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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

October 23, 2024

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"Girls Garage"

October 30, 2024

[Veronia Sibley](#)

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

November 06, 2024

[PE Jason Russell, BRC](#)

[Foundation Chair](#)

The Rotary Foundation: Doing Good in the World"

November 13, 2024

[Tommy Lee Wallace](#)

"Who Makes Horror Films?"

November 20, 2024

[Grier Graff and Tina](#)

[Etcheverry](#)

"Dollars and Sense: How Berkeley Rotary Endowment Supports Our Community and Our World"

Events

October 23rd

[Fundraising Strategy Meeting via Zoom](#)

October 23rd

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

October 30th

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

November 2nd

[Fundraiser: Pancake Breakfast for Cal Rotaract](#)

November 6th

[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

November 9th

[Dedication of the](#)

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, October 23, 2024 (at First Pres and via Zoom), 12:30 PM PT: Kristy Higaes, Director of Development, will present "[Girls Garage](#)," a nonprofit design and construction school for girls and gender-expansive youth ages 9-18. They provide free and low-cost programs in carpentry, welding, architecture, engineering, and activist art to a diverse community of 185 students per year. The speaker is provided by Ken Renworth, Berkeley Rotary President 2024-25.



World Polio Day: Thursday, October 24. World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good. All donations are matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your impact!

Pancake Breakfast with Cal Rotaractors at the Collignon's, Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 AM-12 PM.

Joan and Fred have offered their house at 2925 Russell St, Berkeley, for a casual breakfast so Rotarians and Rotaractors can get together and chat. You might find one of them interested in your vocation or your tips on leadership, or willing to tell you about how campus life is changing. Rotaractors will cook the pancakes themselves, and ask for a \$20 donation for their service projects.



Personal Tragedy Turns Polio Vaccine Refuser into Vaccine Advocate

In honor of World Polio Day, we are reprinting this personal story from the End Polio Now October newsletter. It demonstrates the impact of polio on the individual and the family.

My name is Lalgul, and I am the father of Ghafar. We live in south-eastern Afghanistan. I was away from home when my son got sick. I returned and found Ghafur paralysed. He was one and a half years old.

It started with a high fever, then his right leg became paralysed. My wife and I took him to the district hospital, and he underwent various treatments, but he did not recover. I

[George Luna Classrooms](#)

November 14th

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Birthdays

Lewis Ames

October 27th

Svitlana Khutka

October 27th

Joanne Dickerson-Harper

October 29th

Ilya Khanykov

November 1st

Joan Collignon

November 3rd

Pate D. Thomson

November 5th

Elizabeth Holl Tyler

November 16th

Maurice Gene Marcus

November 19th



am a farmer, and I didn't have enough money to take my child to Kabul for further treatments. Doctors at the provincial hospital diagnosed him with polio and told me that this virus has no cure, so we stopped visiting doctors and my son remained at home.

I have 7 children – Ghafar is the fourth. Raising a child paralysed by polio is difficult, and as parents, we must constantly take care of him. With a paralysed leg, we are always keeping an eye on him to make sure he doesn't fall. Ghafar is in first grade now and getting to school can sometimes be challenging, especially on snowy and rainy days, when he struggles to walk through the mud with his crutches. I always feel sad when I see my son unable to walk while my other children can. It hurts when people ask questions about Ghafar's condition, especially when I am asked why I didn't vaccinate my child.

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Building a School—and Community—in Uganda

By Frederick C. Collignon



Rolf Bell, our speaker at our Oct. 16 meeting, discussed the efforts to build a high school that would dramatically improve the lives and futures of youth in Uganda, and could serve as a demonstration model for the neighboring countries trying to create with Uganda an economic-political unit similar to the European Union. Called the East African Community (EAC), it consists of Burundi, Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. Bell's project seeks to provide the important lesson that local service can potentially have not merely local, but national and continental impacts.

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From the Club Archives: Our Work in Africa

By Frederick C. Collignon

At our recent club meeting, featuring a speaker who is building a secondary school in Uganda, several members noted we ought to do some work in Africa. In keeping with the effort in *e-Rev* to remind members, particularly newer ones, of the international service that the club has done over its last 110 years, let's review quickly the range of work we have done in Africa.

- polio vaccinations that resulted in Africa being declared free of wild polio after 3 years of no cases. Some club members joined Rotarian trips doing vaccinations in Africa (ask Bruce Willock about his polio experience in Africa). The public health workers accompanying the Rotarian volunteers usually also provided vaccinations at the same time against other childhood diseases.
- planning and financing the digging of water wells. These efforts were led by a Rotarian who transferred from UC Davis and the Davis Rotary Club to UC



Berkeley and our club. He was a specialist in African studies. The wells were still providing water several years later, unlike others that some Rotary clubs had provided.

- creating mobile library trucks moving between rural villages. This was a District project on which the late Don Alter and his wife Peggy went with the Governor to implement the projects. We bought the buses and books, and they helped assemble the libraries that went into the buses and made some of the first bus trips to the villages.

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Where in the World Is . . .

Linda Cogozzo?



King's College, Cambridge, UK

Kurt Hauch?



Back on the water. Kurt, a sailor, has been marooned "on the beach" (in sailor talk) for over a year. But no longer. Here he is sailing on the bay with Peter Campbell (and Oscar Luna and O'Neil Dillon, not pictured).

Joan Collignon?



At the SF Walk to End Alzheimers, Embarcadero, San Francisco. Shown here with Irene Hegarty, Marcia Dillon and friend of Rotary Nancy Stryble.

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