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## Speakers

**February 26, 2025**

[Seena Hawley, Executive Director, The Berkeley Baby Book Project](#)

"Dolly Parton's Imagination Library"

**March 05, 2025**

[Katherine Culbertson, Ph.D. Student, UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources](#)

"Tropical Rainforest Restoration"

**March 12, 2025**

[Robert Marshall, President, H2OpenDoors](#)

"The Critical Need for Investment in Clean Water and Hygiene Infrastructure Worldwide"

**March 19, 2025**

[TBA](#)  
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## Events

February 26th  
[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

February 27th  
[BRC Lasagna Project](#)

February 27th  
[Membership Committee Meeting in Person + via Zoom](#)

February 28th  
[BARSHEEP TGIFF](#)

March 12th  
[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

March 13th  
[Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing + Committee Meeting](#)

March 13th

## Club Announcements

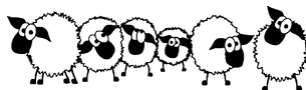
By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, February 26, 2025 (at First Pres and via Zoom), 12:30 PM PT: Seena Hawley, Executive Director of [The Berkeley Baby Book Project](#), will present "**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.**" She'll review how TBBBP encourages the love of reading from early childhood by providing kids in Berkeley, Richmond, San Pablo, and Emeryville with free, high-quality books each month. The speaker is provided by the BRC Central America Team, David Wilson and Veronica Sibley, Captains.



**What Do You Say?** On Wednesday, February 26, 2025 (via Zoom), from 2:30-3:30 PM PT, the BRC Peace Committee will host the next in a series of Civil Discourse meetings. **Topic: Is Trump Savior or Dictator?** You will receive the Zoom link via email. For more information, contact Dan Thomas ([dthomas@tc-associates.com](mailto:dthomas@tc-associates.com)).

**Let's Get Cookin'!** The first gathering of the BRC Lasagna Project is on Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 9:30 AM-12 PM. [Click here](#) to sign up.



**BARSHEEP TGIFF.** Hosted by Rotary HRC (Hercules-Rodeo-Crockett), the next get-together is on Friday, February 28, 2025, from 6-8 PM, at [Four Fools Winery](#) in Rodeo. Don't miss it!

**Donate an Item; Make an Impact!** We're looking for unique items and experiences to feature in the [Sip & Savor](#) silent auction on Saturday, April 12, 2025. All proceeds from your donation will go directly to [RotaCare West Contra Costa](#), helping to provide free healthcare to underserved communities. Let's work together to raise funds for those in need and make this event one to remember. [Donate here!](#) Questions? Contact Marty Kaliski ([martymech@aol.com](mailto:martymech@aol.com)).



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**UNITE FOR GOOD**

**Presidential Message.** On February 10, 2025, Rotary President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo revealed the 2025-2026 presidential message, Unite for Good: "Rotary members are People of Action. We don't wait for change to happen; we make it happen. And what do people of action do? We unite for good."

## Thirsty Thursday

March 19th

Meetings of the Boards  
(Club and Endowment)  
via Zoom

## **Birthdays**

Grier Graff

February 27th

Richard M. Betts

March 1st

Oscar H. Luna

March 3rd

email BRC

March 3rd

Tina Etcheverry

March 6th

Melissa Eisenberg

March 10th

Terrence M. Regan

March 11th

Dee Hubert

March 21st

Helmut Wolfgang Tutass

March 24th

Kris Libunao

March 24th

## **Many Hands Make Light Work: Packing Hygiene Kits**

Every month the BRC Supportive Housing Committee and friends gather to pack hygiene kits. With practiced efficiency, they set up an assembly line and fill hundreds of bags with items requested by several local groups who provide services to the unhoused. All club members, friends, and family are welcome to join them on the second Thursday of the month—unless it rains! Check the Green Sheet or the DACdb calendar, or email Jackie Hammond ([jphbooks74@gmail.com](mailto:jphbooks74@gmail.com)) or Joanne Dickerson Harper ([jdickerson91@gmail.com](mailto:jdickerson91@gmail.com)) for the exact time and location.



Above: Mimi, Doug, Arlene, Jackie, Joanne, and Marty on the assembly line.



Pam and Lori hefting the kits into the car for delivery to a shelter.

## **Magic Up-Close—You Had To Be There**

By Helena Meyer-Knapp

The heading is The Truth (Rotary Test #1). For our meeting on February 19, the club abandoned its hybrid-Zoom presentation model. [Dennis Kyriakos](#), a magician, said he would be wandering around too much to stay on camera. True.

The name he gave his talk, "Creating Moments of Wonder," is another good reason we had to be there. Watching a video on rerun or even watching long distance in real time would have been just so different. And yes, over our standard lunch, at the regular tables, there were moments





of wonder, moments when we older, experienced Rotarians, perfectly capable of rationalism and distance, did gasp and cheer.

Not that we encountered anything “never before seen.” There was the trick with the three cups and disappearing and reappearing marble-sized white balls, culminating in the sudden appearance out of nowhere of three very green limes. And there was the card trick, the deck shuffled by a member of the audience, from which our magician pulled one card. The rest of the cards, reorganized and piled into two piles did, as they must, magically result in one pile producing the “number” on Dennis’s card and the other pile producing the suit.



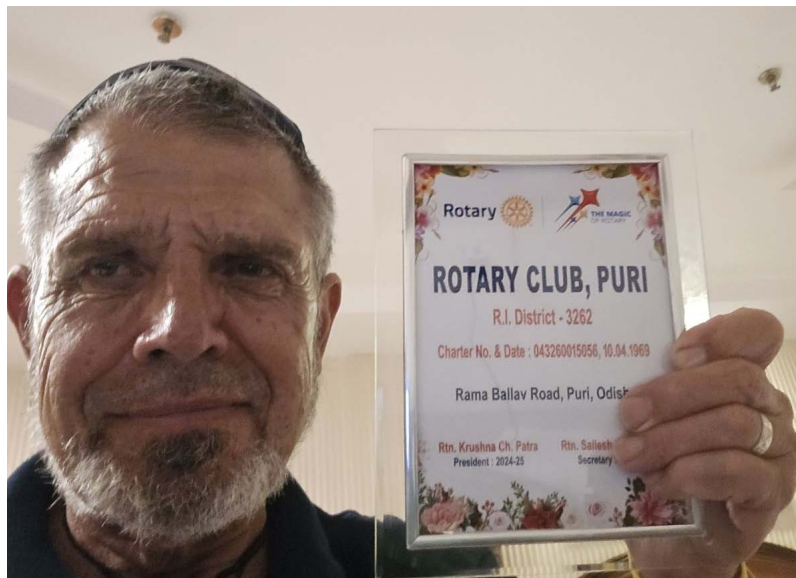
Wows having stirred throughout the audience, our magician briefly turned reflective. We modern humans have many problems, of course. He wanted us to notice one particular one: That our phones, with their instant supply of access and information, have reduced our chances to experience inexplicable marvels. At the very beginning of the smartphone era, the phones themselves felt like marvels, but now they cut us off from “wonder,” in part because they make it too easy to answer “I wonder why/how/what” questions.

If you couldn’t be there in person, or if this is the first you’ve heard of Dennis Kyriakos, don’t fret. One evening a month he does two, even more “close-up” shows at the Claremont. The next date is February 27.

If that’s sold out, there are other moments of wonder ahead in each of our lives. We just have to make sure that our phones don’t prevent us noticing them.

## Where in the World Is . . .

### Maxim Schrogin?



Visiting the Rotary Club of Puri, India.

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