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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

September 11, 2024

[Sandhya Naidu Janardhan, Architect + Founder of Community Design Agency](#)
"UC Berkeley Rupp Prize Winner Shares Her Experiences Promoting Community Development in India"

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

September 25, 2024

[Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee](#)
"Annual BRC Peace Grove Award Ceremony: Honoring the Ukraine Center for Civil Liberties"

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[Mark Baldassare, Survey Director, Public Policy Institute of California](#)
"California Statewide Survey: PPIC's Latest Election Poll"

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[RC Berkeley and Courageous Leadership](#)

Events

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

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

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[Thirsty Thursday](#)

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[Taste of Abany](#)

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October 2nd
[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

October 5th
[Healing Our Divides: Courageous Conversations](#)

Birthdays

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and via Zoom): Sandhya Naidu Janardhan, architect and founder of the Community Design Agency and UC Berkeley Rupp Prize winner (<https://ced.berkeley.edu/news/berkeley-rupp-prize-sandhya-naidu-janardhan>), presents **"Promoting Community Development in India."** The speaker is provided by Berkeley Rotary's South Asia Team; Pamela Doolan and Libby Tyler, Captains. (Photo credit: Community Design Agency)



thirsty THURSDAY

Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708.

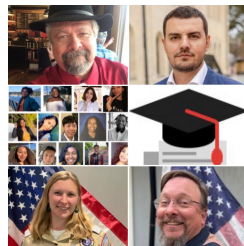
Thirsty Thursday at Jack's House! Jack and Barbara McPhail will be hosting the next Berkeley Rotary Thirsty Thursday this week on September 12, 5-7 PM. Please come with some wine or snacks or even empty-handed to talk to friends and take in the view, fog permitting! The address is 848 Euclid

Calling All Zoomers! Don't forget to send in your \$10 Participation Fee when you attend meetings via 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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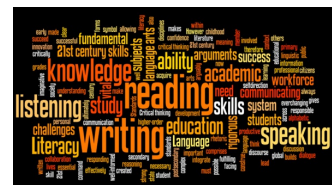


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Shout-Out. Thank you, BRC Teams! In August, we heard about solutions to hunger and thirst from Nigeria to Madagascar, listened to Dmytro Kushneruk (Consul General of Ukraine in San Francisco), celebrated our college scholarship program, and learned about Scouting in America. Miss a meeting? Check out our video library: <https://berkeleyrotary.org/past-speakers.php>

RI Monthly Theme. September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. Rotary District 7090 reports: "More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17% of the world's adult population. Rotary's goal: to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy." Learn more: <https://rotary7090.org/Stories/september-theme-%E2%80%9Cbasic-education-literacy%E2%80%9D>



Reginald J. Garcia
September 9th
Joshua H. Oliver
September 10th
Manjul Batra
September 17th
Eva J. Gero
September 20th
Antonia B. Sweet
September 24th
Schuyler Bailey
September 28th
Robert L. Sorenson
October 4th
Igor A. Tregub
October 8th

Peace Grove Ceremony Honors Ukraine Center for Civil Liberties

Join BRC members and guests on Wednesday, September 25 for our annual peace ceremony honoring the Ukraine Center for Civil Liberties. Hosted by the Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee, this special event will be held in the Brazilian Room at Tilden Regional Park at noon. A catered Ukrainian luncheon will be served. Reservations are required, and may be made online at Eventbrite, or by bringing a check for \$25 to the regular club meeting on Sept. 11 or 18. Reservations MUST be made by September 18. To reserve online, use the QR code in the poster below, or paste this link into your browser: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-berkeley-rotary-peace-grove-award-ceremony-tickets-1002449672957?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

Annual Berkeley Rotary Peace Grove Award Ceremony

Rotary Club of Berkeley

September 25, 2024

12:15 pm - 02:00 pm

Brazilian Room, Tilden Regional Park, 1500 Wildcat Canyon Road, Berkeley, CA, 94708

Awardee: Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine)
Sponsor: Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee

A New Look at Scouting

By Amit S. Randhawa



Our speakers on August 28 were Scouting America leaders Alyssa Padia, the Herms District Executive Staff member of the Golden Gate Area Council, and Steve Welch, the Sea Scout Commodore of the Golden Gate Area. They are two individuals who are dedicated to expanding and supporting the Scouting programs in our community. Alyssa, a long-time Scouting volunteer turned career professional, is especially focused on promoting Scouting within the Herms District, which covers areas from Crockett down to Berkeley—the same region as BARSHEEP.

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Children's Laughter Needs No Translation

By John Pardee

At our last meeting, Grier Graf gave a presentation on the history and accomplishments of our club's projects over the last 20 years to improve education in coastal Nayarit, Mexico (informally known in the club as the "Chacala" projects). Over this period, we have undertaken 10 projects and provided 3 grants during Covid, plus 3 global grants. The results are new computer centers, new classrooms, updated facilities, and teacher training.

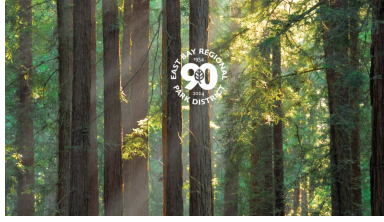


Grier gave an informative and inspiring review of each of these projects, which together have improved the educational opportunities for so many children in these communities. The details of each project are available on the video and slides of Grier's talk which has been posted on the club's website, and I urge all members to take some time to watch these inspiring stories.

[Read More](#)

Our Club's Contribution to East Bay Parks

By Frederick C. Collignon



On September 3, *Berkeleyside* announced that the East Bay Regional Parks District will celebrate the 90th birthday of its founding this week with a series of events and programs scheduled throughout the coming year. A few years back, a retired parks employee who serves as the park's "historian" spoke at Berkeley Rotary. He thanked our club for being a key part of the coalition that drove the effort to get the state to create the East Bay Regional Parks District. At the time, no current club member had any memory of this, although we knew that the first director after the District's creation was club member Robert Sibley. He was also the one who, as Director, asked our club to create the Peace Grove at Tilden Park.

So think about your family's enjoyable hikes, picnics, and adventures over the years in Tilden and other parks in the District and give a cheer to our forebears in the club for helping to bring the Parks District into being.

For more information about the Park District's founding and the anniversary activities, see <https://www.berkeleyside.org/2024/01/15/90-years-east-bay-regional-park-district-celebration-events>

Meet Cal Rotaract President Andrea Park

Andrea Park is the Cal Rotaract President for 2024. She has been involved in Rotaract since her freshman year at UC Berkeley, serving as the Human Relations chair prior to becoming President. Andrea wanted to become President to take on a more active leadership role in the club, increasing the reach of community service projects. Her favorite service project has been Cal Rotaract's semiannual CBRS Interact Stayover, and some of her goals for the year include increasing participation in planning this event along with recruitment and implementing more general member feedback. Andrea is majoring in Molecular and Cell Biology, with a focus in Immunology, and is interested in working in medicine. Her hobbies include dancing, playing with cats, cooking and baking. For information on Cal Rotaract activities, see www.calrotaract.org. Andrea can be reached at executive@calrotaract.org.



Remembering Karen Mahshi



Last Wednesday Chris Ahoy shared the sad news that Karen Mahshi, a member of the Concord-Diablo Rotary Club and our honorary Berkeley Rotarian, passed away last week. For several years, Karen had been a regular presence at our club meetings, attending with her husband Jack when we met at Hs. Lordships. After Jack's passing, Karen continued to join us in person and on Zoom at nearly every meeting. As Chris remembers, Karen was always excited to attend our meetings and happy and appreciative to be recognized for her attendance.

Karen's legacy as a talented landscape architect lives on in the beautiful Markham Park in Concord, a project that was especially close to her heart. In honor of Karen's memory and her contributions to our community, the Concord-Diablo Rotary Club is organizing a cleanup project at Markham Park on September 14. *When:* September 14, 8 am to noon. *Location:* Markham Park, Concord (Garden Center area, to the left as you enter the parking area). *What to bring:* Your own tools such as rakes, gloves, etc.

A memorial for Karen will be held on Saturday, September 28, 11:00 am at Good Shepherd Church, 4000 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521.

Where in the World Is . . .

Linda Cogozzo?



At the Marmalade Cafe, Santa Monica, California, celebrating her birthday.

Irene Hegarty?



At Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe.

Peter Christy?



In Dresden, Germany.

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

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