



The Award Winning

## Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

September 3, 2014

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

Edited by Dr. John W. Elman

Pictures by Dr. John W. Elman and Hubert Luckerath

In This Issue (click underlined topics for web link when connected to the Internet)

- **Next Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Wednesday September 10 room LC 152 (check entrance to building for any room change) at Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate campus. Speaker is Alison Gallwey Wishard Guerra Ph.D, Assistant Professor, UC San Diego Education Studies Who Will Be Talking About Early Childhood Educational Development, a topic about which she is a recognized authority. Alison, who grew up in Malibu, is daughter of Malibu Rotary Club Past President Bill Wishard, and will be accompanied by her husband, daughters, and because of her rare local appearance is expected to bring to this Rotary meeting at least half dozen special guests. Fellowship begins at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at Noon sharp.**

- **Last week: Beth Mohiuddin, Malibu Rotary's Own Travel Advisor. Recommends Why Semester at Sea is a Great Experience for People of All Ages**
- **Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal Back on IR**
- **Other News and Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**
- **Malibu Rotary Club Has Most Successful Participation in Kiwanis Labor Day Chili Cook Off**
- **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher.**
- **Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)**
  - **Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)**
  - **Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)**
  - **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)**



**Beth Mohiuddin, Malibu Rotary's Own Travel Advisor. Recommends Why Semester at Sea is a Great Experience for People of All Ages**

B

**Beth Mohiuddin** was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and stayed in Pennsylvania for college, attending both Temple University in Philadelphia and the University of Pittsburgh. One of the programs the University of Pittsburgh was offering in the 1980's and early 1990's when Beth was there was Semester At Sea (SAS). On the *S.S. Universe* students from various universities around the world could earn college credit for taking their classes aboard this ship, which travelled to major destinations around the world. Study would concentrate

on cultures of the places visited by the ship. Beth says that Semester At Sea changed her perspective of the world. Going to India, seeing the poverty that so many people lived with is an image she will not forget.

While at the University of Pittsburgh Beth met her future husband, Qadir Mohiuddin, who was born in Karachi Pakistan, but working on a Ph.D in at the University of Pittsburgh, after getting undergraduate degree and Masters Degrees at UCLA and USC. When Qadir became Associate Professor of Economics, New York Institute of Technology and was given teaching assignments all over the world (he spoke to the Malibu Rotary Club this past July 30<sup>th</sup> while visiting from his current assignment in Nanjing China—See [Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter July 30 2014](#)) it was another reason Beth launched a career in the travel business, something she has done in American Express offices in Cambridge, Boston, and now in southern California ([BethTravelAdvisor.com](#) 310-601-7644 P. O. Box 8001, Calabasas, CA 91372). With her experience on SAS, combined with visiting her husband's homeland and various places he has worked, has given Beth a special perspective on the world and the knowhow of how to get around it.

During her presentation she received an unsolicited endorsement from Malibu Rotarian Bob Syvertsen who recently used Beth to book a cruise and plane from Seattle to Anchorage. Bob's said all he had to do is get to and from LAX and the rest was completely taken care of by Beth.

Beth presented a video from Semester At Sea, which concentrated on a new emphasis of the program, Lifelong Learning. The emphasis of Lifelong Learning is to encourage mature adults of any age to go on a three month Semester At Sea.

Much of what Semester At Sea does, along with videos, can be found on the SAS website [www.semesteratsea.org](http://www.semesteratsea.org).

The inspiration of Semester At Sea came from an earlier program. Nearly 100 years ago, the idea for a floating university that would travel the world became the passionate pursuit of James Edwin Lough, a psychology professor at New York University. He believed changes needed to be made to traditional teaching methods of American universities and soon became a leader in a new educational movement. Travel and first-hand experience, he felt, must be part of every scholar's education and he set out to find others who shared this vision.

New York University was going sponsor the program but the enrollment from this one institution was not enough to support it. Lough's original vision eventually led to the successful maiden voyage of the *SS Ryndam* on September 18, 1926. Departing Hoboken, New Jersey with a capacity 504 students and a faculty and administrative staff of 63, Lough sailed as Dean and Constantine Raikes, a Greek student who supported the effort and assisted with necessary academic and itinerary served as Voyage Director. Because the program was no longer sponsored by a single school, colleges and universities were eager to participate, and applications poured in.

The students, representing 143 colleges, came from 40 states as well as Canada, Cuba, and Hawaii. During the 7 1/2 month voyage, the ship covered 41,000 miles and visited 35 countries and more than 90 cities, including Shanghai, Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok, Colombo, Bombay, Haifa, Venice, Gibraltar, Lisbon, and Oslo.

As the ship set sail, Lough tried to describe what lay ahead: "This shall not be a mere sightseeing tour, but a college year of educational travel and systematic study to develop an interest in foreign affairs, to train students to think in world terms, and to strengthen international understanding and good will." Upon their arrival home and again years later at their 1976 reunion, the students aboard described the sailing as "the greatest educational experience of our lives."

Although the voyage was a great success, the concept of shipboard education did not fully take hold until the 1960s when it was resurrected as the University of the Seven Seas by a visionary California businessman named Bill Hughes. In February 1963, a charter contract was signed with the same shipping company that had provided the SS Ryndam-Holland America and preparations began to create the university aboard the MS Seven Seas.

Although the University of the Seven Seas University was authorized by the state of California to issue transcripts and award diplomas, it was never fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This prevented it from assuring students that their credits would be transferable to, or even recognized by, any other school. So in 1965, Hughes decided to affiliate with Chapman College in Orange, California who provided the program with academic credentials and the new life it needed as World Campus Afloat.

In 1976, Chapman College underwent financial problems, compounded by the oil crisis, and had to abandon World Campus Afloat. Another university was needed to sponsor the program. The University of Colorado was that university, enabling the program, now named Semester at Sea, to sail again, after only a one semester hiatus.

In 1981, the University of Pittsburgh took over the sponsorship of the program – a sponsorship which continued for 25 years. In 2006, the program found a new home and academic sponsor at the University of Virginia. The program continued to thrive with the recent purchase of its floating campus, the *MV Explorer*, one of the fastest ships in the world.

Besides studying and visiting the countries on the ever changing but well planned itinerary of the ship students get to meet world leaders. In 1988 Students met Presidents Mikhail Gorbachev (USSR) and Corazon Aquino (Philippines). In 1992 Students meet 1979 Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa.

In 1994 the *SS Universe* is the first ship of U.S. passengers to visit Vietnam after the U.S. embargo is lifted and the students meet Nobel Peace Prize recipient Nelson Mandela.

In 1997 Pete Peterson, first U.S. ambassador to Vietnam after the war, visits ship three times. In 1999 the ship makes its first trip to Havana, Cuba.

Other significant events of Semester At Sea:

2000: Cuban President Fidel Castro meets with students in Havana, first of several meetings with students in the program.

2000: First SAS summer voyage.

2005: University of Virginia becomes new academic sponsor.

2007: ISE purchases MV Explorer.

2008: First Leadership Forum on Global Affairs, a biannual four-day voyage examining international issues.

2009: Semester at Sea celebrates 100th voyage. MV Explorer receives ISO certification for environmental excellence.

2010: Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu sails on the entire fall voyage. SAS launches Pre-College voyage and offers First C.Y. Tung Program in Global Understanding. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor sails on FGE

2011: SAS operates first Short-Term (Maymester) Voyage. Global Ambassador Program grows to include 225 members

### **Lifelong Learning Program**

The SAS Lifelong Learning Program provides adult learners the opportunity to join the SAS academic community. Lifelong learners are participants who desire to study with bright and enthusiastic undergraduate students from around the world and include retirees, professionals on leave, or simply adventurous travelers. Lifelong learners participate in undergraduate courses, attend field excursions, serve as mentors to undergraduates, conduct seminars in their respective areas of expertise, and add a valuable generational element to class discussions. For information about SAS and the Lifelong Learning program go to [www.semeterat sea.org](http://www.semeteratsea.org) or call 1-800-854-0195.

## Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal Back on IR



**Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal** started the Rotary Year in July recovering from a foot surgery that kept her from attending most of the Rotary Club meetings in May and June. Just before the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of September 3<sup>rd</sup> Margo slipped and fell while warming up for tennis, and fractured her pelvis. This is a painful injury that will again keep her immobilized for about 6 weeks. David Baird presided over the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Margo's absence.

Margo is a skier, tennis player, and long distance walker--not team sports, but sports none the less. She of course is a key member of the Rotary team. In most major team sports, players who cannot play because of injury are put on the Injured Reserve list (IR). [from Wikipedia: The **injured reserve list** (abbr. **IR list**) is an official designation used by the [National Football League](#) (NFL) and [National Hockey League](#) (NHL) for [athletes](#) who become [injured](#) and temporarily unable to play. It is analogous to the **injured list** in the [Canadian Football League](#) (CFL), the **inactive list** in the [National Basketball Association](#) (NBA), or the **disabled list** in [Major League Baseball](#) (MLB) and also used by other team sports.

In the NFL, when a player is placed on the list he cannot return to play for the remainder of the regular season; the other leagues allow the player to return to play during the season].

In Rotary, attendance is taken every week on every member and reported by the club secretary to the Rotary District and Rotary International. Members can be granted "Leaves of Absence" which does not count toward the member's or club attendance. Rotary members (our players) on the IR list can be given "Leaves of Absents." Margo's injury is not a season ending injury and she is expected to return to play in about 6 weeks to 8 weeks. Until that time other players (past presidents) will substitute for her in the starting lineup. It is even possible that a rookie might be given a shot.

## Other News and Guests at the Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

### Hollywood Halloween October 24<sup>th</sup>.

The chairmanship of this event has been changed from **Griselda Espinoza** to **Maggie Luckerath**. Those planning on attending should pay Treasurer Hubert Luckerath \$70.00 per person after RSVP to Maggie. It is possible to register on line at [maliburotary.org](http://maliburotary.org). David Zielski recommended that we include beneficiaries of event, in addition to Rex and Friends (who will perform at event) Malibu Youth Football and Malibu Surf Club. Dave feels that be adding

these beneficiaries of the fund raiser would encourage their parents to participate in the event itself.

### **Pepperdine Step Forward Day**

**Delvin Glymph** announced that this Saturday would be Step Forward Day, an annual event at Pepperdine when almost 1,000 students and staff do community service projects.



### **Happy Dollars**

**Shannon Latson** had a Happy Dollar for going to her husband's 40<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion in Oklahoma

**Maggie Luckerath** had a Happy Dollar because Hubert was leaving for Germany to visit the town named after one of ancestors. According to Hubert his son is the last one to have the Luckerath name. He sent a picture of the 1987 visit to Luckerath which show Maggie, Hubert and their son and daughter celebrating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luckerath.

## Guests

Two guests at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting were **Jean-Jacques Retorne** and **Marie-Therese Retorne** who became aware of the Malibu Rotary Club when they visit the Malibu Rotary Club booth at the Labor Day Chili Cook Off

## Malibu Rotary Club Has Most Successful Participation in Kiwanis Labor Day Chili Cook off—Maggie Thanks All the Sponsors and Helpers



**Editor's Note:** *Maggie Luckerath* outdid herself this year in efficiently running the Malibu Rotary Club booth at the 2014 Malibu Kiwanis Club Labor Day Chili Cook Off. Because Maggie was able to get sponsorship of Vintage Grocers, CVS and Dume Pharmacy to provide watermelons, water and gloves, respectively, ice came from Pepperdine, members, including herself donated napkins, plates, utensils, and workers at the booth were all volunteers, the \$1206.00 taken in could all be put into the Malibu Rotary Club Charity Account. She filed the following report explaining the details and the thanks:

This year we set up on Thursday evening with the help of Chris Bauman, Delvin Glymph, Kelly and David Sagona.

After picking up the tables, chairs and tubs from Jack Corrodi's house, Chris with his truck and Glymph met me at Vintage Grocers to meet Mary Carbionniere and we loaded the 10 cases (5 each case) of watermelons. Unloaded at the CCO grounds and they went off to pick up the 35 cases of water from CVS.

Kelly and David helped me set up the tables and then the water arrived.

Kelly sure was the right person to ask to help as she is so strong and lifted those cases of watermelons like they were feathers!

Chris and Delvin were off to Pepperdine to fill the tubs with ice. Some watermelons and bottles of water were iced for Friday evening sales!

Thanks so much to the volunteers who helped sell during the course of the weekend:

Chris Bauman, Delvin Glymph, Kelly and David Sagona, Bill Wishard, Hubert Luckerath, Fred Cornett, Griselda Espinoza, David Baird, Beth, Adam, and Amir Mohiuddin Dave Zielski, John Elman, Margo Neal and Lavern, Bianca Torrence, Irene Bettler, Carlye and Don Rudkin.

A special thanks to Chris and Delvin for their many runs to get more ice throughout the weekend.

Since our club membership has expanded we were able to have our booth open on Monday, whereas other years we closed up shop on Sunday night.

Dave Zielski and Maggie acted as judges for the chili contest on Saturday and Sunday.

If I was giving a prize to the best watermelon slicers it would go to Dave and David. I must admit I cannot even cut watermelon slices as good as those two!

We talked up our Fundraiser Halloween Party and handed out flyers for the October 24th event during the weekend.

We profited total of \$1,205. We almost doubled our dollar amount from last year.

Having a booth at the Kiwanis Club CCO is not only good for the monetary value to our Rotary Club but the visibility, outreach to the community as well as networking. This proves true as we had Marie Therese Retourne and Jean-Jacques Retourne who we met at the CCO come to our meeting last week and they are interested to become members.

I especially thank Mike Hebert of Postal Annex for giving me the idea to have our water and watermelon sponsored by local businesses.

Many thanks to Mary Carbionniere from Vintage Grocers for our 50 sweet and juicy watermelons donation and to Dennis from CVS for our 35 cases of water donation.

I reached out to Dume Pharmacy and they donated two boxes of surgical gloves.

I donated the table coverings and napkins so we had no expenses this year.

"Giving is receiving" .....

***---Maggie Luckerath***

## 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-RL0&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)

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 go to [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org))

### Early Childhood Development

Assistant Professor , UC San Diego Education Studies, Dr. Wishard is an alumna of Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, Student Body Pres. Malibu Park Junior High School '89, UC Santa Cruz '97, UCLA PhD School of Psychological Studies in Education '05, speciality in early childhood development and multicultural children.

Her husband Eduardo Guerra, UC Santa Cruz '97, a club leader of Del Mar Solana Beach Rotary, son of Malibu Rotarian Pompeya Monteros, was born in Ecuador, raised in Manhattan Beach, CA

They have 2 daughters, Sofia Alexandra Wishard Guerra 6 y.o., Alina Luz Guerra, 4 y.o. expected to accompany her 10 Sept.

UCSD Dean Elman noted: "her work is sophisticated, important, thoughtful, and impactful," in recently announcing her being tenured and promoted.

### Veera Mahajan Sep 17, 2014

### Learning to L.I.V.E. -- A Journey....

Veera writes:

"I am Veera Mahajan. I have been in Malibu for almost 4 years. I moved here from Michigan after my divorce from a long marriage of 23 years. On the surface my life and marriage looked like a model life. My family lived in a mansion that was 27000 sq ft house. We were educated and very successful. Had two beautiful healthy sons. We

were the honored guests at most parties and gatherings and threw grand parties ourselves. We all liked to dance so we always looked happy. But, not many knew what was happening when we were alone.

"People thought I lived like a queen but I use to feel and sometimes say, yes I do live like a queen when he lets me. I thought I was free but I did not know what real freedom was till I was here in Malibu. Three months after I was here, I realized one day that I had not cried for 3 months. That is when I knew I was free.

"Since I have been here, I am running a local multi media magazine called Malibu Chronicle. My magazine focuses on All Good News. It gives me a voice and I share that voice with others. I help anyone who has a good story to tell to use my magazine to have a voice too.

"I have been working on my first book for last 4 years. It is a collage of stories from a lot of successful men and women who have lived and escaped lives of abuse and now enjoying life that they want.

"Leaning to L.I.V.E. is a journey that I went through from a life in domestic violence to love and freedom.

"L.I.V.E. stands for

Love your Self

Insist on freedom

Victory over victim syndrome and

Empowered being. '

General Assembly Sep 24, 2014

PDG Rick Mendoza Oct 01, 2014

Rick's Underwater Images -- A slide show you won't want to miss

**Richard "Rick" Mendoza, PDG**

Rick joined Rotary in 1986 - was club president in 1993-1994. And he served as **District Governor in 2002-2003** –

In 2009 he was recognized with Rotary International's highest award the **"Service Above Self"** award.

In 2012 he was recognized with The Rotary Foundation's highest *award, the "Distinguished Service Award"*.

He served a three year term as the District Rotary Foundation Chair for D-5280. And, he is currently serving Zone 26 as the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in 2013-2015.

In 1973, as a hobby, he became a Los Angeles County Certified under Water SCUBA instructor - and was cross certified with NAUI and PADI. He taught SCUBA for 4 years certifying 200+ students.

His passion for photography is recognized throughout the District, Zone and Rotary International. At this meeting Rick will show some of the images he has captured with underwater camera.

Shannon Latson Oct 15, 2014

Creating a Lower Conflict Environment

Joanne Gary Oct 22, 2014

