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- **Next Week:** The next regular meeting of the Malibu Rotary Club will be Wednesday, June 5th, at 12:00 p.m. noon in Room LC 152 at Pepperdine University Drescher Graduate Campus Learning Center. Program Jim Dyer Legacy-The Shelter Box
- **Last Week:** May 29: Malibu Rotary Club's Biggest Event of the year-- Brazilian Bash Blow Out
- Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website MalibuRotary.org
- Malibu Rotary Club Website: www.MalibuRotary.org
- Rotary International Website: www.Rotary.org
- Rotary District 5280 Website: www.rotary5280.org/

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- Assistant Governor for Malibu Rotary Club: Julie Jenkins (2012-13)

Brazilian Bash Blow Out Is Malibu Rotary’s Biggest Success of the Decade



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](#).

Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter editor asked event producer Maggie Luckerath to give her impressions of the event, which she amazingly put together in less than a month. The following is her reply:

Yes, what ever happened to that small Rotary sunset dinner that would cost about \$20 for about 20 people we were having at the NBA Star's investment Property that Donna Bohana, Solstice International Realty sold.... My comment is: "my mind on steroids took it to the way next level"!

I felt like the "one armed bandit" producing this event "by the seat of my pants." So many of my friends said "but Maggie this should be a committee of 10 and take about a year to plan". My motto was "just stay out of my way and let me do it"!

Bottom line, I feel it was a great success.....and I have been told by so many people a truly amazing event..... - Not that I did not put a few 20 hour days into it though.....I always said if I put my name on the line I would work hard to make it a success!

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".

I feel this event was successful in so many different ways - I always said it was not about the money we raised - it was, more important good will, and community relations. It was all about getting the name Malibu Rotary out there and hopefully getting some new members! Had nothing to do with my birthday - I was totally embarrassed when Truce and his musician friend Vinnie sang Happy Birthday to me. This event was hopefully all about showing people Malibu Rotary is alive and well - that maybe they will want to become part of us.

Granted those who attended and those who could not attend and contributed were mostly my friends and connections..... It was heartwarming to me to see their support.

I especially want to thank Hubert as I sorta took over his office in the house, took over his computer, took over his desk - now after this writing he can come back to his home base! I especially want to thank Donna Bohana for making it possible that we could use that wonderful "mini resort" and suggesting the caterer. Thanks to all of my local

Rotarians and those “over the hill” who attended and brought friends to the event on May 29th.

Special thanks to John Elman (a real true team player) who helped me in so many ways during the 3 three weeks and for all the time he spent getting the info uploaded on the computer, etc. etc.

I am so blessed to have had my good friend Pam Temmen hold my hand thru so many aspects of this event. I especially thank Pam, who is a real pro at event planning and silent auctions, for all the work she did with getting the flyer, making all the silent auction sheets and the many parts of the silent auction process and for helping me plan in numerous ways to get the successful end result... I have extended a big thank you to Pam as well as Frank who showed up to handle the silent auction the night of the event. Those two pros made everything look easy!

Many thanks to my “Helpers” at the event – could not have done it without you! For all you others who I might have forgotten to name - you know who you are - I appreciate all you did and say "thank you" from me personally and on behalf of the Malibu Rotary Club.

The entire night at the Brazilian Blowout Bash I was so near (in my thoughts) to Bill Wishard, our president, who is recuperating in Carlsbad. I know how much Bill wanted to attend and how much I wanted him to be there but unfortunately it was not possible. Can't say Bill did not try...he is a trooper! Bill, we especially took so many pictures just for you!

I feel so totally blessed to have each and every one who came and those who contributed to the Malibu Rotary Club in my life.

It was so wonderful that Barbara Riley our International Representative member of Malibu Rotary and Danielle Anjou (prior Malibu Rotary) who moved to Hawaii made that effort to come out and support not only me personally but the Malibu Rotary Club. It meant so so much to me that Shannon Gilman Torres Gillman (also former Malibu Rotarian) who drove over 3 hours to come support us and next day said she considers renewing her membership with the Malibu Rotary Club).

Among separate e-mails Maggie shared were those to and from our friends from Holland, Michigan, Tom and Jane Bos. Tom is Past Rotary District Govenor in Holland, MI, but he and his wife spend winters in Malibu and both are regulars at Malibu Rotary Club meetings. They not only made a summer visit especially to come to the Malibu Rotary Club BBB, but supplied the wine for the event. There are many thanks going around for jobs and contributions well done, and special thanks for Maggie, who took on mission impossible and insisted it was possible!

Next week Malibu Rotary Club will have a regular meeting at noon in LC 152 at the Pepperdine Drescher campus Villa Graziadio Executive Center with David Baird presiding again while President Bill continues to recoup from his heart surgery in Carlsbad.

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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June 5, 2013: (Regular meeting noon LC 152 at the Pepperdine Drescher campus)

Video of Jim Dyer from SF Valley e-Club—“ Jim Dyer Legacy--Shelter Box”*Jim Dyer was District Governor Elect at when he suddenly died this year. One of his passions was Shelter Box. A video made by the San Fernando Valley Rotary e-club captured Jim in interview and demonstration of Shelter Box.*

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.