



ABOVE: Maija Hunter (left) and Geoff Hunter pose together in 1920s attire during the Malibu Senior Center's 12th anniversary party. PHOTOS BY SUZY DEMETER/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

RIGHT: City Councilwoman Laura Rosenthal (left) poses with her father Len Zahn.

Senior Center celebrates 12 years

STAFF REPORT

On Thursday, April 24, the Malibu Senior Center celebrated at Malibu City Hall

its 12th anniversary.

Attendees dressed in 1920s party clothes and enjoyed dancing, appetizers and give-a-ways.



ABOVE: An attendee of the Malibu Senior Center's 12th anniversary party selects food items.

LEFT: Dressed as a 1920s flapper, Jan Gentry poses with a drink.

Resident wins recognition for artwork

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Eighteen-year Malibu resident Daniela Schweitzer had two of her paintings selected by a juried panel to be included in the 30th annual Made in California Juried Exhibition at the City of Brea Art Gallery.

Schweitzer's painting, "Conversation at the Beach," won first place out of approximately 1,000 statewide entries. Inspired by a photograph she took of two women talking and enjoying a day at the beach, the piece is a 48-inch-by-48-inch acrylic on canvas painting that Schweitzer painted in the fall of 2014.

The annual Made in California Exhibition celebrates the tradition of displaying the works of established artists from all over California will revealing new creative movements in the California art scene. The exhibition runs until May 8.



Daniela Schweitzer smiles with two of her paintings at the Made in California Juried Exhibition. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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for her father Frederick Kohner's 1957 best seller Gidget, which introduced mid-century America to the then-exotic sport of "surfing." The grown-up Gidget (her beach nickname, short for "girl midget"), now a grandma, remains as irrepressible as the teenager who rode the waves with Moondoggie and the Great Kahoonah. After the Storytime, Gidget will share her memories of mid-century Malibu and sign copies of Gidget until 3:30 p.m.

At 2 p.m., Pitzer College professor Phil Zuckerman will discuss and sign Living the Secular Life: New Answers to Old Questions. In his provocative new book, Zuckerman explores an age-old question: which came first, morality or God? The author contends that it's not necessary to subscribe to an organized religion or even to believe in a deity to live a moral life. His

book combines sociological research with extensive in-depth interviews with secularists across the country to reveal the convictions and values which help the unchurched to navigate the complexities of moral life and to raise their children to be ethical and principled citizens. At a time when "none" has become the fastest-growing religion in the United States, Zuckerman's book is a must-read both for secularists seeking deeper insight into their own world view and for religious people seeking to better understand the rise of irreligion in today's society.

Phil Zuckerman is a professor of sociology and secular studies at Pitzer College and the founder of the college's interdisciplinary Department of Secular Studies, the first in the nation. Zuckerman's other books include Faith No More and Society Without God. Living the Secular Life has been the subject of op-ed pieces in both the New York Times and

the Los Angeles Times, and was included in Publishers Weekly's year-end roundup of the best books of 2014.

At 4 p.m., Bank of Books Malibu will conclude its celebration of both Independent Bookstore Day and Poetry Month with a Poetry Afternoon, featuring Malibu's Ellen Reich reading from her new book Sacrifices Have To Be Human. A creative writing instructor at Santa Monica College's Malibu satellite campus, Ellen Reich's poetry has been featured in several anthologies and in her previous book Reverse Kiss. There will be an open-mic after the reading.

Bank of Books Malibu is located in the Point Dume Plaza, 29169 Heathercliff Road, at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Heathercliff Road in Malibu.

For more information about the store's Independent Bookstore Day activities, call Bank of Books Malibu at (310) 457-5699.