

The Bayshore Village

Morro Bay

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Our Neighbor

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Jack Morehead has experienced a career and lifetime spent in some of the most scenic and fascinating places on earth.

During his 42-year career with the National Park Service, Jack had assignments at over a dozen National Parks, including: Grand Canyon (AZ), Yosemite (CA), Mt.

Rainier (WA), Grand Tetons (WY), Rocky Mountain (CO), Everglades (FL), Isle Royal (MI), Glen Canyon (AZ), and 16 National Park areas in the State of Alaska alone! Jack began his career as part of a Trail Crew (Laborer) in Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park, Colorado, where he grew up and attended high school. Eventually, Jack would be promoted to Associate Director of National Parks for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Each new assignment brought along with it opportunities to interact with nature and explore the unique environment.

During Jack's time in Isle Royale, MI, he organized and procured funding for a dive team to conduct surveys and photograph the many shipwrecks that had taken place from the mid-1800's through the early Twentieth Century in the treacherous waters of Lake Superior. Several years ago, Jack gave a fascinating slide presentation here at Bayshore Village of several of the shipwrecks that he had dived on and studied. Jack has also given presentations on the American Grey Wolf, also found in Isle Royale.

Jack's last career assignment, prior to retiring, was as Director of all of the National Park areas in the State of Alaska. Of all the states, Alaska has the most National Park areas; including Denali, Kenai Fjords, Bering Land Bridge, Gates of the Arctic, Klondike Gold Rush and the largest of the National Parks, Wrangell-St. Elias at over 8 million acres.

After moving all over the country in the course of Jack's career, Jack's wife carefully researched the best places to retire, considering the factors of: climate, environment, social and cultural activities. She narrowed down the search to the Central Coast of California, particularly Morro Bay or Los Osos. Sadly, she passed away while they were still living in Alaska. Jack decided to pursue the idea of moving to the Central Coast and, upon his retirement in 1994, he started looking for a home in either Los Osos or Morro Bay. His real estate agent told him about the newly built Phase 3 condominiums here at Bayshore Village and he found exactly what he was looking for.

An avid Nature Lover and Sportsman, Jack has kayaked extensively in Baja; and has scuba dived in such exotic places as Mexico, Hawaii, Central America, Indonesia, the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, the Dry Tortugas and the Caribbean.

His recent travels have taken him to places that most of us only read about. Two years ago Jack was one of 60 passengers who sailed to Antarctica to view the unique wildlife, including Penguins, Leopard and Weddell seals. Sailing back to Argentina, the small ship that he was on was tossed on 30 foot waves while crossing Drake Passage!

Recently, Jack was one of only 16 passengers on a live-aboard boat exploring the Amazon jungle. He encountered some of the most exotic (and most colorful!) species of living creatures on earth, including monkeys, sloths, snakes (boa constrictors and anacondas), piranhas, lizards (iguanas), birds and insects. At a recent Bayshore Wednesday lunch, Jack shared some spectacular photos of this trip.

When Jack is not traveling to far-off destinations, he frequently visits his children and grandchildren here in the States. His son, Mark and wife Patti live in Boise Idaho with their 6 year old adopted daughter, Maggie. A highlight for Jack a couple of years ago was seeing Maggie successfully tackle the slopes in Sun Valley during a family vacation. Jack is an avid skier as well. Jack's daughter Shawn and grandson Jake live in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Jake is 21 and attends Colorado State University.

Jack, when at home, volunteers his time as a docent with *Friends of the Elephant Seals*. Until very recently he served as president of the *Piedras Blancas Lighthouse Association*, and led tours at the Piedras Blancas Light station. And here at Bayshore Village, Jack served two terms on the Board of Directors, including Board President.

Jack is an excellent photographer. There are many photos that he has taken of his travels that adorn the walls of his home. Immediate future travel plans include a trip to Nova Scotia and Labrador.



A photograph of glaciers merging together in Alaska.

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The Dogs of Bayshore Village



Goldie
Bertoldi-Quint



Dobie Wiese



Bianca Bravo



Chili Ullum



Heidi Hillenburg



Buddy Aven



Missy Drake



Bailey Bravo



Lola Ullum



Gracie Bear Sullivan



Mija Sepulveda

Love me, Love my dog!!

If I could give you one thing in life, I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes. Only then would you realize how special you are to me. - Unknown



Morro Bay Events

Art in the Park | Memorial Day Weekend



May 23rd – May 25th: Artwork of all modalities will be available for sale from local artists. For more information visit: www.artcentermorrobay.com

Rock to Pier Fun Run, Half Marathon July 18.



This approx 6 mile run/walk is held entirely on the beach from Morro Rock to the Cayucos Pier. This event is open to all ages and abilities. <http://www.morrobay.org/events2/>

Bayshore Village Activities

Wednesday Lunch

Every Wednesday at a local restaurant. Check notice by mailboxes for location.

Mutt Mitt Clean-Up Bags

The Mutt Mitt dispenser in Bayshore Park is funded by private donations to **Bay Foundation**. It costs \$300 a year to keep a dispenser stocked with Mutt Mitts. If you would like to donate (tax deductible) to the program, please make your check payable to: The Bay Foundation, and mail c/o Diane Moore, 497 Rennell St., Morro Bay, CA 93442, and note on the check: Attn: Mutt Mitts-Bayshore Park.

Questions: Call Anna Aven at 771-9856.

Bayshore Village Notes

The Inn at Morro Bay management says their reconstruction, of reception area, lounge and dining areas, is complete and waiting for City approval. They are hoping for a mid June reopening.

Please lend your support to our neighbor, **Bayside Café**, as its owner works to negotiate a new lease required to continue to operate in its current location on State property. The City of Morro Bay is being encouraged by City residents to take steps necessary to take over the leasing of the property as it has done with the marina (also on State property) adjacent to the cafe. The **Bayside Cafe** has been operating for nearly 30 years, and the City would be able to work to grant a new lease for it to continue serving the wonderful food we all so enjoy.