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Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Malibu Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal

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• Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Wednesday October 1 on the patio between the cafeteria and our normal meeting at Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus. All inside rooms are booked—Rick Mendoza's slide presentation will be rescheduled to December (probably Dec 3). Fellowship begins at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at Noon sharp. Actually it will all be fellowship and love. Wear hat and sunscreen. Meetings will always be informative and fun (We're lucky this hasn't happened before—paid room patrons get priority over freebie service clubs!)

Last week: Highlights of club assembly

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 - Rotary International Website: <u>www.Rotary.org</u>
 - Rotary District 5280 Website:<u>www.rotary5280.org/</u>
 - RI President (2014-2015) Gary CK Huang
 - Rotary District 5280 Governor (2014-2015): Elsa Gilham
 - Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Neil Godsey (2014-15)

Highlights of September 24 Club Assembly

The September 24 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club was supposed to be a club assembly at which the club budget was going to be the main topic of discussion, but because treasure and budget director Hubert Luckerath was in ancestral home of Luckerath, Germany, and Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal was still home mending her fractured pelvis, an agenda of other topics was created by Malibu Rotary Club Past President Bill Wishard for presiding officer David Zielski to use.

Topics included:

District Breakfast October 7

October 7 Rotary District Breakfast at the City Club 55 South Flower, 51st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071 featuring Rotary Peace Fellow Alumnus **Jeff Whitfield**, whom the Rotarian magazine called "The Best Speaker in Rotary." With all the great speakers in Rotary this guy most really be somethin'. Rotary the regular price of \$35 will be reduced for Malibu Rotarians. The club will subside \$15.00 and just prepay \$20.00 to the Malibu Rotary Club to attend (members only—guest will still pay \$35.00 and yes, you may bring one if you pay up front). Club members who said they would attend were **David Zielski, David Baird, Bill Wisard, John Elman** and possibly **Delvin Glymph.**

Malibu Rotary Club Hollywood Halloween Fundraiser October 24

Maggie Luckerath gave a report on donated raffle items. The list will be posted on the Malibu Rotary Rotary website when available. **Annalisa Averill,** a Pepperdine student at the September 24 Malibu Rotary Club meeting, said she will have a group of Pepperdine student volunteers help set up. More on the Hollywood Halloween event is in article below.

Malibu Rotary Club Hosted Santa Monica-Malibu School District School Board Candidates Forum

John Elman gave a report on this event, which will be a 6:00 p.m. on Drescher Graduate campus in room LC 155. This will be in lieu of noon Rotary Club meeting. Margo will be back to preside. Malibu Times Publisher Arnold York will preside. John asked for help for room setup. More on this event in article below.

Malibu Rotary Club Annual Malibu High School and Middle School Singing Competition

John Elman gave a report on this annual event, which awards prizes to top three contestants from Middle School Division and top three contestants from High School Division in a vocal competition hosted by the Malibu Rotary Club. Winner of the high school competition will be sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club to compete in Rotary District Music Competition held at Loyola Marymont University in March. Amy Loch, choral director of Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School has worked closely with the Malibu Rotary Club Chair of the event, auditioning contestants, supplying piano accompaniment, and making sure each show is professionally done. Although the competition has taken place in various venues, including a local restaurant (Beurivage), Serra Retreat, Malibu High School auditorium, Raitt Recital Hall and Stauffer Chapel at Pepperdine, the latter venue has been favored the past several years. Chris Bauman has secured the space at the Chapel and has brought in the sound system (microphones). This year Kelly Sagona suggested that the competition be opened up to vocalists from the OLM middle school.

Chair of the event for the Malibu Rotary Club for the past dozen has been Geoff Ortiz, 2 time club President, long time Youth Chair, who is no longer an active member of the club. Geoff has the software for the program and has offered to help in any way he can with this year's event. **Grizelda Espinoza** was supposed to be chair this year. John spoke to Grizelda this week. Although she plans to remain in the club, her current work commitments preclude her from participating. New member **Delvin Glymph** was selected as new chair at this meeting. He and new member **Shannon Latson**, who both work at Pepperdine, may work with Chris Bauman in securing venue.

Since **John Elman** knows and has e-mail contact with the principles (all the people mentioned above) he has started dialogue among them to coordinate event. After the meeting he contacted **Amy Loch**, who suggested that if OLM students are added to the competition, that each school provides 3 middle school contestants. OLM students would need to supply their own piano accompaniment. John has asked that the Pepperdine members (Chris, Shannon, Delvin) seek to get Pepperdine venue, either Stauffer or Raitt, for January 21, which is the best date for Amy and her students.

Happy Dollars



Maggie, Carlye, Dave Zielski, Kelly, guest Sean McCaffery all contributed Happy Dollars to the Malibu Rotary Club coffers, but we thought we would expand on the Happy Dollars by William N. Wishard III.

Yes, Bill's happy dollars came with pictures, having not only to do with him and his famous medical family, but Rotary contributions in Indianapolis.

On a recent visit back home to Indianapolis, Bill was given a special tour of the new hospital which was originally started by his grandfather, the original William Niles Wishard, MD. The original hospital had many firsts—it was the first community hospital in Indiana; it had the first nursing program; it had the first ambulance service (horse and buggy) west of New York. It was Wishard Hospital for years, but a new modern hospital has taken its place. The new hospital has a Starbucks coffee facility in the lobby, and part of the design made it different from any other Starbucks. It features pictures of the old hospital, ambulance, etc., and also its founder William N Wishard MD. In picture Bill is seen in that Starbucks posing with his grandfather's picture.

Bill's tour not only included a tour of the new hospital but a tour of certain old buildings which are still used, including the Rotary Indiana Convalescent Hospital, which was built in 1931 with money raised by local Rotary Clubs. The medical facilities started by the Wishard family are now part of Indian University.

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Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal, who fractured her pelvis on September 2 and will be return to preside over the special 6:00 p.m. October 15th meeting, the Malibu Rotary Club hosted Santa Malibu-Malibu Unified School District Candidates Forum in Room LC 155 which will be moderated by Malibu Times publisher Arnold York. Malibu Rotary Club President Elect David Zielski



will continue to preside over meetings until Margo's return.

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The Malibu Rotary Club hosts forum for the Candidates of the SMMUSD School Board. Malibu Times Publisher Arnold York will be moderator. The Forum will be 6:00 to 7:30 pm October 15 in room LC 155 at Pepperdine Drescher Graduate Campus Center for Learning & Technology

SMMUSD - School Board Candidates 2014

- Patty Finer
- Craig Foster
- Laurie Lieberman
- Dhun May
- Ralph Mechur
- Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein
- Oscar de la Torre

The public is invited to contribute questions asked by Arnold prior to the event by sending them to the Malibu Times, or e-mailing AGYork@malibutimes.com.

Hollywood Halloween October 24th

Costume Party Fund Raiser by the Malibu Rotary Club

to support autism and Malibu youth sports.

- Dinner, Drinks, Entertainment.
- Prizes to the Best Costumes.
- Raffles
- Silent Auction

\$70.00 per person includes food, wine/beer.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY REX LEWIS-CLACK (who was featured on three separate 60 Minutes profiles on rare musical savant)



The chairperson of event is **Maggie Luckerath.** Those planning on attending should pay Treasurer Hubert Luckerath \$70.00 per person after sending RSVP to Maggie. It is possible to register on line at www.maliburotary.org.

60% of the proceeds of the event will go to Rex and Friends (see http://www.rexandfriends.org/)

Beneficiaries of event, in addition to Rex and Friends (Rex will perform at event) are Malibu Youth Football and Malibu Surf Club. While Hubert is out of town Maggie will be accepting checks for Hollywood Halloween Fund Raiser

Happy Dollars

Maggie Luckerath had perhaps the Happiest Dollar. It was not just the dollar that Maggie contributed, but a check that Maggie was given by the **Kiwanis Club of Malibu**, a check made **out for \$1000.00 to Rex and Friends.** For the rest of us just pay \$70.00 per person to the Malibu Rotary Club and give that to Maggie for the Hollywood Halloween fund raiser event October 24.

Other happy dollars came from speaker **Veera Mahajan** for letting the Malibu Rotary Club be her first public speaking engagement about her new book.

Other News and Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Guests

Guests at the September 24th Malibu Rotary club included **Sean McCaffery** from the Children's Lifesaving Foundation (www.childreslifesaving.org) who was at the meeting to tell everyone about a Charity Ride Benefitting Children's Lifesaving Foundation to be held at the new Soulcycle (old Guido's location), 3874 Cross Creek Rd., Malibu on October 5th at 12:30 p.m. (minimum donation \$50.00); and also **Annalisa Averill**, a Pepperdine student who was involved with RYLA in Colorado and is interested in reactivating Pepperdine Rotaract as well as becoming a member of Rotary itself.

Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

Malibu Rotary—Home Club of RainCatcher Executive Director David Zielski

Every 21 seconds, a child dies from a water-related illness. Women and children spend 200 million hours a day collecting water.

There are over a billion people who do not have access to clean drinking water. RainCatcher is efficiently doing something to try to reduce that number. They get low cost, low maintenance and sustainable water systems to Uganda and Kenya so women and children have a safe and close water source.

Besides the obvious health benefits, providing a local and safe water source multiple other social, economical, and educational benefits also accrue. There can be an increased girls' school attendance, level of education and literacy rates, as they no longer need to miss school to secure water for their families and have adequate and separate sanitation facilities.

There can also be reduced physical injury from constant lifting and carrying heavy loads of water, reduced risk of rape, sexual assault, and increased safety as women and girls do not have to go to remote and dangerous places to defecate or to fetch water during the night.

The Malibu Rotary Club along with the Rotary Clubs of Beverly Hills, CA USA and the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Uganda has applied for a Rotary Foundation Grant to assist Raincatcher.

There are several videos available on You Tube that show the amazing things Raincatcher is doing bringing clean drinking water to places in Uganda and Kenya where there was previously

no



clean drinking water. David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher, makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to do Raincatcher installations and maintenance. The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing 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-RLo&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg

After viewing this RainCatcher video on YouTube look at some of the others. This is a project that all of the Rotary world should be participating in. Malibu Rotary Club is proud to take a lead in this endeavor.

Upcoming Speakers (yet to be confirmed)

Bella Communities Director Khoi Pham (who was on the last helicopter out of Saigon) Founder of the National Veterans Foundation, Floyd 'Shad' Meshad Dana Sherman of the Fleet Street Bike Project Dan Wise on history of the 25,000 acres from Marina Del Rey to PV Peninsula to Western Ave

Calendar (for details on these programs see www.maliburotary.org)

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How the City of Malibu Works to Increase Community Engagement

New City of Malibu Media Information Officer Matt Myerhoff and his colleague George Gabriel will be at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting October 8 to discuss ways that the city is working to increase community engagement, and use new media tools to foster dialogue with the community, and some related subjects TBD.

Matt Myerhoff and George Gabriel

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To purchase tickets:

contact Maggie at hubsden@aol.com or call 310-457-6822.

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About the Presenter: Shannon Latson works as a Marriage and Family Therapist for Stillpoint Family Resources in West Hills, and she also works as an Office Manager in the International Studies and

Languages Division of Pepperdine. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Business from Michigan State University, her master's degree in Psychology from Pepperdine University, and her Certificate in Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute at Pepperdine's School of Law. Shannon volunteers as a club convocation leader for Pepperdine students, serves as the faculty/staff advisor for the Pepperdine Swing Dance Club, and she has presented at many community organizations, including a psychiatric facility, a gang prevention unit of the Van Nuys police department, a domestic violence shelter, Many Mansions, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.