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## **Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter**

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- 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

**Marshall Thompson, Brad Davis, and Ciana Grove Talk About the Malibu Emergency Preparedness Network in the City of Malibu**



Writer, producer, director and photographer Marshall Thompson (L), introduced Ciana Grove (2<sup>nd</sup> from L) and Brad Davis (R) at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on April 1. Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal (2<sup>nd</sup> from R) presided over the meeting. Brad Davis is the City of Malibu Emergency Services Coordinator, and heads the Malibu Emergency Preparedness Network. Ciana Grove works for the Wilderness Institute in Malibu, which sells backpacks, like the one carried by Marshall, which contains essential items useful for survival in a large scale emergency. The Malibu City Emergency Preparedness website is <https://www.malibucity.org/index.aspx?nid=225>. Website for the Wilderness Institute is [WildernessInstitute.com](http://WildernessInstitute.com)

For those of us who have lived in Malibu for a few years we have come to expect natural disasters from minor to major. When the three speakers who came to address the Malibu Rotary Club on April 1 asked how many people in the room had lost homes in Malibu fires, at least 2 (Malibu Rotary Club President **Margo Neal** and the eldest Malibu Rotarian, Margo's neighbor **Fred Cornet**) both admitted to having endured such a tragic event.

We haven't yet had the big earthquake, but a major disaster could happen at any time. The City of Malibu Emergency Preparedness Program was established to coordinate the City's response to disasters, such as fires, floods, earthquakes, and storms.

Under the City Manager's direction, the Emergency Services Coordinator is responsible for maintenance and implementation of the City's Emergency Operations Plan, which includes:

- Training of City staff and community volunteers
- Equipping and managing the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Overseeing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Managing the City's [emergency notification systems](#)

Brad Davis is the city's Emergency Services Coordinator. He was previously was with FEMA and has worked for the City of Malibu for 11 years. His message was clear. Don't expect first responders—fire and paramedics to get to you during a major disaster. Roads into, out of and through Malibu might be blocked. There are only 17 fire fighters assigned to Malibu. In a large area fire they will have to chose where to deploy. You may not have or be able to get to food, water, and other essentials. That is why it is important that residents take the responsibility to be prepared, both in materials and training.

Brad Davis tells us to be aware and prepare. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in City Hall and the Emergency Preparedness Network (EPN) not only includes the Brad Davis and City of Malibu, but the Malibu Chamber as well. A member of the Chamber will be in EOC and members of Chamber are part of the EPN. Disasters affect residences, businesses and government. During major disasters 40% of businesses do not survive. An added value of chamber membership is being part of Emergency Premium Network.

To be prepared for disaster means to have a plan in place, and be self sufficient for at least a few days. The human body needs food and water to survive. A human can go for more than three weeks without food (Mahatma Gandhi survived 21 days of complete starvation), but water is a different story. A human cannot survive more than a few days without water. A Go bag is should be created with water and health essentials. If normal communications are down which out of state relative should be contacted? Where should everyone go?

Malibu City offers quarterly CPR/AED classes for \$40 per class

Brad's department also encourages and trains people to be part of the **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**. This is a 21 hour class and is free.

Brad introduced Ciana Grove of The Wilderness Institute at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting. Ciana had with her a backpack with survival items that is sold by the Wildlife Institute, which is located in Malibu. Among items in the pack was a water filter, that can be used to make safe drinking water from contaminated water. There was also food that when sealed has a shelf life of 30 years, and a shelf life of 1 year after opening. There was also wind up battery charger that can be used to charge batteries for flashlight, radio and cell phone.

Because of limited time at the meeting Ciana sent this editor the following e-mail and attachments (included with this newsletter) for more information:

Hi Malibu Rotarians:

It was great to be able to present to some of your members this afternoon at the meeting!

For those of you who were not in attendance we shared a two person basic emergency pack. The Malibu Emergency Preparedness Network is encouraging everyone to be prepared. Having an emergency pack in each of your cars and your place of business and home is a perfect way to start.

Here is the link to the pack on our Wilderness Institute on-line store:

<http://wildernessinstitute.thrivelife.com/2015-providence-basic-2-person-kit.html?SID=ppdflec18r9lp3ute2d9mpt2>

Feel free to check into other items in the store. The Freeze Dried foods are delicious and have a 30 yr shelf life and approximately 1 yr shelf life once opened.

We mentioned the Sawyer Mini Water filter that purified 100,000 gallons. The link for that is:

<https://www.thrivelife.com/catalogsearch/result/?order=relevance&dir=desc&q=sawyer+mini+Water+Filtration+System>

If you have any interest in The Wilderness Institute coming to do a presentation on emergency preparedness for your neighbors, friends or colleagues at your work or home we would be happy to do so.

Last but not least we shared a free event that we are extending an invitation for you to join on May 2. It is called the "Wheel to the Sea". We have been offering this event twice a year for the last thirty years. It is a challenge hike for people in wheelchairs and we are especially

looking for military veterans to include in the event either as a volunteer wheelchair pusher or as a wheelchair participant. If you know someone who might benefit from this event please pass this information along. (see attached).

Have a wonderful Malibu day!

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### **Malibu Rotary Club Presents Check to Malibu Community Labor Exchange**



**Malibu Rotary Club President Margo Neal (L) presents \$500 check to Kay Gabbard, Chairman of the Board of the Malibu Labor Exchange.**

The Malibu Community Labor Exchange opened its doors and hosted its first work lottery on August 31, 1993. Today, the City of Malibu continues to contract with the MCLE to run the site at a trailer office on L.A. County property near the Malibu Civic Center and County Courthouses.

The only paid employee of MCLE is Oscar Mondragón, who joined the Labor Exchange in January of 1993 after over 10 years working with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers.


In 2010, the Labor Exchange celebrated its 20th Anniversary. Having registered over 5000 workers and helped facilitate thousands of day jobs at no cost to the workers or the hirers, Malibu's Labor Exchange is one of the oldest such hiring sites for day laborers serving all races and backgrounds in the state. It is supported by the City of Malibu, the Malibu Chamber, Wells Fargo Bank, local churches and other local service organizations and individuals. There is a 16 member volunteer board, currently headed by Kay Gabbard, which meets monthly.

MCLE will have a new trailer office in the near future.

## Highlights of Last Rotary District Breakfast (March 31)



**Scott Greenberg**



Why is it that in the same external conditions, with similar resources, some leaders thrive while others flounder? The difference is the third factor - mindset — the way we manage the thoughts and emotions that impact every thing we do. This is the most distinguishing element high performance. It's what enables us to clear our heads, make better decisions and enhance our relationships. Develop this mental edge and you'll become unstoppable. Scott will show us how to optimize your mindset for maximum performance and lead others to do the same.

Malibu Rotary Club had its own table at the Rotary District Breakfast on Tuesday March 31. Seven members of the Malibu Rotary Club plus winter guest PDG



Tom Bos attended the District Breakfast which was the last Rotary District Breakfast this Rotary year and the last one at the City Club building in on the 51<sup>st</sup> floor of the Citibank building in downtown Los Angeles. Malibu Rotarians attending were **Margo Neal, David Zielski, Delvin Glymph, William Wishard, Shannon Latson, Peter Formosa** and John Elman.

Starting in July 28<sup>th</sup> the Rotary district breakfasts will be back at the Westin LAX Hotel. This breakfast featured District youth projects done by high school Interact clubs and college Rotaract club in district 5280. The meeting was led by high school Interact district governor and the college Rotaract District Governor. All in attendance were inspired by keynote speaker Scott Greenberg, who after developing cancer at age 22 showed everyone how to optimize your mindset of maximum performance.

In pictures above the Rotaract District Governor Jermaine Ee of Rotaract Club of USC (R) is seen shaking hands with keynote speaker Scott Greenberg while Interact governor holds microphone. Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard is seen at podium address opportunities of Rotarians in Special Olympics games being staged in Los Angeles July 25 - August 2, 2015.



## Malibu Rotary Club Entrant Isobel Anthony Takes 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Rotary District Music Competition



Isobel Anthony, a junior at Malibu High School, took third prize in the Rotary District 5280 Music Competition held March 28th at Loyola Marymount University.

Isobel was sponsored in the competition by the Malibu Rotary Club after winning the local club's music competition. At LMU Isobel had to compete against high school instrumental and vocal entrants sponsored by other clubs in the Los Angeles district and judged by a panel of music professors from three local universities. Although third in the overall music competition Isobel garnered the most votes among vocalists.

The overall winner for the Rotary District 5280 was violinist Aileen Kim from Palos Verdes High School. Second place winner was pianist Irene Lee.

Malibu Rotarians Margo Neal, Bill Wishard and John Elman all attended the District competition.

## **Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting**

Guests were the 3 speakers **Marshall Thompson, Brad Davis and Ciana Grove** and **Kay Gabbard**, Chairman of the Board of the Malibu Labor Exchange.

**Dave Zielski** will be out of town for the next 4 weeks on 2 trips for RainCatcher. He will be going to Arizona one week and then to check on installations for Raincatcher in Africa for three weeks (see story on Raincatcher below).

## **Bill Wishard appointed 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. Bill spoke about this at the Rotary District Breakfast March 31 at the City Club in Los Angeles, and will be speaking about it at the District Assembly on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Special Olympics will have 7,000 athletes from 177 countries.

Rotarians to 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.

## **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](http://maliburotary.org))

### **April 8 2015 Harold Mintz**

#### **“Spare Parts—An Organ Donation Story”**

Harold Mintz acts as the communications director, among other things, for Shady Acres Entertainment. Harold left Washington DC a few years ago to take a position working closely with Shadyac. He spent much of last year on the road promoting ShadyAcres most recent project, the documentary "I AM," a documentary citing scientific and anecdotal evidence that all life is interconnected and that we can make profound impacts in people's lives by making meaningful connections.

In 2000, Harold donated his left kidney to help someone who had been on the transplant waiting list for more than a decade. In his spare time, Harold enjoys speaking with high schoolers on the topic of organ donation and to encourage everyone to sign their driver's licenses to become future organ donors.

### **April 15, 2015**

**Malibu Rotary Club Assembly**  
**Margo Neal and Bob Syvertsen**

The April 15, 2015 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club, tax day, will be a Malibu Rotary Club Assembly where the club budget for the last quarter of the Rotary year will be discussed.

**May 6, 2015**

**Mati Waiya, Chumash Ceremonial Elder**

**Wishtoyo Foundation--Preserving Chumash Culture in Malibu**

"Wishtoyo was founded in 1997 by Chumash ceremonial elder, Mati Waiya and our mission is to address modern day environmental issues by preserving and utilizing the ancient wisdom of Chumash culture and inspiring the public and its youth to have environmental awareness and responsibility for sustaining the health of our land, air, and water. At the heart of our programming is the Chumash Discovery Village, an authentic recreation of a working Native American village next to Nicholas Canyon Beach in Malibu. We provide education programming to over 3,000 school children per year and we open our doors to the general public one Sunday per month. Our board members include: Beau Bridges (actor), Terry Tamminen (Schwarzenegger administration), Carole Goldberg (Vice Chancellor UCLA), Debora Sanchez (Supreme Court Judge) and David Kaplan (Surfdog Records). For more information about us, you can visit our website at [www.wishtoyo.org](http://www.wishtoyo.org) or see us in the Malibu