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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

August 07, 2024

[Dale Becknell](#)

"Clean Water and STEM Education from Nigeria to Madagascar: The Need for Community Funding"

August 14, 2024

[Dmytro Kushneruk, Consul General of Ukraine in San Francisco](#)

"Ukraine: A Bastion of Global Democracy"

August 21, 2024

[Tina Etcheverry with Current and Past High Hopes Scholars](#)

"Celebrating 24 Years of Rotary Reynold's Scholarship Program"

August 28, 2024

[Alyssa Padia, Herms District Executive + Steve Welch, Sea Scout Commodore](#)

"Scouting America and the Sea Scouts Program"

September 04, 2024

[Rotarian Grier Graff + Others](#)

"The History of Rotary Projects in Mexico"

Events

August 7th

[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

August 8th

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

August 8th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

August 14th

[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

August 18th

[Zentangle + Tea Fundraiser for Supportive Housing](#)

August 28th

[Social Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

Elizabeth Roessner
August 10th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and via Zoom): Dale Becknell will present

"**Clean Water and STEM Education from Nigeria to Madagascar: The Need for Community Funding,**" a project that involves college-age scientists, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) students in Madagascar emulating the principle of American community colleges with interdisciplinary courses and a hands-on internship component for which they will present final projects. The program implements a livable, equitable economy that can be replicated where renewable clean energy, clean water, and local organic food are so needed. The speaker is provided by Berkeley Rotary's Africa Team; Tina Etcheverry, Captain.



Pro Tip. Thank you, BRC teams, for bringing us great speakers! In July, we learned about President Ken Renworth's "Celebrating Rotary's Connections to the World" theme for 2024-25, ShelterBox's work in providing emergency shelter to families devastated by conflict or disaster, as well as PolioPlus, RotaCare, and providing protective presence in the West Bank. If you missed a meeting (or to watch it again), check out our video library: <https://berkeleyrotary.org/past-speakers.php>

Rotary Months. RI has identified monthly themes intended to highlight the wide range of Rotary's work. The focus for August is Membership and New Club Development. In this article, the Rotary Passport Club (District 6330) suggests a dozen ways to make the most of your membership:

<https://6330passport.org/stories/august-theme>



Feeling Thirsty This Thursday?



Just in case you're feeling Thirsty on Thursday . . . please join your fellow Berkeley Rotarians and their friends and partners at Jim and Valerie Bach's house on Spruce Street in North Berkeley on August 8 from 5 to 7. We'll drink some wine and nibble some snacks and unwind at the end of the day . . . while enjoying the good conversation that is the hallmark of these Second Thursday events. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine or some snacks if you like, but it's most important that you just come and add to the conviviality.

A note from Valerie: There is a special secret rear entrance that eliminates steps. Please email her for directions to this easier access at valeribach@gmail.com. She'll give you the address too . . . though it will be announced at the Wednesday meeting, and you can always check your handy DACdb mobile.

Larry Goldenberg
August 10th

Helena Meyer-Knapp
August 14th

Jocelyn Pittel
August 25th

Daniel R. Montgomery
August 26th

David Donald Campbell
August 26th

Valeria Chupina
August 28th

Linda Cogozzo
September 3rd

Zentangle and High Tea: A Fundraiser for Supportive Housing

Join our fundraiser on August 18, 2024, from 2-4:15 PM (PST), to support Berkeley Rotary's Supportive Housing efforts—warm blankets, cold weather kits—that help to meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community. We'll meet at 576 Vistamont, Berkeley, CA 94708, for high tea and Zentangle®. (There is a Zoom option, and we'll send a link before the event.)



Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns called tangles. Learn more at zentangle.com. Art therapist Joyce Vives (mindlesslymindful.com) will facilitate the class. Bring a coaster-sized piece of paper, a gel or fine-tip black pen, a pencil with eraser, and a tortillon, pencil smudger, or Q-tip.

For information about registering, email Jocelyn Pittel (jqpfac052@yahoo.com) or Joanne Dickerson-Harper (jdickerson91@gmail.com).

Suggested donation: \$50. Please consider donating even if you cannot join us. Visit BerkeleyRotary.org, click on "Donate," and specify Supportive Housing.

Three Weeks in the West Bank

By Valerie E. Bach



Last week we were joined by Nadine and Anna, two Bay Area community members who recently returned from three weeks in the West Bank.

They were part of a group of international activists using a UN-approved method known as "protective presence" to help the indigenous Palestinians. Using their international privilege, they acted as a buffer between the Palestinians and the Israeli authorities and settlers, trying to protect Palestinian villagers

from the illegal outposts and settlements that have been systematically occupying their lands—tactics considered illegal by the Oslo Accords, UN and international law. [Read More](#)

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