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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu

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David Saunders PhD and "The Golden Graves of Ancient Vani" at Getty Villa

The speaker at the September 2nd meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club was David Saunders, Ph.D,



who is the Assistant Curator of Antiquities for the J. Paul Getty Museum and its Malibu branch, which specializes in Antiquities, the Getty Villa, located at Pacific Coast Highway and Coastline. David has several degrees from Oxford University and presented a slide show of one of the current exhibits at the Malibu.

The Golden Graves of Ancient Vani presents an array of precious objects from the ancient kingdom of Colchis, in what is today the Republic of Georgia.

The excavation of a series of rich burials and other discoveries at the city of Vani have revealed a highly developed culture that had its own religious and artistic practices, yet also embraced and adapted influences from neighboring peoples.

Highlights of the exhibition include spectacular assemblages of jewelry that display the talent and skill of local goldworkers, groups of imports from the Greek world and the Persian

Empire, a series of enigmatic ritual figurines, and a life-size bronze torso. In addition, four bronze lamps that were discovered in 2007 are being displayed together in the exhibition for the first time. Two have been conserved by the Getty in collaboration with the Georgian National Museum.

Known in myth as the destination of Jason and the Argonauts in their quest for the Golden Fleece, the kingdom of Colchis was renowned as a region rich in gold. Excavations at the inland



site of Vani have confirmed this reputation. Since the 1930s, archaeologists have uncovered 28 burials dating to about 450–250 B.C. The bodies of the elite were typically adorned with a resplendent array of gold jewelry. Evidence from the site indicates that much of this jewelry was locally made.

The graves were usually covered with pebble mounds, and iron nails found in some of the burials suggest that wooden constructions were set inside. The deceased were sometimes accompanied by a number of servants and animals (such as horses and dogs), presumably sacrificed as companions for the afterlife. A variety of vessels and other grave goods were also deposited with the dead, many of which provide evidence for banqueting in the local funerary rituals.

Picture shown is from Grave 11 during excavation in 1969

The slide show as well as an array of other information and other pictures about the Golden Graves of Ancient Vani can be found at the Getty website, www.getty.edu. This exhibit runs through October 5th at the Getty Villa. Admission is free but parking is \$15.00 (free after 5:00 p.m.). You can make reservations on line or call Getty Reservations at 310-440-7300 for ticket sales and reservation.

Other News and Guests from the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

During the past week Malibu Rotary Club President had discussions with people in charge of the Malibu Triathlon about having a food session at the event held at Zuma beach September 12 and 13. A conference call among members of the Malibu Rotary was held with a good portion of the club membership voicing their opinions. In the end it was decided that at this last minute the project was beyond what we could do for this

year's event. It is held annually and we may do it next year with at least 3 months preparation.

We had one visiting Rotarian, Jacob from the Studio City-Sherman Oaks Rotary Club at our meeting. Jacob, who lives in Calabasas, is a volunteer at the L A Sheriff's Lost Hills Station. He was soliciting support for the Baker to Vegas Run, a challenge for various sheriff's stations, which is held each March.

In addition to our speaker **Beth Brett**, Senior Communication Specialist from the J. Paul Getty Trust was a guest at our meeting. She said that we would be welcome to have a Rotary meeting at the Getty Villa and hopefully we will in the near future.

Another visitor back for her second visit and former resident of Malibu was **Victoria Blackwood** who was a guest of Malibu Rotary Club President Holmes Osborne, and is a senior insurance broker with Wheatman Insurance Services in Woodland Hills. **Ellen Moore** was a guest from Phoenix.

Bill Wishard noted that in the past Malibu Rotarians had donated auction items for the Rotary Foundation Dinner Auction. Mostly these have included services from members. Below is information from the donation form, which can be downloaded from the Rotary District website at http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/html/67407/PHF_Donation_Form.pdf. There is also a pdf file of the form attached to e-mailed version of this newsletter.

Giving Auction Items to Rotary District for Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner Saturday October 3, 2009

Suggested Items: theatre and sport event tickets, frequent flyer mileage certificates, vacation packages, golf outings, harbor boat excursions, premium wines & spirits, specialty foods, cooking classes, hosted parties, fine jewelry, original artwork, hand made crafts, unique vintage fashion or household items, celebrity lunch dates, celebrity autographed memorabilia, gift certificates, gift baskets, hi-tech electronics, digital cameras, DVD players, musical instruments, children toys, home decor, professional services. The possibilities are endless! **BE IMAGINATIVE,**

Create your own special auction item that will be irresistible to the bidders!

Auction items from all price points will be gladly accepted. 50% of sale amount will be credited to the seller and 50% credited to the purchaser.

SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM is attached to this e-mail

Please note: Items donated and not sold become the property of Rotary District 5280.

All items must be delivered to Cathy Steffen no later than September 9, 2009 All auction items can either be mailed, shipped, or hand-delivered to the Rotarians below

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Malibu Rotary Representation at Foundation Dinner

Malibu Rotary Club has a table of 10 reserved for the Paul Harris Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner & Casino Night at the Carson Community October 3rd. The club needs to send money to the Rotary District for those going to the event, at a cost of \$75.00 per person. Members can make checks payable to the Malibu Rotary Club.

Chili Cook off Malibu Rotary Booth Sign Ups

Jack Corrodi has been taking names of Malibu Rotary Club members and friends to work 2 hour shifts at the Malibu Rotary water booth at the Annual Malibu Kiwanis Chili Cook Off held Labor Day weekend September 5 and 6. Two hour shifts are from noon to five each day.

Rotary District 5280 Picnic September 20th.

Geoff Ortiz recommended that the members of the Malibu Rotary Club and their families, including children, consider attending the annual Rotary District Picnic, held this year on September 20th at Seaside Lagoon, 200 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He club members should have more events together and this should be fun and inexpensive one. The cost is only \$50/club; \$30/Rotaract club. No limit on number of attendees from each club, but MUST provide number of adults and children upon reservation for food. Each club should sign up to bring one of the following side dishes for 30 people: veggies, fruit or jello salad. The Rotary District provides hotdogs, hamburgers, chili, condiments, water, iced tea, punch, cookies, chips, etc.

There will be Cardboard Boat Race! Lagoon Swimming! Family Games! Boat Entry: \$20/boat entered, with no limit to number of boats (boat entry deadline is September 4).

Last Day For Club Reservations: Friday, Sept. 11

Chris Bauman has more raffle tickets for the Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner & Casino Night at the Carson Community October 3rd, for which the Malibu Rotary Club already was reserving a table for 10 at a cost of \$75.00 per person.. Grand prize is timeshare in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico including 60,000 frequent flyer miles on Alaska Airlines. Second Prize is \$1000 cash and third prize is \$500 gift certificate to Gearys Beverly Hills.

\$\$\$ Don't Forget the Syvertsen Deal! \$\$\$

“What’s the Syvertsen deal?” you ask. It a special deal given to Members of the Malibu Rotary Club to help them pay for the minimum Rotary Foundation \$100 raffle tickets. I asked by Bob to explain it:

For each club member who has paid the entire amount due to the club, as reflected by the 7/1/09 statements, by September 30 the club will send \$100 and the raffle ticket stubs to district 5280. As there are some drawings prior to the event, we will forward the stubs and \$100 when each bill is fully paid at three different dates:

July 29.

August 26. and

September 30, 2009.

You of course can get more raffle tickets from Chris Bauman, but \$100 contribution is minimum.

Red Badge—The Rotary Rookies—Assignments to Get Involved

A couple weeks ago we had a visitor Claudia Yates, a new member of the Encinitas Rotary club, who said she was attending our club as part of her “Red Badge” requirements. New Rotary members get a red badge and don’t get their regular blue badge until they have completed a check list. Geoff Ortiz asked her to send the list given to the Red Badge Rotary Rookies:

Encinitas Rotary Club

Blue Badge Requirements

Must Complete Ten (10) Out of Seventeen Items

NAME _____ Red Badge Date _____

EVENT DATE _____

1. Participate in Rotary Project

or other Volunteer Project** _____

2. Give your “Who am I?”** _____

3. Directory – Have photo taken** _____

4. Attend a “Fireside” meeting** _____

5. Attend District Council* * _____

6. Be a “greeter” for two weeks** _____

7. Serve on a Committee _____

8. Lead the Pledge _____

9. Give the Invocation _____

10. Collect Fines for One Week _____

11. Make up at another club* _____

12. Arrange a Program _____

13. Attend Rotary Fellowship function * _____

14. Sponsor a new member _____

15. For lunch sit at each table once _____

16. Attend a board meeting _____

Blue Badge Completion Date _____

** Mandatory

* Strongly Suggested



*Editors Note:
Most of you know how strongly I feel about the Project TRIUMPH program conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. The program brought 10 teenage Arab and 10 teenage Jewish students from Israel to a leadership camp in Simi Valley where they all learned to work*

together, develop leaders skills before returning to Israel to use what they learned back home. Most of us feel helpless in trying to find a solution to the constant war in the Mid East, but at least this program is trying to do something, In the last issue of The Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter I had written about e-mail communications I had had with Frances Fuji of the Project TRIUMPH organizing committee. She had written

“In light of the current economic climate and more challenging environment for securing grant monies, instead of hosting students this year, we are taking the opportunity to strengthen infrastructure in Israel and to establish collaborative relationships with aligned organizations.

Upon our request, Shaul, from the Rotary Club of Haifa, provided us with a budget and proposal to hire a part-time facilitator to be responsible for year-round support of both new Project TRIUMPH students and alumni. We are sending money to contribute to the facilitator’s salary, and she has already begun meeting with the kids there.

We are excited about prospects for 2010 and beyond (the plan is to resume bringing kids over in

2010, assuming that we can raise enough funds in 2009) and believe we will emerge from this fallow year with an even stronger, more well-rounded and promising program than ever before.”

Calendar

Speakers

Sep 16 2009

Jonathan Light

"Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball"

Sep 23 2009

Vitelio Aguilar

"Family Crisis Center"

Sep 30 2009

Rotary District Gov Suzanne Sundberg

"Rotary District 5280 Year 2009-2010 Annual Report"

This day is marked by the visit of Rotary District 5280 Governor Suzanne Sundberg. It is a day where Malibu Rotary committee members will report to governor on this year's plans and activities and the Governor and Assistant Governor will talk about district events in the Los Angeles area and Malibu Rotary Club's participation in them

Oct 7 2009

Dr. Lee Kats

""Solar Frogs""

Oct 14 2009

Dr. Eric Savitsky

""Current Challenges to Global Healthcare""

Oct 28 2009

Sanda Alcalay

"Polio & Rotary's Goal to End it Once & For All"

Sanda is a Realtor and a member of the Pacific Palisades Rotary.

