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Mario Nugara Talks About City of Angels Ballet and Dale Barnes Explains Why She Asked Malibu Rotary to Join Woodland Hill Rotary to Support It



The Rotary Club of Malibu has joined with the Rotary Club of Woodland Hills and the Rotary Club of Rancho Park in a Rotary District 5280 Grant help defray costs of children participating in City of Angels Ballet. Mario Nugara is artistic director of this program. The City of Angels Ballet (<http://www.thecityofangelsballet.com/>) 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.

Mario Nugara founded the City of Angels Ballet School in January of 1993. Nugara received his formal training on scholarship at George Balanchine's School of American Ballet in New York. Nugara understood that opportunity and commitment to proper training are key components in creating powerful artists. Speaking at the Malibu Rotary meeting on September 19th, Mario said that most major cities in the U.S. have a city sponsored program for training ballet to young people. He was part of such a program and later was selected as a Fulbright Scholar in 1991, and he studied in Copenhagen, Denmark in conjunction with the University of Copenhagen and the Royal Danish Ballet. During that time, he taught at the Royal Danish Ballet, Culberg Ballet, Ballet Academy of Stockholm, the New Danish Dance Theatre, the Marie Brolin – Tani Dance Theatre, and Dansens Hus. Nugara also holds a BFA and MFA from New York University's [Tisch School](#) of Arts.

Recognizing the lack of affordable after-school arts programs, Nugara formed the City of Angels Ballet School, which offered a program of "no cost" ballet training to a small group of elementary school students from the Pico-Union district in the heart of Los Angeles' Latino community.

"My dream was to create a ballet company and academy reflective of our wonderful diverse city that utilizes the untapped talent existing in every community in Los Angeles. The City of Angels Ballet is well on its way to making this dream come true!"

During this time, local schools and communities lacked the funding necessary to sustain arts and after-school intervention programs. Today the program serves a diverse ethnic mix of 7-18 year old boys and girls, drawn from communities surrounding Los Angeles. Since its creation the City of Angels Ballet School has partnered with 35 schools to educate over 30,000 children on the subject of dance. More than 1,000 additional children have received [scholarships](#) and attended classes offered by the program.

Today 98% of the students [enrolled](#) in the City of Angels Ballet School program are on full scholarship. The City of Angels Ballet School is the only not-for-profit ballet school in Los Angeles focused exclusively on developing and producing exceptional ballet dancers.

Children are only accepted into the program if they show a physical and mental aptitude to be ballet dancers. Once accepted they are taught a discipline and a confidence that goes beyond dance. Teachers at the public schools that the students attend before their after school dance experience can tell the difference in the students who are lucky enough to be chosen to participate in the City of Angels Ballet School. Their academic performance is generally better than their peers.

All the music in the dance classes is live. Children learn to listen to and like classical music, which they probably would not otherwise be exposed to. Mario teaches the history of ballet. We learned it started in Italy in the 1400's and spread to France where it was presented to kings and queens-- The court ballet reached its peak during the reign (1643-1715) of Louis XIV, whose [title](#) the Sun King was derived from a role he danced in a ballet. In 1661 Louis XIV established the Acadmie Royale de Danse, a professional organization for dancing masters. He himself stopped dancing in 1670, and his courtiers followed his example. By then the court ballet was already giving way to professional dancing. At first all the dancers were men, and men in masks danced women's roles. The first female dancers to perform professionally in a theater production appeared (1681) in a ballet called *Le Triomphe de l'Amour* (The Triumph of Love). Mario doesn't just teach the history of dance. When teaching students the roles in the Balanchine ballet "Stars and Stripes Forever," the rather unorthodox ballet with march music of John Phillips Sousa, he asked the students if they had heard of one of the main characters in the ballet. The character's name was Liberty Bell. Did the students know who or what the Liberty Bell was? They didn't know. So that became an additional assignment. Give a report about the Liberty Bell at your next dance class. He also tries to have them watch the old classic films made during the holidays.

Dale Barnes is a registered nurse who is a member of the Woodland Hills Rotary Club. She was impressed with Mario and what he was doing with the City of Angels Ballet and four years ago had recommended that the Woodland Rotary Club support them. Woodland Hills Rotary Club applied for a district grant when they were part of Rotary District 5260. This July, when the Woodland Hills Rotary Club became part of Rotary District 5280, they were seeking co-sponsors in their "new district" for the City of Angels Ballet project and Dale spoke to Malibu Rotary Club President William Wishard. Since Dale had already done the research, had all the documentation done for the Rotary District Simplified Grant before the deadline date, the Malibu Rotary became a co-sponsor along with the Rancho Park Rotary Club. The grant is to buy ballet shoes, pointe shoes, tights, leotards, tutus as well as tuition/scholarship/outreach. Students perform ballet productions and area schools, and hopefully provide culture at an affordable price to local school children.

News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting



Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard reminds that the next Rotary District Breakfast on October 2nd, will be our club meeting for the first week in October, instead of having a regular meeting on October 3rd. David, Margo, Maggie, Hubert, John and Bill all said they would go to that meeting. 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 believes 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 Rotarisns 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. Figureroa 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 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!

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

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Susan Gregory

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The success of the program in San Antonio has recently attracted the attention of the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Texas, San Antonio (UTSA), where particular attention is being given to addressing the problem of repeated re-incarceration of released offenders.

Oct 2 2012

Tuskegee Airman Theadore 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 Theadore 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!