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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

November 20, 2024

[Grier Graff and Tina Etcheverry](#)

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

November 27, 2024

[No Meeting!](#)

No Meeting!

December 04, 2024

[Allison Brooks, Executive Director, Bay Area Regional Collaborative](#)

"Bay Area Plans for Adapting to Climate Change"

December 11, 2024

[DG Dan Gerald](#)

"Meet District Governor Dan Gerald"

December 18, 2024

[TBA](#)

"Club Meeting and Holiday Lunch"

Events

December 4th

[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

December 4th

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

December 6th

[Ladies Who Lunch](#)

December 12th

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

December 14th

[Holiday Party](#)

Birthdays

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, November 20, 2024 (at First Pres and via Zoom), 12:30 PM PT: Grier Graff (Secretary) and Tina Etcheverry (Treasurer) will present "**Dollars and Sense: How Berkeley Rotary Endowment Supports Our Community and Our World.**"

They will review last year's projects and grants and share highlights from the annual report of the fantastic nonprofit organization that you support. Ted Ockels Society members will be honored for their contributions. The speakers are provided by Ken Renworth, BRC President 2024-25.



Happy Thanksgiving! There will not be a club meeting on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

Mark Your Calendar! On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the Rotary District 5160 BARSHEEP clubs will host [Sip & Savor](#), a food and wine festival to support the healthcare services of RotaCare West Contra Costa. Tickets will be available for purchase in January. For now, S&S seeks event [sponsors](#) and [vendors](#). For more vendor info, contact Marty Kaliski (martytech@aol.com).

SIP & SAVOR
An all you can drink & eat food & wine festival

Sip and Savor offers tastings of world-class wines and gourmet food, all while raising funds to support RotaCare WCC. Enjoy a day filled with flavors and fun.

Saturday, April 12, 2025
11:00 - 3:00

2851 Salesian Ave.
Richmond, CA 94804

100% of proceeds fund RotaCare WCC
Providing FREE healthcare to those in need

RotaCare West Contra Costa
FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

Rotary
www.SipAndSavor.org

A Cajun Holiday Party!

December 14, 6-9 PM

Northbrae Community Church

Catered dinner and wine/\$80 per person (no refunds)

Maurice Gene Marcus
November 19th
Jonathan DeYoe
November 24th
Leslie A. Levy
November 26th
John J. O'Dea
November 27th
James Brenneman
November 27th
Judith Anderson Glass
November 29th
John Pardee
December 2nd
Arlene Marcus
December 3rd
Daniel Thomas
December 6th
Kathy Huff
December 9th
Preston Staley
December 15th
Larry E. Kinsey
December 15th
Colette Ford
December 15th
Frederick C. Collignon
December 17th
James Ivan Masters
December 19th



Entertainment by Mark St. Mary Louisiana Blues & Zydeco Band
Dress for a fun Cajun evening of delicious food, toe tapping, and dancing!

Keeping Children Warm This Winter

The Supportive Housing Committee, in partnership with the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center, is again collecting warm jackets for children this winter. Please bring a jacket—or a contribution—to the next club meetings in November and December 4 and 11. Below: Club volunteers collect jackets last winter.



A Heartwarming Horror Story

By John Pardee

Who would have thought that scaring people for a living could bring you the affection, admiration, and warm embrace of a passionate community of fans? At our last meeting, Tommy Lee Wallace described his seminal career in the horror film business with a mixture of humor, humility, and appreciation at how this seemingly “niche” genre became his life’s work.

Tommy Lee collaborated with John Carpenter on the first *Halloween* movie in 1978. This film was produced on a shoestring budget of \$300,000 and ended up grossing over \$50 million and counting. It was difficult shooting the film in Los Angeles in the middle of April when it was supposed to be happening in a small midwestern town on October 31. Accomplishing this involved painting Mexican gourds orange to look like pumpkins and re-using 3 garbage bags of “fall” leaves over and over. They made it all work, though.

Although it was difficult at the time, Tommy Lee turned down the offer to direct the *Halloween 2* sequel because the script was too gory. He doesn’t like the trend in current thriller/horror movies towards more and more graphic violence. The best films of the genre work towards building suspense and letting the audience use its imagination as to any violent events. Alfred Hitchcock was a master at this.

Although Tommy Lee turned down directing *Halloween 2*, he went on to direct 25 other horror/thriller/suspense films and TV shows, including episodes of the Twilight Zone and Stephen King’s horror movie, *It*. In recent years, he has been featured at “Horror Cons” (conventions), both nationally and internationally, and just returned from one in Manchester, England that was attended by thousands of fans. He wasn’t sure

about doing this until he was told that “people are going to come up to you to tell you what a genius you are, and then they’re going to give you money.” He acquiesced. He has been moved and gratified by talking to hundreds of enthusiastic and knowledgeable fans of his work at these events and hearing how meaningful his work has been to them.

Below: The movie poster for *Halloween* (1978), starring Jamie Lee Curtis.



From the Club Archives: Rotaract Then and Now

By Frederick C. Collignon

Two Rotaract clubs? Yes, Berkeley Rotary has sponsored two Rotaract clubs since 2000 and tried to sponsor more. Our oldest Rotaract club is **Cal Rotaract**. We were reminded at their Nov. 2 breakfast that it is now 25 years old. The club grew to as many as 600 members in 2016-17, and for many years competed with the Birmingham Rotaract Club as the largest in the country. Later, Cal Rotaract decided to reduce its numbers; it couldn't find rooms to meet on campus that could accommodate everyone. COVID and the campus shutdown hit the club hard, and it now has a membership of about 60 students.



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