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Speakers

April 02, 2025

[J. K. Fowler, Executive Director, Bay Area Book Festival](#)

"Bay Area Book Festival: Changing the Narrative"

April 09, 2025

[Jamie Albrecht, Coordinator of Emergency Services, City of Berkeley](#)

"Six Critical Steps to Disaster Preparedness"

April 16, 2025

[Monica Gandhi, M.D.](#)

"Update on Communicable Diseases"

April 23, 2025

[Dawn Sagorski, WDDC + Gwen Austin, BOSS](#)

"People of Action"

Events

April 4th

[Ladies Who Lunch](#)

April 5th

[Native Plant Tour](#)

April 10th

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

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April 12th

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Birthdays

Lynne Henderson

April 4th

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April 10th

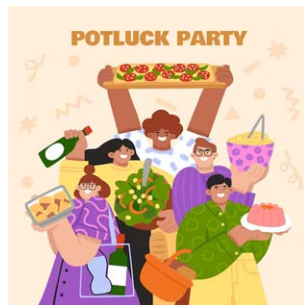
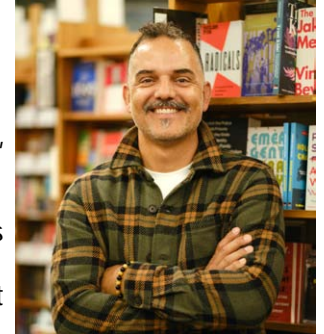
Fred Tabsharani

April 12th

Marcia K Dillon

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (at First Pres and via Zoom), 12:30 PM PT: J.K. Fowler, Executive Director of the [Bay Area Book Festival](#), will present "**Bay Area Book Festival: Changing the Narrative.**" Narratives inform the ways in which we see ourselves, our relationships with others, and the ways in which we view the collective. Shifting that narrative opens up new possibilities, new ways of imagining. Come hear how the Bay Area Book Festival is leaning into this particular moment that we find ourselves in to help change the narrative via important and necessary conversations about how we all move forward together. The speaker is provided by the BRC Africa Team; John Caner, Captain.



Ladies Who Lunch. The next gathering will be hosted by Louise O'Dea on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 12-2 PM. Please bring a dish for 6-8 to share (except dessert, which will be provided). RSVP is not necessary, but it would be nice. Contact Louise (lfodea@gmail.com) for the location.

Native Plant Garden Tour. Join us for a visit to Bob and Stephanie Sorenson's stunning garden in Orinda on Saturday, April 5, 2025, 12:30 PM. Spanning ¾ of an acre, this beautiful space is designed with native plants from the local watershed. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the scenery. To attend, sign up at a meeting or email O'Neil Dillon (oneilsdillon@gmail.com). Directions and parking details will be emailed to registrants.



Shout-out. Thank you, BRC teams, for bringing us great speakers in March. We learned about tropical rainforest restoration, [H2OpenDoors](#) sustainable filtration and distribution systems, using [AI for Good](#) and social impact, and how [CEID](#) maximizes the potential of deaf and hard-of-hearing children. Missed a meeting? You can watch it [here](#).



Zoomers. Don't forget to send in your \$10 Participation Fee when you attend meetings via Zoom. Here's a handy QR code that you can use to pay via Venmo. We also post it on Zoom chat during our club meetings. (Or you can send a check to Berkeley Rotary Club, 2342 Shattuck Ave., #101, Berkeley, CA 94704.) The fee offsets our costs for room rental and



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Louise Franchot O'Dea
April 19th
Kenneth Renworth
April 20th
David Hugh Malcolm
April 21st
Joan Louise McLean
April 22nd
Douglas Fielding
April 23rd
Katherine Ailis Culbertson
April 24th
John Caner
April 30th

other operating expenses.

Maximizing Potential of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler



Cindy Dickson, CEO, and Davana Jackson, Deaf Coach Coordinator, of the Center for Early Intervention on Deafness (CEID) gave a terrific presentation last Wednesday on their organization's mission and accomplishments.

CEID is located in Berkeley and was founded in 1980 to maximize the potential for families and children with hearing difficulties. They do this through an impressive array of necessary and thoughtful services, including education, family support, and

audiology clinics.

Cindy explained that there are strong schools of thought on the best way to approach deafness and hearing difficulties, so CEID offers an inclusive approach that centers on families and emphasizes what is best for each situation. Overall, the philosophy is more about being deaf-positive and less about intervention. Cindy explained the different terminologies that are used in this field and which terms are preferred. For example, talking about "hearing level" rather than "hearing loss" for children and using the terms "deaf" and "hard of hearing" rather than "hearing impaired."

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Welcome, Ramon!

Meet Ramon Ariza, the newest member of Berkeley Rotary. President Ken Renworth and Membership Committee Chair Libby Tyler presided over his induction; he was introduced by his sponsor, David Wilson (on the right above). He is originally from Colombia, South America, and has lived in Caracas, Venezuela; Bogotá, Colombia; New York City; and San Francisco before landing in Berkeley. He has been an American citizen for over 30 years and has worked in real estate for over 25 years. Ramon holds a degree in Business Administration from Lincoln College, Universidad del Litoral. He lives in Berkeley with his husband, Dr. Michael E. Pollatsek.



In a brief acceptance speech, Ramon congratulated those members who had just returned from a Rotary visit to Colombia, which he described as a beautiful country. He lists "people" as one of his prime "hobbies." You've picked the right club, Ramon!

Honoring Sallie . . . in Person!

By Joan Collignon



Sallie Weissinger may live in Portland but she left her heart with Berkeley Rotary. At last Wednesday's meeting, Past District Governor Claire Roberts drove over the hills from Danville to present a Double Major Donor award, honoring Sallie for her extraordinary commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

This was a rare opportunity for us to see Sallie in person, as she attends almost every weekly meeting on Zoom. Claire's tribute reminded us of how much Sallie has contributed to the club, as well as to the Rotary Foundation, from working with Berkeley Rotary members in New Orleans after Katrina, to acting as interpreter in Chacala. In her own remarks, Sallie emphasized her commitment to Rotary, and to the Berkeley Rotary Club, where service is key. Thank you, Sallie!

Touring the California Maritime Academy

By Peter Christy

On Friday, March 28, the great tour guides at the California Maritime Academy (now a California State University known as [Cal Maritime](#)) showed Berkeley Rotarians how folks get trained and ready to operate those huge ships. After seeing the very cool simulators, we climbed many stairs to the bridge. What a great visit to a super academy! After the tour the group went for lunch at the Dead Fish Restaurant in Vallejo.

Thank you to O'Neil and the Social Committee for organizing the outing!



Let's Re/Connect!

A promotional graphic for "RE/CONNECT 2025". It features a stylized blue tree with roots growing over a view of the Earth from space. The text "RE/CONNECT 2025" is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, "OUR ROTARY FAMILY" and "Force Multipliers for Good" are in smaller white and blue text. The dates "May 2-4, 2025" are in orange. At the bottom, there is the Rotary logo, "Rotary District 5160", "Rotary Connects Families", the website "d5160connects.org", and a QR code.

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Governor Dan Gerald created a [lively video](#) inviting you to ***Re/Connect 2025***, our district conference from May 2-4, at the San Ramon Marriott. Don't miss this chance to connect with fellow Rotarians, gain insights from inspiring community leaders, enhance your Rotary experience, and have fun. [Register now!](#)

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