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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

January 15, 2025

[Rev. Dr. Jim Brenneman, Berkeley School of Theology](#)

"A New Year for Palestine/Israel: Between Reality and Hope"

January 22, 2025

[Kira Brunner Don, Editor-in-Chief, Stranger's Guide](#)

"Colonialism and International Journalism"

January 29, 2025

[Adena Ishii, Berkeley Mayor](#)

"You, Me, and 23: Meeting Berkeley's Newest Mayor"

February 12, 2025

[Beth Roessner, CEO, Berkeley Chamber of Commerce](#)

"The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce and Its Relationship with Rotary"

Events

January 15th

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

January 24th

[Rotary World Peace Conference](#)

Birthdays

Irene R. Hegarty

January 13th

Shivani Grover

January 13th

Steven Beckendorf

January 17th

Denise Cynthia Richardson

January 19th

Austin Henderson

January 25th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, January 15, 2025 (at First Pres and via Zoom), from 12:30-1:30 PM PT: Berkeley Rotarian [Rev. Dr. James Brenneman](#), or Jim as he prefers being called, has been president and professor of biblical studies at Berkeley School of Theology since the fall of 2017. He will present "**A New Year for Palestine/Israel: Between Reality and Hope.**" The speaker is provided by the Berkeley Rotary Past Presidents Team; O'Neil Dillon, Captain.



MLK Jr. Breakfast. Join the

"Forward Together" celebration on Monday, January 20, 2025, from 9:30-10:30 AM, at the Doubletree Hotel, Berkeley Marina. BRC is a proud sponsor of this event, now in its 14th year. [Get your tickets here!](#)

Save the Date! Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick will speak to District 5160 Rotarians on February 5, 2025, at 6:30 PM PT, on Zoom. Her presentation will focus on the action plan, membership, and peace. No registration is needed; login via the Zoom link that DG Dan Geraldi emailed to you on January 5, 2025.



News from the Berkeley Public Schools Fund

By Joan Collignon

Berkeley Rotary hosted a trio of speakers from the Berkeley Public Schools Fund last Wednesday. Duffy Ross (interim Executive Director), Sally McLaughlin (who manages the School Support Volunteers), and Jissel Poblete (manager of the Classroom Volunteers) acknowledged with gratitude the support Berkeley Rotary has contributed over the years—both financial and volunteer resources—and demonstrated through words



Jeffrey L. Hunt
February 2nd
Peter D. Campbell
February 9th

and appealing slides how and why the Public Schools Fund has become such a valuable component of the success of the Berkeley schools.

Duffy reminded us of the history of the Fund—which started out in 1983 (as the Berkeley Public Education Foundation) in response to the drop in public education funding after Prop 13. After years of awarding significant grants to Berkeley teachers, the Fund narrowed its mission: “To champion equitable public education for students, families and our community.” This is accomplished by investing over \$1 million a year into programs that directly benefit the school community: Equity Grants, the Volunteer Programs, Basic Needs Support, and the STEM Programs.
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Rotary Responds to Los Angeles Wildfires

Our hearts are with those affected by the wildfires in Southern California.

From Albert Hernandez, District Governor, [Rotary 5280](#): We have created a Wildfires Resource Page so our clubs and partner districts can make a monetary donation, make resources available to those in need, seek resources, and provide collaborative support (meals, water, blankets, etc.). [Visit the page](#) to see how you can support our efforts.

The graphic features a central image of a red and white helicopter flying over a wildfire. Two smaller inset photos show a firefighter in a green jacket and a fire scene. The Rotary logo is also present.

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District 5280

**WILDFIRES
RESOURCE
PAGE**

LIST INCLUDES:

- ✓ Hands On Support Ideas
- ✓ Disaster Relief Fund
- ✓ Resource Directory
- ✓ Self Care-Support

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Welcome, Ola!

Dr. Olatubosun “Ola” Fasipe was sworn in last Wednesday as our newest club member.

His sponsor is Dee Hubert.

Dr. Fasipe is a post-doctoral scholar in Civil/Environmental Engineering at U.C. Berkeley. He obtained a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the Federal University of Technology, Akure in 2007 and a Master's and Doctoral degree in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering in 2014 and 2021, respectively, from the University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria. He is a Principal Scientific Officer at the Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) and has practiced in various sections of the economy, including construction, oil and gas, and most recently, the energy sector. While with ECN, Ola was involved in Nigeria's Northeast geopolitical zone rebuilding efforts by implementing renewable energy projects that provide access to modern energy services in rural communities affected by the insurgency crisis. He is a 2023-2026 Miller Research Fellow Awardee at the Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science, University of California, Berkeley. His research focuses on quantifying energy needs with a view of establishing baselines for sustainable energy use.

As part of the Miller Community Outreach Initiative, which is dedicated to educating and inspiring the next generation of potential scientists, Ola recently made a presentation to 9th graders at Contra Costa College's Middle College High School. He previously volunteered as an Atlas Helper for the International Journal of Hydropower and Dams in the United Kingdom. Ola has a wife, Priscilla, and a son. He enjoys footballing (i.e., soccer), traveling, and watching movies.

Welcome to Berkeley Rotary, Ola!



Above: Sponsor Dee Hubert, Ola, Past President Libby Tyler, Club President Ken Renworth

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