



## *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter*

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## **Bill Wishard’s Remembrance of His Historical Encounters of the 1960’s**

The unexpected speaker 8 Sept. 2010 for the Rotary Club of Malibu was **Bill Wishard**, following his telling Program Chair **Margo Neal** at breakfast that in honor of the recent 47th. anniversary of Dr. **Martin Luther King's** "I have a Dream" speech before 200,000 people at the Aug. 1963 March on Washington he would sometime like to talk for a few minutes about his semi private dinner with Dr. King a few months before that historic speech and Dr. King's unexpected dinner following that speech with Bill's long time colleague **Mr. J. Blanton Belk**, founder and now Chairman/President Emeritus of the intl. musical/cultural program "Up With People."



Margo said "how about this morning, I don't think our speaker has arrived." Bill had planned to use some graphics and music, but said "o.k.," totally *a capella*.



Bill described that following his second year at Williams College in the early 1960's attending a 1000-person conference at a castle-conference center in Switzerland overlooking Lake Geneva, where one of the leaders of the international relations-humanitarian-spiritual organization hosting the event was his uncle **Scoville Wishard**, a Williams



College--Princeton Theological Seminary-Univ. of Edinburgh (Scotland) graduate and ordained Presbyterian minister.

**(Pictured Left: J. Blanton Belk with former President Eisenhower)**

Following the conference Bill joined about 10 other American college students attending to become stage crew for an international, goodwill spiritual theatrical

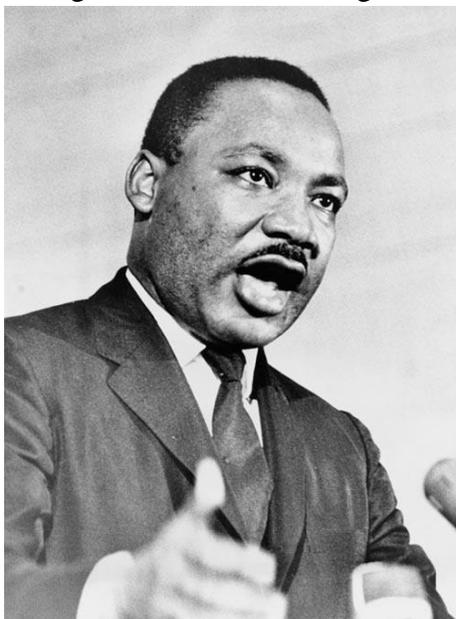
production heading out on a tour of Asia headed up by another attendee, a 24 year old recent Cambridge University graduate from India **Rajmohan Ghandi**, (pictured Right) grandson of Mohandas Ghandi. Other members of the troupe included about 30+ Japanese and Chinese students and a few other fairly well known Asian adults , and 20 + Europeans.



Bill said the year of adventures "changed his life," especially a month touring most of South Vietnam sponsored by then **President Ngo Dinh Diem (pictured left)**, where each night 10,000-20,000-30,000 people attended the without charge outdoor production.

At the end of the tour Pres. Diem hosted the troupe in Saigon at their version of the U.S. White House, where during a 1 1/2 hour closed visit a photo was taken of Pres. Diem with Rajmohan Ghandi and the U.S. stage crew. American military and equipment were only in Vietnam as advisers then. Diem said American troops would never fight there.

Bill soon returned to what seemed peaceful Berkshire Mountains Williamstown, Massachusetts village of Williams College. About a year later Pres. Diem was assassinated during a U.S.



supported military *coupe de te*. Exactly three weeks later Pres. John Kennedy was assassinated.

Late in 1962 or very early in 1963 Bill received a phone call at 4:00 p.m. on a Sunday saying the speaker at the 7:30 Sunday evening College Chapel services would attend a dinner in the basement before the service. Very few knew or were attending. Would he like to attend in light of his world travels to meet the speaker Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr?

Bill of course accepted quickly, especially interested in hearing during his world tours year that Dr. King knew well of the work of the organization he was with was doing.

At the dinner Dr. King was thanking Williams students for coming to the South on summer vacations to help him with youth in organizing the Civil Rights movement, did not show a high level of interest in personal talk with the few students at the dinner since he was

leaving immediately following for what turned out to be a "sold out" very stirring packed chapel sermon he was about give. Bill watched intently from his front row seat as Dr King delivered his sermon without notes. Bill had a chance for a moment alone with Dr King after his sermon, and before an after after chapel dinner. Bill told Dr King of the work he had done the previous year. Dr King's face, eyes and demeanor totally lit up, and in 2 minutes he gave a dynamic, passionate, very knowledgeable expression of support and endorsement and understanding of the work Bill had been part of, far more than anyone at Williams in Bill's final 2 years back there, hence leaving Bill with a strong and lasting personal impression of this great icon of the American Civil Rights Movement.

In the early 1965-1968 years of Up With People, one the leading songs of the show then, and once #1 best selling song in Spain and Argentina, was "What Color is God's Skin," drawn from a speech a well known English author-speaker had given in early 1960's in south. Immediately following the "I Have A Dream Speech," Dr. King returned under the cover of the Lincoln Monument at the top of the stairs, saw friend Blanton Belk there, said "Blanton, how did you like my speech? I never forgot the words from the speech about color of God's skin." Blanton answered enthusiastically, asked him what he was doing for dinner, said he wanted him to come for dinner at the fine home he was a guest in (now an Embassy) in Washington. Dr. King expressed interest, asked for directions, and said "I'll probably bring some friends." Dinner at the home was prepared, Dr. King did indeed arrive with about 30 friends, signed the home's guest book so records still exist of that dinner!

### Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Club Meeting



**Kevin Boling**, the man of the hour with his marathon duty keeping the grill going over the Labor Day Weekend at the Malibu Chili Cook Off also presided over the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on September 8 when President Chris was unable to be there. There were plenty of guests to introduce. **Bill Wishard** introduced frequent guest **Cliff Mortensen**, who after completing his joint bachelor and MBA degree program at Pepperdine University is now working at Northwest Mutual. **Jack Corrodi** brought three guests, or maybe his guests brought him: his son **Benjamin Corrodi**, his daughter **Theresa Corrodi** along with her friend **Kip Miles**.

**Kevin** said the Malibu Rotary Both at the Kiwanis Chili Cook Off brought in \$660. He recommended the cases of water that were donated by Malibu Rotarians and were not sold at the event be bought back by the members for \$10.00 per case. See story about the booth in story that follows.

## Malibu Rotary Booth at Malibu Chili Cook Off is Success



The Annual Malibu Kiwanis Chili Cook Off was held Labor Day week in the Malibu Civic Center area. Although Kiwanis is primary sponsor of event, other service organizations, including Malibu Rotary Club, participate, and use the profits as fundraiser for charity giving. In addition to selling water, which the Malibu Rotary Club had done for the past several years, the 2010 was a larger fundraiser for the Malibu Rotary Club featuring Kevin Boling's grill,



recipes, and expertise in cooking up Tri-Tip Bar B-Q sandwiches and sliders, cheese burgers, as well as chili, in the Malibu Rotary Club booth.



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**

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