



The Award Winning

Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter

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- **Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Meeting July 1 in Pepperdine University Malibu Upper Drescher Graduate Campus LC 152 with fellowship at 11:30 a.m and meeting starting at 12:00 noon. Speaker will be Martha Templeton, Manager of Artifac Tree (see more about this in story *Important News about the Artifac Tree* by Shannon Latson)**
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- **Rotary International Website:** www.Rotary.org
- **Rotary District 5280 Website:**www.rotary5280.org/
- **RI President (2014-2015) Gary CK Huang**
- **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2014-2015): Elsa Gilham**

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Malibu Rotary Club President (2014-2015) Margo Neal was presented with Vibrant Club Award by Malibu Rotary Club Past President Bill Wishard, who represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary District Conference held May 14-17 at Loewe's Coronado Bay Hotel. Only 26 of 63 Rotary Clubs in District 5280 qualified for Vibrant Club Award, which was earned by participating in a variety of community, club and international service events.

The Rotary District Conference is held each May at the end of the Rotary year to look back on the year to see if the goals which were established the previous year have been met and to award those who have met and/or have exceeded their goals. This week, on Saturday June 20th the annual Rotary District Assembly will be held at the Carson Community Center, which is when the planning for the next year begins. Bill will again be one of the representatives of the Malibu Rotary Club attending this important meeting—it is supposed to be attended by all club officers.

Bill talked about some of the accomplishments that impressed by various Rotary clubs in our district and that he learned about at the District Conference. The lifeblood of Rotary is the Rotary Foundation and the money that goes into it to do both international and community projects. Minimally every Rotarian is supposed to donate \$100 per year to the Foundation. The per capita giving of most clubs in Rotary district 5280 is substantially more than the minimum. Certain club in the district, Inglewood and Lawndale, having per capita giving over \$400, with Inglewood being \$480 and Lawndale \$456.00.

Some of the projects that impressed billed that were being carried on by local Rotary clubs included baby showers for military families at Camp Pendleton (10,000 children un 5 years of age live on the base—shower gifts were such things gift cards to Toys R Us; Stop Hungar Now (1 club giving out 26,000 meal packs), and a project that the Malibu Rotary Club contributed to—Fleet Street Bikes “Thanks to boys from Pacific Lodge, the San Fernando Valley Coalition on Gangs held a successful Salute to Kids event intended to reduce gang violence by reaching out to a high-risk community to steer children to activities that offer positive alternatives to gang violence.”

Bill said he also saw great presentation of Kenya Water Project, similar to David Zielskii's Raincatcher, which brings clean drinking water to villages in Kenya. David tells us there are 500 non-profits doing things like this in Kenya.

At the Rotary District Arts, Speech, Music , and Dance Competition held at LMU there were 82 contestants sponsored by 25 clubs. Malibu Rotary Club entrant Isobel Anthony was third in the music competition competing against instrumentalists.

At the District Ethics Contest one of the visiting judges gave his own money to the participants because he thought all the contestants deserved a lprize.

\$169,000 was raised by district Rotary Clubs for Vision to Learning.

4 students from an Interact or Rotaract club raised \$4460 of their \$5000 goal for Polio Plus doing a bicycle ride up the coast. At the District Conference someone in the audience gave them \$540 so they could reach their goal.

Bill Wishard, Rotary District Special Olympics Chair

Bill Wishard is coordinating Rotary District efforts for the Special Olympics games being staged in Los Angeles July 25 - August 2, 2015. People in Los Angeles, and especially Rotarians, can get involved. The Special Olympics will have 7,000 athletes from 177 countries.

Rotary District 5280 is getting a block of 1020 tickets for the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics which will start at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum 5:00 pm July 25th. Price for ticket and special Rotary T-shirt that will be worn at the event is \$40.00. At the June 17th meeting Bill showed us the flyer (which is now at the district website) and also the Ticket Registration Form, which will be available on the district site starting June 22.

Rotarians can also participate as volunteers “Fans in the Stands,” or by sponsoring an athlete. It free to go to the games, and individual Rotary Clubs should each of a captain to have club members go to the sporting events together for a fun group experience. Sponsoring an athlete financially costs \$2500. Some large clubs in District 5280, LA 5 and Wilshire Rotary Clubs have done this. For smaller clubs, like the Malibu Rotary Club, they can join with other clubs to raise the \$2500. The Malibu Rotary Club is contributing \$500, and will join with another club to support an athlete.

Highlights of the Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies flyer are printed below::

Rotary District 5280 is supporting thousands of international athletes at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Opening Ceremonies. Be a part of this amazing experience!

About The Event: All Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, friends and family are welcome to attend. 1,000 seats have been reserved for Rotary District 5280 at Opening Ceremonies at the LA Coliseum on July 25, 2015

How To Sign Up: *Tickets are available from June 22-26, 2015 only on a first come, first served basis.* Sign up at www.rotary5280.org or mail back the registration form.

Ticket Prices: All tickets include admission to Opening Ceremonies and a T-shirt. \$40 for Small, Medium, Large, XL T-shirts. \$42 for XXL and XXXL T-shirts.

Procedure For Picking Up Tickets & T-shirts: All tickets and T-shirts must be picked up at the District Office between July 20-25, 2015 only. Rotary District 5280 Address: 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 210, Los Angeles, CA 90045. *No tickets or t-shirts will be mailed to attendees.*

Contact Information

Ticket info: office@rotary5280.org or 310-670-9792

Event info: Bill Wishard, Special Olympics Chair, wnwishard@aol.com or 310-625-5339

Malibu Rotary Club is trying to charter a Pepperdine bus to and from the opening ceremonies event on July 25th. David Baird will give more details as he learns them from Pepperdine.

Important News about the Artifact Tree

The speaker at the next regular Malibu Rotary Club meeting on July 1 is Martha Templeton, Manager of the Artifact Tree. Shannon Latson, sent the members of the Malibu Rotary Club the following e-mail this week about the fate of this special community asset:

Martha Templeton, Manager of the Artifact Tree, called me yesterday to say that the Malibu Artifact Tree thrift shop got a 60 day notice to move out of their current location on Cross Creek Road. Some of you may have met Martha when she volunteered at our recent Halloween fundraiser, working until the late hours of the night after her full day's work at the Artifact Tree.

For those of you not familiar with the Artifact Tree, the Artifact Tree is a thrift shop in Malibu that raises funds to help the community.

Some of the ways that this amazing organization helps the community are as follows:

Supporting students, teachers, local schools and theater groups through the loan and/or availability of items for projects, productions, and events.

Providing free household items and clothing for individuals whose homes are destroyed by natural disasters.

Providing jobs for established community members.

Coordinating housing for individuals willing to rent rooms and low income citizens trying to stay off of the streets.

Pet rescue - finding good homes for abandoned animals.

Providing jobs, job training, job history, and emotional support for individuals in rehab.

Providing free basic household items for people who are able to get off the streets and into housing, yet without the funds to buy the basic necessities.

Providing clean clothing for individuals transitioning to a better life and preparing for a job interview or starting a new job.

Providing gas or bus money for low income people to get to work or go to a job interview.

Providing bus tickets or gas money for homeless people who decide to leave the area and return to home towns where they have support to get back on their feet.

Providing assistance with paying for medications for individuals who cannot function without their medications.

Providing grocery money for struggling individuals and families.

Recycling (via reselling) items for community residents, keeping vast amounts of clothing and household goods out of the dump.

Conducting fundraisers for community groups.

Here is a segment from one of many blogs (<http://patch.com/california/malibu/artifac-tree-has-hidden-treasures-for-home-cooks>) posted about an interview with Martha, and demonstrating the variety of ways that the Artifac Tree serves the Malibu community:

"...when fires periodically sweep through Malibu, Artifac Tree invites burned-out families to come and choose anything they need (clothing, shoes, furniture, kitchen items, for example).

She continued, "When your house burns down, you are left with nothing. About the last thing you want to do is go shopping, so we open our store to people and they can just choose whatever they need for free."

Templeton also notes that they will clothe homeless people. "After it rains and their things are ruined, they come in and we can give them shoes and whatever clothing they need to be comfortable," she said, her voice soft with compassion.

The store also allows students and teachers to borrow whatever artifacts they might need to produce the annual one-day colonial reenactment called Websterville.

"They don't have to buy the things; they just bring them back the next day," she said.

She gives students a 10 percent discount, and contributes financially to local schools, even holding fundraisers for them.

The Artific Tree keeps Malibu safer by assisting people who are working to straighten out their lives, and by keeping individuals from becoming desperate or going off of their psychopharmaceutic medications. This work decreases crime and panhandling in the community. Additionally, the Artific Tree makes Malibu a better place for all, assisting with community events, supporting youth, supporting the arts, and being there for the community whenever natural disasters strike.

To my knowledge, the Artific Tree gets no financial support from the city, yet they have raised and reinvested hundreds of thousands of dollars back into the Malibu over the years.

If you have ideas or connections for a new location for the Artific Tree, or if you can help with the move when it occurs, please let Martha or me know. I have cc'd Martha on this email, so that you will be able to contact her if you have any suggestions. Please keep Martha, her employees, and the Malibu community in your prayers during this time of decisions and transition.

Thank you,

Shannon Latson

Other News and Guests at Malibu Rotary Club

Bill Wishard urged everyone who can possibly make it to attend the District Assembly June 20th at the Carson Community Center. It is there that plans for the 2015-16 Rotary year will be discussed.

Regular guest **Chris Bashaw** of the Malibu Surfside News attended the June 17th Malibu Rotary club meeting

Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher

Clean drinking water is a problem affecting millions of people around the world. A Malibu company, RainCatcher, is trying to solve the problem in an efficient manner. Much of their

work has been in Africa. 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. 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>

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

no afternoon meeting at Pepperdine Jun 24, 2015

Special evening event

Margo Neal's Demotion Party Jun 24, 2015

Evening Dinner Party —

We will be having the demotion party for Margo at :

Place: Gravina Malibu, 28925 Pacific Coast Hwy (PCH & Kanan) in Malibu

Date: Wednesday June 24

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$40 per person - this includes tip

Members Can Register themselves and guests online at MalibuRotary.org

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Martha Templeton

Artifac Tree

The Artifac Tree is a thrift shop in Malibu that raises funds to help the community. (see story in this newsletter)

Christian Pearce Jul 08, 2015

RYLA Experience

Christian Pearce and Keaton Brewster were chosen by the Malibu Rotary Club to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA) at the Alpine Conference Center in the San Bernardino Mountains near Blue Jay, CA in April, 2015. Keaton spoke to the Malibu Rotary Club about his experience on May 20. Christian will relate his experience on July 8.