



*The Award Winning*

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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 (2015-2016) K.R. Ravindran**
  - **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2015-2016): D.J. Sung**

**2016 Malibu Rotary Club Annual Middle and High School Singing Competition at Raitt Recital Hall is Another Big Success**



**Winners of the 2016 Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing Competition--  
Top Row High School Division Winners Maggie Valdman, Isabella Haagen,**

**Claire Anneet and Cat Evers---Bottom Row Middle School Division Winners  
Gina Marcellino, Alina Rose Armstrong and Scarlett Steinberg**

The 2016 Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Annual Singing Competition was held January 27st at Raitt Recital Hall at the Pepperdine University campus in Malibu. 15 singers from Amy Loch's Malibu Middle and High School choral classes competed for six prizes awarded by the Malibu Rotary Club.

Three winners in the Middle School division and four winners in the High School division were announced and cash prizes of \$200, \$100, and \$50 were awarded the night of the event to the first, second, and third place finishers in each division. A tie for third in the High School Division meant there were 4 awards given instead of 3 in that division, for a total of 7 awards given in all. Winner of the High School Division, Maggie Valdman, is being sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club to compete in the Rotary District 5280 Art, Dance, Music and Speech Competition to be held March 5th at Loyola Marymount University where a \$1000 prize is awarded to the 1st place winner. Previous winners in the Malibu Rotary Singing competition have done well in the District competition, where they have competed with singers and instrumentalists from throughout the Los Angeles area. The 2009 Malibu entrant Katlyn Connors placed 2nd in the district and the 2015 Malibu entrant Isobel Anthony placed 3rd.

The participants all qualified by performing material of their own choosing in front of Malibu Middle and High School Choral Director Amy Loch, and the 15 singers were all so good it was difficult for the panel of 5 judges to choose winners. Entrants were judged on Range, Pitch, Projection, Presentation and Style.

Middle School students who qualified to participate in the competition, in addition to the three winners, were Camille Anneet, Madison Ford, Aurelia Gallagher, Jersie Boyd, Bailey Mathews and Ben Burton. Qualifying high school student who participated, in addition to the four winners, were Emma Altobello and Isabella Thatcher.

Maggie Valdman, who was one of the winners in the 2015 Malibu Rotary Club Singing Competition singing and scatting a jazz song, showed her musical versatility, training, and incredible voice by singing opera this year, taking top honors (and an invitation to the Rotary District Music Competition at LMU on March 5) with her rendition of W. A. Mozart's *Voi Che Sapete*. High School second place winner Isabella Haagen also chose opera, when she sang Alvaro Carrilo's *Sabor a Mi*. There was a tie for third place in the High School Division, *between*

Claire Anneet, who sang Fred Ebb & John Kaders's *Maybe This Time* and Cat Evers, who sang Donida, Leiber and Stoller's *I Who Have Nothing*.



**High School Division Winners Maggie Valdman, Isabella Haagen, Claire Anneet and Cat Evers.**

Judges, as always, had a hard time deciding the winners. They decided to award two third place finishers. Unfortunately Malibu Rotary Club Treasurer, who wasn't present, had given only 6 blank checks to Margo Neal to present at the awards ceremony following the competition. The judges collected \$50.00 in cash among themselves to make sure that all the winners received their prizes.

The winners of the Middle School Division were Gina Marcellino, who was first place finisher singing Scanlan and Tesri's *Gimme Gimme*, Alina Rose Armstong, who sang another Scanlan and Tesori song *Not for the Life of Me*, and Scarlett Steinberg, who belted out the Funny Girl favorite by Bob Merrill and Jules Stein, *Don't Rain On My Parade*.



## **Middle School Division Winners Gina Marcellino, Alina Rose Armstong and Scarlett Steinberg**

The five judges were Terence Davis, Zoe Scott, Victoria Scott, Hunter Havens and John Elman.

Piano accompaniment for all performers was by Joellen McNaughton. Chair person for the event for the Malibu Rotary was Margo Neal.

50 to 60 people attended the event.

## **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher**

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya for new Raincatcher installations and maintenance of those previously intalled.. More about Raincatcher can be see on it website Raincatcher.org. A link to Raincatcher video is 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](http://maliburotary.org))

Charlie Klarskov Feb 03, 2016

Smart Money Fundamentals- retirement planning

Charlie Klarskov is part of a community outreach program from a radio show on KRLA called "Smart Money Fundamentals". The program offers educational talks to the public that address retirement planning, Social Security, and investing. They have given talks at UCLA, Santa Monica College, libraries, tech firms, churches and some Rotary clubs (Culver City, Palos Verdes, Torrance and

Carson-Gardena) and will be featured at the February 3 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club.

Deanell Reece Tacha, Dean Pepperdine School of Law Feb 10, 2016

Latest News From the Pepperdine Law School

Dean Tacha is the Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean of the School of Law and professor of law. She was appointed by President Reagan to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit where she served as a circuit judge from 1986-2011. She served as Chief Judge from January 2001 through 2007. Dean Tacha earned her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Kansas in 1968 and her juris doctorate from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1971. She was a White House Fellow (1971-1972).

She returned to the University of Kansas where she served as associate professor at its School of Law from 1974-1977 and as professor of law from 1977-1985. She served as associate dean from 1977-1979, as associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs from 1979-1981, and as vice chancellor for Academic Affairs between 1981-1985. In 1992, Dean Tacha received the KU Alumni Association's Fred Ellsworth Medallion for extraordinary service to the university and received its most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Citation, in 1996. In January of 2010, she was named "Kansan of the Year" by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

Rotary District Breakfast #3 Feb 11, 2016

Rotary District Breakfast #3 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Century Blvd, Los Angeles

Bernard Otis Feb 17, 2016

How to Prepare for Old Age ---- Without Taking the Fun Out of Life

Bernard Otis is an 87 year old very active Rotarian, Past President and a respected Writer, Speaker and Author. He has written a very witty, humorous and informative best Selling Book "How to Prepare for Old Age---Without Taking the Fun Out of Life" His talks at Rotary Clubs are receiving rave reviews,

"How to Prepare for Old Age (Without Taking the Fun Out of Life)" is a love story. Perhaps the title is a bit misleading and some may think it is merely a "how to" book. The message from this extraordinary man is about living the best life you can for as long as you can with love in your heart and a passion for living at any age. I first met Bernie Otis during a time when his beloved Anna was being treated for cancer. She was stage 4 and shortly on hospice. Bernie needed assistance at their home to care for Anna and through a referral from a mutual acquaintance, Bernie hired our agency to provide skilled attendant care for Anna during this very difficult time. After Anna's passing, Bernie was not only in mourning, but he, too, was struggling with his own physical challenges and subsequently needed some assistance from our agency. While our relationship began as business, we shortly became

friends. I learned of the depth and breadth of Bernie's commitment to living and watched as he turned his grief into a celebration of the life he shared with Anna.

Wynne Ritch Feb 24, 2016

Walking Through Time With Norman Rockwell

Wynne Ritch is a member and past president of the Greater Van Nuys Rotary Club. Last month he was featured at the Malibu Rotary Club sharing his unique experience in Vietnam. Wynne is an authority on the works of Norman Rockwell, and owns over 200 signed Rockwell prints and has a story and artifacts to go with each Rockwell piece--newspapers of the time and stories of people in Rockwell's paintings.

Wynne was an Eagle Scout as a teenager in 1960 and following his stint in the Marines was assistant executive director of the Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America for 32 years. Being associated with scouting that long, it is not surprising that Wynne became familiar with the art of Norman Rockwell. Rockwell is noted for his 64-year relationship with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), during which he produced covers for their publication *Boys' Life*, calendars, and other illustrations. These works include popular images that reflect the *Scout Oath* and *Scout Law* such as *The Scoutmaster*, *A Scout is Reverent* and *A Guiding Hand*, among many others.

Sprott Woods Mar 02, 2016

Hidden Tears Project

The Hidden Tears Project is a media awareness initiative on the issue of child trafficking of American children. According to statistics, 70 percent of global child trafficking cases are American-born, not foreign. Hidden Tears Project has recently gained the rights to film 12 short films on the book *Slave Next Door*.

[hiddentearsproject.org](http://hiddentearsproject.org)

Jennifer Linehan MD, Urologic Oncologist Mar 09, 2016

Advances in Urologic Oncology

Dr Jennifer Linehan is a urological oncologist at the John Wayne Cancer at Providence St. Johns Health Center in Santa Monica.

Dr. Linehan is an Associate Professor of Urology and Urologic Oncology. Her expertise and interests are minimally invasive approaches to urologic oncology and reconstructive urology, with a particular emphasis on robot assisted procedures. She also practices general urology, including both male and female voiding dysfunction and treatment for kidney stones.

Dr. Linehan completed her medical degree at the College of Medicine at the University of Arizona. She subsequently completed a general surgery internship and urology residency at the University of Arizona where she received the George M. Drach Award for the most compassionate urologic resident. She joined City of Hope in 2010, first as a fellow in urologic oncology and robotic surgery, followed by a staff appointment in the City of Hope Medical Group. She has received multiple research awards for her contributions in kidney cancer research and has published articles in a variety of medical journals.

She is an experienced robotic and laparoscopic surgeon who has also performed many endoscopic procedures.

Pete Peterson, Interim Dean Pep School Pub.Policy Mar 16, 2016

Running for Public Office (tentative)

Pete Peterson is Interim Dean Pep School of Public.Policy who ran for California Secretary of State in 2015. .7yF1GnV5.dpuf