

# Rotary Live Oak Newsletter

## Club of Oakland #3

### We Care Corner

A confidential email has been set up for members to alert the We Care Committee to reach out to a member and connect.

#### Home Care -- Shared Experience Corner

Need information about home care including equipment and supplies? There may be fellow Rotarians who can give helpful tips based on personal experience. Send a confidential email to the We Care Committee address (listed below) and we will provide you some information or one of us will get in touch.

#### Other Needs

Need help:  
Post surgery?  
Logging on to Zoom?  
A ride to the weekly Club meeting?  
Choosing a committee?  
Some cheer during a rough time?

We will reach out with sensitivity and be sure we offer the appropriate support.

Rotary is here for you. Let's stay close and connect!

The email is:  
[RCOWeCareCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:RCOWeCareCommittee@gmail.com)

### Special Events

## Stories

### Next Club Meeting – March 27, 2025 – at Junior Center of Art and Science

We will not be meeting at noon in the Ballroom. Instead, **Ana-Marie Jones** said we will meet at 5:00 pm (not 4 pm as previously announced) at the Junior Center of Art and Science by Lake Merritt, located at 558 Bellevue Ave. Following an art project, we will walk over to Clio's Bookstore and Bar at 353 Grand Avenue for adult libations.



## Junior Center of Art and Science

### Rotary Meeting Highlights for March 20, 2025

#### Call to Order

**President Shannon Hackley** called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm. She noted that we are the third oldest Rotary Club out of 42,000 clubs in 200 countries. She also welcomed Rotarians on Zoom, as well as everyone in the Ballroom. Coordination of audio equipment continued to be a challenge.



### **A Service Safari Annual Gala**

April 10 – 6 pm  
1111 Broadway, Lobby  
Buy tickets  
Sponsorships available  
Donate items for Auction  
Contact Stephanie  
Casenza or Ruth Stroup

### **Return to Sibley**

April 12 – 1 pm – 3:15 pm  
Tour of Sibley Volcanic  
Regional Preserve  
Contact Catherine  
Coleman for details

### **Community Service Tree Planting**

April 19 – 9 am – 1 pm  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Regional Shoreline Park  
1 Swan Way, Oakland  
Contact Debra Barnes  
to participate.

### **Rotary at Mono Lake**

June 13 – 15  
Lee Vining & Mono Lake  
See flyer for details

### **Rotary International Convention**

June 21 – 25  
Calgary, Canada  
March 31 is last day  
to get preregistration  
discount.

### **Service Projects**

#### **HOT Squad**

Volunteer Service Projects  
serving the community as  
scheduled.

#### **April 12**

St. Vincent de Paul – Oakland  
8:30 am – 2 pm  
Volunteer to help at the annual  
Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt.  
Sign-up details to come.

### **Committee Meetings**

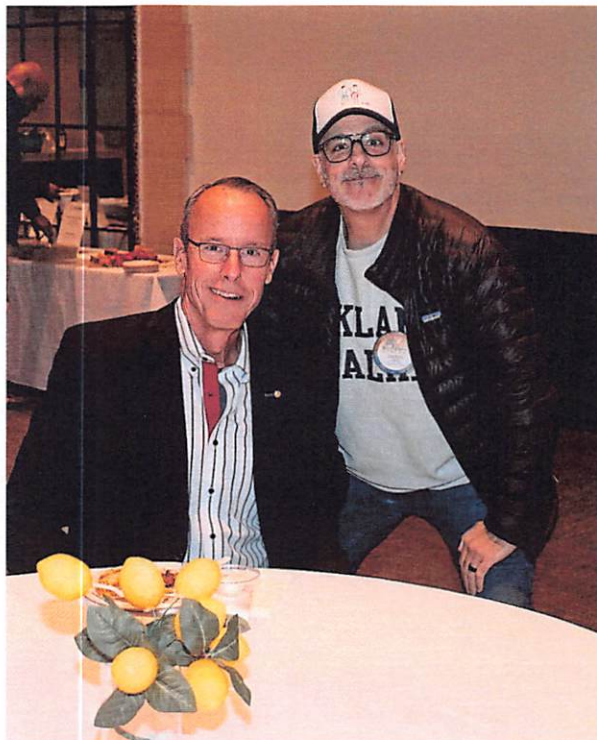
#### **Public Relations**

March 24 – 10:15 – 10:45 am  
Also March 31



### **Guests**

**Past District 5170 Governor and Rotary International Director Brad Howard** was introduced. Members introduced their guests.





Contact Marie Sescon  
for meeting information.

### **Community Service**

April 2 – 5 --- 6 pm  
Contact Allison Bliss  
for meeting information.

### **Speakers**

April 2 – 7 – 8 pm  
Contact David Stein  
for meeting information

### **Birthday Greetings**

#### **Happy Birthday!**

Celebrating are:

#### March

02 – Daniel Cheng  
03– Linda Chew  
03 – Vivian Chen  
03 – Marleen Sacks  
04 – Fiona Ma  
07 – Rosemary Darden  
07 – David Douglas  
08 – Mandolin Kadera-Redmond  
09 – Greg Annis  
11 – Kerry Hamill  
13 – Alex Poulsen  
14 – Nema Link  
14 – Merlin Edwards  
15 – Ken Richardson  
16 – Victor Flores  
20 – Suzie Yokomizo  
21 – Giovanna Tanzillo  
21 – Rudy Besikof  
21 – Andrew Brown  
22 – Garrett Dailey  
25 – Debra Barnes  
27 – Greg Knight  
29 – Robert Kidd  
29 – Dan Altemus

### **Membership**

#### **Anniversaries**

Thank you for your years  
of service to Rotary Club  
of Oakland and the  
community!

#### March

Tom Love – 53 years  
Michael Bruck – 44 years  
Randy Reed – 34 years  
Barbara Beery – 31 years  
Elida Scola – 19 years  
Jill Loh Kearns – 18 years

### **Thought for the Day – Wendy Howard**

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**Wendy Howard** offered the following thought for the day:  
"The story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have." What a timely reminder of the importance of service for all of us!

### **Enterprise Institute Report**

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**Past President Ces Butner** reported that this past weekend, 15 Rotarians, 75 high school juniors and 20 peer counselors all attended Enterprise Institute in Aptos. This year, Rotarians spoke about their individual professions. Students also learned presentation skills and were divided into groups of four for a friendly competition, with the team led by **Ces Butner** and **Dave Cannon** being named the winners. **Ces** also observed that despite getting a cold from sleeping in cold weather he had a great time as did all participants.

### **Service Project in Columbia**

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**President Shannon** said that we have 20 Rotarians currently in Colombia engaged in a service project. **President-elect Joe Goralka** was at the Enterprise Institute on Friday and on Sunday, he was riding a horse in Colombia!

### **Service Safari Gala**

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Gala co-chair **Stephanie Casenza** reminded us to purchase tickets for this year's Gala on April 10th. Best of Live tickets are also available. If you buy a Best of Live ticket and win, you will get first choice of any auction item. **Barbara Beery** introduced Jeboy Koshy from the Fremont Morning Rotary Club. He is offering for auction at the Gala, a scotch tasting, wine tasting and Indian dinner for six guests at his home with van transportation provided by **Past President David Douglas**.

Ana-Maria Jones – 17 years  
 Jason Wizelman – 10 years  
 Mark Epstein – 8 years  
 Kym Johnson – 8 years  
 Kevin Kelley – 7 years  
 Julayne Virgil – 7 years  
 Kathleen Sims – 6 years  
 Nik Dehejia – 4 years  
 Trisha Connors – 4 years  
 Kevin Jenkins – 3 years  
 Randy Arnold – 2 years  
 Jessica Arline – 2 years  
 Billy Dixon – 2 years  
 Maria Sescon – 2 years  
 Andrew Shalauta – 1 year

Rotary Club of Oakland's Annual Gala

## A SERVICE SAFARI

A Celebration of Fellowship, Philanthropy & Good Deeds

For Tickets & Donations  
 Scan Here:



🕒 Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6 pm  
 📍 1111 Broadway (in the lobby/foyer)  
 Oakland, CA 94607

**Sponsorship Opportunities**  
 Contact Stephanie Casenza or Ruth Stroup



### New Member Induction – Louis Quindlen

**Tammeil Gilkerson** introduced new member, **Louis Quindlen** with three interesting facts. **Louis** is the Board President of the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees. In 1981, he and 171 other people lost their jobs at Mac Trucks. He went to a counselor at Chabot College and the school began a free welding and machinist curriculum. He worked as a machinist for many years and later taught students. One of his favorite things is encountering former students. **Pres. Shannon** presented him with his red badge, a roster of his 250 new best friends, a copy of the Four-Way Test and **Linda Hamilton's** book, *One Hundred Years of Oakland Rotary*. Welcome, **Louis**!



### Self Introduction – Tammeil Gilkerson

**Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson** is the Chancellor of Peralta Community College District. She hails from a family of seven children, five of whom were adopted by Caucasian parents. She was adopted from Korea and has siblings who are Latinate and African American. Her parents also parented 180 foster children. She studied history and African American studies at UC Berkeley. She is passionate about promoting racial equality and life-affirming courses for students. She also defines herself as a lifelong learner. **Pres. Shannon** presented **Tammeil** with her Blue Badge. Congrats, **Tammeil**!





### Magic of Rotary Business Development

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**President Shannon** thanked **Isaac Kos-Read** for a business referral to a Walnut Creek area design company!

### Upcoming Meetings on April 10 and April 24

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**Past President David Stein** zoomed in from Hawaii and announced that at our April 10 meeting, we'll have a speaker from the Golden State Valkyries and the meeting will be held at the former Holy Names Campus at 3500 Mountain Blvd instead of the ballroom.

Rotary got its start in 1905 when Paul Harris and several other businessmen men decided to rotate meetings from one business to another. Twenty-five years ago, we started a program called "Brown Bag Lunch" where we gathered in small groups at various members' businesses. The program stopped due to Covid. Now we are restarting our Brown Bag Lunch so Rotarians can visit fellow Rotarians in their workplaces for a tour and lunch. We will have 10 locations to choose from for our April 24 meeting. They are as follows:

**Faye Brandin** with Signature Properties will host at Brooklyn Basin

**Kevin Hunter** will host at Johnstone Supply

**Nik Dehejia** will host at the Oakland Zoo

**Kymberly Miller** will host at Children's Fairyland

Kim Olson will host at Meals on Wheels

**Dan Cardenas** will host at the Oakland Campus – formerly Holy Names University

**Nuno Ferreira** will host at Style Bath & Kitchen

**Joe Goralka** will host at East Bay Restaurant Supply

**Ed Brail** will host at Chapel of the Chimes  
**Rich Harrison** will host at Lodestar School

Members will be asked in advance to rank their top three choices to visit and also make a lunch selection. **David** thanked past member **Michael Valva** and **Julie Fox** for putting the event together.

### Dish the Dirt on April 19

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In celebration of Earth Day, **Debra Barnes** announced that the Environment Committee, Community Service Committee and Interact Committee will all partner with the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation to sponsor a Tree Planting Day on April 19 from 9:00 am at the lovely Martin Luther King Regional Shoreline Park at 1 Swan Way (adjacent to the Oakland Airport). The Club's Entertainment Committee will provide lunch. For additional information and to volunteer, please contact [Barnes.debra1@gmail.com](mailto:Barnes.debra1@gmail.com). All tools will be provided; please bring your own gardening or work gloves.

### KinderPrep Field Trips

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**Nuno Ferreira** put out a call for Rotarians to volunteer at upcoming KinderPrep activities. Rotary sponsors field trips to Children's Fairyland, the Oakland Zoo, Chabot Space and Science Center and the Bay Area Discovery Museum for Oakland Transitional Kindergarten classes. Please join the KinderPrep Committee in welcoming students and parents to these very important events. The following dates are available:

Bay Area Discovery Museum – March 27

Children's Fairyland – April 17

Oakland Zoo – April 22

Chabot Space and Science Center – April 23

### Speaker for the Day – John Rothmann

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**Wendy Howard** introduced our speaker, John Rothmann. A former KGO talk show host, he is a lecturer and a professor at the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning at the University of San Francisco. He also hosts a podcast called Around the Political World. It can be reached at <https://www.youtube.com/aroundthepoliticalworld/videos>.

He worked on Richard Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign and has published articles on American political history, education and the Middle East.

John Rothmann opened his remarks by expressing his support for Rotary and our work with Polio and other vaccinations. He stressed that his views are nonpartisan in keeping with Rotary's values. He opined that this country is divided and is in a constitutional crisis. He believes that the current president and the Supreme Court are engaged in



confrontation. He cited other divisive Supreme Court decisions, including Brown vs. the Board of Education, Roe vs. Wade and Bush vs. Gore, noting that Al Gore said he may not agree with the decision, but the Supreme Court is the law of the land. There is a question as to whether the current president will comply with the decisions of the Supreme Court.

He discussed President Richard Nixon complying with providing the tapes relating to Watergate when told to by the Supreme Court.

Like Leon Panetta, who spoke to our club a few weeks ago, he emphasized that this country is not governed by executive order or a king. The current president has currently defied judicial deportation decisions. Rothmann noted that he was initially a Republican but is now a Democrat. He thinks there is a way forward if Democrats focus on the issues and hold a press conference every week. There was a time in America when people could civilly disagree. Wendell Wilkie referred to himself as the loyal opposition. It is problematic when politicians have a lust for power and are bent on revenge and retribution. His solution is to be informed and listen to everything, vote, be involved in communities and teach the essence of civics and listen to people who hold opposing viewpoints because that is the only way you can have a discussion.

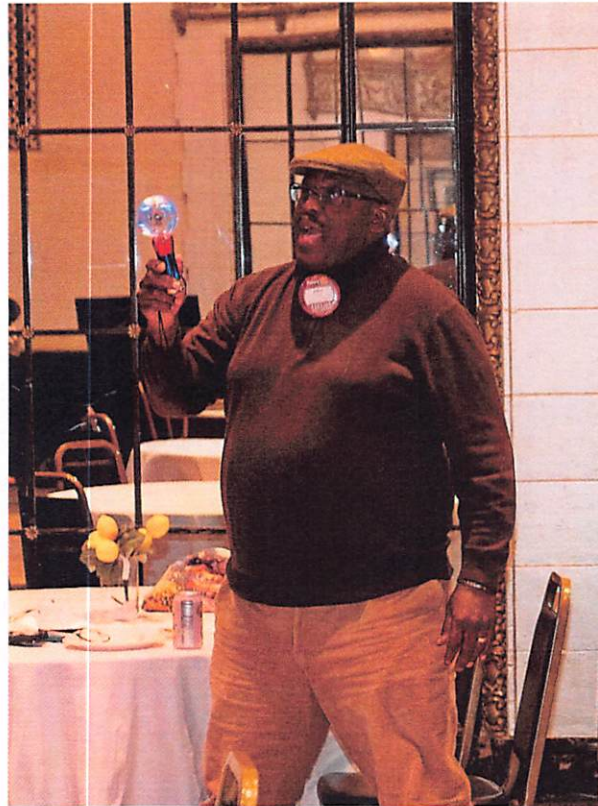
Mr. Rothmann received a standing ovation. **President Shannon** thanked our speaker and told him that a donation in his name would be made to Polio Plus.



### **Bell Rings**

**Fred Morse, Ces Butner, Dave Cannon, Gary Flaxman, and Wil Hobbs** rang the bell for the Enterprise Institute.  
**Erich Harris** rang the bell for the African American Museum and Library.

**Shannon Hackley** rang the bell for **Isaac Kos-Read**



### Thank You

**President Shannon** adjourned the meeting at 1:32 pm.

### Rotary International Convention in Calgary June 21 -- 25

Join President-Elect Joe Goralka and other Oakland Rotarians for RI's annual convention.

Embark on an exhilarating journey of connection and inspiration at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary! Engage in riveting discussions, learn from distinguished speakers, and explore enlightening breakout sessions against the backdrop of Calgary's picturesque beauty nestled amid the Canadian Rockies.

Fueled by friendship and a spirit of collaboration, exchange best practices, ignite innovative projects, and form lifelong connections with fellow changemakers from around the world.

Take part in this transformative, one-of-a-kind event and experience the Magic All Around at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada 21-25 June 2025.

To learn more, click here <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>.

Let us know you're going!



