

Rotary
Club of Oakland #3



Live Oak Newsletter

Proposed for Membership

An application has been received from the following individual. If no objection is received within five days, the application will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Charlene Wang
Environmental Justice and Civil Rights
Oakland, CA
Sponsor: **Kathy Dwyer**

Maria Alderete
Executive Director - Community Kitchens
2270 Telegraph Ave
Oakland, CA 94612
Sponsor: **Isaac Kos-Read**

Robert Muldoon
Strategic Energy Management Coach
CLEAResult
180 Grand Ave, Suite 850
Oakland, CA 94612
Sponsor: **Gary Flaxman**

Bob Lee
Owner
CMIT Solutions
1901 Harrison St, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612
Sponsor: **Ruth Stroup / Jesse Schmidt**

James Morris
First Vice President
Amalgamated Bank
Sponsor: **Wil Hobbs**

Maury "Mack" McFadden
Founder
McFadden-Finch Restaurant Group
Oakland, CA

Stories

[Next Club Meeting – January 30 – Leon Panetta on Foreign Policy –Look Ahead](#)

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Our speaker will be the distinguished **Leon Panetta** who has served as California US Representative from 1977-1993 as well Director of the Office of Management & Budget, White House Chief of Staff, Director of the CIA, Secretary of State and co-founder of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

On February 6, our speaker is Sam Singer who will talk about The Art of Crisis Management.

On February 13, the speaker is Ray Bobbitt, Founder and Managing Member of the African American Sports Entertainment Group who will talk about the Oakland Coliseum Deal.

On February 20, Gary Meyer, founder of Telluride Film Festival, will join us to provide insight into the Oscars.

If you are attending in person, please use Rotary Eventbrite to sign up so our team will make sure we have sufficient lunches and seats in the ballroom.

The meetings will be in-person as well as on Zoom.

[Business Development Mixer](#)

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In lieu of the noontime Club meeting, on January 23rd members and their guests gathered at the Terminal Line 51 Brewing Company. Fellowship and refreshments brought everyone together for an after-work opportunity to connect.

Sponsor: **David Stein**

Southern California Wildfire Relief

If you would like to give a gift to support the wildfire relief efforts, go to:

<https://rotary5280.org/page/2025-wildfire-disaster-relief/>

We Care Corner

A confidential email has been set up for members to alert the We Care Committee to reach out to a member and connect.

Home Care -- Shared Experience Corner

Need information about home care including equipment and supplies? There may be fellow Rotarians who can give helpful tips based on personal experience. Send a confidential email to the We Care Committee address (listed below) and we will provide you some information or one of us will get in touch.

Other Needs

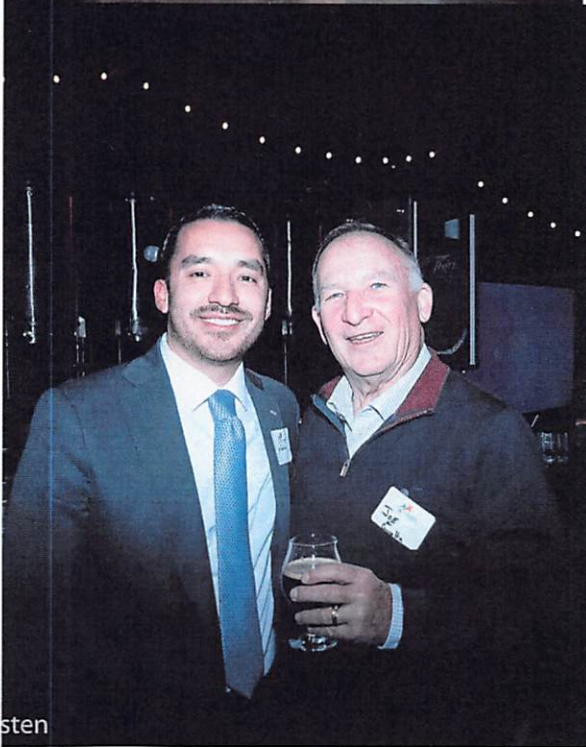
Need help:
Post surgery?
Logging on to Zoom?
A ride to the weekly Club meeting?
Choosing a committee?
Some cheer during a rough time?

We will reach out with sensitivity and be sure we offer the appropriate support.

Rotary is here for you. Let's stay close and connect!

The email is:
RCOWeCareCommittee@gmail.com
The password is Rotary\$9453

Special Events



Feed The Hungry Campaign Report

In December 19th, the Club conducted its annual Feed The Hungry fundraising campaign under the direction of the Community Service Committee.

This tradition goes back many decades in Club history when members either donated food or funds in late fall to help those in need.

Greg Knight – 4 years
Kevin Hunter – 3 years
Jennifer Shanoski – 1 year
Kathleen Uribe – 1 year

East Bay Bird Hot Spot

Jan. 29 – 1 pm
Upper San Leandro Reservoir
EBMUD staging area
Sign-up email listed in
Jan 23 memo from
Mark Rosen.

Lunar New Year Dinner

Feb. 13 – 5:30 – 8 pm
Peony Seafood Dinner
Register on Club
Eventbrite site

Rotary Night at Warriors

March 10
Chase Center, S.F.
Go to Club Calendar
on DACdb to register

**A Service Safari
Annual Gala**

Apr. 10
Bocanova
1111 Broadway
Details to Come

Service Projects**Food Distribution at
Laney College**

Every Wednesday during
the academic year
Two shifts: 10 – 11:30
and 11:30 am to 1 pm
Currently on hiatus due
to construction on the
Laney campus.
Contact Karen Friedman
for information on next
distribution date.

HOT Squad

Volunteer Service Projects
serving the community as
scheduled.

**African American Read-In
Week, Oakland Unified
School District**

Feb. 10 – 12:30 – 2 pm
Highland Elementary
Rotarians needed as
reading volunteers.
Contact Kerry Hamill if
you want to participate.

Committee Meetings**Public Relations**

This year, five organizations are the recipients of our event: Harbor House, Oakland Catholic Worker Food Program, Operation Dignity, St. Mary's Center and St. Vincent de Paul. All of these non-profits work year-round to meet the needs of the Oakland community.

In the Live Oak, we listed the names of donors who either made a gift in advance of the meeting, or participated in pledging donations during the meeting. This consisted of some 36 donors. We discovered we missed names of other donors. After reviewing the accounting list we are thrilled to report that the final number of members, as well as several visiting guests who were inspired by the need, totaled nearly 60! And a total exceeding \$30,000 was raised!

In gratitude to everyone who participated, here is the list of everyone who opened their hearts and wallets to make this happen.

Special thanks to the following members for making two gifts each:

David Stein and C J Hirshfield
Ruth Stroup
Daniel and Caroline Cheng who made one gift, and followed it by making a second gift in honor of Alex Poulsen!

Our appreciation to:

Luis Alkon
Randy Arnold
Debra Barnes
Barbara Beery
Carla Betts
Steve Blair
Allison Bliss
Linda Boessenecker
Blasé Bova
Jesse Bowdle
Bob Breecker
Andrew Brown
Michael Bruck
Robert B.
Ces Butner
Stephanie Casenza
Ramona Chang
Linda Chew
Pam Claassen
Catherine Coleman
Lois Corrin
David Douglas
Rick Draper
Casey Farmer
Karen Friedman
Mary Geong
Keith Giron
Joe Goralka
Shannon Hackley
Kerry Hamill
Linda Hamilton
Erich Harris

Jan.27 – 10:15 – 10:45 am
 Also Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24
 Contact Marie Sescon
 for meeting information.

Ed Jellen
 Robert Kidd
 Tom Limon
 Kristy Lively
 Courtney Miller
 Fred Morse
 Steve Nicholls
 Lorna Padia Markus
 Odalis Ordonez
 Jacob Pessah
 Alex Poulsen

Enterprise Institute

Jan. 29 – 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating are:

January

02 – Katie Hall
 02 – Peter Turner
 03 – Elida Scola
 04 – Ramona Chang
 04 – Cal Stanley
 05 – Maria Alvarez
 06 – Rick Draper
 07 – Stevan Alvarado
 08 – David Allen
 09 – Mark Epstein
 09 – Garrett Riegg
 09 – Dudley Thompson
 14 – Diane Schaffer
 16 – Tom Love
 19 – Gary Flaxman
 23 – Sonja Fitz
 26 – Davey Warner
 27 – Linda Hamilton
 27 – Randy Reed
 29 – Randy Arnold
 30 – Ed Silva
 31 – Marie Sescon

Membership

Anniversaries

Thank you for your years of
 service to Rotary Club of
 Oakland and the
 community!

January

Carla Betts – 37 years
 Dana Sack – 28 years
 Daniel Cheng – 27 years
 Greg Gilbert – 20 years
 Linda Boessenecker – 17 years
 Karen Friedman – 14 years
 Wil Hobbs – 12 years
 Kathy Dwyer – 12 years
 Gary Hall – 8 years
 Gabe Bruck – 6 years
 Katie Hall – 6 years
 John Malick – 5 years
 Jesse Bowdle – 4 years