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### Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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attend The District Breakfast at the Westin LAX Hotel in Los Angeles featuring Tuskegee Airmen of World War II with one of the survivors Theodore Lumpkin as guest speaker. The Following Week, October 10<sup>th</sup>, The Malibu Rotary Club will meet for a Club Assembly at the Tra Di Noi Restaurnat in the Malibu Conntry Mart for Noon Lunch (Contact Maggie Luckerath for reservations).

- The next regular Malibu Rotary Club meeting will be held Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Pepperdine University Fireside Room. It will be Planning Session of the School Board Candidates Forum with Malibu Patch Editor Jessica Davis who will be moderator of the Event the Evening of October 24<sup>th</sup>.
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- Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/
- Rotary District 5280 "Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians" Website: http://yp5280.org/
- RI President (2012-2013) Sakuji TanakaRotary District 5280 Governor (2012-2012): Lewis Bertrand
- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Julie Jenkins (2012-13)

# Susan Gregory Shows video of A Peace <u>Education Program</u> "Peace on the Inside" based on Prem Rawat's message of peace



Susan Gregory has been interested in peace since the Viet Nam War in the 1970's. She has been a volunteer of The Prem Rawat Foundation (TPRF), finding that Prem Rawat's message of peace coincides with her own. She also believed there is a similarity of Prem Rawat's message of peace, and the message of Rotary International President (2012-2013) Sakuji Tanaka "Peace Through Service." Both organizations depend on volunteer service to help provide food and drinking water to those without it.

Susan said she wasn't aware of Rotary until her granddaughter became a Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Taiwan. Living with three Taiwanese families during her junior year of high school changed her granddaughter, made her mature, look at herself more objective, and taught her the similarities and differences in people on the other side of the world.

Susan spoke to members and guests of the Malibu Rotary Club on September 26, and showed part of the video "Peace on the Inside" based on Prem Rawat's message of peace sponsored by The Prem Rawat Foundation. The program has been one of the most popular classes at the Fabian Dale Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio. Jail authorities have reported a significantly

positive impact upon the over 1,000 inmates who have participated in the program since it began in 2007 and a marked reduction in recidivism.

The success of the program in San Antonio has recently attracted the attention of the Department of <u>Criminal Justice</u> 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.

See Video "Peace on the Inside":  $\frac{http://www.tprf.org/videos/watch/?embedCode=xna3kzMzoJ9Mk\_qzRBChArY6wUcb-XlL\&version=2\#ooid=xna3kzMzoJ9M}{k\_qzRBChArY6wUcb-XlL}.$ 

**Prem Rawat,** known also by the honorary title Maharaji, lives in Malibu, but has traveled the world for four decades, inspiring people to find peace within. His message is simple and profound. It is not affiliated with any religion, political view, ideology, or philosophy. Speaking spontaneously from the heart, Prem Rawat has a unique ability to touch people's hearts, offering inspiration and a fresh perspective.

"It is not the world that needs peace; it is people. When people in the world are at peace within, the world will be at peace."

This message has resonated with people all over the world, of all religions and economic groups. It has also been a life changing perspective for many prisoners, who have been able to see Prem Rawa in person or on video. There is a value in all humanity and if all can attain inner peace, if that is the goal instead of wealth and conquest, there would be no war.

For more about The Prem Rawat Foundation go to <a href="http://tprf.org/">http://tprf.org/</a>.

#### News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

**Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard** reminds us that the next Rotary District Breakfast on October  $2^{nd}$ , will in fact be the Malibu Rotary Club meeting for the first week in October, instead of having a regular meeting on October  $3^{rd}$ . THERE WILL BE NO MALIBU ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY ON EITHER OCTOBER  $3^{RD}$  OR  $10^{TH}$ , (Oct  $10^{th}$  is TRA DI NOI LUNCH) AND THE OCTOBER  $24^{TH}$  MEETING WILL BE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM AT 7:30 P.M IN FIRESIDE ROOM (NO MORNING MEETING).



David, Margo, Maggie, Hubert, John and Bill all said they would go to the October 2nd Rotary Breakfast Meeting 7:00 a.m. at the LAX Westin Hotel. 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 <u>Tuskegee</u> 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 <u>Jim Crow laws</u>. 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.

There was one guest at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting September 26, veterinarian Dr Frank LeVac, a form speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club and resident of Malibu, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica.

### Paul Harris Dinner--October 27<sup>th</sup> Black Tie Optional Masquerade Ball

**David Baird** has given book of raffle tickets to Malibu Rotarians at previous meetings. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Area 2, September 27<sup>th</sup> Area 3, and the final meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> 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) 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Susan Allbritton@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 palette and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3<sup>rd</sup> world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palette 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  $4^{th}$  from the Phillippines.

"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 <u>www.maliburotary.org</u> for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

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#### Calendar

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

Oct 2 2012

**Tuskegee Airman Theadore Lumpkin** 

"Rotary District Breakfast at Westin LAX"

**Westin LAX Hotel** 

5400 W. Century Blvd.

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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 (no morning meeting at Pepperdine)"

Oct 17 2012

Jessica Davis and John Elman

"Planning Session for Oct 24 SMMUSD Candidate's Forum"

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!