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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

September 25, 2024

[Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee](#)

"Annual BRC Peace Grove Award Ceremony: Honoring the Ukraine Center for Civil Liberties"

October 02, 2024

[Mark Baldassare, Survey Director, Public Policy Institute of California](#)

"California Statewide Survey: PPIC's Latest Election Poll"

October 05, 2024

[Rotary Berkeley Peace Committee and Courageous Leadership](#)

October 09, 2024

[DG Dan Gerald](#)

Events

September 27th

[BARSHEEP TGIFF](#)

October 2nd

[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

October 5th

[Heal Our Divides: Courageous Conversations](#)

October 9th

[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

October 10th

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

October 10th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

October 16th

[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) via Zoom](#)

October 19th

[Walk to End Alzheimer's with Team Berkeley Rotary](#)

October 19th

[Tour Treasure Island with Berkeley Rotary](#)

Birthdays

Antonia B. Sweet
September 24th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 12-2 PM: We're meeting at the Brazilian Room, in Tilden Park, for the **"Peace Grove Ceremony: Honoring the Ukraine Center for Civil Liberties,"** hosted by the Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee. Tickets are no longer available, but there is a Zoom option. Email info@berkeleyrotary.org for the Zoom link.



Sign Up Now! Come to **Heal Our Divides**, a training in courageous conversations offered by the Berkeley Rotary Club in partnership with Courageous Leadership, on Saturday, October 5, 2024, 10 AM-2PM, at Northbrae Community Church. Admission: \$10 (\$5 for Rotaractors), includes lunch. [Register here!](#)

Walk with Team Rotary. Join us on Saturday, October 19, 10 to 11:30 AM, for the 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's, an easy, one-mile ramble down The Embarcadero, in San Francisco, to raise funds that will support research to cure this disease. There is no fee to walk, but you must register. If you cannot walk with Team Rotary but want to donate, you can do that online too. [Register now!](#)



Volunteer. RotaCare is always looking for more volunteers.

Interested? Check out their [website](#).

Schuyler Bailey
September 28th
Robert L Sorenson
October 4th
Igor A Tregub
October 8th
Kate Harrison
October 13th
George J Fruehan
October 14th

Update: Polio Vaccinations in Gaza



This just in from Mike Crosby, End Polio Now District Coordinator: In Gaza, the first round of an emergency vaccination campaign was successfully conducted in three phases, completed on September 12. The 12-day campaign provided novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) to around 560,000 children under the age of ten, following meticulous planning and coordination. The campaign was conducted by the Palestinian Ministry of Health, in collaboration with WHO, UNICEF,

UNRWA, and partners. Rotary contributed \$500,000. The second round is planned to occur in approximately 4-6 weeks' time.

Board Notes: September 2024

By Louise Franchot O'Dea

Pate Thomson spoke to the board at last Wednesday's meeting about the funding shortfall this year for RotaCare WCC of \$100,000 due to a variety of reasons. He is supporting a planned BARSHEEP Wine & Cheese fundraiser at Salesian High School, which could cover a lot of this shortfall for the year. This event could be a great way to connect with the community and inform the public about RotaCare. The fundraiser has a 15-year track record, and the coordinator, Maggie Alinson, brings a lot of experience to the effort, having successfully managed the Wine & Cheese fundraiser for five years. The event will take place on April 12, 2025, during the day. Many volunteers will be needed to help coordinate and make this event happen. The Board unanimously approved supporting the Wine & Cheese fundraiser. Further information will be forthcoming.

BOARD MEETING



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Other board news: The First Presbyterian Church has expressed willingness to reserve 25 parking spaces for the Wednesday meetings. They will be approached for further clarification and action.

The District Governor is tentatively scheduled to meet in an upstairs room at the Church on October 9 at 11:30 with board members and anyone else who is interested in coming. Stay tuned for confirmation of the DG's visit.

Home-Grown Eye Surgeon Gives Back to Her Community

By David A Wilson Jr.



In early 2021, having recently graduated from a College of Ophthalmology in Guatemala City, our guest speaker, Claudia Terraza, M.D., found herself looking for an opportunity to get the experience she needed to hone her skills in cataract surgery. Her education was interrupted by the COVID pandemic when the training program was halted for ten months, leaving her in need of make-up training to become fully qualified for cataract surgery, specializing in corneal transplants. Claudia

heard about the La Familia Eye Center and decided to visit the center, where she met Dr. Andy Sorenson, brother of Rotarian Dr. Robert Sorenson, and decided to join the team and work at the center. This is what brought her to speak to the Berkeley Rotary Club last Wednesday.

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From the Club Archives: Addressing Agent Orange

By Frederick C. Collignon

At the recent Democratic Convention, President Biden cited his success in raising medical and other benefits for the families of U.S. Vietnam veterans who experienced genetic problems from their Agent Orange exposure and, in some cases, passed on disability and ailments to their children and grandchildren. He noted that a million veteran families had by now received government help under that Agent Orange coverage. When I heard it, I said with pride, "My club helped achieve that." For me, it was the most impactful of the many Rotary projects I've participated in as a member of this club. Let me explain.

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Where in the World Is . . .

Veronica Sibley?



In the seaside village of Baratti, Tuscany.

Tina Etcheverry?





At the Goodwood Revival in West Sussex, England (a race of historic carsâ€”note the period dress).

Linda Cogozzo?



In Muir Woods National Monument, Mill Valley, CA.

Jason Draut?



Cape Coast, Ghana

Keep sending your photos! We're having so much fun with this! If you are traveling outside Berkeley and have a picture to shareâ€”a beautiful view, a silly pose, a unique placeâ€”send it to hgrty@sbcglobal.net, and we will put it in the next e-Rev.

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