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Malibu Rotary Club President Bow Bowman

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Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org

Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org

Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280la.org

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[RI President \(2008-2009\) D.K. Lee](#)

Rotary District 5280 Governor (2008-2009): Chuck Anderson

Results of March 4th Malibu Rotary Club Assembly Business meeting

On March 4th Malibu Rotary Club President Bow Bowman conducted a business assembly meeting of the club in which several items were on the agenda and discussed. (Editor’s Note: Since I spent most of the meeting on the phone with a young lady in the Pepperdine IT department while she gave me multiple instruction on how to get my laptop connected to the Internet so I could show the new club website I am not sure if any if anything reported below actually happened and do not guarantee the correctness of any the details)

Financial Report by Bob Syvertsen

As usual Bob presented a detailed picture of club finances, showing the actual and budgeted items for the July through December 2008 Rotary Club 3rd quarter, for both our operating budget and charity budget. We were somehow \$222.00 ahead on our operating budget. The clubs K20 Charities Trust Market Account at Crowell Weedon lost \$14,362 due to economic conditions. Total club assets from June 2008 to Dec 31, 2008, declined from \$60,382.58 to \$48,349.54. Bob had names of younger members (Chris Bauman and Holmes Osborne III) who are in the financial industry have signatures put on the accounts. Bob had the club’s contact to Crowell Weedon changed from Robert Syvertsen to Christopher Bauman. He also had a proposal to **not** forward dues to Rotary International on behalf of past due members. Both of Bob’s proposals were voted and carried.

Request for Projects and Grants

Margo Neal, John Elman, and Holmes Osborne all had requests for projects and grants. Margo had requests for a couple of situations in the community where money was needed. I believe one of those was the student model UN Project. Most of these were going to need more verification of detail. John wanted the club to commit \$500 to Project TRIUMPH and had reams of documentation and arguments on why he thought the club should do this, only a fraction of which was presented or heard but some of which is contained in the **Project TRIUMPH** Update article below. Holmes originally had a proposal for a Rotary District Simplified Grant to have a freestanding clock donated by Rotary put into one of the new Malibu parks. This was later revised to be a bench in the park, and Holmes later e-mailed the proposal to club members, which is one of the items the City of Malibu wanted. Three Rotarians had to be listed who will provide oversight and management of the project funds and who commit by their signatures to remain as the responsible contacts for the entire length of the project, even if it extends into future Rotary years (later in the week John Elman and Margo Neal signed on with Holmes for the Park Bench project). The club voted \$500 each for 3 projects. The this editor remembers most vividly is that the club committed \$500 for Project TRIUMPH.

President Bow had received requests for accommodating/hosting Blues Soccer Club members and to participate in “Stride for Cure” Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. We decided to get more information on this

Reports from Malibu Rotary’s Ambassador to District Bill Wishard

Bill Wishard talked about the necessity of keeping good records of our club activities to qualify for “Presidential Citation” forms that Governor Anderson sends to RI President DK Lee and also the multipage “Recognition Awards 2008-2009” application/booklet—essentially Malibu Rotary’s annual report of activities and accomplishments for this year. Our Club has been given 8-12 awards each of the last few years. The 33 page booklet (cut from 56 pages last year) must be completed, printed and had delivered to Rotary District Office at 8939 S. Sepulveda, Suite 312 before 4:00 p.m. Friday March 20. Bill will deliver it but not assemble it. This can be done by Club President or committee. All preprinted press articles, eg Maibu Times and other documentation is included. The awards are given at the annual district conference (this year to be held May1-3 at South Coast Plaza Westin in Costa Mesa).

New Club Website

Near the end of the meeting after Malibu Rotary Club webmaster John Elman had spent most of the time since his arrival at 7:15 a.m. unable to connect his laptop through Pepperdine wireless node in Fireside Room and trying everything that the IT person recommended he directed Pepperdine Seaver College Dean Emeritus David Baird to go out in the rain and retrieve the History Professor’s own Pepperdine-enabled laptop from his office. When he returned John was able to give a 2 minute snippet of the new Malibu Rotary Club website which he had been working on the previous week to replace the previous one which had been disable by Microsoft’s MSN Group (which was discontinued as of February 23). The new website could initially be

found at www.clubrunner.ca/malibu. The district was paying for setup and clubrunner was offering 3 months free on their normal \$19.95 per month subscription. It was decided at our meeting the website would be easier to find, possibly get more search hits, and be more prestigious if we had our own domain. Although Clubrunner registers domains for \$29.95 per year Geoff recommended we register with GoDaddy.com for a reduced rate and John contacted GoDaddy the next day and by the end of the week new site was accessible through the newly created domain name of www.maliburotary.org. (See more information about site at **Malibu Rotary Starts New Website with New Domain: www.MalibuRotary.org**). John will demonstrate the site and its multitude of feature at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on April 8.

Get to Malibu Rotary Meetings on time!

One of the last items on President Bow Bowman's agenda was the meeting time. He asked if we should hold the meetings later since most people are not ready in their seats when the meeting begins. We agreed that if we started the meeting later and ended later it would be more difficult for people to get to work and we would have worse attendance. We all made a vow to get to the meetings at 7:15 a.m., get our food and be in our seats closer to 7:30 a.m. Meetings will be called to order no later than 7:45 a.m.

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

We used ClubRunner for the first time to enter attendance at Mar 4 meeting. The only guest was **John MacNeil**, the Malibu Appraiser. If you login to our website you can determine which two of our members did not attend the meeting.

- **Malibu Rotary Starts New Website with New Domain:**
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We are now integrated with the District Site by using ClubRunner

At the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on Mar 4th I discussed and showed the new Malibu Rotary Club Website. I was only given a couple minutes and will give a full presentation at our meeting on April 8th. 80% of the Rotary clubs in district 5280 now use ClubRunner, and the district is so desirous of all clubs using it that they are paying for the club's "Mandatory one time setup fee of \$199." The monthly subscription fee for club's under 20 members is \$19.95. I have signed and faxed the contract to Clubrunner and the annual billing will be paid from an invoice sent to the club next week, but I was able to get a special deal of 3 months free so our club's first year will be \$179.55 instead of \$239.40.

The site is currently online at www.clubrunner.ca/malibu.

Clubrunner charges \$29.95 to register a domain. Several members thought we should have our own domain MalibuRotary.org instead of just the subdomain the clubrunner provides: (www.clubrunner.ca/malibu). Geoff suggested that I contact GoDaddy.com to get our domain registered at a cheaper price. For a one year registration of maliburotary.org they would charge \$15.19. Each year it has to be reregistered, and the price for future registration cannot be guaranteed. They give a 15% discount on 5 year registration, and so I registered the club domain for 5 years for \$64.70 As of March 6 you can get to get to the Malibu Rotary Club website by either going to www.MalibuRotary.org or clubrunner.ca/malibu (since clubrunner is hosting the site MalibuRotary.org will automatically forward to clubrunner.ca/malibu when you type "MalibuRotary.org" into your browser).

Anyone connected to the Internet can see the site. You don't have to login to see the home page, the speakers, the calender, the events, the board of directors, or past and present issues of the Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter. But you do have to log in if you want to read all the information about all our members (phone, address, etc), change your information, post events, respond to request duty rosters or conduct club or district business. You can, for example, send an e-mail to all our district presidents, or all our district secretaries.

Remember all members can login to the site using the logon credentials I had sent you previously: --John W. Elman, Editor Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter and Webmaster of Malibu Rotary Club website

Project TRIUMPH Update



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 Fujii 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.

I am copying below part of an email received from Zehava Kurenko, the senior instructor from



Beit-Hagefen, the Arab-Jewish Cultural Center in Haifa who came as a chaperone with the kids in 2007. What she has to share is heartwarming, and perhaps excerpts would be of interest to your club as well.

I want to give you some

examples of students that Triumph was a life changing experience and gave them the encouragement and energy to do things –

From Triumph II (2007)

Anwar – A counselor in the Arab-Jewish summer camp.

Participated in "Young Entrepreneur" program.

He says that his self confidence and English were strengthen and improved.

Ortal – Guided in the Arab-Jewish summer camp and in a summer camp of the Municipality for children from underprivileged classes.

Participated in an Arab-Jewish seminar and took part in an active citizenship program in the "Humanitarian Center".

Participated in a youth delegation to Hungary in which she met Jewish religious girls and learn more about Judaism.

Thanks to Triumph she realized that she is not afraid from what is different from her and she has the desire to learn and know more.

Daniel – Is a member in an organization called "Lead" which aims to develop Young Leadership in Israel. She is involved in a project for better integration of the Ethiopian community.

She is a member in her school council and is responsible to initiate projects for students.

Danny – Joined a youth movement.

Was active in the student's council.

Was involved in a program for children in risk.

Oded – He is participating in a program called "Education for Peace".

Initiated (with other students from his school) an activity called "Ripping" in which students can talk about different topics in an humoristic way. The purpose is to develop an ability to stand and talk in front of an audience.

From Triumph III- 2008

Eliana – Guided in the Arab-Jewish summer camp.

She is a member in her school student's council.

Participated in projects aim to support society as collecting contributions.

She says that after Triumph she is more confident and more open and attentive.

Mirav – Guided in the Arab-Jewish summer camp.

She is more active in school projects for the community.

Participated in a workshop which tries to find parallelism and link between the Holocaust and the Jewish-Arab conflict and relations, believing that her experience in Triumph helps her to understand more and to share the knowledge she acquired.

Rabea – Participates in an advanced course for leadership.

Omri – Participates in his school program called 'Education for Peace'.

To sum this long letter I do believe that we choose well and we were successful in giving the students the knowledge, the tools, the push and the encouragement and support they need to be the future leaders.

— Zehava

Blessings,
Frances

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Rotary District Convention

On April 30 - May 3, 2009 The Rotary District Conference will be The Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, 686 Anton Boulevard, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (see flyer at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280/html/45459/Conference%2009%20Flyer%201200%20dpi.pdf>).

Online registration by credit card for the upcoming District Conference is now available. Scheduled for April 30 - May 3, 2009 at the [Westin Hotel, South Coast Plaza](#). The conference promises four days of fellowship, education, social events, a golf tournament, plenary sessions and more. In addition to the Rotary activities there will an opportunity to see a production of the musical *Grease* at the Sergerstrom Performing Art Center located next to the hotel. Click [HERE](#) to see a specially created video or copy <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73x0pP6MGhg> into your browser.

Click on the image immediately below to the left to register online, or the image to the right if you wish to print a copy of the registration form and mail or fax it to the District Office.

 <p>* Credit card registration form:</p>	 <p>* PDF registration form:</p>
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To view the specially created video about the conference, click [HERE](#). It is 3:47 long. (Video created by Gidas Peteris of the Beverly Hills Rotary Club; narration by Brad Robinson, conference chair and member Beverly Hills Rotary Club.)

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

Calendar

- **Mar 11: Pep senior Braden Mogler, Rotary Ambassador Scholar going to Uruguay this summer**
- **Mar 18: Ron Wildermuth—“Update From the West Basin Municipal Water District”**
- **March 25: A local—Don Schmitz: “The Coalition for Fire Safe Communities”**
- **April 8: John Elman: "Navigating the New Malibu Rotary Club Website"** Longtime Editor of the Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter and creator of Malibu Rotary Club's first website in 2002, John Elman, will show how the new ClubRunner website MalibuRotary.org will not only inform guests what the club is about, but how it will act as a hub for club activity, and enable member participation
- **April 15: Dr. Allison Richards and Dr. Larry Stock Helping Victims of trauma/landmine in Burma** Local trauma physican Allison Richards returns on April 15 and will bring Dr. Larry Stock to be speaker that day. He lives in Malibu and has been the head of the trauma/landmine program since GHAP started. She asks, "When we come back, do you know what people would like to hear about in more detail? Larry is the head of the trauma management program that mainly deals with treatment of landmine injuries as well as other traumatic injuries. But we can talk in more detail on any aspect."
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