



# e-Revolutions

Berkeley Rotary Club

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## Speakers

**June 12, 2024**

[President Libby Tyler, Berkeley Rotary 2023-24](#)

“That Was the Year That Was”

**June 19, 2024**

[John Caner, CEO DBA + Elizabeth Redman Cleveland, Berkeley Office of Econ. Dev.](#)

“Where Is the Local Economy Heading?

The Future of the Downtown and the City”

**June 26, 2024**

[Berkeley Rotary Past Presidents](#)

“End-of-Year Celebration”

**July 03, 2024**

[Ken Renworth, Berkeley Rotary President 2024-25](#)

“The Year Ahead: Celebrating Rotary's Connections to the World”

## Events

June 12th

[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 13th

[Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing in Person](#)

June 13th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

June 19th

[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) on Zoom](#) “Canceled”

## Birthdays

Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf

June 10th

Pamela V. Emerson

June 19th

Jason Aupperle Russell

June 20th

Luisa Buada

June 21st

## Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom): Libby Tyler presents “That Was the Year That Was” and reflects on her term as Berkeley Rotary's 2023-24 president, as well as the accomplishments of the club during this time.



## thirsty THURSDAY

**Thirsty Thursday.** Join your fellow Rotarians and guests from 5-7 PM on Thursday, June 13, 2024, for a casual drop-in event hosted by Ed Church and Beth Pollard. Contact Ed ([church@berkeley.edu](mailto:church@berkeley.edu)) for the location.

**Hey, Zoomers!** Don't forget to send in your \$10 Participation Fee when you attend meetings by Zoom. Here's a handy QR code that you can use to pay via Venmo.

We also post it on Zoom chat during our club meetings. (Or you can send a check to Berkeley Rotary Club, 2342 Shattuck Ave., #101, Berkeley, CA 94704.) The fee offsets our costs for room rental and other operating expenses.

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## Celebrating Success!



Berkeley club members celebrate a very successful Taste of Downtown Berkeley fundraiser at the after-party for volunteers. Details on the event will be in next week's e-Rev.

Volodymyr Goshylyk  
June 26th

Maxim Schrogin  
June 28th

Valerie E. Bach  
July 5th

Mary Alice Rathbun  
July 7th

Thomas Franklin Olson  
July 8th

David W Poock  
July 9th

## Welcome, Svitlana Khutka!



On June 5, the club inducted Dr. Svitlana Khutka as a new Berkeley Rotarian. She is a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley, a Stanford Fulbright Alumna and Carnegie Fellow, the Founding President of the Ukrainian American Research Institute and Ukrainian American Science and Technology Council (USA), and the U.S. representative of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

As a published author, public intellectual, and recognized award-winning scholar, Svitlana has shared gained expertise across more than 25 universities worldwide, including Harvard, Stanford, Berkeley, Chicago, and Oxford, and is featured regularly in mass media.

She is a graduate of the first cohort of the Harvard Negotiation Project Program of Kyiv-Mohyla Business School (2011), and guest attendant of

Graduate Stanford Business School (2015-2017), Svitlana served as a board member, co-founder, and leader of several nonprofit Ukrainian projects focused on civic ventures and democracy development, provided strategic advisory to government bodies, and educational groups.

Svitlana's exposure to Rotary began with her father's involvement in one of the first Rotary clubs in Kyiv.

We are proud and pleased to welcome Svitlana to Berkeley Rotary!

Above: Joan Collignon, Svitlana, sponsor Volodymyr Goshylyk, and Membership Chair Ken Renworth

## Igor Tregub Elected to Berkeley City Council

By Frederick C. Collignon

The votes have all been counted, and club member Igor Tregub has won a City Council seat, representing District 4 (formerly held by club member Kate Harrison). Under Berkeley's rank choice voting, Igor led the four candidates in each round of counting, as the votes for the candidates with the least votes were redistributed to the remaining candidates. Give Igor your congratulations and best wishes on his new challenges.



A few years back, a club meeting program featured a panel of club members who currently or previously held or ran for public office. The panel chair asked how many of the 70+ members attending that meeting had ever run for or held an elected office. To his surprise, over half the attendees raised their hands! Public office is a major form of community service.

## New Directions for Contra Costa Civic Theatre

By John J. O'Dea

Joel Roster is the Executive Artistic and Managing Director of the Contra Costa Civic Theatre (CCCT) and our wonderfully enthusiastic speaker on Wednesday, June 5. He was presented to us by Berkeley Rotarian Marty Kaliski, a CCCT board member.

Joel presented a short history of the theatre and its new mission, which includes the "Three Whys": 1. Why are we telling this story? 2. Why are we telling this story right now? 3. Why are we telling this story with this team of artists? If they can't answer these questions, they will look for another play. These plays are designed to reflect and entertain all of us.

Joel presented the lineup of plays for the upcoming season and discussed the new concerts he is hoping to implement, starting with the Bing Crosby classic *White Christmas*. This season's plays include a combination of *Hamlet/Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* over two performances; *Doctor Dolittle: A New Musical*, *Fairview*, and *Fiddler on the Roof* to finish the season.



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## Soccer Balls That Change Lives

*We recently received this note from Doug Fielding, who is spearheading a project to provide new soccer balls, with the Rotary seal, to youth in poorer communities around the world. He received initial seed funding from the club's Endowment. He also forwarded a note from his contact in Kenya. Please read to the end to learn how soccer can be an instrument of peace.*

Hi All,

I wanted to pass along this message from Joab, who is with Rotary in Nakuru, Kenya. I think the pictures tell 1000 words. I want to say a few things about this adventure. None of this happens without ALL of you. It may be an encouraging word. Perhaps a small donation of support. Some small thing that seems not all that important to you. But it is and none of this happens without your support and involvement. I am totally thankful and aware of being given this opportunity to have an impact on people. It is how I want to spend my time on the planet.

I understand how soccer balls versus better water seems like a no-brainer. What you probably don't see is the impact of all this on the young persons and children. Speaking from experience, I know that the young women or girls from this effort will have a new community of 15-20 people who are united in a common goal and some of these will become lifetime relationships. It will give them something to do that is productive. They will come to understand that being aggressive and fighting for what they want is OK, something that is needed in places where women are devalued. They will develop a pleasure in physical activity and a lifelong need to be physically active, which results in a healthier life.

I also want to acknowledge Joab Okelo who is the Rotary driving force in this journey. Joab has approached the local government and the Football Kenya Federation. Joab is the person who helped start the football academy in his community. We couldn't ask for a better partner in this effort.

Doug

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Doug,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to impact our community here through Soccer. When we started it was just another activity to keep the youths engaged

...when the focus is not just on the game, to keep the players engaged and enjoy the game, but with time it's turning out to be more than that. We were surprised to learn that our sports program is one of the few that have succeeded to have full girls'/women's teams and it's because our approach is different.

The community where this program was started has two neighbouring communities that historically never see eye to eye, and that's Kikuyu and Kalenjin. Our teams are made up of a mix of the two communities and considering these are the same youths that are normally used for fighting and destruction of properties, the bond they are creating through the soccer program is a peace and conflict resolution exercise so that we can't imagine anyone fighting their teammate and are starting to appreciate the fact that each one needs the other in order to succeed.

Two boys in our senior team have been members of the dangerous gang here called confirm, and they have since reformed and are building their career in soccer with a goal to play for the national soccer league, so this is not just for hitting the ball from one leg to the other and from one goal post to the other and am looking forward to what the future holds for us and this program.

We have 3 values for our players especially school going one 1. Talent 2. Discipline and 3. Academics.

Regards,

Joab



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