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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu
Malibu Rotary Club President William Wishard

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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/>
- RI President (2013-2014) Ron D Burton
- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2013-2014): Doug Baker
- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Alice Mantean (2013-14)

**Oct 23 Visit by Rotary District Governor Elect Elsa Gillham Features
Induction of 5 new Members to the Malibu Rotary Club**



In a historic ceremony Rotary District Governor Elect Elsa Gilham (far right) inducted five new members into the Malibu Rotary on October 23. New members (L to R with hands raised) are Griselda Espinoza, Irene Bettler, Kelly Sagona, David Zielski and Bill Krenz. Standing behind the new Rotarians are their sponsors Margo Neal (who is hidden in this picture), Maggie Lukerath, John Elman, David Baird and Malibu Rotary Club President William Wishard

DGE Elsa Gilham was the featured speaker and talked about the importance of the individual Rotary Clubs that make up Rotary, and the individual members that make up the clubs. She

cleverly wove into her speech the community projects of the Malibu Rotary Club--sponsoring the Thanksgiving Dinner for homeless with SOS, the Malibu Middle and High School Singing Competition, our support of scholarships for Malibu High School and students to go to RYLA camp, participation in the Chili Cookoff, as well as support of the projects in Puerto Rico, clean water projects, and other projects both domestically and internationally, and to consider that *if there was no Malibu Rotary Club these projects wouldn't happen.*

In order to have a viable Rotary club there needs to be members to support it, so it was significant on this day that 5 new members were inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club. She talked about what is needed to have an effective Rotary club, and number one on the list is Members. She also talked about the importance of everyone supporting the Rotary Foundation, because that is source of the funding, with matching grants, for Rotary to fund its international projects like the world eradication of polio. Because of the initiative of Rotary polio is almost eradicated, but as long as there are any cases in the world it could come back become epidemic--and there were still a few cases last year--77. Because it is so important for complete and total eradication of the polio virus the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is offering to match Rotary member contributions to the Rotary Foundation 2 to 1. So every \$1 you give to the Foundation to Stop Polio the Gates Foundation will give another \$2.

Elsa talked about the importance of Rotary member involvement not only the club projects, but in the various Rotary District projects and affairs during the year. Rotary participation tries to combine service with fun. The Malibu Rotary Club has tried to encourage its members to go to the quarterly Rotary District Breakfasts. The next Rotary District 5280 Breakfast will be held January 14th at the Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. And on May 1 the Rotary District Conference will be held May 1 in La Qunita. Elsa and her husband have gone to a dozen Rotary International Conventions and is looking forward to going to next one in June, 2014 in Sydney Australia. When going to the district and international Rotary events you get more of an appreciation of the scope of Rotary. Elsa encourages everyone to "Share Rotary."

Each new Malibu Rotary Club member was assigned a current Rotarian as a personal mentor to answer questions and help them as they begin their participation in Rotary. Below are pictures taken of each new Malibu Rotarian along with his/her mentor.



Sotheby's Realtor Griselda Espinosa is new member of the Malibu Rotary Club but not new to Rotary. She is transferring her membership from the Rotary Club of Culver City. Nevertheless she was assigned Margo Neal as mentor as she settles into new club. She now lives and works in Malibu. Life is good!



New Malibu Rotarian Kelly Ann Segona was previously a member of the Rotary Club of Boulder City Nevada, where she was a building contractor. Her Malibu Rotary Club mentor is her neighbor John Elman.



Malibu Rotary Club Membership Chair Maggie Luckerath (L) pins Rotary pin on her Malibu West neighbor Irene Bettler during the induction ceremony at the Malibu Rotary Club October 23. Irene is an entrepreneur from France who has lived in Malibu for many years. Maggie sponsored her into the Malibu Rotary Club and is her mentor.



David Zielski (L) was inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club by Club President Bill Wishard who is also David's mentor in the club. David is Executive Director of RainCatcher, a non-profit organization that provides clean drinking water to people in third world countries by harvesting, storing, and filtering rainwater. Even before his induction into the Malibu Rotary Club David had introduced the Malibu Rotary Club to what RainCatcher does, and has begun a Rotary grant project with the Entebbe Uganda Rotary Club and Beverly Hills Rotary Club to which the Malibu Rotary Club has already committed its support, providing clean drinking water to children of Entebbe.



Bill Krenz (L) not only was inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club at the October 23 meeting, he also provided the food. His mentor is David Baird (R). Most Malibu Rotarians met Bill when he and his company SoCal Events catered and provided the entertainment for Malibu Rotary Club's successful fundraising event, the Brazilian Bash Blowout in May.

Happy Dollars

Malibu Rotary Club President **Bill Wishard** said that when he was recovering from his heart surgery in Carlsbad, he visited the Rotary Club of Solano Beach, which is where his son-in-law is a member. He said that a tradition they have there is “Happy Dollars,” which is a more positive way to describe the “fines” that most Rotary Clubs have for Rotary members who want to announce happy events in their life with a donation to the club or to the Rotary Foundation. A “Happy Dollars” Basket is held up (in the past the Malibu Rotary Club had an assigned “Fine Master” who had this job). Bill said was thinking of having “Happy Dollars” at Malibu Rotary Club meetings.

DGE Elsa thought the “Happy Dollars Basket” was a great idea and was the first to put some dollars into it. The good thing that happened--Elsa had just sold her business, an accountancy firm, and the escrow just closed. Inspired by Elsa nearly everyone in the room recalled something good that recently happened to them and for which they could toss a few bucks into the Happy Dollars bag.

Guests

Most people who were previously guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting were no longer guests--they were now members. These included **Irene Bettler, Griselda Espinoza, Kelly Sagona, David Zielski** and **Bill Krenz**. There were several guests, however, and most of those were familiar faces too. Our Rotary Assistant District Governor **Alice Muntean** assisted Elsa and also helped taking some of the pictures while usual photographer John Elman got in some of the pictures. Other guests included John Elman’s wife **Lee Ann Elman**, and another Malibu West friend of Irene’s and Maggie’s **Anne de Brouwer**.

Special Guest--Melody St John

Another Rotarian that was part of the Rotary District entourage to the Malibu Rotary meeting of October 23 was **Melody St. John**. Melody’s husband Paul St John is Past President of the Malibu Rotary Club (and later became past President of the Hollywood Rotary Club). Once you have met Melody she is hard to forget--when she is at your party it won’t be dull. In fact, we generally had invited her to our holiday parties to emcee them and be the natural comedienne she always is. She and Paul have hosted Rotary Youth Exchange Students in their home each year for about 20 years, and Paul started the 30 day train trip around the United States for students after their academic year ends. Melody brought with her and passed around a 1989 printed *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter*. That was a banner year for the club--Dennis Torres was Club president and we had about 50 members. I think it was the year the St. Johns got married. What surprised most of us was that Melody has only been a Rotarian for 3 years! Even though Paul was a Rotarian and very involved with multiple Rotary clubs and district events, Melody helped on the projects, but nobody asked her to join Rotary as a member until 3 years ago. A month after she joined the Hollywood Rotary Club she went to PETS and became President of the Hollywood Rotary Club.

Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party December 11, 2013

Maggie Luckerath has worked with Bill Krenz for a place and menu for the Malibu Rotary Club Annual Holiday Party to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Malibu West Clubhouse, on the beach at the corner of Trancas and PCH in Malibu

Price of \$35.00/person not including alcohol BYOB includes the following dinner menu and amenities:

Lemon Peppered Salmon

Mashed Garlic Yukon Gold Potatoes

Grilled Veggies

Green Salad

Turkey - white and dark meat

Caprese Salad Skewers

Gourmet Cupcakes

Bill of SoCal Events will provide:

Holiday decorations and table coverings for food serving tables and disposable plates, silverware, and cups

Non Alcoholic Beverages - no alcohol. Can be BYOB. If you BYOB then BYODD (Bring Your Own Designated Driver).

Malibu Rotary must provide table coverings for eating tables.

Price \$20 per person to SoCal Events

Price for Malibu West Clubhouse \$200

\$500 Security Deposit - \$20 hour to Site Rep

Besides a personal RSVP to Maggie at Malibu Rotary Club, e-mail or phone call, and giving check to Hubert for \$35.00 per person, you can also RSVP for you and your guest(s) on www.Maliburotary.org and mail check.

Advocates for Malibu Public Schools at Malibu Rotary Club Meeting November 13, 2013

[Karen Farrer](#)

Please join us for an informational presentation from Advocates for Malibu Public Schools (AMPS) about the movement toward an independent, locally controlled Malibu Unified School District.

Much progress has been made to date. Come learn about the process, the timeline and the benefits of forming and controlling our own school district.

Please bring your questions, concerns, ideas. Hoping you can attend and learn more about AMPS.

Editor's note: Neither the editor of the Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter nor the Malibu Rotary Club takes a position on the separation of the district but are for open debate and providing a public forum so the facts can be stated by all parties involved.

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website 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 at 12:00 Noon in LC 152 at the Pepperdine Drescher campus Villa Graziadio Executive Center unless otherwise noted)

Oct **30,** **2013**

Kate **Rosloff**

"Working on the Rotary Rose Parade Float"

Nov **06,** **2013**

Kimberly **Rusell**

"And Then There Were Eight"

Kim and Michael Rusell have 3 children of their own. The number of their children grew suddenly to 8 when they agreed to take care of the 5 children of a single mom who died shortly after being diagnosed with lung cancer. Kim's moving story will be told at the October 2 Malibu Rotary Club meeting at noon in LC 153 of the Pepperdine Malibu Graziadio Graduate campus.

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Susanna Brisk

"Malibu Mom"

Author, actor and blogger Susanna Brisk, will stop by to discuss her book "I'll Be The Death of Me." A funny, raw and searingly honest memoir, Susanna will address topics including parenting with a mental illness, surviving your family of origin and finding your creative self, even while there are small people in your midst who require lunch.

For more information about Susanna and her book visit www.malibumom.com and <http://amzn.to/13y1tjq>.

November 21, 2013

Malibu Rotary Club Sponsors Thanksgiving Dinner for Homeless with SOS at Webster Elementary School 6:00 p.m.

Malibu Rotarians prepare and serve dinner for homeless in conjunction with SOS at John L Webster Elementary School, 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, CA 90265.

Dec 11, 2013

Malibu Rotary Club Holiday Party (no meeting at noon)

"Evening Holiday Party at Malibu West Club House PCH at Trancas in Malibu (no meeting at noon)"

Dec 25, 2013

Christmas Holiday (no meeting)

"Christmas Holiday (no meeting)"

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Happy New Year (no Rotary meeting)

"Watch the Rotary Float in the Rose Parade"

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To Be Announced

"Rotary District Breakfast"

District 5280 Breakfasts are held at the Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. Free self-parking is available in the hotel parking structure. Valet parking at Westin Hotel rates.

