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## **Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter**

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu  
Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski

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- Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)
- Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)
- RI President (2015-2016) K.R. Ravindran
- Rotary District 5280 Governor (2015-2016): D.J. Sung

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**Malibu Rotary Club President Dave Zielski Exchanges Rotary Banners with Visiting Rotarian Gordon Shurtleff of the Torrey Pines (La Jolla) Rotary Club of District 5340 in northern San Diego County. For Gordon he made the Rotary Club of Malibu his 251<sup>st</sup> club visit, after making his 250<sup>th</sup> visit the one last week to Koreatown Rotary Club, home of Rotary District Governor DJ Sun, who will be visiting Malibu Rotary Club Plan officially next week. Gordon has been club president twice, the last time 2013-2014, when he met Bill Wishard at PETS, and Bill invited him to come to Malibu.**

Most of the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of September 16 involved Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski telling club officers, present and not, what would be expected of them the following week when Rotary District Governor DJ Sun, his executive aid (and DG Nominee) Cozette Vergari and Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila visit the club. We will be meeting in the room adjacent to our normal meeting, LC 155, which is the room that faces the ocean on the south side of Graziadillo Learning Center. The Malibu Rotary Club executive board members will be meeting with the district entourage at 10:30 a.m. each executive board member will give a report. The regular meeting at noon will feature brief remarks from the governor and more interaction with the club.

President David Z sent the following e-mail to the Malibu Rotary Board members to let them know what was expected of them:

Hello officers of the Malibu Rotary Club,

It will be an honor this week to have DJ Sun, our district governor, visit our club. As part of his visit, he would like to have a special meeting at 10:30 am with the officers of the club. He is expecting each officer to give a 3 to 5 minute presentation, focusing on goals and accomplishments for the year in your respective areas of service. We went over this in the meetign this past week. This is the list I have:

David Z - President

Delvin - Youth

John Elman - Public Relations

Margo - Vocational

Beth - International and Membership

Bianca - Community

Bill Wishard - Club Service

David B - Foundation

Carlye - Treasurer

## **Next Week Club Assembly Next Week—Getting Ready for Rotary District Governor Dong Jin (DJ) Sun**



Following the 10:30 a.m. meeting of Malibu Rotary Club officers and Rotary District officers people should get their lunch in the cafeteria and go LC 155 for the regular open Malibu Rotary Club meeting scheduled to start at noon. Rotary District Governor DJ Sun will be the featured speaker, but there will interaction with the club.

John Elman wants everyone clapping backbeat together in rhythm when he does his *Rotary Spirit Hip Hop Rap Song*.

### **Governor Visit and Taste Of Malibu Basket**

The Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held November 14 at the Loewe's Hotel in Santa Monica. It is sold out, but several club members have tickets and it may possible to get tickets from those that have them. Everyone should buy Rotary Foundation Raffle tickets, which are \$100 per book. Selling these books the money goes directly into the Rotary Foundation and counts towards Rotarians' Paul Harris total of \$1000. Items are being solicited for the silent auction at the event. At our August 19 meeting we decided to create a "Taste of Malibu" basket which will contain wine from local Malibu Vineyards and certificates for Malibu Restaurants. We recently found out that the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Malibu Rotary Club meeting will not only host Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila but District Governor DJ Sung in person. When Rotary District Governor DJ Sung and Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila visit on September 23 he will be presented with the Malibu Rotary Club auction item (or items)—'the Taste of Malibu Basket-- as well as a \$333.00 donation to the Rotary Foundation, derived from our clubs Happy Dollars account. With Bill Gates matching 2 for 1 dollars the \$333.00 will become \$1000.00. Are we donating \$333.00 or \$333.33 1/3? Maybe it should be \$333.34 to reach that magic \$1000.00 plateau with Gates' help.

### **Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**

While most of the September 16 Malibu Rotary Club was about preparing for the district governor's visit the following week other matters were discussed. **Mark Persson** talked about a Veteran's Day celebration at Bluff's Park sponsored jointly by the City of Malibu and the Malibu Chamber. It will be on Veteran's Day November 11 starting at 11:00 a.m. and Mark said the Malibu Rotary Club can participate. They were looking for military veteran speakers and people to bring water. Carlye knew of someone who was retiring from the Military who would be a great speaker and others said they could each bring a case of water. There was some mention of perhaps do this instead of regular Rotary meeting. There is also Veterans Day

celebration near the Malibu Rotary Club meeting at Hero's Park sponsored by Pepperdine. More information on all this will be discussed next month.

### **The Rotary District Picnic - September 20 in Redondo Beach**

Bill Wishard will be representing the Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary District picnic September 20—In fact by the time you read this he would have already done so. .

### **Guests**

Besides **Gordon Shurtleff** there were several other guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting Sept 16, including Gordon's wife **Penny Shurtleff** who was the first woman to join the Santa Rosa Rotary Club. In fact she was one of the first women Rotarians anywhere. That was in 1987. On 4 May 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership and Penny was one of the first. Penny explained how that same year her father had become ill and how Rotary saved his life. Another guest at the meeting was **Mark Persson** Executive Director of the Malibu Chamber of Commerce, who is to be inducted as a member of the Malibu Rotary Club at the next meeting.

Other guests at the Sept 16 Malibu Rotary Club meeting included **Lisa Nickmeyer** a realtor from Westlake Village, and Swiss Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar **Livia Giordano** whom the Malibu Rotary Club hosted 3 years ago while she attended and earned a Masters degree at the Pepperdine Strauss School of Dispute Resolution at the Pepperdine Law School. After graduation Livia had remained in the United States and just finished a 6 month 18,000 mile tour of the United States alone, just her and 2 cats, in a 31 foot Winnebago. Livia has made many friends in America, and would stay here if there was a job opportunity that would extend her visa, but alas, she was tearfully bidding farewell, to her local friends as she made final arrangements to return to the country of her birth. We hope to stay in touch with social media and hope to see Livia again in the not too distant future.

### **Screenings of Page Jones Movie "GodSpeed"**

Bill Wishard reminds us via two links: <http://goo.gl/Sgt9ZS> and [www.godspeedtickets.squarespace.com](http://www.godspeedtickets.squarespace.com) that screening of "Godspeed", the movie of Page Jones life will be on October 2 at the **Laemmle Playhouse 7 in Pasadena** and also at **Oct. 9 - AMC Loews Village 7 in New York City**. Screenings at these theaters on both coasts qualifies film for Academy Award consideration in the documentary category.

**The movie tells the story of Page Jones, son of racing royal Parnelli Jones, who finds his path to speedway stardom derailed by a near-fatal accident that challenges him -and his family- to redefine victory.** Page met Bill while both were recovering from near fatal traumatic brain injuries at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood, CA. Both spent many month months there trying to make some sense of their lives. After Page's injury previously flamboyant racing star had never appeared in public nor gave a speech until Bill encouraged him to be brought to a Malibu Rotary Club meeting and be interviewed by Bill in front of the club as part of that day's Malibu Rotary Club program. After that initial small public exposure Page was asked to do programs at other Rotary Clubs, and Rotary District Conferences and became a positive spokesperson for people with traumatic brain injuries and he ultimately became the subject of this movie, which was written and directed by Luann Barry and produced by Mary Leonard. Executive producers are Jay Leno & Bruce Meyer.

GODSPEED chronicles 21 years of Page's recovery. In devoting themselves to Page's rehabilitation, the Jones Family redefines victory and their own legacy. They want the world to know that Page is living proof that with support, quality lives are within reach. Access to long-term rehabilitation is critical but frequently unavailable for most TBI victims because it requires a community of devoted individuals - family, friends, medical professionals - all working towards recovery.

The financial and social impact of TBI has reached epidemic proportions. GODSPEED is a long-overdue look at the true cost of what it takes - in time, money, and spirit- to recover from a brain injury. Running Time of movie is 75 minutes.

PREMIERE EVENT is  
Friday, October 2 from 5:00pm  
Outside Laemmle Playhouse 7. There will be a Q &A with Jones family after the 7:20 p.m. screening, with festivities continuing to 10:00 p.m. both at theater and at Vroman's Courtyard in Pasadena.

## **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher**

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to Raincatcher installations and maintenance. In February The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing in Africa was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now on the Maliburotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

# Calendar

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Rotary District Governor DJ Sung & Assistant  
Governor Dwight Heikkila

Mahatma Das

Sep 23, 2015

Sep 30

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Rotary District Breakfast #2

Oct 20, 2015

Rotary Foundation Celebration

Nov 14, 2015

David Zielski

Jan 13, 2016

Rotary Peace Conference

Jan 15, 2016

Rotary District Humanitarian Trip tp Panama

Jan 27, 2016

Rotary District Breakfast #3

Feb 11, 2016

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.ImTqdWhe.dput>