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Cynthia Colburn Ph.D and The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Sicily



Cynthia Colburn is an Associate Professor of Art History at Pepperdine University with BA, MA, and Ph.D in Art History from UCLA. She thanked Malibu Rotary Club President Pro Tem and Seaver College Dean Emeritus David Baird for helping her start the Art History program at Pepperdine Her background is not only in ancient art, but in archaeology, and the people who created the art. Her knowledge of antiquities is acknowledged and shared not only at the University but at the Getty Villa and a future Malibu Rotary meeting may be a field trip to the Getty with Dr Colburn as the tour guide.

Cynthia chose for today’s lecture a place whose Art, Archeology and Achitecture has been influenced by various people through the ages-- Sicily.

Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, located to the southwest of Italy’s toe, and some have suggested it is getting kicked by Italy.

Its location in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea has made it a natural stopping place for

vessels traveling from all civilizations and the diverse people bordering the Mediterranean. The earliest archeological evidence of human dwelling on the island dates from 8000 BC.

Renzino Barbera has said "...On the sixth day, God accomplished His work

And, pleased with all the beauty he had created,

He took the Earth in His hands and kissed it.

There, where he put his lips, that's Sicily."

In indigenous peoples of Sicily were the Sicels, Sicans, and Elymians. In the 8th century BC the Greeks and Phoenicians colonized parts of the island. The 6th through the 5th Centuries was the Heroic Age of Greek Tyrants. From 212 BC to the 5th Century AD were the Punic Wars and Roman Domination. From the 5th Century to 1060 came the Vandals, Ostrogoths, Byzantines, and Arabs, and in 1060 the Normans.

About 750 BC, the [Greeks](#) began to live in Sicily (*Sikelia*), establishing many important settlements. The most important colony was [Syracuse](#). The native Sicani and Sicel peoples were absorbed by the [Hellenic culture](#) with relative ease, and the area was part of *Magna Graecia* along with the rest of [southern Italy](#), which the Greeks had also colonised. While Greek Syracuse controlled much of Sicily, there were a few [Carthaginian](#) colonies in the far west of the island. When the two cultures began to clash, the [Greek-Punic wars](#) erupted, the longest wars of antiquity. Greece began to make peace with the [Roman Republic](#) in 262 BC and the Romans sought to [annex](#) Sicily as its republic's first province. Typical Greek architecture can be seen in the thick columns of Agrigento pictured below.

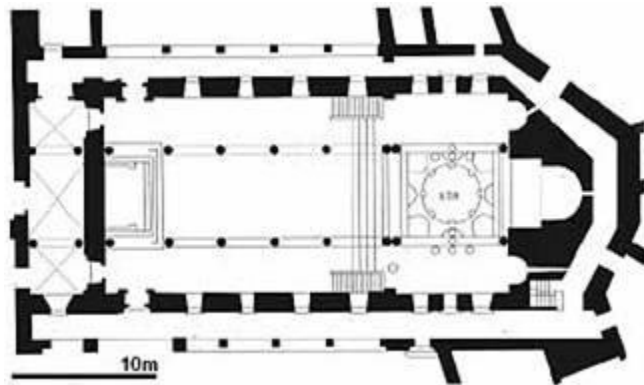


Greek architecture is very balanced. The front and the back of the building is identical. One can see this in the Temple of Apollo in Syracuse. The of Segesta There is certainly a lot of Greek architecture to be seen in Sicily and colonization by the superior Greeks is sometimes referred to as "Helenization."



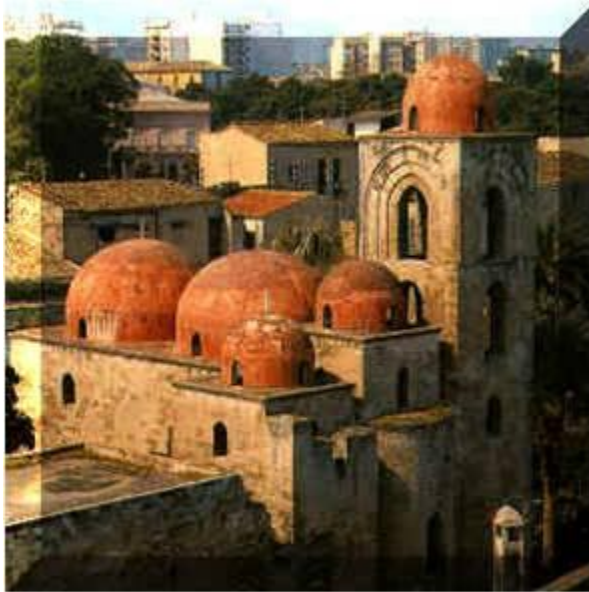
But Cynthia argues that it is too simplistic to say that is what happened to Sicily. We see the temples that were originally Greek, later become Christian, and then Moslem Mosques.

King Roger II of Sicily consecrated the Norman Chapel in 1140 AD. King Roger II was tolerant of all people and religion and incorporated many influences in the chapel. It has a combination of rectangle favored by the Greeks, to a round portion more like a mosque. The ceiling shown has the image of Christ looking towards the floor.



Below is San Giovanni degli Eremiti (St. John of the Hermits), a church in [Palermo](#). The church is notable for its brilliant red domes, which show clearly the persistence of Arab influences in Sicily at the time of its reconstruction in the 12th century, the [Arab-Norman culture](#). In his *Diary of an Idle Woman in Sicily*, F. Elliot described it as "... totally oriental... it would fit well in [Baghdad](#) or [Damascus](#)". However, the red colour of the domes are not original, as they were restored in the present way at the end of the nineteenth

century by an architect who found pieces of red plaster on the domes and therefore decided to paint all the domes in red.



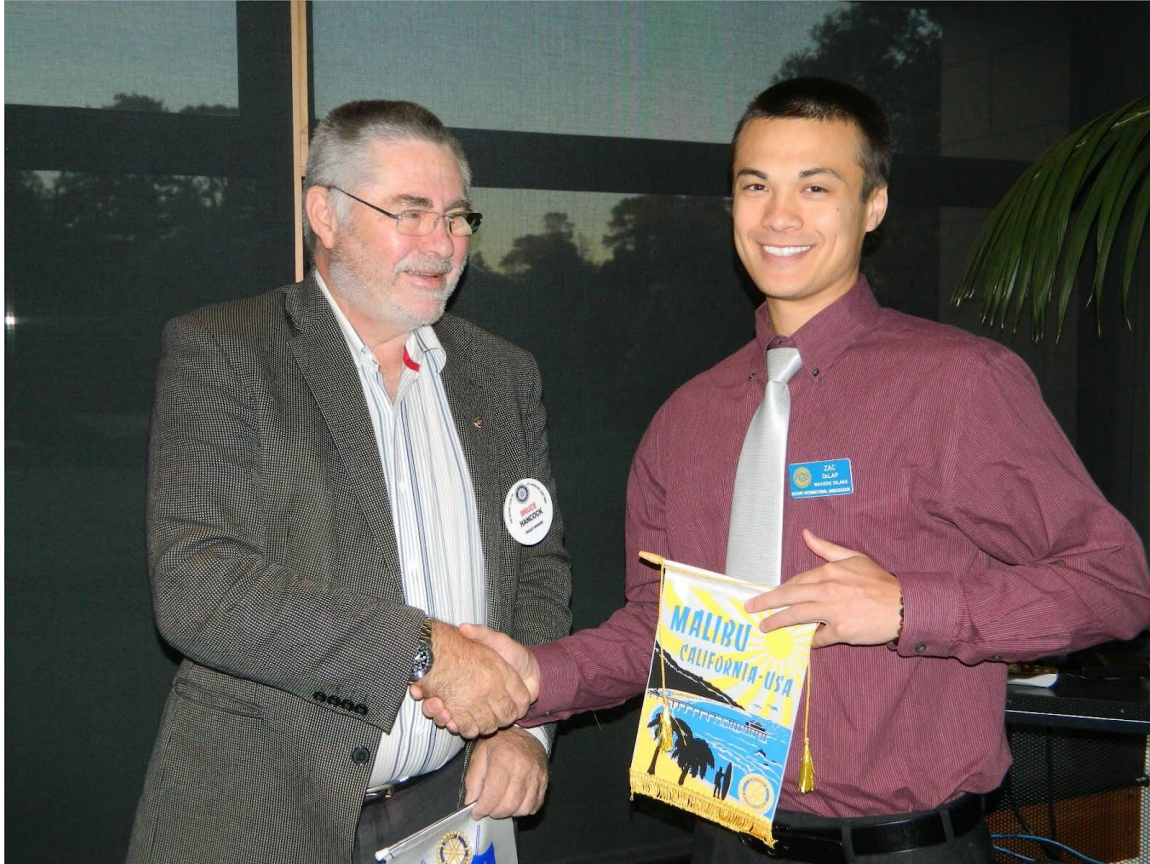
News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President Bill Wishard representing Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok this week. Before he left Bill said it is important that several officers of the Malibu Rotary Club attend the Rotary District Assembly the morning of June 2 at the Carson Center. The theme for the new Rotary year will be “Peace Through Service.”

Maggie Luckerath talked about the Fund Raiser Polo Match for Safety Harbor Kids that will be held June 9th at the Will Rogers Polo grounds in Pacific Palisades.

The 3 guests at the May 9th Malibu Rotary Club meeting had all been at the lunch meeting the previous week. These included **Yuri Katz**, a real estate agent, who works with **Donna Bohana**, and **Natalia Plotkin**, a student of Chinese medicine. Both were born in Russia, and lived in Israel before coming to Southern California. Yuri is also a jazz saxophonist. A regular guest at or morning meetings was also at the lunch meeting, **Cliff Mortensen**.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Zac DeLap Sends Greetings from Auckland



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Zac DeLap graduated from Pepperdine last year. Before doing his post graduate

studies in New Zealand Zac was the featured speaker at the Malibu Rotary Club talking about his time learning the mental and physical disciplines of a Shaolin Temple in China. He writes, "I have been in New Zealand for 10 weeks now and everything is going well. You gave me three Malibu banners to trade and I have already traded them all (one was with my Sponsor Club of Pacific Grove, CA which I already gave to you). Attached is a picture of me with a local club in Auckland, NZ trading banners. I hope you are all doing well and I look forward to coming back to your club when I get back to the US in December or so."

Safety Harbor Kids May Fundraiser at the Polo Grounds

To Benefit Orphans, Foster and Homeless Children

Join Safety Harbor Kids at [Will Rodgers Polo Field](#) to watch the game of kings while indulging in spectacular food generously provided by [Taste at the Palisades](#).

2012 Event to be held at Will Rogers State Historic Park
1501 Will Rogers State Park Road
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

1:00am Red Carpet and Goodwill Ambassador Awards Ceremony

2:00pm Polo Match, Dining & Wine Tasting

Join, attend or sponsor a child [click here](#) or call today 800.277.0497

"In seven years at the home, I have never seen such a dramatic change upon these children after they attended your events"

JC Mazdar, director at Hathaway-Sycamores

ADVANCED DISCOUNT PURCHASE AVAILABLE MAY 12th-19th only!

Ticket Type	Sales End	Price
<i>Reserved Admission</i> <i>Admission to Polo Club & Match</i> <i>take your picture on the Red Carpet,</i> <i>live Jazz music. Lunch, Wine, Cocktails</i> <i>Parking not included \$12 to State Park</i> <i>Event from 1-6pm.</i>	<i>June 8th by 5pm</i>	\$95 <i>Buy Tickets</i> \$75.00 before 5/19

Bless the Beasts & the Children

What: First Annual Bless the Beasts and the Children fundraiser with food, drink, entertainment, both live and silent auctions and special emcee Dick Van Dyke.

When: Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Where: Private estate in Malibu, CA.

Why: To honor Dave Woods for a lifetime of Rotary Service projects and Malibu Coast Animal Hospital for years of service to homeless animals.

Who: Sponsored by Woodland Hills Rotary Club Charitable Foundation and Malibu Pet Companions.

Special Note: The event will be held outdoors and the attire is dressy casual.

For more information about **Malibu Pet Companions**, please go to:
www.MalibuPetCompanions.org

For more information about **Rotary Club of Woodland Hills**, please go to:
www.WHRotary.com

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The event will be held at a private Malibu estate and jointly hosted by the [Rotary Club of Woodland Hills](#) and [Malibu Pet Companions](#), the event will raise money for local and international service projects benefitting children, as well as for the medical care for sick, injured and un-weaned homeless pets at the [Agoura Animal Shelter](#).

Malibu Rotary Club International Projects in Puerto Rico

With matching grants from The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5280 (District Designated Funds [DDF]), and in partnership with other Rotary clubs in Rotary District 5280 and host clubs in Puerto Rico, the Malibu Rotary Club is involved in two

humanitarian international projects in Puerto Rico in 2012. Barbara Riley (front row third from left) represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the *Centro Geriátrico San Rafael*, Arecibo, PR Rotary Project in February, 2012. Malibu Rotary was one of the lead sponsors of the project, along with 4 other Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles, CA Rotary District 5280 who also sent representatives.

Malibu Rotary Club was also a sponsor of a second project, *Hogar Santísima Trinidad* (HST) in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico which involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management.

More on Rotary District 5280's humanitarian trip to Puerto Rico can be seen at <http://www.facebook.com/PuertoRico5280>.

In the *Centro Geriátrico San Rafael, Inc* in Arecibo, Puerto Rico project the Malibu Rotary Club is the PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL PARTNER. 5 Rotary Clubs from Los Angeles along with Rotary Foundation and the host Arecibo Rotary Club has helped the senior residential center purchase needed maintenance and repair tools, 8 energy efficient air conditioning units and a commercial sliding gate opener. This is a geriatric home for indigents founded in 1925. The Arecibo Rotary Club has been supporting them since 1935. This project costs \$15,585.00 of which the Malibu Rotary Club and the Westchester Rotary Club have given \$1170.00 each. Other partner clubs are Culver City, Wilmington, along with the host Rotary Club of Arecibo.

The most ambitious project (*Hogar Santísima Trinidad* [HST] in Barrio Macarabones, Toa Alta, Puerto Rico) involves rehabilitating alcohol and drug abusers at the HST Center (who are also highly likely to have HIV) to train for job skills and also educate in recycling and train in solid waste management. HST is a private community based non-profit organization, offering a safe residential rehabilitation and treatment program to 35 young males addicted to drugs and /or alcohol, established in 1993. HST depends on income from their semi-industrial aluminum and metal recycling and processing program. As part of their rehabilitation program, the HST implements occupational, physical and work therapies through their Mobile Recycling Center Program (MRCP). It consists in the training of patients in the use of a fixed industrial recycling unit permanently located at the Center, where they learn how to process and recycle aluminum, car batteries, diverse metals and other materials under the close supervision of trained supervisors. They also pickup recyclable materials in nearby communities to process at the center. The project also addresses a problem of waste management in Puerto Rico. Studies done by the US Environmental Protection Agency have revealed that improper or insufficient capacity to dispose of solid waste in Puerto Rico has created public health problems. The management and disposal of solid waste in the Island has long been a challenge, aggravated by the limited space available due to its geographical size, roughly 100 mi by 35 mi, and its delicately balanced ecosystem and the large amount of solid waste generated, at 4,000,000 tons per year. Puerto Rico's residents generate more waste than people living on the mainland and recycling rates are lower. Much of Puerto Rico's waste ends up in landfills, most of which do not comply with local and federal governments' landfill requirements. The cost of HST Rotary

project in Puerto Rico is \$22,570. The primary international club sponsoring this project is the Westchester Rotary Club. Malibu Rotary Club is an equal share holder with the Westchester Rotary Club, with each club contributing \$1570.00. Besides the host Rotary Club of Santurce, the Rotary Club of Torrance-Lomita is a partner in this project.



Malibu Rotary Club is Official Sponsor of Smile Trek

Marine Sargent Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palate and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, plus follow-up care for surgical correction of children's cleft palate disease. The US trip was in preparation for a 5,000 mile walking trip

across Southeast Asia which he began in September. Before he left he explained " My route will take me through eight different countries, beginning and ending in Singapore, and the yearlong trek will be an ongoing effort to raise funds for the ICSF and awareness for children living with clefts in the developing world. I chose to base this trip in Southeast Asia because of the region's high prevalence of cleft births."

Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240.

See Winston's blog at <http://www.smiletrek.org> (which includes multiple videos) as he travels across the world. As of April 11th he had collected \$40,404 for ICSF, over 81% his goal of \$50,000.

An e-mail from Winston on April 11 :
Hi everyone,

Happy belated Easter. Here is [my latest blog post](#). I'm 80% of the way to my fundraising goal, woo-hoo! All the best,

Winston Fiore
Sgt/USMC
smiletrek.org

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 held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays in Fireside Room of Pepperdine University unless otherwise noted)

May 16 2012

Tomas Martinez Pepperdine Professor of Psychology
"My Life as a Polio Survivor"

Rotary has all but eliminated polio in the world, but millions of people were afflicted with the disease before the polio vaccines became available in the 1950s. One of those afflicted was Tomas Martinez Pepperdine Professor of Psychology. Professor Martinez will talk about his life as a polio survivor at the May 16 meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club.

May 23 2012

William Wishard
"Impressions of the 2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok"

Malibu Rotary Club President and President-Elect Bill Wishard will present his experiences and impressions from 2012 Rotary International Convention which he attended this month.

May 30 2012

Dennis Torres
"The Art of Negotiation"

Malibu Rotary Club Past President and current Executive Director of Real Estate and Adjunct Professor of Negotiation, Dispute Resolution and Critical Thinking at Pepperdine University Dennis Torres will speak on the Art of Negotiation at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting at 7:30 a.m. May 30th in the Fireside Room of Pepperdine University.

Jun 20 2012

Barbara

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Riley

"Rotary District Humanitarian Trip to Puerto Rico"

The Malbu Rotary Club is a co-sponsor in two humanitarian projects in Puerto Rico. Barbara Riley represented the Malibu Rotary Club at Rotary District 5280 Humanitarian Trip to Puerto Rico in February to visit these projects and will describe her experience at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting June 20.

Jun 27 2012

Prof.

dr.

George

Pavlakos

"Global Law: obligations of justice beyond the borders of the nation state"

Dr George Pavlakos is Research Chair in Globalisation and Legal Theory, Universiteit Antwerpen/Belgium, Director Centre for Law and Cosmopolitan Values <http://www.lcv.ua.ac.be> as well as Professor of Globalisation and Legal Theory, University of Glasgow/Scotland. He is taking a sabbatical year lecturing and studying at UCLA and the Malibu Rotary Club is fortunate to have this international scholar of law speak at our club June 27 on Global Law: obligations of justice beyond the borders of the nation state.