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Jean Craig and the Malibu Rotary Support of "One Voice"



The speaker at the Malibu Rotary meeting of June 11th was **Jean Craig**, who learned of a special non-profit organization based in Santa Monica while she was working for an advertising agency in Santa Monica. This non-profit organization, called One Voice (see www.onevoice-la.org) One Voice, a non profit organization helps families living at poverty level within our community. Its programs range from providing emergency relief services to families in immediate crises to a scholars program designed to better the quality of people's lives.

One Voice began in 1982 as an offshoot of a sociology class Susan Silbert taught at Cal State Northridge. The basic philosophy was simple, that each of us can make a difference and together we can create a community of caring to help those in need. That holiday season Susan and her students packed and distributed food baskets to seventy low income families living in south Los Angeles. This simple beginning caught on and over the years One Voice has grown to encompass the larger community. Not only have the scope and number of programs grown, but thousands are now involved – individuals, schools, businesses, civic organizations and service clubs.

Today, One Voice has three areas of programming which directly affect and change the lives of people in need.

The **Scholars Program** prepares and places low income inner city Los Angeles high school students in wonderful colleges throughout the United States such as Amherst, Brown, MIT, Wellesley, Yale, Swarthmore and Stanford. 100% of One Voice scholars gain admission to college and an impressive 95% graduate from college with 30% going on to graduate school.

The **Holiday Food Program** provides Christmas food baskets, books and toys to over 2,500 families (12,500 people) living in poverty in the Los Angeles community. Over 2,000 volunteers work together to personally package and distribute the toys, books and food to our deserving families.

The **Family Assistance Programs** are a diverse group of programs that reach out to help families living at poverty level in Los Angeles to improve their lives. All of the families we work with are referred to us through Head Start and therefore, meet state and federal mandated poverty levels.

The **Scholars Program** program is most impressive and Jean spent most of her time talking about it. From Jean's talk and from the organization's website we learned:

The One Voice Robert W. Sanderson Scholars Program begun in 1990 makes it possible for low income students to attend wonderful colleges on scholarships provided by the colleges themselves. **100% of One Voice Scholars gain admission to college and an impressive 95% graduate from college.** This statistic stands in stark contrast to the national graduation rate of 40% among low income students. **Over 30% of our students go on to graduate school where they earn higher degrees.** One Voice alumni include physicians, attorneys, scientists, engineers, artists and educators.

How the Scholars Program Works

The One Voice Scholars Program prepares and places low income inner city Los Angeles high school students in colleges throughout the United States. Starting in the 11th grade, the work with teachers and counselors from a number of inner city high schools to select approximately 25 students who will become a part of the program each year. The work with these students over the next 5 years to help place them and then support them in their journey through college. The One Voice program is the first of its kind to carefully monitor and follow students all the way through their undergraduate and graduate school careers.

These scholars come from exceedingly impoverished backgrounds and live in neighborhoods ridden with gangs, drugs, violence and failure. They are often the first in their families to attend college and with One Voice help, they see their dreams come true by attending the finest colleges in the nation. One Voice provides one-on-one counseling services to each student to help them select and then apply to colleges best suited for them. Each of their students receives the following services on a personal basis without any cost to the student:

- Professional college advisement
- Personal counseling

- SAT preparation courses
- College essay instruction and tutoring
- Application and test fees
- Parent Counseling

As needed:

- Airfare and transportation
- Books, supplies and miscellaneous fees
- Clothing and personal items
- Health care and insurance
- Emergency expenses

Jean told about and gave brochures that had examples of students who had gone through the program. The students were recruited from high schools such as Manual Arts High, which has the lowest test scores in the LA Unified School District, and other schools in Compton and Watts. The students have to be high achievers in the first place, having to be qualified to enter University of California, before accepted into the One Voice Scholars Program. A couple examples of the students are Edgar, who born in El Salvador during the height of the civil war, and who saw a neighbor bleed to death from a gunshot wound when he was 6 years old. He vowed he would make something of his life and after One Voice recruited him from Manual Arts High school, he graduated from Pomona College, Stanford Medical School, and just completed his residency in family medicine at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

Another example was Kinikia, who was raised by her grandmother, who was a bus driver, because her mother was a drug addict and her father was in jail serving a life sentence for murder. Kinikia worked hard and graduated from Kenyon College where “it was so quiet because she didn’t hear bullets whiz by or sirens screaming in the night.” She went on to creive a master’s degree in Urban Planning from USC in 2002 and with her job working in Los Angles as an urban planner was able to purchase a little house of her own.

The office of One Voice is located at 1228 15th Street, Suite C, Santa Monica, CA 90404. Telephone is (310)458-9961 and fax (310)395-8740. E-mail is onevoice@onevoice-la.org. They encourage volunteer participation and donations from those who are interested. They also raise money by selling their own Holiday Gift Cards. For more information see their website at www.onevoice-la.org.

Malibu Rotary Club President (2009-2010) Holmes Osborne presented Jean Craig a check of \$500.00 from the Malibu Rotary Club for One Voice, as Holmes first official duty at president of the Malibu Rotary Club.

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

Because of many new operating expenses befalling the Malibu Rotary Club Budget Director Bob Syvertsen proposed a motion in front of the club membership assembled at the June 10th meeting that members be billed \$10.00 for breakfast, rather than the current \$7.50, effective July 1st. He proposed that \$5.00 of the \$10.00 be billed quarterly on the members' bill, and \$5.00 be paid at the door. The proposal was discussed and passed unanimously by the membership.

- **Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Place and the Options at Pepperdine University**

Chris Bowman outlined the possibilities regarding the meeting place for the Malibu Rotary at Pepperdine University. The university is planning to charge an additional fee to the Malibu Rotary Club in addition to the food services we currently pay for overtime charges that the University says in incurs by setting up tables and chairs in the Fireside Room in preparation for our weekly meeting. The extra charge could be \$68.00, which with the size of our club, could double the cost of meals. Chris had e-mailed the members the available options, and there was a lot of e-mail discussion about each of the possibilities. Chris' initial e-mail detailed the problem and possible solution:

It seems we have a couple options for how to proceed regarding the Fireside room and our weekly meeting:

1. Pay nothing: Assuming Pepp approves it, we would use the Fireside room 'As-is' and when the room is not set up in a fashion that will allow us to eat breakfast while listening to our program, meaning no tables are set up, then we would eat breakfast in the main cafeteria area and then migrate back to the Fireside room for the program.
2. Pay something: Keep our current situation by paying an unknown amount to Pepp. This amount will be based on the amount of overtime that would be required for the Fireside room to be set up in advance of our Wednesday meeting. See additional analysis below.
3. Hybrid: For the summer months when the campus is slower we keep the set up as we currently have it, 'hoping' that we would not have many occurrences when we would have to pay the overtime charge. Then, in August when the year gets busier, we would switch to an 'As-is' condition, as outlined in point #1.

Obviously there are pros and cons to each item just listed. If we were to keep the room as we have it now and requested a setup regardless of overtime the worst-case scenario financially would be for the club to have to pay the \$68 each week of the year. This equates to \$3,536 annually. Divide this by 12 months, \$295 per month. Then, divide this by the number of paying members, say 10, equals \$30 per month per member in additional dues. On a weekly basis, this comes out to \$7.50 per week per member.

Presently we pay \$100 per quarter, or \$33 per month in dues (NOT including meals). This worst-case scenario would represent a 91% increase in our dues. If we were to take a more realistic view and say

that we would be charged two out of every 3 weeks (66% of the time) then we could possibly incur \$2,300 more per year, or \$20/month, \$5/week per member.

If anyone has any feelings one way or the other, please voice them.

Thanks,

Chris Bauman

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In an update after most club members chimed in with their thoughts on the matter Chris wrote on June 9th:

Some good ideas are being generated, it's good to hear.

I do have an update from my meeting yesterday with the area responsible for the issue we are now facing.

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

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.

“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

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

La Estanzuela, Honduras Water Project

The Malibu Rotary Club is one of the clubs joining with the Century City Rotary Club to bring clean water to the Village of La Estanzuela in Honduras. There wasn't enough time to complete funding of this project during the past Rotary year. We are hoping to complete the project this year with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant

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.

Calendar

Jun 17 2009

No Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

"No Malibu Rotary Today (Fireside Room in use)"

Jun 24 2009

Ed Gillespie

"Inside the Malibu Planning Commission"

Ed Gillespie, a member of the Malibu Planning Commission. "Tales From the Planning Commission." Another very interesting meeting.

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Holmes Osborne Club Assembly

"Malibu Rotary Club Assembly"

After returning from RI Convention in Birmingham England new Malibu Rotary Club President Holmes Osborne will lead Malibu Rotary Club Assembly and discuss the topics of the 2009-2010 year concerning our club.

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