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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

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"

October 23, 2024

[TBA](#)

TBA

October 30, 2024

[Veronia Sibley](#)

"Balancing Act: Navigating the Challenges of the Sandwich Generation"

Events

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](#)

Birthdays

Igor A Tregub

October 8th

Kate Harrison

October 13th

George J Fruehan

October 14th

Svitlana Khutka

October 27th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, October 9, 2024 (at First Pres and via Zoom), 12:30 PM PT: Agata Kotkowska, Deputy Head of the Unit at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment, will present "**Sustainable Competitiveness: The European Way for Decarbonization.**" How can we keep the balance between environmental protection and economic resilience? Can Europe lead in clean technologies and spread its "Brussels effect" globally? Agata will try to answer these questions by focusing on the EU priorities that will shape the future of sustainable competitiveness in Europe, potentially redefining the continent's economic landscape. The speaker is provided by Berkeley Rotary's Europe Team; Volodymyr Goshlyk, Captain.



Thirsty Thursday at Joan and Fred's House! The Collignons will host Thirsty Thursday this week, October 10, 5-7 PM. Please come "with some wine or snacks or even empty-handed" to talk to friends and hang out. Contact Joan (joancollignon@gmail.com) for the address.

Save the Date. World Polio Day: One day, one focus. [Learn more!](#)



Volunteer Opportunity: Building

Young Entrepreneurs. BUILD is a program in the Oakland schools that teaches the principles and skills of entrepreneurship to teens. (You may remember their previous presentation to the club.) The program has reached out to Berkeley Rotary for [one-time](#) or [continuing](#) volunteers for the 2025 school year. Please take a look!

A Sake Tasting This Friday! Libby Tyler invites Berkeley Rotarians to join the local Phi Beta Kappa chapter for a sake tasting at Takara Sake USA, this Friday, October 11, 1:00-3:00 PM. For details, click [here](#).

Pulling Back the Curtain on Polling

By George J Fruehan

Last Wednesday, Ed Church introduced his longtime friend, Mark Baldassare, for 15 years the former President and CEO, and now Survey Director, of the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), speaking on "California Statewide Survey: PPIC's Latest Election Poll." The speaker was provided by the Berkeley Rotary Mexico Team; Valerie Bach and Colette Ford, Captains.

PPIC was founded in 1994 by three exceptional leaders: Roger W. Heyns, former chancellor of University of California, Berkeley; Arjay Miller, former president of Ford Motor Company and former dean of Stanford Business School; and William R. Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard Company, with the mission of providing popular insight to legislators and elected officials.

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Lewis Ames
October 27th
Joanne Dickerson-Harper
October 29th
Ilya Khanykov
November 1st
Joan Collignon
November 3rd
Pate D. Thomson
November 5th

From the Club Archives: Agent Orange Symposium – A Lesson in Partnership

By Frederick C. Collignon



In an earlier e-Rev, I wrote about the 2011 Agent Orange Symposium held on campus that our club helped to organize and which led to changes in U.S. government policy and assistance for survivors. It also was a model of inter-club, inter-agency, and international cooperation.

Our club had to be among the leads because the symposium was going to be on the UC Berkeley campus and Cal Rotaract had proposed it. From the beginning, we partnered with San Francisco Rotary. Their incoming president and I had pledged before the assembly at the final conference of the UCB Rotary Peace Center to find a peace project that we in the Bay Area could work on after the Center closed. One of my jobs was to get the Oakland and San Jose Rotary clubs to join us as partners, given their size. All the clubs put in money to help cover the symposium costs, in addition to the admission prices.

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'I'm Fine'

Ilya Khanykov sent us this photo from Burning Man, which he and Valeria Chupina attended recently. Ilya writes:

Something resonating with our Peace Grove ceremony – "I'm Fine" was very impressive and was noted, mentioned, and discussed a lot. Here is what the author wrote about it:

"Regardless of cultural or geographical boundaries, all people feel joy, sadness, anger, fear and love – these are the emotions that make us human. "I'm Fine" speaks to

a situation familiar to all of us, when we automatically respond with "I'm fine" to the question "Are you ok?" even though we might be feeling pain, anxiety or confusion deep down. This piece particularly resonates with Ukrainians who continue to face daily challenges both personally and as a nation. Yet this story is universal and relatable to everyone on the planet."



I think "I'm Fine" on the Playa is an important reminder of the world we live in, and how deeply events across the globe can touch the hearts of so many different people through art, and how powerfully art can move people.

Where in the World Is . . .

Sallie Weissinger?



Walking the Camino of Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain, with her husband Bart.

Libby Tyler?



At the arboretum at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Where in the world are *you*?? Send your photo to hgrty@sbcglobal.net.

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