



The Award Winning

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Check **Calendar** on Malibu Rotary website www.maliburotary.org

- **Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org**
- **Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/**
- **RI President (2015-2016) K.R. Ravindran**
 - **Rotary District 5280 Governor (2015-2016): D.J. Sung**

2016 Malibu Rotary Club High School Vocal Singing Competition Winner Maggie Valdman places second of 23 in Music Competition at Rotary District Pageant of the Arts at LMU March 5

Winner of the The Malibu Rotary Club High School Music Competition Maggie Valdman, was sponsored by the Malibu Rotary Club to compete in the Rotary District 5280 Art, Dance, Music and Speech Competition held March 5th at Loyola Marymount University where a where she competed against 23 instrumentalists and vocalists in the Los Angeles area Rotary district. She was the top vocalist and 2nd overall in the music competition, winning the \$500.00 2nd place prize. Previous winners in the Malibu Rotary Singing competition have done well in the District competition, The 2009 Malibu entrant Katlyn Conners placed 2nd in the district and

the 2015 Malibu entrant Isobel Anthony placed 3rd.



At the Rotary District Music Competition held March 5 Maggie Renee Valdman (L) placed 2nd in overall music competition (first among vocalists) winning \$500 scholarship singing “Voi Che Sapete” from “The Marriage of Figaro” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Annette Lee (2nd from left), who was sponsored by the Koreatown Rotary Club, playing “Etude de Concert” by Marcel Toumier on harp took

first place prize of \$1000 scholarship and Daniel Ip (far right) sponsored by the LA5 Rotary Club took 3rd place playing Kabalersky Senat For Piano No. 3. On either side of Rotary District Governor DJ Sun were 3 Honorable Mention Music Competition winners.



Each of the record 23 participants in the Rotary District 5280 music competition received a certificate of participation. In the picture above Malibu Rotary Club entrant Maggie Valdman is receiving her certificate on the stage at Loyola Marymount Univeristy, flanked by the other 22 participants.



Alex Vejar's picture in *Malibu Surfside News* of 2016 Malibu Rotary High School Singing Competition first place winner Maggie Valdman. Maggie chose to sing "Voi Che Sapete" from "The Marriage of Figaro" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at both the Malibu Rotary Competition and the Rotary District Competition. In previous years Maggie finished

third in the Malibu Rotary Competition singing jazz songs. Her classical training impressed judges at both club and district competition this year.

More About Maggie Renee Valdman

Maggie Valdman uses the stage name Maggie Renee, and she already has accomplished a lot in her 17 years. The day before her appearance at the Rotary District Music Competition at Loyola Marymount University she was auditioning at Julliard in New York, where she was offered a 2nd call back audition. Maggie has a website <http://music.maggiereene.com/home>, on which she has multiple videos, audio tracks for download and offers her latest CD Craziest Feelings. Among the videos on the site is one from the 2014 Malibu Rotary Club Vocal Competition at Stauffer Chapel at Peppderdine where she performed Etta Jame "At Last." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qPaPbUjwp4>.

We have also found a YouTube video done at Malibu High School of the Malibu Rotary Club 2015 singing competition winner Isobel Anthony and 2016 music competition winner Maggie Valdman singing an operatic duet of "Belle nuit, ô nuit d'amour" with Malibu High School Orchestra conducted by Dr. Maia Zander. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-ox0WknqTE>

Maggie is adept at singing opera, jazz, and all genres of pop music. Maggie also hosts a weekly showcase talent nights at the Renaissance Performing Arts Center in Canoga Park, CA. each Friday night She performs her original music and cover songs and invites all young (and young-at-heart) fans to come and watch her show and even take part in these showcases by showing off their talent! For more information checkout her website.

This is Maggie's bio from her website:

A young vocalist, Maggie Reneé Valdman, has been singing since she was 5 years old. She has performed at the House of Blues, Carnegie Hall, Sagebrush Cantina, Disneyland, Pierce College, and a variety of other venues. She has been in musicals, theater productions, regularly volunteers at fundraisers and is a member of her High School Choir and Chamber Singers. Maggie is a great student, a black belt in Karate, is on the High School Volleyball and Basketball Teams, and has been accepted to two of the top Performing Arts High Schools. In the summer of 2014 she won the "Dream Ticket" to American Idol and a 5 week full tuition scholarship to the Berklee College of Music summer program for 2015. Her 1st album, called "Craziest Feelings," produced by a team of Grammy Award winning producer Ted Perlman and Peggi Blue ("Vocal Coach From Hell" from American Idol) was released on October 1st, 2014. Maggie Renee loves all genres of music and has been influenced by classical, jazz, pop, r&b, rock, and

folk ballads. Some of her musical influences include: Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Barbra Streisand, Renee Fleming, Taylor Swift, Jason Mraz and Adele.

"Maggie Reneé, a talented young singer with an amazing mezzo-soprano voice, makes her performances unforgettable!" - a teacher recently wrote after Maggie won a local competition. In addition to having a great voice, she has a big heart and a love for all kinds of music: jazz, pop, r&b, rock, and folk ballads. She loves to entertain and to write original songs. Her dream is to solo at the Staples Center and she won't give up until she reaches her goal. She has the support and love of her family and friends who encourage her to pursue her dream and to share her vocal gift with the world! In her free time, Maggie loves to spend time with her family and friends, play guitar and piano, go camping, and traveling.

Jason Gurwitz and Jordan Marinov Talk about the “[Hidden Tears Project](#).” increasing awareness of human trafficking



Jason Gurwitz, founder Green Dog Films, www.greendogfilm.com; films include anti Trafficking films Until They Come Home, Avenged, Broken Kingdom and companion documentary Kingdom Dome(Showtime, Itunes, Amazon), one listest already (...Tears...etc), and a Jordan Marinov, producer/choreographer/actress, appeared all over world, including recent Loyola Marymount University; Artistic Director of Marinov Dance. They were featured at Rotary World Peace Conference in Ontario January 16

Jason and Jordan talked about a problem that is happening across America, including Malibu, but those who have been affected by it rarely talk about it. It is a problem of 20th century slave

trade. The victims are generally 12 to 17 year old females. The perpetrators may be pimps of one sort or another. Often they promise the girls all sorts of things which they can't deliver. Sometimes it is outright kidnapping.

We ask how can this happen? Won't parents and schools let authorities know? The answer is that because of the techniques used neither parents nor teachers and authorities at schools want police authorities to know.

According to the Hidden Hills Project its website hiddentearproject.org

“Everyday, Americans wake up: in cities, in the country, in their homes. They rise to diaper changes and hot showers, business meetings and Facebook updates.

They wake up in their lives.

But for an estimated 100,000 under aged American children, their lives have been sold.

And each day, each hour, brings about torment, terror, and trauma.

These are the victims of the fastest growing illegal industry today: human trafficking and enslavement.

They are in every state and major city, all over America.

83% of victims in sex trafficking cases are American citizens, the majority aged between 12 & 14

300,000 underaged American girls are at risk for being trafficked into sex each year.

Sex trafficking and organ harvesting of children are multi-billion dollar enterprises that thrive and depend upon invisibility.

The Hidden Tears Project is a short-form television series created to spark mainstream awareness about the sex trafficking and organ harvesting of American children. We're a passionate group of writers, actors, directors, and advisors who believe that with more awareness, the epidemic of human trafficking in America can be stopped.”

Jordan Marinov is a dance choreographer who showed a video at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of a dance work interpreting the feelings of victims of human trafficking. Jason and Jordan are soliciting artists, screenwriters, and police experts to bring aware of human trafficking problem. Among those listed on the projects website and the works that they are noted for:

ARTISTS -TALENT – ACTIVISTS – EXPERTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT

FOUNDERS / PRODUCERS

Jason Gurvitz & Jordan Marinov

WRITERS

Akele Cooper – Grimm, The 100

Safia M. Dirie – Power

Elisabeth Finch – Grey’s Anatomy, True Blood and The Vampire Diaries.

Sam Forman – House of Cards

Robert Forman – Izombie

Janeika James – Empire

Jasheika James – Empire

Ubah Mohammad – The Whispers

Lewaa Nasserdeen – The Goldbergs

Ryan Scott – Graceland

PRODUCERS

Charles Berg, Producer – Wristcutters, Being Charlie

Deborah Del Prete, Producer – Green Street Hooligans, Ender’s Game

ACTORS

Ronnie Blevins – True Detective

Hemky Madera – Weeds, Queen of the South

Manny Montana – Graceland

Monica Raymund – Chicago Fire

Jessy Schram – Mad Men, Once Upon a Time

DIRECTORS/ANIMATORS

Gil Junger, director – 10 Things I Hate About You, Ellen

Camille Thoman, director – You Were Never Here

Liron Topaz, animator, Dreamworks – Kung Fu Panda 2

EXPERTS/ACTIVISTS/ADVISORS

Kim Biddle – Executive Director, Saving Innocence Organization

Lieutenant Andre Dawson, Officer in Charge, LAPD Human Trafficking Unit, Supervisor, FBI Innocence Lost Task Force

Jeff Gordon, President & Founder Writers BootCamp

Carole Kirschner, Director of WGA Showrunner Training Program

Akili Nickson, Former Los Angeles Prosecutor

Henderson R. Cooper, Former Covert Operations Officer, US Government, Former LAPD Detective

Malibu Rotary Club Looks for high school students to send to RYLA



What is RYLA? It is an all-expense paid intensive training/experiential program for 180 high school sophomores and juniors, who are chosen for their proven and potential leadership abilities by Rotary clubs in District 5280. During the course of two days, they participate in a variety of activities, including active leadership workshops, team building activities, an Olympics and talent show. The assembly is staffed by approximately 30 male and female adults, most of whom are Rotarians, who provide supervision of the students at all times.

Some of the topics addressed are

- * Fundamentals of leadership
- * Ethics of positive leadership
- * Qualities of a “servant leader”
- * Importance of communications skills in effective leadership
- * Conflict management and problem solving
- * Building self-esteem and self confidence
- * Elements of community and global citizenship
- * Rotary’s purpose of service to the community and world

Where: Students chosen by Rotary District 5280 participate in an all-expense paid camp held at the Alpine Conference Center in the San Bernardino Mountains near Blue Jay, California.

When: April 29, 30, & May 1, 2016.

How to participate? High School students in the Malibu area who are sophomores and juniors and are interested in developing leadership skills and making a host of new friends should contact David Baird, 24315 Baxter Drive, Malibu, CA (dbaird@pepperdine.edu; 310-749-0774 cell; 424-644-0354 home) before March 1, 2016. In a letter of application by the latter date, each interested student should write no more than three, single spaced paragraphs introducing themselves, describing some of their service activities, explaining why they are interested in RYLA and what they would hope to gain from participating in a leadership development assembly like RYLA. The two students chosen to represent the Malibu Rotary Club in the RYLA camp will be notified by March 8th of their selection.

When student has been selected parent should download and complete the RYLA Application and send it with the documentation indicated on form to the address on the application before March 15.

Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President-Elect Delvin Glymph said he learned a lot at PETS this past week end, meeting lots of new and veteran Rotarians and will be telling us more about the new Rotary year when we have the Malibu Rotary Club Breakfast Assembly at our normal meeting place at Pepperdine LC 152 on March 23 at 7:30 a.m.

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 Calendar on maliburotary.org)

Speaker	Date	Topic
Jennifer Linehan MD, Urologic Oncologist	Mar 09, 2016	<p>Understanding Prostate Cancer Screening and Bladder Function</p> <p>Prostate cancer screening is a hot topic. Should you get screened? We will talk about the controversy surrounding prostate cancer screening and bladder function. As you age, this changes, causing pain, urinary tract infections, bladder cancer, and other common conditions.</p> <p>Dr Jennifer Linehan is a urological oncologist at the John V. Astor Center for Urology at the University of California, San Diego.</p> <p>Dr. Linehan is an Associate Professor of Urology at the University of California, San Diego. She has a variety of clinical approaches to urologic oncology and reconstructive urology. She practices general urology, including both clinical and research.</p> <p>Dr. Linehan completed her medical degree at the University of California, San Diego, followed by a general surgery internship and urology residency at the University of California, San Diego. She was the most compassionate urologic resident. She completed her urology fellowship at the University of California, San Diego, followed by a staff appointment in the Department of Urology at the University of California, San Diego. She has made significant contributions in kidney cancer research.</p> <p>She is an experienced robotic and laparoscopic surgeon.</p>
Pete Peterson, Interim Dean Pep School Pub.Policy	Mar 16, 2016	<p>Running for Public Office (tentative)</p> <p>Pete Peterson is Interim Dean Pep School of Public.Policy</p>
Delvin Glymph	Mar 23,	Future of Malibu Rotary Club Discussed at Special 7:30 A.M.

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	2016	Future of Malibu Rotary Club Discussed at Special 7:30am.
Sean McCaffery	Mar 30, 2016	Childrens Life Safe Foundation
Rotary District Breakfast #4	Apr 05, 2016	Rotary District Breakfast #4 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Cen
Yuko Saito-Rodriguez	Apr 06, 2016	<p>Why California is still the best place to live and work Why California is still the best place to live and work.</p> <p>California: the manufacturing capital of the United Sta The Amazon Effect Climate Change Legislation How raw land gets selected for development</p> <p>Attend the meeting and learn what impact these topics ha Yuko Saito-Rodriguez is a Regional Manager for Velur Ente The company offers a safe investment vehicle to help grow Her professional experience includes the following:</p> <p>Manager of the Year 2011, Platinum Club 2010, 2011, Leading a team of 12 licensed agents for the last 10 ye Land Investment Consultant for private fund managers Responsible for managing land portfolios in excess of 5</p>
David Zielski	Apr 13, 2016	<p>Malibu Rotary Club Assembly--Open Discussion to Bring Cl This will be a club assembly to provide and opportunity f completion.</p>