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## Speakers

**May 25, 2022**

[Pate Thomson, Grier Graff, and Amit Randhawa](#)

"RotaCare Richmond Free Medical Clinic: Nine Years and One Pandemic Later!"

**June 01, 2022**

[Berkeley City Councilmember and Berkeley Rotarian Kate Harrison](#)

"Addressing Equity and Climate Together"

**June 08, 2022**

[Dr. Ken Brummel-Smith of the Mt Shasta Rotary Club](#)

**June 15, 2022**

[Jason Draut](#)

"Running the Boston Marathon"

**June 22, 2022**

[Dr. Gregory Marcus, MD, MAS](#)

"Alcohol, Caffeine, and the Heart's Rhythm"

## Events

June 1st

[Civil Discourse on Zoom](#)

June 9th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

## Birthdays

[Anne Pardee](#)

May 24th

[Rebecca Phuong](#)

May 26th

[Christopher K. Ahoy](#)

May 29th

[Jack H. McPhail](#)

May 31st

[Bipin Singh Kathayat](#)

June 2nd

[Ingrid Gavshon](#)

June 8th

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, May 25, 12:30 PM PT, **in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom:**

"RotaCare Richmond Free Medical Clinic: Nine Years and One Pandemic Later!" Berkeley Rotarians Pate Thomson and Grier Graff and Clinic Operations Manager Amit Randhawa will describe where the clinic stands in these rapidly changing medical, socioeconomic, and political times, and give us a peek into what comes next. The speakers are provided by Team #9, the Katalin Kariko Team; David Pooch and Pate Thomson, Captains.

**Meeting Ops.** Austin Henderson, our Communications

Committee chair, is asking for volunteers to join the Meeting Operation Team, which sets up and supports lunch meetings (including hybrid) at First Presbyterian. Questions? Interested? Email Austin ([henderson@rivcons.com](mailto:henderson@rivcons.com)).

**Big Hoopla at Wednesday, May 25 Meeting!** Every year District 5160 honors **one** of its 72 clubs as being the best in the district. Berkeley Rotary received this extraordinary honor in 2020 because, of course, Berkeley Rotary is an extraordinary club. Because of COVID the banner heralding this achievement was delayed, but it will be presented to us by Past District Governor Tina Akins this Wednesday. BRC Past President Fred Fassett will accept the banner for the club. Come to applaud!



## Chance to Join India Tour for National Polio Immunization Day

By Frederick C. Collignon

The District's PolioPlus Committee has announced that Howard Tours (a private firm that does lots of tours around the world linked to RI Conferences and Rotary projects) will be taking a group to India to participate in a National Polio Immunization Day this September. You can find more information on the firm's website: [www.HowardTours.net](http://www.HowardTours.net).

If interested, make contact as soon as possible as the size of this group will be limited and confirmations for the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The District expects this trip to be filled within the next week or two. Our District PolioPlus Committee notes: "This is a life-changing opportunity to save lives. This experience will always be a highlight of being a Rotarian." We've heard that repeated by many who have participated in Immunization Days. Berkeley Rotarian Bruce Willock and perhaps others have done these immunization Howard Tours and many members have gone on Howard Tours linked to conferences. Ask Fred or Joan Collignon about their experience.

[Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf](#)

June 10th

[Pamela V. Emerson](#)

June 19th

[Jason Aupperle Russell](#)

June 20th

## Get Your Polio Warrior Pin this Wed; The Latest on Polio War Status

By Frederick C. Collignon

At the upcoming club meeting, in addition to the "best club" award and a slew of Foundation donor awards, we'll also be distributing the PolioPlus Warrior pins and bracelets to those who donated last year and/or so far this year. Pick up yours as you enter or leave, and your name will be on the screen. Come see the hoopla. We'll keep them at the club for your pickup if you can't make it to the meeting this week.

Some have asked for a status report on our efforts to end polio. Some have read that a new case of polio has been discovered in Malawi--bad news since Malawi has been polio-free for 30 years. Are we failing? Others have seen the news of only one case so far around the world in 2022. Aren't those news reports inconsistent? If cases are that few, does the war need all the effort?

Below we answer all questions. But yes, we need that effort, we are indeed that close, and the Malawi case illustrates why we have to keep up the effort. [Read More](#)

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## Health and Wellness Site Visit

By O'Neil Dillon



A Health and Wellness committee team did a site visit to the 65-foot Pinky Schooner "Tiger", being sold by Rotarian and Yacht Broker Tom Eelkema. In this case we were looking for a potential club project to address mental health issues, mostly stress and what might help reduce it, like sailing on the Bay.

Although attractively priced at \$15,000, it seemed the epitome of the definition of boating, especially in a wood boat, and that being **"A hole in the water, into which you pour money."** We thought it not a wise club project.

Nevertheless, it was a beautiful day, the vessel design from the 1830s evoked nostalgia for the good old days, the fellowship was satisfying as always, and it was a nice ending to a busy Rotarian Wednesday. Those in attendance were Peter Campbell, Kurt Hauch, Oscar Luna, O'Neil and Marcia Dillon, and Tom Eelkema. If interested in this vessel, contact Tom Eelkema.

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## Oasis for Haiti's Children: A Photographic Journal

By Helena Meyer-Knapp

On May 18, Nicky Lindquist, our fellow Berkeley Rotarian, made a presentation about the Oasis for Haiti's Children. Her photos took us through two family stories – her grandparents' place in the deeper history of Haiti and also the place she, her children, and other relatives still in Haiti play in opening opportunities for young kids today.

The deeper history includes a period of US military occupation from 1915 – 1934, and an even deeper geographical history, on an island prone to earthquakes

because of tectonic shifts and prone, as well, to Caribbean hurricanes. The people of Haiti repeatedly find themselves in "repair" mode because of the effects of the natural disasters. Sometimes the results are wonderful, like the teaching hospital built after the 2010 earthquake.

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