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Last week: Planning Session of the School Board Candidates Forum with Malibu Patch Editor Jessica Davis



Last Wednesday Oct 17th, was the final planning session of one of Malibu Rotary Club’s biggest events of the year, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District School Board Candidates Forum, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 24th in Pepperdine Fireside Room.

Jessica Davis, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Indio California before becoming editor of Malibu Patch, has been writing about the issues in the local school board race and will be the moderator at the forum. She attended the first SMMUSD Candidates forum earlier this month at the City Hall. She said it lasted over 2 hours and people started leaving before it was over. We hope to keep our forum moving.

Logistics of the evening of the event were discussed at and after the meeting of October 17th. Each of the 6 candidates will be allowed 90 second opening statements and a minute to answer to answer questions which have been submitted and selected by Jessica from readers of Malibu Patch online. Also a minute for rebuttal. David Baird will be official timer and have flags at back of room (supplied by Jessica) indicating amount of time left for candidates. John Elman and Chris Bauman have been in discussion with Pepperdine A/V department to make sure three mics will

be working. Visitor Lorena Aviles volunteered to bring bottles of water for candidates. All Rotarians are expected to tell their neighbors and friends about the special community event. Official press release of event is below:

**Malibu Rotary Club Sponsors SMMUSD School Board Candidates Forum
October 24 7:30 p.m.**



The Malibu Rotary Club will be presenting a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Candidates Forum at 7:30 p.m. October 24th in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University. Malibu Patch Editor Jessica Davis will be moderator.

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 Malibu Patch comments section at

http://malibu.patch.com/articles/smmusd-school-board-candidates-to-meet-in-malibu-forum#comments_list

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.

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

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica sponsored two earlier SMMUSD candidates forums. They sponsored the debate at Malibu City Hall on October 3 and another forum Oct. 17 at the Board of Education Offices in Santa Monica. The final debate before the election will be the Malibu Rotary Club sponsored event on October 24th.

At issue in this election is Malibu representation on the board and whether the district should be separated into two districts, one in Santa Monica and one in Malibu.

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Maggie Luckerath announced that she has booked the Annual Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party for 6:00 p.m. December at Christy's Restaurant on the hill at Westward Beach Road. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

There will be a short Malibu Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday October 24 from 6:45 pm to 7:15 p.m. prior to the SMMUSD Candidates Forum. Malibu Rotary Club President **Bill Wishard** said that poll workers are still needed for election day, but that anyone who does it must attend a class. Bill was a poll worker at the last election, and will probably be one of the managers of the polling place at bluff's park. Bill said the deadline for tickets to the Paul Harris Dinner Black Tie Masquerade Ball is now. Besides Bill, David is going. The Club is sponsoring Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Livia.

Beside Jessica, there was one other visitor at the last Malibu Rotary Club meeting. **Lorena Aviles**, a real estate agent at Coldwell Banker on Heathercliff in Malibu, not only said she wants to join the club, but even before she does she said she volunteered to bring bottle water for the candidates forum, and will go the Paul Harris Dinner! Long time members who don't volunteer for anything were stunned! Welcome Lorena and thank you!

**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.

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 Maramount 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. Figuereroa 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 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. 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 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.

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 31 2012

to be announced

"Halloween meeting--no costume necessary"

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!

Dec 12 2012

Holiday Party

"Holiday Party 6:00 p.m. at Christy's Restaurant on Westward Beach Road"

There will be no morning meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club on December 12th. Instead there will be a Holiday Dinner Party 6:00 p.m. at Christy's Restaurant on Westward Beach Road.

