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Malibu Rotary Club Gets Surprise Visit by Still Recovering Club President



Since Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard had open heart surgery on April 9 he was too weak to attend any Rotary meetings or events. Last year he made reservations to go to the Rotary International Convention held the end of this month in Lisbon. He had wanted to go to Malibu Rotary Club's biggest event which was held on May 29th—the successful Maggie Luckerath produced Brazilian Bash Blowout event at the hilltop mansion resort owned by an NBA star, the property managed by Malibu Rotarian Donna Bohana. He sent in his check and was trying his hardest to go, even if his daughter and others were discouraging him from doing so. But other powers prevailed.

Until last week Bill had been in a rehab facility in Carlsbad, California, where the administrators would not let him leave for more than four hours. If he was gone longer than four hours he would be locked out and not allowed to return---and he really needed the facility for continued rehab at that point. As a result he was unable to go to the May 29th Malibu Rotary Club event. And he realizes also that he will not be strong enough in time to get to the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon.

On the other hand he knows he is working hard and his strength is improving. By the end of last week, with continued physical therapy, as he had gone from wheelchair to walker to cane, he has been transferred from the live-in rehab center to his daughter's house in Carlsbad. Physical therapists are making house calls at his daughter's house, which costs less for Medicare than paying for the Carlsbad live-in facility. It also means Bill does not have to abide by the strict regimen of the facility he had been living in.

With Bill's liberation from the rehab center he started thinking about how could again get back into the Rotary flow, actually go to his Rotary Club meeting. He was thinking about this on Tuesday night. Bill's daughter Allison lives near an Amtrak station. Bill knew that he was forbidden by his doctor to drive. But he wasn't forbidden to take a train! On Tuesday night, before the Malibu Rotary Club noon meeting at Pepperdine, Bill conceived of a way that he could attend that meeting! He checked the train schedules. He saw that the Amtrak train that stops in Carlsbad, *The Pacific Surfliner*, comes through Los Angeles Union Station and goes as far as San Luis Obispo, with stops in Van Nuys, and Oxnard. His daughter or son-in-law could probably take him to the Carlsbad station in the morning. Could he be picked up at one of those Los Angeles stops and driven to the meeting in Malibu? He called his friend Malibu Rotarian Jimmy Mehmon Mon and asked him if he could pick up Bill at the Van Nuys Amtrak train station and drive him to the Malibu Rotary Club meeting at Pepperdine in Malibu. After the meeting Bill could return to Carlsbad the same way, catching the 4:13 p.m. train south in Van Nuys. Jimmy agreed, and so they both found their way to the Wednesday Malibu Rotary Club meeting at the Pepperdine Dresher Campus, even



though the room had been changed by Grazadio management minutes before the meeting, they were among the first to arrive.

Since neither Bill nor Jimmy nor Fred Cornet were able to get to the Malibu Rotary Brazilian Bash Blowout event the Malibu Rotary Club program of June 5th was changed to a command performance of pictures of the

event (available on the Malibu Rotary Club facebook) which were projected by John Elman on the large screen in the Malibu meeting room, while Maggie and John recapped the who's who of event participants and the beauty of the event venue. Fred, Jimmy and Bill could see what they missed.

Not surprisingly Maggie was given a standing ovation for her work on the May 29th event. Not only did she arrange the production of the event, from food to entertainment, she was responsible for getting most of the guests who attended. Despite the fact that the event was posted on the Rotary District Event calendar and the Rotary District newsletter, and \$400 was spent on a display ad in the Malibu Times, there was no one from our Rotary district there other than club members. People who attended the event did so largely because Maggie personally talked to them, and convinced them they should come, or send a check even if they couldn't make it.

As a result the event was profitable. Maggie didn't have exact numbers yet, but the net profit was probably in the vicinity of \$3,000.

Maggie reiterated what she had written last week:

"I thank especially Dr. W. David Baird for believing in me..... when all the others sat around at the meeting and looked very doubtful and only talked about how all the prior Malibu Rotary fund raisers in the past had been total flops or disasters and not at all successful - David is the one who said 'I believe in you Maggie and if you say so, I am sure you can pull it off'".

And pull it off she did!.

For those who missed it last week, some of the details of the event are below:

Pictured: Donna Bohana, President of Solstice International Realty, who sold this Palisades Highland property to an NBA star and manages it for him, and Maggie Luckerath, who was the producer of the Malibu Rotary Club Brazilian Bash Blowout held on the property on May 29, 2013



The Malibu Rotary Club held one of its most successful [fundraisers](#) in years, the Brazilian Bash Blowout, held May 29th, 2013 at the home of an NBA star in Palisades Highlands.

The event featured Brazilian food, a poolside silent auction, poi ball fire dancers, and live music.

About 85 people attended the event which raised [money](#) for Malibu Rotary Club charities.

About 50 pictures of the event can be seen on the Malibu Rotary Club facebook album [Malibu Rotary Club Brazilian Bash Blowout 2013](#).

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers and facebook pages for other news.

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Calendar

(All Malibu Rotary Club meetings are at 12:00 Noon in LC 152 at the Pepperdine Drescher campus Villa Graziadio Executive Center unless otherwise noted).

Jun 12, 2013 Rico Cabrera Jr will tell us about Rico's Get Better Foundation-

As a former inner-city student-athlete, who was born and raised in inner-city Los Angeles, Rico Cabrera Jr would later go on to attend three very distinguished academic institutions as a varsity student-athlete, Harvard-Westlake School, Worcester Academy, and Colgate University. It was during these years that Rico began to truly understand what it means to excel both in the

classroom and on the court. Rico is founder and executive director of Rico's Get Better Foundation, whose mission is to help youth around the world G.E.T. B.E.T.T.E.R. (Grow and Evolve Through Better Experiences To Transmit Enlightening Results) through sports, education, community service, and innovative technology. He will be taking a group of Los Angeles high school students to Cape Town, South Africa on June 22nd, 2013 as part of Rico's Get Better League for Mandela Day in South Africa.

Tentatively* scheduled Jun 26, 2013
Isabelle Fox

"Mending Kids International"

Mending Kids International provides life-changing surgical care to children worldwide. Over the years, thousands of children have received corrective, transformational surgeries that have given them a chance at longer, healthier and happier lives. Most of the surgeries we perform are to correct congenital heart defects, orthopedic abnormalities, severe scoliosis, and significant cranial facial deformities. Isabelle Fox is Surgical Mission Filmmaker & Media Consultant. She will be accompanied by Marchelle L Sellers, MKI's Executive Director.

**The reason this is tentative is because Marchelle Sellers is President-Elect of the Rotary Club of South Pasadena, and will probably be in Lisbon for the RI Convention on June 26th.*