



# e-Revolutions

Berkeley Rotary Club

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## Speakers

### 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"

### September 11, 2024

[Sandhya Naidu Janardhan, Architect + Founder of Community Design Agency](#)  
TBA

### September 18, 2024

[Claudia Terraza, M.D.](#)  
"Update on the Hospital de la Familia Eye Center"

### September 25, 2024

TBA  
"Peace Grove Ceremony"

## Events

August 28th  
[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

August 28th  
[Social Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

August 30th  
[BARSHEEP TGIFF](#)

September 4th  
[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

September 11th  
[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

September 12th  
[Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing in Person](#)

## Birthdays

Daniel R Montgomery  
August 26th  
David Donald Campbell  
August 26th  
Valeria Chupina  
August 28th  
Linda Cogozzo  
September 3rd  
Reginald J. Garcia  
September 9th

## Club Announcements

### Next Meeting.

Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and via Zoom): Alyssa Padia (Herms District Executive) and Steve Welch (Sea Scout Commodore) will present "**Scouting America and the Sea Scouts Program.**" Scouting



America is the new name for the Boy Scouts of America, a move to express the inclusivity of the scouting program. Come hear a brief introduction to their youth programs, their presence in Rotary District 5160's BARSHEEP community, and their positive impact on youth. The second half of the presentation will focus on Sea Scouts, an underutilized, unique program for young people on the water. Richmond, CA, is home of the largest Sea Scout ship in the nation. The speakers are provided by Berkeley Rotary's Caribbean Team; Shivani Grover, Captain.



**What Do You Say?** On Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 2:30-3:45 PM PT (via Zoom), the Peace Committee hosts the next in a series of Civil Discourse meetings. **Topic: "What Is Threatening Our Democratic Republic?"** You'll receive the Zoom link via email. Questions? Ask Dan Thomas ([dthomas@tc-associates.com](mailto:dthomas@tc-associates.com)).

**BARSHEEP TGIFF.** The next gathering is on August 30, 2024, hosted by San Pablo/El Sobrante Rotary at Up & Under 2nd Pitch (5216 El Sobrante Avenue, El Sobrante 94803), 5-7 PM. See you there!



**Taking a Break.** We're not publishing e-Rev for the week of September 2, 2024. Look for the next issue the following Monday!

**For All the Ladies Who Lunch!** An "unorganized" potluck lunch will be hosted by Arlene Marcus on Friday, September 6, 12:00-1:30 PM, at 560 Vincente Avenue in North Berkeley (cross street Thousand Oaks). Please bring a dish for 6-8 to share (except dessert, which will be provided). RSVP is not necessary, but would be nice. [arlenebmarcus@gmail.com](mailto:arlenebmarcus@gmail.com).

**Mark Your Calendar!** The upcoming Thirsty Thursday is September 12, 2024, 5-7 PM, at Jack McPhail's.



Joshua H. Oliver  
September 10th

Manjul Batra  
September 17th

Eva J. Gero  
September 20th

Antonia B. Sweet  
September 24th

## Celebrating Our Scholarship Program

By Irene R. Hegarty



Last Wednesday, the club celebrated 24 years of our college scholarship program, coordinated and chaired by Tina Etcheverry. Irene Hegarty and Peter Campbell reviewed the history of the program since it was first suggested and funded by Jim Reynolds and planned in partnership with Don Alter. A video of all of our scholars since 2000 showed the impact of the program. The statistics are impressive:

- Number of BRC scholarship students since 2001: 65
- Number of BRC mentors: 34 (some serving multiple times)
- Funding received to date: Nearly \$1 million, including \$100,000 in reserve
- Percentage of BRC scholars who graduate from college: 91% (compared to 15% for students of similar circumstances)

We were introduced to several current and former scholars and heard testimonials from former scholars Cierra Simmons and Sandy Alegria (who is currently completing her Masters in Social Welfare) and from Sandy's mentor, Sallie Weissenger. Lychou Phey spoke by video about her struggle adjusting to college life at UC Riverside and the help she received from her mentor, Tina Etcheverry.

We also heard from Sherry Smith, Executive Director of Berkeley Community Scholars (BSC), who emphasized the importance of the partnership between the BSC High Hopes program and Berkeley Rotary since 2015. Together, the two organizations currently fund and mentor about 120 students. Staff from BSC supplement the work of volunteer mentors in providing college and career advice.

Denise Richardson, President of Berkeley Community College, spoke of the college's development from its early days as Vista College to today's urban campus with 6319 current students and a new building under construction in the downtown. More than 100 BCC students have received High Hopes community college scholarships.

Next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our college scholarship program. Let's make this the best year yet by donating generously!

## Front and Center at the Front Row Festival

The Downtown Berkeley Association mounted a sunny music festival last Saturday, the Front Row Festival, featuring booths from major Berkeley arts organizations, and 8 hours of non-stop music on two Shattuck Avenue stages. Berkeley Rotarians were there to staff the information and ticket booths. We met lots of new students as they explored the downtown, and Dan Thomas and Marty Kaliski were pleased to connect with a UC Peace Center grad from 2005, who heard the word "Rotary" and came over to say hello. Also on hand: Arlene Marcus, Joan Collignon, Tina Etcheverry (who organized the crew), and Terry Regan.





## Remembering Candy Pierce

By Frederick C. Collignon

I was saddened to hear about the recent passing of Candy Pierce, the youngest Governor in our District 5160's history and among the first women Governors.

Candy spoke at our club multiple times besides her Governor's talk, on the Foundation, on PolioPlus, on membership outreach and retention, on project planning, and other central Rotary issues. As chair of the District's Visioning Committee, she led our club's visioning sessions that resulted in the club's first strategic plan, which our Board has reviewed and updated twice so far. (You can find it on the club website.) She was the District's head "trainer" for many years, leading sessions at District assemblies and conferences, and leading similar session at the PETS annual conference training for Presidents and Zone institute. She helped conceive and lead the Leadership Academy, training past club presidents for District roles. If you've been to District assemblies, you probably heard her training on how to introduce a speaker or be a more effective speaker yourself.



Candy spent her professional career leading nonprofits, in the last decade focusing on youth transitioning out of foster care as Executive Director of CASA Solano County. She carried on her Rotary work most of her life as a single mom raising her daughter, who finished college recently. She had been in fine health, and so her death from Covid was a shock to her friends and those who worked with her.

She will be missed.

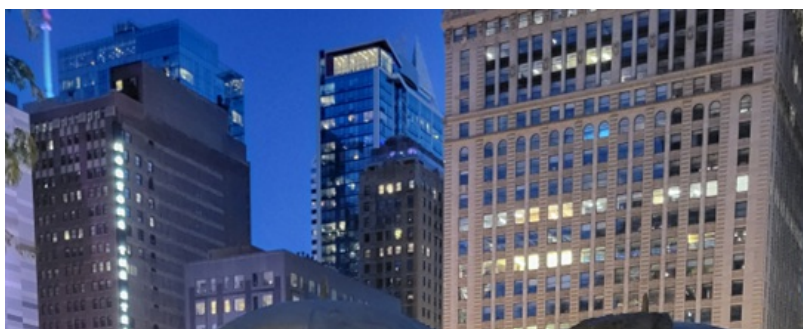
## Where in the World Is . . .

**Linda Cogozzo?**



In Anchorage, Alaska, visiting a hairy friend?

**Veronica Sibley?**





In Chicago, Illinois.

**Travelling?** Let us know where in the world you are! Send a photo to [hgrty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hgrty@sbcglobal.net) and we'll post it in the next e-Rev.

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