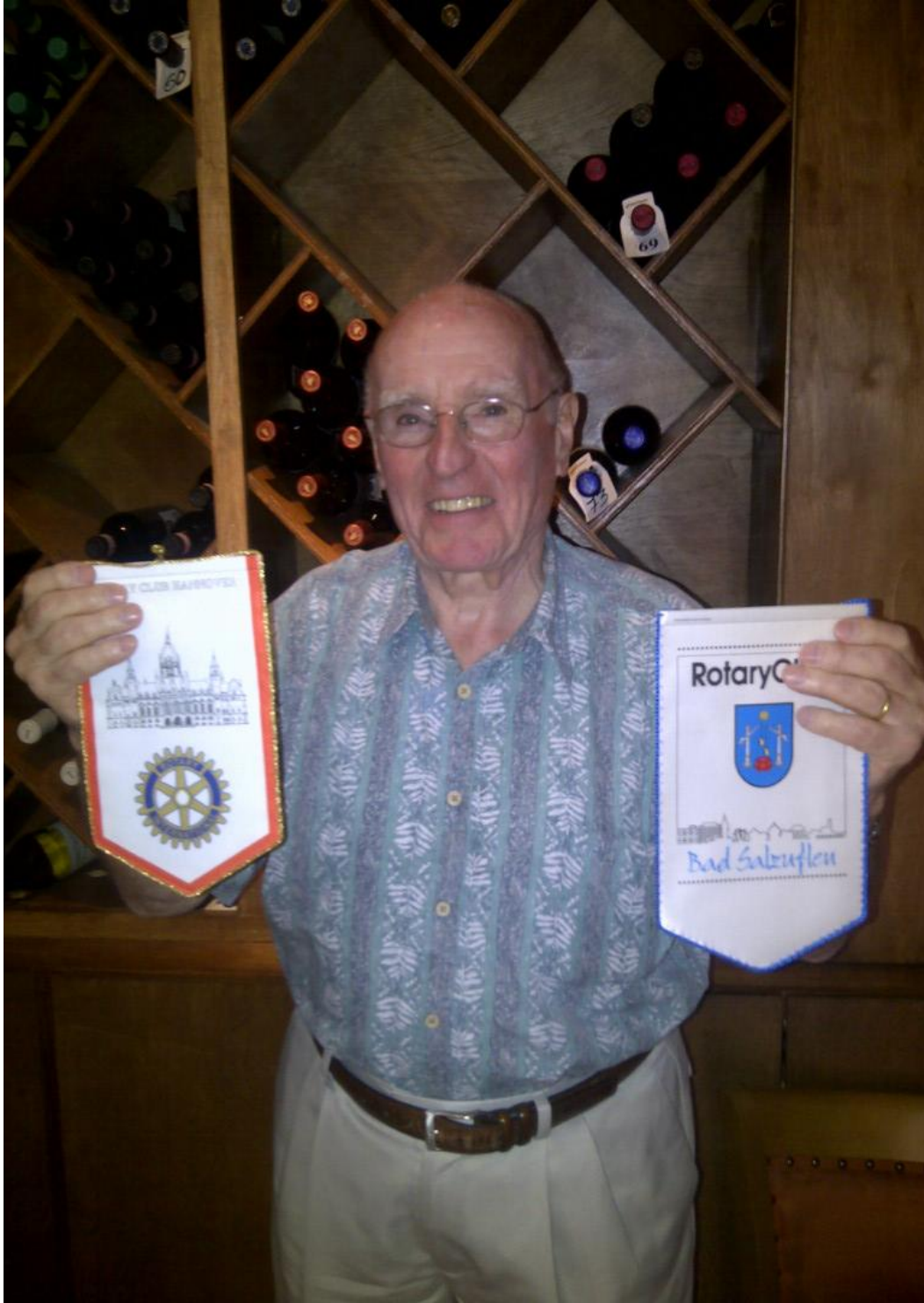
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- Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
- Rotary District 5280 “Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians” Website: <http://yp5280.org/>
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- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Julie Jenkins (2012-13)

Malibu Rotary Club Celebrates Birthday and Discusses Plans at Tra Di Noi Restaurant Malibu



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Livia Giovania of Zurich Switzerland celebrated her birthday with her Malibu Rotary Club host Counselor Margo Neal and the rest of the Malibu Rotary Club at Tra di Noi Restaurant in Malibu



Malibu Rotarian Hubert Luckerath returned home to Malibu with flags from Rotary Club of Hanover Germany and Bad Sazufien Germany that he received during his month long trip

Although the Malibu Rotary Club usually meets Wednesday mornings in the Fireside Room at Pepperdine University, at least once a month it tries to meet somewhere else and at some other time. On October 3rd the club did not meet, instead going en masse to the Rotary District Breakfast in Los Angeles the previous morning to see Original Tuskegee Airman Theodore Lumpkin Jr. speak. In two weeks (October 24th) instead of meeting in the morning, the Malibu Rotary Club will be hosting the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Candidates Forum at 7:30 p.m. in the Pepperdine Fireside Room in conjunction with Jessica Davis of Malibu Patch.

What has turned out to be a favorite venue for the Malibu Rotary Club is to meet in the secret back Wine Room of the Tra Di Noi Restaurant in Malibu for lunch. It is no secret that Executive Chef Francesco Velasco prepares for us the tastiest meals anywhere. The square table is ideal for our monthly Rotary Club Assembly.

Topics for the Malibu Rotary Club of October 10th included giving a donation of \$500.00 to the Malibu Labor Exchange this year and next year. David Baird recalled that this donation was promised earlier but was not made part of budget. Fred wrote a check at this meeting.

Maggie Luckerath passed around the signup sheet for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless that members of the Malibu Rotary Club participate in with the SOS organization (see below).

Malibu Rotary Club Sponsors Thanksgiving Dinner For Homeless in Conjunction with SOS

The Malibu Rotary Club will again be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless with SOS on Thursday evening November 15 at Webster School. SOS (Standing On Stone) is a 501(c)(3) corporation founded by Malibu Rotary Club Honorary Rotarian Hollie Packman and her husband Daniel. Its mission is to help people make a transition to a better life. They provide emergency services, friendship, mentoring, transition [assistance](#), and work many volunteer service organization in the Malibu community to help them with their goal. They meet every Thursday night at 7 pm at Webster Elementary School on 3602 Winter Canyon Road in Malibu.

Members of the Malibu Rotary have been sponsoring the Thanksgiving Dinner the week before the Thanksgiving Holiday for about 10 years. Members of the Rotary Club prepare and serve a traditional hot Turkey Dinner.

Maggie Luckerath has the signup sheet for food items to be brought to the event. In addition Maggie says the group also needs donations of blankets, hoody jackets, and sleeping bags.

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Besides discussing Rotary business the meeting of October 10th in Tra di Noi Restaurant offered the perfect setting to celebrate the birthday of our only guest at the meeting. Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar **Livia Giovania** was our Guest of Honor. **Hubert Lukerath** brought

with him the Rotary Club flags he received when he was in Germany last Month. He attended a lunch meeting at the Rotary Club of Hanover, which is where Hubert was born. He said there were about 50 people at the meeting which was in a luxury hotel in the city. He said the lunch was modest, but the dues that the members paid for the year included the meal. It also included his meal. Who said there is no free lunch?

Hubert also went to a Rotary Dinner meeting at the Rotary Club of Bad Salzuflen. He said this city is known for its resort Health Spas and the dinner was at a Best Western Hotel. He said there were a lot of doctors in this club and the speaker was a dermatologist. And he received a free dinner!

Our best wishes go to Fred's wife Connie who starting home dialysis treatment.

Jack Corrodi was not at the lunch meeting because he had to be hospitalized due to accidentally pulling out his home dialysis tube. He is expected home soon and is hoping to bring a turkey to the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Rotary District News

New Generations

The Rotary District 5280 high school Speech, Music, Art and Dance Competition will be held March 9 and prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 will be awarded in each category. Entries are due in by February. Members of Rotaract can win \$1500 at an Ethics Forum to be held at Loyola Marmount University March 29. RYLA camp will be held April 26-28 and the cost is \$190.00 per student. Typically the Rotary Club of Malibu has sponsored 2 students. The deadline for entrants is Dec 20.

Other Rotary District Events:

April 6th will be a Rotary Day of Service. Melody St John, President of the Hollywood Rotary Club, is heading up this event. She and Paul are again hosting a Rotary High School Exchange student. The student is from Germany and was able to converse with Malibu Rotarian Hubert Luckerath who had just returned from a month in Germany in time to attend the Rotary District Breakfast in Los Angeles.

The Rotary Global Peace Forum Conference will be held January 25th through 27th in Honolulu. Young adults are especially encouraged to attend, and Rotarians who can afford it are encouraged to sponsor young adults. Malibu Rotarian Barbara Riley is planning to attend.

Rotary District 5280 is having a Group Study Exchange (GSE) this year with Rotary District 2620 in Japan. The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the

ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their [careers](#). The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Paul Harris Dinner--October 27th Black Tie Optional Masquerade Ball

David Baird has given book of raffle tickets to Malibu Rotarians at previous meetings. Buying a book of 12 tickets is worth \$100.00 toward a members contribution to the Rotary Foundation. The tickets are \$10.00 each, if sold individually. Make checks out to Rotary Foundation. The raffle will be part of the October 27th Black Tie Optional Masquerade Ball at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, 404 S. Figureroa St in Los Angeles. Grand Prize is \$3000 cash. There will also be silent and live auctions. Tickets for the event itself are \$125.00.

PCH Safety Study

The PCH Safety Study will examine current conditions along the corridor and identify safety concerns based on roadway conditions, adjacent land-uses and other factors that may be unique to Malibu and PCH. The study will conclude with recommendations for prioritized improvements along each of the three defined study areas, recognizing there may be differences within each study area requiring separate analysis. The study area boundaries include: Study Area 1: Topanga Canyon Rd. to Cross Creek Rd.; Study Area 2: Cross Creek Rd. to Busch Dr.; and, Study Area 3: Busch Dr. to Western City Limits. There will be public meetings to discuss existing conditions at the Malibu City Hall, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, in Malibu at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on 4 successive Thursdays starting with September 13. Each meeting will discuss a different area of PCH. September 13 with study Area 1, September 20th Area 2, September 27th Area 3, and the final meeting on October 4th will discuss all 3 Study Areas. In addition to the live meetings there is an interactive website sponsored by The City of Malibu in collaboration with Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) at <http://malibu.metroquest.com/>. At the website you can post your observations, concerns and suggestions about PCH as it runs through Malibu. You can also contact Elizabeth Shavelson, Public Works Analyst at eshavelson@malibucity.org or (310)456-2489 ext 254.

Malibu Rotary Club Sponsors SMMUSD School Board Candidates Forum

The Malibu Rotary Club, in conjunction with Malibu.Patch.com, is sponsoring a 1 hour SMMUSD School Board Candidates Forum at the Fireside Room at Pepperdine University on Wednesday evening October 24th 7:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m. . There has been much discussion in the Malibu community of dividing the present Santa Monica Malibu Unified School School District into 2 separate districts, one in Santa Monica, and one in Malibu.

Six candidates are in the race. They include incumbents Jose Escarce, Maria Leon Vazquez and Ben Allen, as well as Malibu school activists Karen Farrer, Craig Foster and Seth Jacobson. The forum will draw on questions from the Malibu and Santa Monica communities. Questions must be submitted by midnight on Oct. 22 in the comments section of the Malibu.Patch.com at <http://malibu.patch.com/articles/smmusd-school-board-candidates-to-meet-in-malibu-for-forum> or by email at malibu@patch.com.

In this year's election there are 6 candidates running for 3 seats. Three of the candidates are from Malibu and 3 from Santa Monica. Malibu Patch editor Jennifer Davis will be moderating the event and Dr John W Elman is Chair of this event for the Malibu Rotary Club.

There will be a short 6:45 p.m. Malibu Rotary Club meeting prior to the Candidates forum. This meeting will be in lieu of the normal morning Malibu Rotary Club in the Fireside Room and no food will be served.

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 palette 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 palette disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip across Southeast Asia which he began in September. Before he left he explained " 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. He had e-mailed us after July 4th from the Phillipines.

"Smile Trek has officially surpassed its \$50,000 fundraising goal. That's 200 children who will be able to

receive life-changing surgery, so a big thank you to all of you who helped make this possible!

Enjoy [my blog entry on China!](#)"

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

Like Rotary Club of Malibu on 

Calendar

(all Malibu Rotary Club meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

Oct 17 2012

Jessica Davis and John Elman

"Planning Session for Oct 24 SMMUSD Candidate's Forum"

Oct 24 2012

Bill Wishard

"Short Malibu Rotary Club meeting 6:45 pm prior to candidates Forum (no morning Rotary Club meeting)"

Malibu Rotary Club President will preside over a short Malibu Rotary Club meeting 6:45pm-7:15 pm in Pepperdine Fireside Room prior to SMMUSD candidates Forum which will start at 7:30 p.m. in same room.

Oct 24 2012

SMMUSD School Board Candidates

"Malibu Rotary-Malibu Patch Sponsored SMMUSD School Board Candidates Forum at 7:30 p.m."

Malibu Rotary Club, in conjunction with Malibu Patch, is sponsoring a SMMUSD Candidates Forum on October 24th 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine [University in](#) Malibu. 6 candidates are running for 3 seats on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education. They include incumbents Jose Escarce, Maria Leon Vazquez and Ben Allen, as well as Malibu school activists Karen Farrer, Craig Foster and Seth Jacobson.

The forum will draw on questions from the Malibu and Santa Monica communities. Questions must be submitted by midnight on Oct. 22 in the comments section below or by email at malibu@patch.com.

The forum is free and open to the public. A video recording of the event will be posted on Malibu Patch in the days following the event.

This is the last of 3 Candidate Forums for the school. The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica sponsored one October 3rd at Malibu City Hall. They will sponsor another one 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Board of [Education](#) Offices in Santa Monica.

Election Day is Nov. 6. The last day to [register to vote](#) is Oct. 22.

This is an important election because one of the issues is whether the SMMUSD should be split into 2 districts, a Santa Monica District and a Malibu district. Moderator for this event will be Malibu Patch Editor Jessica Davis.

November 15, 2012

Malibu Rotary Sponsors SOS Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 p.m.

**Webster Elementary School Webster Elementary School
3602 Winter Canyon Road**

Nov 28 2012

Joan Benedict Steiger

"The Love's of My Life--(Noon meeting at Tra di Noi Restaurant)"

Veteran actress of stage, screen, and television, writer, and inspiring romances with three devoted men--special reservation only lunch meeting at Tra di Noi restaurant with Joan Benedict Steiger will make this Malibu Rotary Club meeting one not to miss!