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Michael O'Hara talks about his life and his book:

***Volleyball: Fastest Growing Sport in the World! The Basic Guide to the Sport
Challenging Soccer.***

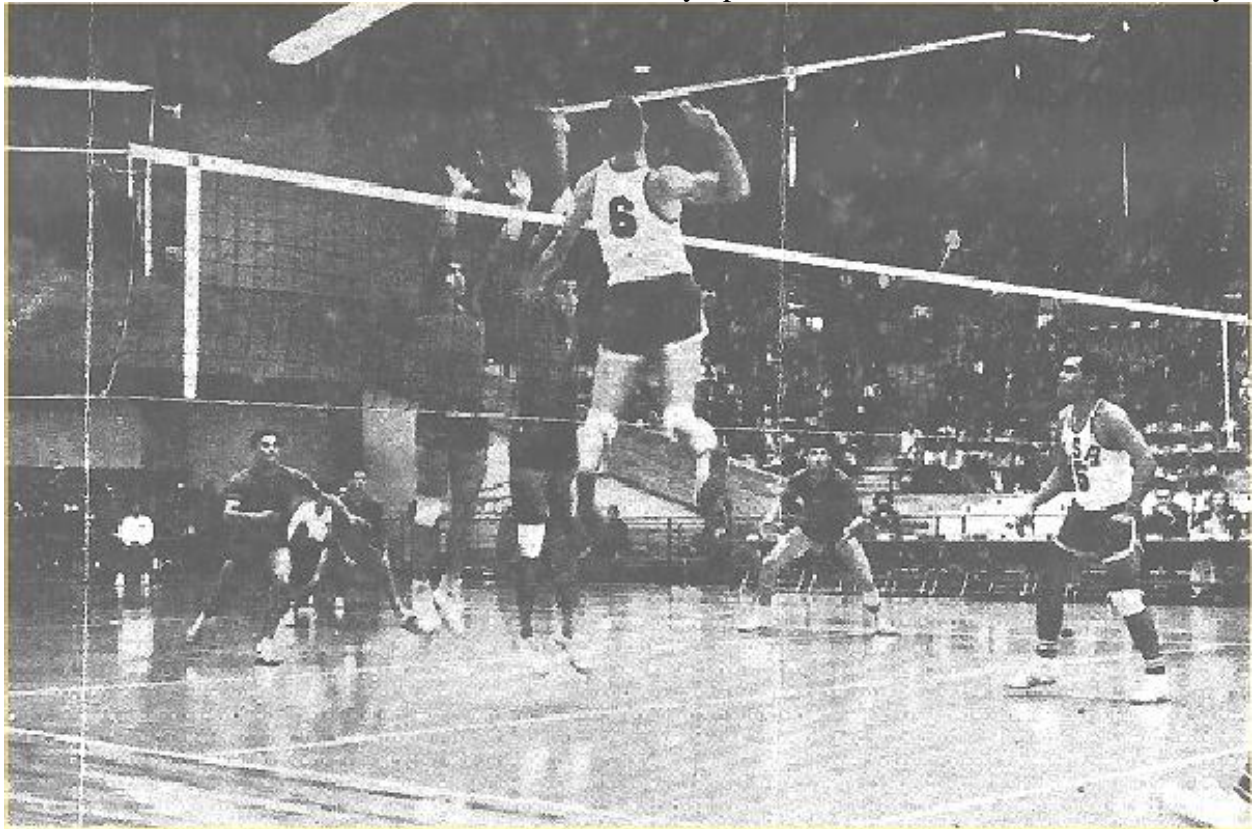
Michael O'Hara is a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica, resident of Pacific Palisades, and had spoken to the Malibu Rotary Club in 2005 after he had written the book *Prostate Cancer And Other Prostate Problems: Prevention Measures; And Cures*, a book that details research he had done and which had enlisted the aid of several urologists, to arrive at a decision when he had been diagnosed with prostate disease.

It is mostly through sports that O'Hara is mostly known. His 40 year old company, O'Hara Enterprises International, Inc., enjoys the distinction of having pioneered more college, professional, and Olympic sporting endeavors than any other company in history.

O'Hara has made significant contributions to sport, conceiving the rally scoring system that is used on all levels of volleyball, including the Olympic games. He also motivated the FIVB to adopt the American sport of Beach Volleyball, and later persuaded IOC President Samaranch to include it in his 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

In 1980, O'Hara accepted the invitation of his former travel agent, Peter Ueberroth, to assist him in producing the '84 L.A. Olympic games. He initially served as Executive Director of all 26 Olympic sports. The last 2 years, as V.P. Television & Communication, O'Hara negotiated agreements with television broadcasters from 152 countries. The surplus realized from these legacy producing Olympics was \$235 million, the approximate net amount achieved from total television sales.

Athletically, O'Hara was an All American in 1953 and 1954 on two National Championship UCLA volleyball teams. He was later named "Most Valuable Player" in the nation in 1961 and '63, captained the silver medal winning 1963 Pan American Games team, and in 1964, represented America on the first Olympic team in Tokyo.



(Above) Michael O'Hara (wearing jersey 6) about to spike ball in 1964 Tokyo games

O'Hara's record, with partner Mike Bright, of winning the first five World Championship Beach Volleyball Championships may never be equaled. Mr. O'Hara is the only athlete in history to be inducted into all three beach and indoor volleyball halls of fame.

With such a background in Volleyball it seemed only natural that Michael O'Hare would write the definitive book about the subject. His book (and our Internet search confirms) the humble beginnings of volleyball.

Volleyball was created by the Young Men's Christian Instructors (YMCA) in Massachusetts, and more specifically by William G Morgan. Volleyball was introduced 5 years after Dr. James Naismith, who had been the Athletic Director at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, moved on to the YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA in 1891, and invented basketball. In Springfield, Naismith was faced with the problem of finding a sport that was suitable for play inside during the Massachusetts winter for the students at the School for Christian Workers. Naismith wanted to create a game of skill for the students instead of one that relied solely on strength. He needed a game that could be played indoors in a relatively small space. The first game was played with a soccer ball and two peach baskets used as goals. Morgan found that basketball was more strenuous than some of the men could play. Morgan saw that the physical contact of basketball and the fast pace tired the older businessmen that enjoyed playing sports. So, he created a sport called "mintonette" which eventually turned into the game of volleyball.

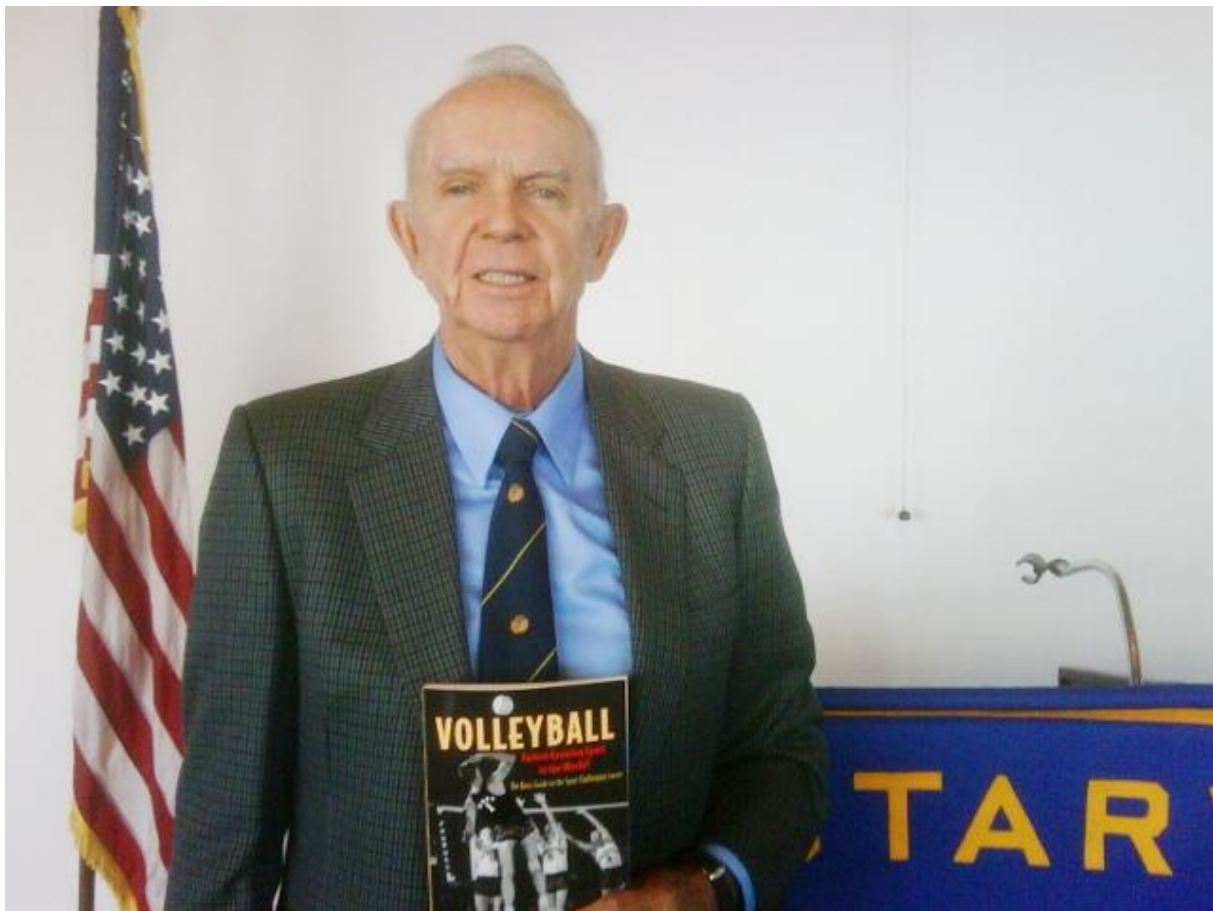
Morgan's game was played on a rectangular court with a net across the center of the court. The court was small enough so that the players would not need to run often over a large space. To reduce costs and permit more people to play the game, players could use their hands to bat the ball back and forth over the net instead of using rackets or other equipment. The net was positioned six feet six inches above the floor so that it was just above the average player's head. The ball was a lightweight ball made from an inflated basketball bladder. To eliminate the physical contact Morgan positioned each team on either side of the net. As the game began, players would use their hands to hit the ball back and forth until it went out of bounds or hit the floor. Morgan's game was designed to be played in innings, each inning consisted of three serves by each team— just like baseball. Each team was allowed to hit the ball as many times as they wanted in order to get the ball over the net to the opponents. If the ball hit the floor before returning over the net, then the other side won a point.

Morgan called the game mintonette because it resembled badminton, and the game of mintonette quickly took off as men of all ages enjoyed it. About a year after Morgan created mintonette, in 1896 Morgan presented it to a group of YMCA physical education directors. Dr. Alfred Halsted suggested to Morgan that he change the name to "volley ball" since the game consisted of volleying the ball back and forth over the net. The first official volleyball game was played on July 7, 1896 at Springfield College.

O'Hara explains that, although soccer is still the most popular sport in the world, volleyball can be played in more places, and, as his book points out, is the fastest growing sport. For soccer you need a large level field, in addition to the ball and goal. But for volleyball, you only need the a net and a ball. Missionaries have spread volleyball around the world tying fish net between 2 trees. It is inexpensive and can be played indoors or outdoors, with as few as 2 people or many as a dozen, by men and women of all ages.

The true "birth" of "beach volleyball" apparently began on the beaches of Waikiki Beach in Hawaii, at the Outrigger Canoe Club in 1915! From the moment that this first recorded game in Hawaii took place, this outdoor game of volleyball has continued to be played and known as "beach volleyball" rather than just "volleyball." In the 1920's private and public beach clubs in Santa Monica were featuring the sport. 11 such beach clubs appeared in the Santa Monica area, beginning in late 1922. The first inter-club competitions were staged in 1924, marking the first beach volleyball tournaments to be played in California. Most of these early beach volleyball matches were played with teams of at least six players per side, much like indoor volleyball. The concept of the modern two-man beach volleyball game, however, is credited to Paul "Pablo" Johnson, an indoor player of Santa Monica Athletic Club.^[3] In the summer of 1930, while waiting for players to show up for a six-man game, Johnson decided to try playing with only the two people present. The game was forever changed. So now only two people may play on the court at once for each team.

There are currently as many governing bodies for volleyball as there are for soccer and basketball. Recently O'Hara was given the opportunity to give a presentation to group of executives representing the top 10 Oil producing countries in the world. They wanted an outsiders viewpoint on developing activities to get kids to play sports. Everywhere in the world kids are playing computer games rather than participating in physical sports. The Arab countries are committed to building more indoor and outdoor courts and fields.



When O'Hara spoke to the Arab countries he dared to tell them he felt that they should include women in the expansion of sports, using as example how women have revitalized and expanded Rotary. We are not sure how that went over in Saudi Arabia and Yemen, but we give Michael big Kudos for trying!

O'Hara's book has been translated into Chinese and Russian. In the various international versions of the book the cover features volleyball stars of that country.

Malibu Rotary Club Booth at the Annual Malibu Kiwanis Chili-Cook Off Labor Day Week End is successful event



(above)Malibu Rotary Club President and Chief Chef Kevin Boling at 2010 Malibu Chili Cook Off

Maggie Luckerath reported the Malibu Rotary Club booth at the Annual Labor Day Weekend Chili Cook Off was another successful event. Most members of the club contributed in some way bringing water and working at the booth. **Chris Bauman** was able to find a source of free ice for water sales, and was there each day to deliver, in addition to providing the gas grill to allow the fabrication of Kevin's Tri-Tip sandwiches and cheeseburgers. Maggie herself scored a

super deal on the beef from Ralph's Supermarket, and along with Malibu Rotary Club President Kevin Boling helped with the cooking, to rave reviews. In fact certain of the regular carnival people who were there each day, came back for more because they liked it so much. The gross sales of the Malibu Rotary Booth was \$936.00 and after subtracting the \$334.72 in expenses, the net profit for the Malibu Rotary Club charities was \$601.28.

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Malibu Rotary Club President Kevin Boling was unable to get to the meeting by the start time, but got there before it ended. Although Maggie was the official Vice President for the month of September, she deferred to **Bill Wishard** to preside over the meeting, and introduce guest speaker **Michael O'Hara**. Bill was well qualified to introduce Michael, because the two had worked together in the 1984 Olympics. Usually the speakers at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting sign a children's book donated to the local School On Wheels. Following Michael O'Hara's presentation the Malibu Rotary Club bought Michael's autographed book *Volleyball: Fastest Growing Sport in the World! The Basic Guide to the Sport Challenging Soccer* and donated it to the School on Wheels.

Geoff Ortiz reported on ideas formulated for having a Malibu Rotary Family Day At The Park, specifically Bluff's Park. This was in response to the possible sponsorship of General Motors in getting publicity for their new cars. Geoff spoke to City of Malibu officials concerning use of the park and found out that to do this event would require a Special Use Permit, that no vehicles can park on the grass, and that the City would charge \$150.00 per hour for use of the park. In addition there would have to be offsite parking. Although booths in the park can charge for things that are sold, admission must be free. A Malibu Rotary Family At the Park committee has been formed appointed by President Kevin and head by Geoff.

Guests

The only guest at the September 7 Malibu Rotary Club meeting was **Donna Bohana**, 1991 Pepperdine University graduate has the Solstice realty office.

In the past several weeks Kevin has talked about several upcoming Rotary District 5280 events, and the fact that he had raffle tickets (12 tickets for \$100) for the Paul Harris event below. Reminded us that the next Rotary District breakfast is Tuesday, September 27th at 7am at the Westin LAX Hotel. Be sure to make your reservations to the District Office before September 20th for the early bird price of \$34. The special guest speaker is Val Zavala who is the anchor of SoCal Connected and also serves as KCET's Vice President of News and Public Affairs. For the registration form and more information click [form](#) on the [district site](#)

The Paul Harris Foundation Event this year will be a special Rotary performance of **Circus Vargas** in Del Amo on November 6. The whole family is invited to this event which will involve having fun watching a circus while raising money for the Rotary Foundation. Malibu Rotary Club has bought a block of adult tickets for the event. Members can buy some of these tickets at our meeting. Details of the Paul Harris Foundation Event are as follows:

Circus Vargas for Rotary on November 6

Doors open at 11:00 am 🕒 Pre-Show begins at 12:10 pm

Tickets: \$65 adult □ \$35 children under 16

Includes: **Children and adults get one hot dog or nachos, one cotton candy or popcorn, and two beverages.**

Plus, each Adult ticket also gets one deli sandwich.

Del Amo Fashion Center Torrance

3 Del Amo Fashion Square, 3525 Carson Street, Torrance 90503

If you click on the following link you can print out a flyer for the event in pdf format:

[http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280//HTML/133016//CircusVargasFlyer\[1\].pdf](http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5280//HTML/133016//CircusVargasFlyer[1].pdf)

Rotary Club Vice Presidents of the Month

August: **Bill Wishard**

September: **Maggie Luckerath**

October: **McKade Marshall**

November: **David Baird**

December: **Bob Syvertsen**



Week 10 Message From Malibu Rotary Club President Kevin Boling

September marks “New Generations” month for Rotary. This is the month that we celebrate Interact, Rotaract and New Generation clubs. Malibu Rotary has a Rotaract Club at Pepperdine, we need to invite them to our meetings and get them involved in what we do. We need to participate with their

activities as well. Let's make a commitment to do this. I have asked Chris to get the ball rolling with establishing an Interact Club at Malibu High. If anyone can help with this, I sure Chris would welcome the assistance.

Young men and women are the future of not only Rotary, but our country as well. It is of the utmost importance that we do our part to ensure the future. Of course our first responsibility is to our own children and grandchildren, but there are so many others who are looking for a mentor, someone to guide them or lead them in the right way. During this month of September, take the time to pause and reflect and then act. The future depends on it.

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Kevin

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Marine Sgt Winston Fiore Started his 5,000 mile Cross Country Motorcycle Trip in Malibu. His purpose is to bring awareness of children's cleft palette and raise money for the International Children's Surgical Foundation. The organization provides surgery, training for 3rd world surgeons, and followup care. Malibu Rotary Club is one of his sponsors. One surgery costs \$240. So far he has raised about \$12,000, almost half his goal of \$25,000.

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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Braden Moglar, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Uruguay

Braden Moglar, Pepperdine University grad who accepted a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study public health in Uruguay, returns to give us update on his experience. He originally spoke to the Malibu Rotary Club March 11, 2009 (See [Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter March 11 2009](#)).

Sep 28 2011

Kevin Boling et al.

""why I should join Rotary""

Special meeting highlighting accomplishments of Malibu Rotary Club and Rotary International to be presented to potential members.

Oct 26 2011

Colin Macfarlane

"Bangladesh Clubfoot Program"

Colin Macfarlane, a member of Rotary e-Club One in district 5450 and an honorary member of RC Dhaka Buriganga in Bangladesh. his home bases are Melbourne Australia and Dhaka Bangladesh. He will talk about the Bangladesh Clubfoot Project: These children have a future because Rotarians care.

5000 children (maybe 7000 feet) a year are born with clubfeet in Bangladesh : before the program started most went untreated. In just two years we are now approaching 4000 feet under correction by the Ponseti Method. This method involves no invasive surgery and has a 95% success rate in children under 12 months old.

