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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

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

[Agata Kotkowska, European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment](#)
"Sustainable Competitiveness: The European Way for Decarbonization"

October 16, 2024

[Rolf Bell](#)
"Influencing the Trajectory of East Africa's Future: The Essential Role of Secondary Education"

Events

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 19th
[Walk to End Alzheimer's with Team Berkeley Rotary](#)

October 19th
[Tour Treasure Island with Berkeley Rotary](#)

October 23rd
[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) via Zoom](#)

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, October 2, 2024, from 12-30-1:30 PM PT (at First Pres and via Zoom): Mark Baldassare, Survey Director of the Public Policy Institute of California, will present "**California Statewide Survey: PPIC's Latest Election Poll.**" The speaker is provided by the Berkeley Rotary Mexico Team; Valerie Bach and Colette Ford, Captains.



There's Still Time to Sign Up! 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!](#)



Save the Date. Join Rotarians and guests on October 10, from 5-7 PM, for Thirsty Thursday, a casual drop-in event at Joan and Fred Collignon's home. Contact Joan (joancollignon@gmail.com) for the address.



Walk with Team Rotary. Join us on Saturday, October 19, from 10-11:30 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!](#)

Shout-Out! Thank you, BRC Teams, for bringing us great speakers in September. Pictured (left to right): We reviewed our 20-year history of volunteer education projects in Nayarit, Mexico; learned about community development in India; heard about what's happening at the Hospital de la Familia in Guatemala; and celebrated our commitment to peace and honored the Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine). Miss a meeting? [Visit our video library!](#)



Monthly Theme. Rotary International has designated October as Economic and Community Development Month. Learn about Rotary's work to grow local economies and find resources [here.](#)

Birthdays

Robert L Sorenson
October 4th
Igor A Tregub
October 8th
Kate Harrison
October 13th
George J Fruehan
October 14th
Lewis Ames
October 27th
Svitlana Khutka
October 27th
Joanne Dickerson-Harper
October 29th

Peace Grove Celebration 2024

By Maxim Schrogin

Last week's Peace Grove Celebration was an astounding success. This year's recipient of the RI Peace Grove Award was the Ukrainian Center for Civil Liberties (UCCL). As always, a tree in the Grove was dedicated to the recipient. Peace Committee Co-Chair Dan Thomas organized the event and initiated it with the accustomed bell-ring and group recital of the Four-Way Test. He then thanked our distinguished guests: Dan Geraldi (current District 5160 Governor), Suzanne Bragdon (past District 5160 Governor and Rotary Positive Peace Activator for North America and the Caribbean), and Dmytro Kushneruk (Consul General of Ukraine in San Francisco, who accepted the ceremonial plaque for UCCL). We welcomed Elizabeth Echols, President of the East Bay Parks Regional District, for her first appearance at our annual ceremony.

For the first time in 13 years, the event took place in the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park, with BRC President Ken Renworth and David Pooke transmitting live from the Grove. Volodymyr Goshylyk invited the Consul General, managed ticketing, and more. We feasted on Ukrainian food from Leleka in San Francisco and Ukrainian rugelach from Outbaking in Berkeley. Anne Pardee arranged the catering and also delivered a moving tribute to the UCCL. Co-Chair Maxim Schrogin spoke about Rotary's commitment to peace and our club's extensive work in that area. Fred Collignon talked informatively about the history of the Grove. Members of the Peace Committee led those in the room and on Zoom in the recital of the Peace Grove Liturgy, which ended this year's moving ceremony. Dan Thomas was thanked for the outstanding job he did on organizing the event.



On September 25, more than 70 Rotarians and guests celebrated the Berkeley Rotary Peace Grove Ceremony in the Brazilian Room while others joined on Zoom.



Much credit goes to Maxine Schrogin (trying not to spill his borscht) and Dan Thomas for the event.



Dmytro Kushneruk accepted the award on behalf of UCCL.



The Rotary International Peace Grove Award and the flags of our countries

Wanted: A Living Room (Sort of) Near Campus!

Coming up on November 16-17: The Cal Rotaract Interact Sleepover. This is an opportunity for high school students from the Bay and beyond to get a close look at UC Berkeley. Guided and chaperoned by Cal Rotaractors, these Interactors will spend a full two days exploring the campus and learning about life as a college student. But they need a place to sleep.

Berkeley Rotarians open their homes to these teenagers, who arrive at 10 PM on a Saturday, and leave at 8 the next morning. All they need from us is a place to throw their sleeping bags. You don't even need to stock up on chips and soda—meals are prepared on campus. One or two Cal Rotaractors are with them at all times.

BRC's Rotaract Committee Chair Fred Collignon reminds us that this is their biggest service project of the year, benefiting high school leaders across the state. Please contact Joan Collignon (joancollignon@gmail.com) if you can help.

Photo: Interactors heading back to Cal at 8 AM with all their gear.



Would You Like to Support the Schools?

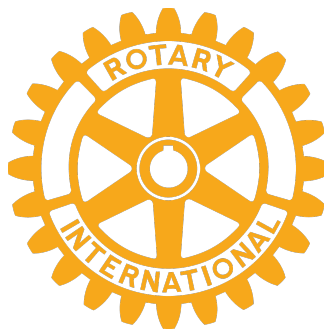
Sunday, September 29, 2024

Berkeley School Volunteers is a division of the Berkeley Public Schools Fund that Berkeley Rotary supports through grants. We're always looking for volunteer help, both in the classroom and as a supporter. [Click here](#) for a link to their latest opportunities.

Some tasks may be filled but click on "for Volunteers" at the top of the page to explore ongoing opportunities. If you've never registered with Berkeley School Volunteers, you'll be directed to information about how to do so. Lots of these opportunities are one-time or intermittent, so no ongoing commitment is required. You'll enjoy the experience and they need us.



You're Invited to Come to Chicago (Virtually) for the District Fall Seminar!



Coming up next week, on October 7-8, is the annual District Fall Seminars with training in membership recruitment and retention, social media use, youth programs, Foundation fundraising and grants, and other topics, open to all by Zoom. It's also the first year the District has held the seminars in Rotary's Mecca, Evanston, IL. You can attend the seminars along with the group of District Rotarians who have traveled to Evanston. Those travelers have the advantage, of course, of also visiting a Rotary club, touring the Rotary International headquarters, visiting the home of founder Paul Harris, and sightseeing with Rotarians.

Below is a page of links allowing you to attend each session. The plenary session features past RI President and Foundation Trustee Mark Maloney as the keynoter. Monday's general session with Maloney starts at 9:30 AM PT, with three breakout sessions following. Tuesday starts at 5 AM PT as our District 5160 Rotarians attend a club meeting in Evanston, followed by a plenary session and two breakouts. Below you'll find links to all the sessions.

[Read More](#)

Where in the World Is . . .

Oscar Luna, Pate Thomson, and O'Neil Dillon?



Rounding Point Reyes Lighthouse, sailing down the coast from Bodega Bay with an overnight anchorage in Drake's Bay, and then returning to San Francisco Bay on a roaring flood tide through the Golden Gate.

Nicky Lindquist?



At the Blue Lagoon, Iceland.

Irene Hegarty?



In Austin, Texas, from a rooftop bar.

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