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Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski

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- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
 - Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
 - RI President (2015-2016) K.R. Ravindran
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Rotary District Governor DJ Sun brought with him several district leaders to talk to leaders of the Malibu Rotary Club on September 23. Pictured (L to R) are Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect and Youth Chair Delvin Glymph, Malibu RC Past

President and District Music Awards Chair Margo Neal, Malibu RC Club Service Chair and District Special Olympics Chair Bill Wishard, District Arts Chair Lance Miller, Malibu Rotary Club President David Zielski, District Governor DJ Sun, District Executive Aid and District Governor Elect Nominee Cozette Vergari, Malibu RC Community Service Chair Bianca Torrence, District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila and Malibu RC International Service Chair Beth Mohiuddin

Prior to the regular Rotary Club meeting Club officers met Rotary District Governor DJ Sun, Executive Aid Cozette, and Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila where the club officers told of the plans of the Malibu Rotary Club and the governor listened and made suggestions.

Malibu Rotary Club president **David Zielski** talked about his goals for the year, which included working with the Malibu Chamber to help bring in new members, working with social media to expand the reach of the club, and to work on getting district and Foundation grant money

Margo Neal talked about vocational service, and how the Malibu Rotary Club Vocal Music completion always has entries into the District Arts Competition, and her role as district chair of Music in the district competition. She would like to see music divided into separate categories for instrumental and vocal, and the governor said he would like people look into the feasibility of that, if there could be money in the budget for that.

Malibu Rotary Club Community Service Chair **Bianca Torrence** talked not only about community service but her plans to attend district membership work shops.

Bob Syvertsen the Malibu RC longtime treasurer, was back reporting on the club's financial situation in the absence of club treasurer Carlye Rudkin. He talked about the operating account, the Charity Giving Account, and how the club also has a Charity Trust Account worth about \$50,000 from which 5% is taken annually to give to charity.

Club Foundation Chair **David Baird** talked about club member participation in giving to the Foundation, Paul Harris Fellows, and attendance at the Foundation Dinner.

Club Service Chair **Bill Wishard** talked about how the initial program having Page Jones speak at the club has turned into more speaking opportunities for Page and the movie "Godspeed" which may be shown not just as a club event but in conjunction with the Malibu Chamber at a local theater.

Club International Service Chair **Beth Mohiuddin** talked about getting international speakers at the club, including her husband. Beth, who is also on the board of the Malibu Chamber reiterated how the integration of events with the Malibu Chamber, and the inclusion of new

member Malibu Chamber Executive Director Mark Persson to the Malibu Rotary Club should be beneficial for both organizations.

John Elman talked about how putting information about the Malibu Rotary Club into an electronic format which he began when he was club present in 2001, starting with e-mailing the weekly bulletin, the ClubRunner website, and integration into social media, lets the public know the latest news about the club, including upcoming speakers, changes in meeting venues, and upcoming events. The website is edited several times per week with the latest information and stories of special interest are sent to local news outlets.

Governor DJ, in noting the networking that was talked about by several members, especially the networking of the Rotary club with the chamber, talked about a new experimental typing of networking that some clubs were using—having a professional young people’s part of the Rotary club. The young professionals group is part of the Rotary Club, and members are considered regular members of the club. These are people between the ages of early 20s to 40. They have their own meetings, but there is a liason with the main club, and they do events together. Generally the dues of the Young Professionals is less than the dues of the main club.

2 new members inducted into Malibu Rotary Club



Rotary Governor DJ Sun (center) inducted 2 new members into the Malibu Rotary Club at the September 23 meeting of the club. New members are Lisa Knickmeyer, Realtor for Pritchard-Raft (2nd from left), standing next to club president Dave Zielski and Mark Persson, Executive Direct of Malibu Chamber of Commerce (standing next to District Executive Aid Cozette Vergari at far right).

Malibu Rotarians Receive District Awards



Two Malibu Rotarians each received 2 special recognition awards from Rotary District Governor DJ Sun at the special Rotary meeting on September 23. In left picture Robert Syvertsen, who has always been great with numbers having been a professional accountant treasurer of both the Malibu Rotary Club and the district, receives an award for being “Longest Active member of the Malibu Rotary Club,” and another one for being the club member who has “Contributed the Most to the Rotary Foundation.” Two awards were also given to Bill Wishard in right photo, for being the member who has “Brought in Most New Members” and also being the club member “Most Active in the Rotary District.”



Gifts to the Governor

In the year when the Rotary Theme is “Be Gift to the World” the Malibu Rotary Club opted to give Rotary District Governor DJ Sun 3 gifts.

The first gift was a song written and performed by John Elman with the help of everyone in the audience—John’s *Rotary Spirit Hip Hop Rap Song*.

DJ, who purportedly was a musical DJ in Korea, immediately picked up on the spirit of the song and invited John do it at the

Rotary District Conference at the Hilton Resort in Mission Bay near San Diego next April. John says it sounds like fun and he’ll be there.

The second gift for the governor was an IOU for a gift to come and which will be delivered to the district office by Bill Wishard prior to the Rotary Foundation Dinner which will held at the Loewe’s Hotel in Santa Monica on November 14th. It is an item for the silent auction that will be held at that event and will be a “Taste of Malibu” basket which will contain wine from local Malibu Vineyards and certificates for Malibu Restaurants, including Kristy’s, Saddle Peak Lodge and others.

The third gift given to the governor was a more tangible one, and one that he could take with him-- a check for \$333.34 made out to the Rotary Foundation, derived from our club’s “Happy Dollars” account. With Bill Gates matching 2 for 1 the \$333.34 will become \$1000.00 for the Rotary Foundation

Not everyone can go to the Rotary Foundation Dinner—it is sold out and the 6 tickets reserved for the Malibu Rotary Club have already been taken. Everyone should, however, buy Rotary Foundation Raffle tickets, which are \$100 per book. Selling these books the money goes directly into the Rotary Foundation and counts towards Rotarian members annual giving and Paul Harris Fellow total of \$1000.

Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

New member **Mark Persson** showed a video and talked about a Veteran’s Day celebration at Legacy 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. said they could each bring a case of water.

Guests

There were plenty of guests at the September 23 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club. These included **Rotary District Governor DJ Sun** **District Arts Chair Lance Miller**, **District Executive Aid and District Governor Elect Nominee Cozette Vergari**, **District Assistant Governor Dwight Heikkila** and *Malibu Surfside News Editor* **Chris Bashaw**

Livia says her goodbyes and hopes to return



Livia Giordano holds flag from Malibu Rotary Club she will bring back from America to the club in Switzerland that sponsored her to be a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. She was surrounded by Malibu Rotarians at this going away party.

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. Those final arrangements included selling her Winnebago and car, and trying to get her 2 cats out of the country with her. Can you believe Livia sold her Winnebago on Craig's list the day before Margo drove her to the airport? 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.godspedtickets.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.

There is mention of the movie in the September 28th *Los Angeles Times*. There is a plan to have a special screening of the movie in Malibu co-sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club and Malibu Chamber.

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>

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Speaker		Date
Rotary District	Breakfast #2	Oct 20, 2015
Manny Pacheco		Oct 21, 2015 "Forgotten Hollywood" at Malibu Rotary Club Speaker at the Oct 21, 2015 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club will be Manny Pacheco and entertaining covering Hollywood history, American history, and Rotary history through his Forgotten Hollywood Book Series, now included in the library collection Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, American Film Institute, among others. He's co-authored Forgotten Hollywood Documentary. A Southern California television and radio personality Santa Barbara, co-hosted the Daytime Emmy-nominated In Studio on KCOP, and a syndicated radio program on the 90.1 FM KBPK, and a web-based television show California resident. - See more at: http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.1be864fa8289#sthash.mHVsuc1Q.dpuf
Rotary Foundation	Celebration	Nov 14, 2015
David Zielski		Jan 13, 2016
Rotary	Peace Conference	Jan 15, 2016
Rotary	Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama	Jan 27, 2016
Rotary District	Breakfast #3	Feb 11, 2016

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