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- **Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Julie Jenkins (2012-13)**

**Jonathan Hippensteel and Anthony Preston Explain ELEV8-X, a Teen
Inspiration Program Presented in Schools**



Jonathan Hippensteel and his three siblings were home schooled all the way through high school. Jonathan graduated from Pepperdine University in 2008 with a degree in finance, and works at City National Bank. Swimming in the Pacific Ocean, cycling in the Santa Monica mountains, and running along the beaches of Malibu was where Jonathan developed an addiction and dedication to his favorite sport, triathlon. He studied in Hong Kong for four months, and has traveled to Switzerland, New Zealand and other countries. He competed in the Ironman Arizona in 2011 where he qualified for the 2012 Hawaii Ironman World Championships. To compete and to keep his body and mind in tip top shape he is dedicated to training every day and every night, even though he has a full time job.

Less than 2 years ago Jonathan met Anthony Preston at a Walk For Life event. Anthony is an actor, model, musician and writer. He successfully works in commercials, editorial print, film, and television, most recently recurring as "Danny" on NBC's "Days of Our Live."

He says that he grew up in a family where responsibility, values and ethics were taught. He has noticed that many of the young people he sees, and those that are represented in the media do not have these same values. Anthony uses his platform in media to inspire, educate and entertain high risk teenagers, speaking at high [schools](#) all across the country while creatively endeavoring to help them embrace their dreams and avoid risky behaviors. The manuscript for his book pertaining to the needs of youth is currently undergoing its second revision. After years of traveling the country with different speaking bureaus, Anthony got a vision for a fully interactive integrity program whose content was teen driven. This program would be the first of its kind, leveraging [social media](#) as a follow up curriculum combined with a live action assembly, where other artists would employ their talents to lift the spirits of those in attendance; thus, ELEV8 was born in the summer of 2011.

While authoring the Second Chance Curriculum, the intuitive foundation of ELEV8, Anthony was inspired to use his own musical gifting as the first indie artist to contribute to the program by writing its title track, appropriately called, *Second Chance*.

Anthony is passionate about the need for his program. He points out that while he grew up with family values many kids don't. In some schools areas of Los Angeles 75% of the kids have no fathers. There is a high rate of substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, abortion and sexual transmitted diseases. In addition there is internet cyber bullying and other issues that cause emotional damage, and lead to teen suicides in all socio-economic levels.

Anthony says that most programs trying to deal with these problems tend to be given by adults who the teens cannot relate to who tell the teens what not to do, rather than what to do.

The ELEV8 program uses a stable of a dozen young dynamic speakers and performers who are able to take on the most pressing problems bothering teens: bullying, substance abuse and sex and give them a positive message on how to deal with peer pressure. The speakers are only a few years older than the teens. They are young dynamic models, actors and athletes. Each tells his or her own unique story about coping with life, setting goals, and the importance of maintaining a value system that includes self-worth.

The 90 minute ELEV8 live program that is done in schools is interactive, educational, entertaining and inspirational. When a program is presented at a school, students are pictured with the program speakers, and are encouraged to interact both during and after the presentation. The students and school administrators are polled after the show. Students are encouraged to follow the program on line, to continue interaction and to post comments.

Although a relatively new program, there is much about the ELEV8 program that is already available to see on the web, including the website at www.elev8-x.org, facebook and twitter, and a host of YouTube videos like the one at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTaYtYSYioM&feature=plcp>. We have put links to these sites on the www.maliburotary.org website.

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the annual Rotary District Picnic. He was able to connect with several Rotary District leaders to find out about several things related to the Malibu Rotary Club—insurance for the October 24th school board candidates forum event, talking about changes in Myanmar that have to do with Rotary involvement that make it more open to foreign investment. Bill had several people from the former Burma speak to the Malibu Rotary in the past couple years



Bill felt that the next Rotary District Breakfast on October 2nd, will be so interesting that the Malibu Rotary Club should make that breakfast our club meeting for the first week in October, instead of having a regular meeting on October 3rd, and we voted to do just that. The Rotary District meeting will have the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II featuring Theodore Lumpkin, one of 8 of the remaining members of the Tuskegee Armen. We believe the others will also be at that Rotary breakfast. The

[Tuskegee](#) Airmen were the first African-American military aviators in the United States armed forces. During World War II, African Americans in many U.S. states were still subject to the [Jim Crow laws](#). A movie about them called *Red Tails*, starring Cuba Gooding Jr., was released earlier this year. Our members will only pay our normal breakfast fee to our club of \$10.00, and the difference of \$25.00 will be picked up by the Malibu Rotary Club. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance. After September 24 cost of breakfast is \$40.00.

David Baird gave a book of raffle tickets to all the Rotarians present at the meeting. 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. Figueroa 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.

Malibu Rotary Club members were invited to Malibu Rotary Club night at Malibu Stage for its production of tony award winning comedy by Yazmina Reza “Art” produced by and starring Brian Pietro which runs from September 7th through October 14. Again Malibu Rotary Club Chief Negotiator Maggie was able to get club members half price on the \$25 tickets for the September 15 performance.

There was one visitor at the Malibu Rotary club meeting of September 12th, **Elizabeth Shavelson**, Public Works Analyst for the City of Malibu. She was at the meeting to tell everyone and give out printed information on the PCH Safety Study (see **PCH Safety Study** below).

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 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. 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.

This event will be in lieu of the normal morning Malibu Rotary Club in the Fireside Room.

5th Annual International Wine & Jazz Festival hosted by the Rotary Club of Santa Monica

Sunday October 7, 2012 | 2 pm - 6 pm

The 5th Annual International Wine & Jazz Festival hosted by the Rotary Club of Santa Monica will take place on October 7, 2012 from 2 pm - 6 pm at the Annenberg Community Beach House.

Toast Life with an afternoon of delicious food, wine and live jazz music wafting through ocean breezes on beautiful Santa Monica Beach!

Dozens of Wines from Around the World

Fabulous Menu

Music

Live & Silent Auction

Where: Annenberg Community Beach House

415 Pacific Coast Highway Santa Monica, CA 90402

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\$100 advance tickets

Contact Suzan Allbritton SusanAllbritton@gmail.com or 310-392-3654

\$125 at the door

Watch last year's event here

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upHO1ZWDMoY>

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.

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Calendar

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

Speakers

Sep 19 2012

Mario Nugara with Dale Barnes

"How Local Rotary Clubs Join City of Angels Ballet to Help Children"

The Rotary Club of Malibu has joined with the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills to help children by supporting City of Angels Ballet. Mario Nugara is artistic director of this program. He received an MFA and BFA from NY University, attended the School of American Ballet. He has danced with the American Ballet Company, Fort Worth Ballet, Eglevsky Ballet, New Jersey Ballet, Boston Ballet and the New York City Ballet where he trained. The City of Angels Ballet is dedicated to teaching classical ballet to young people in the most underserved communities of Los Angeles. At this not-for-profit, selective ballet academy, boys and girls, aged 8 to 18 receive formal instruction and dance wear at no cost to their families. By way of giving back, the students perform for schools, hospitals, and community events. Dale Barnes RN, introduced the program to the Woodland Hills Rotary Club which help raised money and get a Rotary District Grant for the City of Angels Ballet project. She recruited the Malibu Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Hawthorne/LAX Lennox to become part of this Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to help buy shoes, tights, leotards and tutus for the young dancers. Mario will give and show the details of City of Angels Ballet at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting 7:30 a.m. September 19th at the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University.

Sep 26 2012

Susan Gregory

"Peace Education Program"

Oct 2 2012

Tuskegee Airman Theodore Lumpkin

"Rotary District Breakfast at Westin LAX"

Westin	LAX	Hotel			
		5400	W.	Century	Blvd.

Rotary District Breakfast 7:00 a.m. at Westin LAX Century Blvd in Los Angeles features Tuskegee Airman Theodore Lumpkin

Oct 3 2012

No Meeting in Malibu Today

"No Meeting in Malibu Today--Members to attend Rotary District Breakfast Oct 2 at Westin LAX"

Oct 10 2012

Bill Wishard

"Noon Club Assembly @ Tra di Noi Restaurant (pending) (no morning meeting at Pepperdine)"

Oct 24 2012

SMMUSD School Board Candidates

"SMMUSD School Board Candidates Forum at 7:30 p.m.(no morning Malibu Rotary Club meeting)"

Malibu Rotary Club is sponsoring a 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. 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.

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!