



## *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter*

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## **Bob Brager and Richard Calvin Talk About the Many Public Works Projects in the City of Malibu**



**Bob Brager (R)** is the Public Works Director for the City of Malibu. and **Richard Calvin (L)** is the city’s Public Works Superintendent.

Bob had spoken to the Malibu Rotary Club several times in the past when the ever traveling Malibu Rotary Club Past President **Bow Bowman** (now Public Works Director of Riverside) was Malibu City Public Works Special Projects Director. During that time we learned about the development of the

many city public works projects before they were built. These included the projects in the Civic Center area like the renovation of Cross Creek Road, the water treatment facility at the corner of Cross Creek and Civic Center Way, and the crown jewel of the city—the recently opened Legacy Park.

The Malibu City Department of Public Works is responsible for street maintenance, clean water, transportation, landslide maintenance, storm damage repair as well as capital improvements. We have seen a lot of capital improvements in the last couple years.

During a PowerPoint slide presentation at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>, Bob, with assistance from Richard, told and showed, with a hand full of cardboard mounted printed plans, public works projects that were either recently completed, or in the process of being completed.

The completed projects included the traffic signal at the intersection of Corral Canyon and PCH, the multilevel Trancas Canyon Park in the western end of Malibu, the Paradise Cove Stormwater

Treatment Facility (which uses ultraviolet light to turn dirty stormwater into clear water at the rate of 1000 gallons per hour), and Legacy Park, which is now open, but still being planted with native vegetation.

Also recently completed was Malibu Canyon Road Repaving, done with Obama economic stimulus money. Bob said that the Carbon Beach Underground Utilities Project is about 99% complete. This project is to move utility lines such as electric power, telephone lines and cables from Edison, Verizon and others, underground from the utility and telephone poles where they had been before. The effect of this is to make the above ground landscape more attractive. It is also a costly project. Each homeowner on PCH where this is being done was assessed \$75,000, which can be paid as part of a 20 year loan. Bob pointed out that in most cities where this type project is done a private manager is hired by the utility companies at a cost of about \$300,000. In the city of Malibu the Department of Public Works is managing the underground utilities project and the homeowners are not having to pay the extra for the management fee, only for the utilities assessment. There is also a Broadbeach Road Underground Utilities Project.

Two current public works projects are the City Hall Renovation and the Library Renovation. The City Public Works Department is doing the design and construction on both of these projects. Bob said the City Hall project was a very good deal for the City of Malibu. The city was able to buy the former Malibu Performing Arts building and the 7 acres of prime Malibu land on which it sits for \$15 million. Beside turning it into a more modern 260 seat theater the community can use, it will be the new City Hall, Senior Center, and possibly have room for a sheriff's substation. The funds for the Malibu Library renovation has already been taken out of Los Angeles property taxes, and should fund a state of the art new library. The current library will be close during the renovation but a temporary library is in operation now at the current Malibu City Hall building.

Upcoming Malibu public works projects include Las Flores Canyon Park Phase II, which is a bridge across Las Flores creek. State funds have been appropriated for this, but with the state budget crisis, Bob says the work is not going to be done until they see the money.

There is also a city Tree Maintenance Program that has begun. Every tree in the City of Malibu which is on city property, or city right of way, has been inventoried. There are currently 8,000 trees in city right of ways, not counting the 700 that are in Legacy Park. Each of the trees is being assessed and prioritized as to potential danger, and as the trees grow, those that pose a danger to streets or people can be cut back.

Two other projects that are about to be done are the Pavement Management Program and the Broadbeach Wildlife Biofiltration Project.

## Legacy Park—the “hidden cleaning machine”



Malibu’s newly opened Legacy Park is a cooperative effort that took the work and money of many people and organizations, both in government and private individuals. Bob and other engineers and planner who have worked on it are proud of the result they achieved. When the City of Malibu finally got the deed to the property there were many restrictions put on its use. It cannot be used for any sports, or buildings. It does have benches and

trails and teaching areas and 8 hand made large mosaic of native animals, like the giant toad and snake in the picture. And it is also the hidden cleaning machine for storm water runoff for the Malibu basin. Water is treated at three different levels. All the storm water in the area is directed to the park. There are 35 miles of subterranean pipe there. Plants help filter the surface water as it moves with gravity toward an area which during the rare rainy season, may become a small lake. That small lake only will hold the water for a short time. Ultimately the water is pumped to the storm water filtration station on the corner of Cross Creek Road and Civic Center Way, where it is further filter, before being recycled for irrigation to vegetation in the park, landscaping on Cross Creek Road, and the “Green Machine’s” median strip in front of the park on PCH. To get the vegetation in the park started there are now surface pipes and sprinklers. Once 700 trees and other vegetation take hold in the park, these surface water sources will be taken out. The way Legacy Park cleaning machine is engineered, no water from the greater Malibu area will ever get into Malibu Creek, except, says Bob, during a rain that may occur once in a hundred years.

## Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Club Meeting

Malibu Club President **Chris Bauman** talked about the special Rotary District Symposium for Small Clubs. that he and **Kevin Boling** had attended the previous Friday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. Rotary International sent one of its Board members to conduct this special symposium. Small clubs are ones with less than 25 members, and the Malibu Rotary Club

certainly qualifies with less than half of that (12 “active” and five “honorary” members). Chris said what he learned at the symposium is that members of the smaller clubs generally do more in the Rotary mission in service and goodwill, than the members of larger clubs. The core values of Rotary membership are fellowship, ethics, diversity and service. Rotary International feels it especially important at this time to invest in the club, because without the individual Rotary Clubs there would be no Rotary. Each club must focus on the Five Avenues of service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and New Generations (Youth Service). Although in the past Rotary has often been unknown to the general public, doing it’s service without much fanfare or publicity, there is a effort now to change that. Rotary wants clubs to enhance its public image by using the media and publicity.

It may still not to be too late to get reservations in for the Rotary Foundation Celebration “House of Rotary” at the House of Blues Sunday November 7 at 2:00 p.m. Family is invited to the House of Blues affair and cost is \$75 per person. **Bill Wishard** collected the raffle ticket stub for the event for the \$100 checks given by Malibu Rotarians for the Rotary Foundation and was going to hand carry them to the Rotary District office.

The previous week Fred has sent check from Malibu Rotary Club to the District for participation in the bicycles for students in the Dominican Republic.

**Jack Corrodi** again introduced his daughter **Theresa Corrodi** and her firend **Kip Myles** who helped get Jack to the Rotary meeting. Jack noted that the new Malibu Legacy Park has no rest rooms. The previous week he wondered if the Malibu Rotary Club might consider a project like the first Rotary Club in Chicago a hundred years ago and build a restroom in the park. When Jack found out that such a project would cost \$100,000 to build he amended his suggestion to perhaps having a couple of Porta Pottys placed there with Rotary emblems on the side. He said that **Kevin Boling’s** Universal Waste Systems could empty them periodically. Does UWS handle that kind of waste? Malibu City Public Works Director **Bob Brager**, our guest speaker, had no comment on these plans of Jack’s, but said that although there are no rest rooms available in the park, there are rest rooms available in the adjacent shopping centers and of course in the court house across the street.



Project TRIUMPH (Today's Revolution Is Understanding; Make Peace Happen) is a grassroots effort to bring Arab and Jewish teenagers together in the spirit of collaboration to build a shared vision for a peaceful future. The program was conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. It 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 Middle East, but at least this program is trying to do something. Initially sponsorship of this program had been mostly from the Newbury Park Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240 and private and corporate donors. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support the project.

Pictured above are the students who were hosted in 2008 as they visited Malibu on their way to the leadership camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. There is a partnership with the Rotary Club of Haifa and one in Italy to get Jewish and Arab students out of Israel to a place where they can learn to work together and apply this when they return to Israel. A new Pilot TRIUMPH project is being developed. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in the City of Acre in Israel as a year long program with Jewish and Arab students working together making a video documentary that strives for lifelong results. The new Pilot TRIUMPH project is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO.

If you would like to help with Project TRIUMPH you can contact Shoshana Brower at [shobrower@gmail.com](mailto:shobrower@gmail.com) or Leon Berg at [Leon.Berg@gmail.com](mailto:Leon.Berg@gmail.com).



## Malibu Rotary Club Supports BioSand Filters in Ecuador

Malibu Rotary Club voted to send \$500 to the Rotary Club of Pontiac Michigan to help build and install BioSand Filters in Santo Domingo De Los Colorados, Ecuador. As was noted by Carol Cousineau, who, along with husband Ron brought the project to our attention, after installing the first BioSand filters in Ecuador (and pictured left), "That money would be matched by the next District Grant, which we have been assured we will get. So, for instance \$500.00 would become \$750.00.

The filters and two 5 gallon safe water containers per unit, cost around \$60.00 each, so a donation of \$500.00 would provide 12 families of five or more with 20 gallons of water each day - enough for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, bathing and washing clothes! The filters are expected to last at least 50 years

without the need to add any expense except chlorine - available and inexpensive. That means each family will have more money to provide more nutritious food for their families, since they don't have to pay for propane to boil their water. It will mean more time to spend with their children, rather than boiling or foraging for firewood. With great improvement in the health of all the family members, fewer cases of diarrhea and stomach flu from bad water and parasites, the parents will better be able to hold down a job and provide for their families, children will be able to attend school more days and have a better future.

We are excited about this project because we anticipate that this is just the beginning. All over Ecuador, there are families struggling to survive, with a high infant mortality rate, because of bad water. This successful project will be a shining example and model. Rotary is the perfect vehicle for getting the word out about BioSand and accomplishing the goal of providing safe drinking water for the world. **BioSand** is one of the four methods of purifying water recommended for Third World Countries by the World Health Organization. (We have researched the others. Since they provide only a small amount of water for drinking, are small and ceramic, so more susceptible to breakage or deterioration, or adding so much chlorine that the people won't drink it, the concrete BioSand is by far the best choice for all but mountainous areas, where a more expensive plastic version of BioSand is an alternative.)"

For a while it looked like the matching grant process was not going to happen. When Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard visited Ecuador in March, 2010, he was able to meet with Ecuador Past District 4400 Governor, Juan Prinz, to get project back on track.

## **Calendar**

**Nov 7, 2:00 p.m. Rotary Foundation Celebration and Fund-raiser  
“House of Rotary” Mardi Gras Event held November 7, at 2:00 pm at the  
House of Blues, 8430 Sunset Blvd in Hollywood. \$75.00 per person**

**Nov. 17 , (Thursday 6:00 p.m.) Malibu Rotarians in conjunctions with SOS  
(Standing On Stone) Sponsor, prepare, serve Thanksgiving Dinner for  
homeless at Webster School.**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday, evening) The Malibu Rotary Middle and High School  
Singing Competition will be held the evening of Tuesday, as a yet to be  
determined location.**

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## **Future Speakers at Malibu Rotary Club Meetings:**

- **Nov 3 2010**
- **Jason VanaderPal**
- **"Improving Your Public Speaking"**
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- **Nov 10 2010**
- **Gary Darakjian**
- **"SOS"**
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- **Nov 17 2010**
- **Jean-Marie Bontous**
- **"The Social Media"**
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- **Dec 8 2010**
- **Otis Bradley**
- **"Building "Green""**

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