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Bill Wishard Talks About the Past Week and the Future One as well



Having just attended the pre Halloween Paul Harris Rotary Foundation Costume Ball at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel the weekend before, Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard adorned the mask souvenir he had for that event—this Malibu Rotary Club meeting was after all actually Halloween’s Day. He said he was worried if Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar **Livia Giordano** would be able to find the venue. This her first time driving to downtown LA, and nowhere could you see a sign that actually identified the hotel as being the “Bonaventure Hotel”, only a sign identifying “Westin”, after some one way streets that made it hard to get to the parking lot. But the picture below is proof that Livia actually did get there, despite Bill’s worry, and a good time was had by all. They sat at one of two tables reserved for the Santa Monica

Rotary Club. Bill said he sat next to a very “take charge” young man who was a member (maybe president) of the Santa Monica College Rotaract Club. In about the last 3 months he had gone from years in the US Marines fighting Taliban in Afganistan, and Libya, on a ship with Seals who found Osam bin Ladin, to now being a leader of SMC Rotaract! We are hoping to have him as a future speaker.



Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard and Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Zurich Switzerland Livia Giordano. Malibu Rotary Club is hosting Livia while she is studying at the Pepperdine University Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution.

Bill said the winner of the \$3000 cash prize drawing at the party was a member from one of the Valley Rotary Clubs that just became a part of District 5280 this year. This evening was the member's first Rotary Foundation Dinner. The second place winner of \$1500 was someone all the longtime members of the Malibu Rotary Club know well, Melody St. John. Melody's husband Paul is a past president of the Malibu Rotary Club, now a member of the LA 5 Rotary Club, who started the annual month long trip across America for Rotary High School Exchange students being hosted in southern California. Melody is President of the Hollywood Rotary Club and Melody and Paul host a Rotary Youth Exchange student each year. This year the student is from Germany. Congratulations to Melody for having one of the winning tickets!

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.

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.

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 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)

Nov 07, 2012

[Dr John W Elman](#)

"Upgrading the Malibu Rotary Club website to ClubRunner 2.0"

MalibuRotary.org webmaster John Elman will demonstrate the changes made during the past week when he upgraded the club website to ClubRunner 2.0.

Nov 14, 2012

May or May not have meeting—to be discussed on Nov 7

Nov 15, 2012

**[Malibu Rotary Sponsors SOS Thanksgiving Dinner](#) Webster Elementary School
Nov 15, 2012 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM Contact Maggie for details**

Nov 21, 2012

[to be announced](#)

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 Kristys Wood Oven & Wine bar, 6506 Westward Beach Road(no morning meeting"

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 Kristys Wood Oven & Wine bar located at Malibu Country Inn, 6506 Westward Beach Road.