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## **Odds and Ends in CCB140**

**By John W Elman**

One of the neat things about meeting at Pepperdine University is all the great meeting rooms that are available on campus, ready with overhead projector for a speaker's PowerPoint, DVD, or whatever. Since the Malibu Rotary Club is unable to meet 3 Wednesday in August at its customary place, the Hahn Fireside Room in the campus cafeteria building, it has afforded us the opportunity to forge for new places both last week, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> (when we met in CCB 140), the auditorium in the Communications and Business Building and next week, August 12<sup>th</sup>, when the Malibu Rotary Club will be meeting in the Faculty Dining Room, adjacent to the Hahn Fireside Room. Each week as I go to the Malibu Rotary meetings I make sure I have pen and paper to take notes, bringing with me a legal pad reserved for that purpose. Last week's meeting was no exception. I brought my pen and legal pad and took copious notes at the beginning of the meeting. But I also brought my laptop computer. When I created the new Malibu Rotary Club website in February after Microsoft wiped out the old website, I attempted to give an interactive presentation in the Fireside Room, but was unable to do so because that room does not seem to connect very well to the Internet. I had taken my laptop around campus and know there are certain places where you can get a wireless internet signal and certain places where you can't. CCB 140 is one of those places where you can get an internet connection. So before the meeting was over I wanted to show those in attendance how members of the Malibu Rotary Club can log on to the Malibu Rotary Club website ([www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)) and make changes to their profile, upload pictures, create events, and show attendance make-up that they have done at other clubs. We saw how to change Fred Cornet's e-mail address, and I created a new event, Rotary Booth at the Chili Cook-Off on September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>, that members can sign on to volunteer hours to sell water at this annual fund raiser.

When I was finished with my presentation, I turned off and packed up all the electric and computer gear and went home. It wasn't till the next day that I realized that the legal pad that I had used to take notes at the beginning of the meeting had been left in CCB 140. I went back the following morning and there was a large group having a meeting in the room, which was darkened to accommodate the PowerPoint presentation being given. I went to Public Safety to

see if anyone had turned in my legal pad. Nobody had.

What is significant about that is that we had two visiting Rotarians who somehow found out that the Malibu Rotary Club was meeting in CCB 140. Most Malibu Rotarians didn't know we were meeting in CCB 140, and we hadn't even decided for sure that we were meeting there until the day before. Even those who knew there was a meeting there didn't know where it was.

Who were these visitors and how did they find out that we were meeting in CCB 140? Perhaps they had gone to our website (which told of our transient meeting site). Both of the guests had Pepperdine backgrounds. The unfortunate thing is that details about these people were in my missing notes. There was a fellow named Bruce from a city near Atlanta, GA, who was at Pepperdine University teaching a class this summer. It's the second visiting Rotarian that my missing notes directly affects. She was a new member of the Encinitas Rotary Club. The new members of that club are given a Red Badge with duties to perform before they are given a Blue Badge which means they have fulfilled their assignments. Her last assignment was to visit another Rotary Club and exchange flags with the club she was visiting. I remember that she worked as a kinesiologist and was a graduate of Pepperdine. Because we were not in our normal meeting room we had no flags for her, but she had one for us. So I had gotten her address and written it down on that missing legal pad. I have e-mailed the Encinitas Rotary Club to find out who she is. Bill said he take the Malibu Rotary Club flag to her at an Encinitas Rotary Club meeting.

### ***WASRAG-Water And Sanitation Rotary Action Group***

**Bill Wishard** had the opportunity to meet last week with Dr Ron Denham, from Toronto, Canada, who is chairman of WASRAG—the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (see [www.Wasrag.org](http://www.Wasrag.org)) while he was in town for a conference of world leaders on water and sanitation that was sponsored by the Hilton Foundation.

We can find much of the story on the internet. We take clean water and sanitation for granted, but in third world countries a majority of the people have access to neither clean water or nor sanitation. More than 2.6 billion people - over 40 per cent of the world's population - do not have access to basic sanitation, and more than one billion people still use unsafe sources of drinking water, warns a report released in 2004 by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF.

Entitled Meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) drinking water and sanitation target - A mid-term assessment of progress, the report details the progress of individual countries, regions, and the world as a whole between the MDG baseline year of 1990 and the half-way mark of 2002. It makes two significant predictions on reaching the 2015 goals<sup>1</sup>, based on progress to date:

- The global sanitation target will be missed by half a billion people - most of them in rural Africa and Asia - allowing waste and disease to spread, killing millions of children and leaving millions more on the brink of survival.

- The world is on track to meet the drinking water target.

The Rotary Foundation is doing as much as any organization in trying to bring clean drinking water and sanitation to the third world, and Denham believes it may be the big push of Rotary after polio eradication. But there are many problems with many of the current program. The Rotary matching grant process requires Rotary Clubs in the host countries to contribute to the water projects, in addition to the foreign clubs (like those in the US and Canada who put up most of the money). There have been cases where Rotary Clubs have been formed in the needy third world country for the sole purpose of getting a matching grant for a water project. But people in the host country have to sustain and maintain the developed water facility. According to Denham, 30% of water wells in third world countries fail after 5 years.

Bill said that Dr Denham is a wealth of information on the subject of the worldwide water and sanitation problem and believes he can get him to speak at a future Rotary Club meeting. If so it will probably be a joint meeting with other clubs.

You can get a glimpse of Dr Denham speaking on YouTube at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfYZ93VOXco>

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

At a prior meeting **Jack Corrodi** told us that the before and after school program at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School in Malibu has about 65 kids in it. About 15 of the kids are on scholarship. The cost of the scholarship programs has partially been funded by contributions of the paying parents and others but \$17,000 is needed. The Malibu Kiwanis Club and the Malibu Optimist Club has made recent contributions and Jack asked the Malibu Rotary Club to help at the meeting of July 29. The members present voted to contribute \$500 to the Juan Cabrillo after school program. In addition Malibu Rotary Club President Holmes Osborne said the Rotary District wanted the Malibu Rotary Club to contribute \$500 toward the Gang Initiative. We sent checks to both of these groups following our Aug 5 meeting.

**Chris Bauman** has more raffle tickets for the Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner & Casino Night at the Carson Community October 3<sup>rd</sup>, for which the Malibu Rotary Club already was reserving a table for 10 at a cost of \$75.00 per person.. Grand prize is timeshare in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico including 60,000 frequent flyer miles on Alaska Airlines. Second Prize is \$1000 cash and third prize is \$500 gift certificate to Gearys Beverly Hills.

## **Use of Hahn Fireside Room--**

### **Finding Where Malibu Rotary is Meeting This Month**

August 5, Wednesday

CCB 140 has been reserved for Malibu Rotary Club on Wednesday August 5 at 7:30 a.m. Jack Corrodi will bring food. CCB 140 is located in the Communications and Business building. Enter campus from Malibu Canyon Road, ask for token, and continue up campus road past Smothers Theater (which is on left) to parking lot just past theater on right. CCB 140 is on first floor of the building. On the left side of that building is Pepperdine Public Safety (aka campus police) and you will see a lot of campus police vehicles.

August 12, Wednesday

Faculty Dining Room has been reserved for Malibu Rotary Club on August 12 (various FR improvements during this week)

August 19<sup>th</sup> will meet in Fireside Room with Michael Schultz speaking on the "costs of DUI."

August 26, Wednesday

Unfortunately, due to NSO, there is not another space on campus available. We will be dark this date.

### **\$\$\$ Don't Forget the Syvertsen Deal! \$\$\$**

"What's the Syvertsen deal?" you ask. It a special deal given to Members of the Malibu Rotary Club to help them pay for the minimum Rotary Foundation \$100 raffle tickets. I asked by Bob to explain it:

For each club member who has paid the entire amount due to the club, as reflected by the 7/1/09 statements, by September 30 the club will send \$100 and the raffle ticket stubs to district 5280. As there are some drawings prior to the event, we will forward the stubs and \$100 when each bill is fully paid at three different dates:

July 29.

August 26. and

September 30, 2009.

You of course can get more raffle tickets from Chris Bauman, but \$100 contribution is minimum.

## Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Place and the Options at Pepperdine University

Earlier in the summer Chris Bauman outlined some of the conclusions we had about our meeting place at Pepperdine:

In short, they will continue to set up the tables as usual through the summer. If, during the summer, a situation arises where they are unable to set up the room for us due to the room being occupied the day/evening prior, I will receive a phone call alerting us of the situation. We can then elect to either take the room 'as-is' or pay the additional set up fee of \$68.

We also spoke of the possibility of them checking a key out to me to have access to the tables in the instance we accept the room 'as-is' and there are no tables available. We would then set up our own tables; which is not to assume that we would not possibly face the situation of having 100 chairs set up in the room from the prior event.

After the summer, In August, we can revisit the longer term solution and decide the best route.

Hope this helps,  
**Chris Bauman**



*Editors Note: Most of you know how strongly I feel about the Project TRIUMPH program conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. The program brought 10 teenage*



*Arab and 10 teenage Jewish students from Israel to a leadership camp in Simi Valley where they all learned to work together, develop leaders skills before returning to Israel to use what they learned back home. Most of*

*us feel helpless in trying to find a solution to the constant war in the Mid East, but at least this program is trying to do something, In the last issue of The Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter I had written about e-mail communications I had had with Frances Fuji of the Project TRIUMPH organizing committee. She had written*

“In light of the current economic climate and more challenging environment for securing grant monies, instead of hosting students this year, we are taking the opportunity to strengthen infrastructure in Israel and to establish collaborative relationships with aligned organizations.

Upon our request, Shaul, from the Rotary Club of Haifa, provided us with a budget and proposal to hire a part-time facilitator to be responsible for year-round support of both new Project TRIUMPH students and alumni. We are sending money to contribute to the facilitator’s salary, and she has already begun meeting with the kids there.

We are excited about prospects for 2010 and beyond (the plan is to resume bringing kids over in 2010, assuming that we can raise enough funds in 2009) and believe we will emerge from this fallow year with an even stronger, more well-rounded and promising program than ever before.”

In a subsequent e-mail she had written about what some of the student alumni of the Project TRIUMPH program (many of whom we had met when they were here) were currently doing after participating in the Project TRIUMPH program:

“Our greater vision is to inspire leaders of tomorrow by imparting wisdom and broadening the perspective of high school students. Our first year students, who were here in 2006, are now in the army or beginning to build careers. We have stayed in contact with some of them through Facebook. Very soon, their generation will be making pivotal choices that will impact not only their region, but the world.

We're proud of all the young people we've worked with, and we thank you for your belief in them.

## **Report from Shahram Hazany on La Estanzuela, Honduras Water Project**

*The Malibu Rotary Club had committed to join the Century City Rotary Club as well as the Brentwood Rotary Club in trying to get a Rotary Foundation grant for a water project in the Village of La Estanzuela, Honduras that was being built by the SC Chapter of Engineers Without Borders. We recently received the following e-mail from Century City Rotary Club Past President Shahram Hazany, who had presented the proposal to the Malibu Rotary Club.*

Dear Rotary Clubs of Brentwood and Malibu,

It has been a while since I have given an official update on the status of this project that we are working on with the USC Chapter of Engineers Without Borders. I have given updates to Nathan Lee of Brentwood and Bill Wishard of Malibu along the way. Here is a chronological review of what has been occurring:

- 1) Over a year ago, at the end of David Moyer's governorship, we worked with the district to come up with the following:
  - a. Century City, Malibu, Brentwood and Marcala (in Honduras) would submit a matching grant application to bring clean water to La Estansuela
  - b. Palos Verdes Sunset (David Moyer's club) and Marcala would eventually submit an application to bring clean water to the adjacent village up the hill from La Estansuela
- 2) At this time (over a year ago) we sent the application approved by the district to Marcala
- 3) Before EWB USC moved forward, they needed approval of their design from EWB USA. They submitted a design and EWB USA asked them to revise it so that more water could be pumped from the river into the storage tank
- 4) EWB USC came up with a new design and it was approved by EWB USA
- 5) We asked Marcala to sign the grant application so we could move forward with the project
- 6) Marcala said that before they would sign the agreement that EWB would need an independent study to show that the project would be feasible and sustainable
- 7) The independent study was done and the independent study showed that it was feasible and sustainable
- 8) On numerous occasions we asked Marcala to sign the application but they were slow to respond
- 9) We recently had a conversation with Marcala and we were informed that their board chose NOT to approve the project. They said that the pump system that EWB designed would get clogged with dirt and the villagers would not be able to fix it. They said that there was a similar problem with a similar system in another village. The engineers have assured me that their design was different and would not cause this problem. The independent study had come up with this same conclusion. Marcala decided that they do not want to take the risk.
- 10) We attempted to see if the Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa in the capital city of Honduras would want to sign on as our partner. Due to the distance, they would not be able to monitor the project and declined to work with us.

So this is where we are now:

- 1) This will no longer be a Rotary Matching Grant Project but EWB USC is committed to completing this project and making it work. They will most likely work with a local NGO.
- 2) Since Century City has raised \$4,000 in the name of bringing clean water to La Estansuela, we have decided that we will submit this as a donation to EWB USC for this project with the understanding that EWB USC will have to give us continuous updates that the funds will be used effectively for this project

- 3) Pending their board approval, Palos Verdes Sunset will most likely contribute the \$10,000 that they had set aside with similar requirements

Here is what I need to know from Brentwood and Malibu: This is completely up to you but please let me know if your clubs would be willing to submit the funds towards this project, knowing that it is no longer a Rotary Project but an Engineers Without Borders Project.

Yours in Service,  
Shahram Hazany  
Past President, Rotary Club of Century

# Calendar

Aug 12 2009

In Faculty Dinning Room

Aug 19 2009

**Michael Schultz**  
"The Costs of a DUI"

Sep 16 2009

**Jonathan Light**  
"Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball"

September 5 and 6 2009

**Malibu Rotary Booth at Kiwanis Chili Cook Off in Legacy Park**

Sep 30 2009

**Rotary District Gov Suzanne Sundberg**  
"Rotary District 5280 Year 2009-2010 Annual Report"

October 3 2009

**Paul Harris Dinner at Sheraton Universal Hotel**

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