



Live Oak Newsletter

Proposed for Membership

An application has been received from the following individual. If no objection is received within five days, the application will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Sam Davis
Consultant
5717 Gaskill St.
Oakland, CA 94608
Sponsor: **Isaac Kos-Read**

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?

Stories

Next Club Meeting – May 8, 2025 – Planned Parenthood’s New Center in Oakland

This week’s program features Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. Stephanie Dominguez Walton will tell us about the new Barbara Lee Center in downtown Oakland—now the largest Planned Parenthood health center in the nation.

With 19 exam rooms, this state-of-the-art facility provides essential reproductive health and general care to all—regardless of age, gender, income, immigration status, or zip code.



If you are attending in person, please use Rotary Eventbrite to sign up so our team will make sure we have sufficient lunches and seats in the ballroom.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1324729474519?aff=oddtcreator>

The meeting will be in-person as well as on Zoom.

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

Special Events

Rotary at Mono Lake

June 13 – 15

Lee Vining & Mono Lake

See flyer for details

Greg Knight and Randy

Arnold are available to
answer questions.

Rotary International Convention

June 21 – 25

Calgary, Canada

Service Projects

Day of Service – Alameda County Community Food Bank

May 18 – 12:30 – 3:30 pm

7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland

Register directly with the Food
Bank by May 11.

Contact Teresa Weyand with
any questions.

Lodestar School College & Career Expo

May 28 – 9:00 – 1:15 am

705 105th Avenue, Oakland

Rotarians needed to talk about
career requirements, challenges
and opportunities in their fields.

Contact Catherine Coleman
if you can participate.

HOT Squad

Volunteer Service Projects
serving the community as
scheduled.

Committee Meetings

Rotary Meeting Highlights for May 1, 2025

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Call to Order

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The meeting was promptly called to order by **President Shannon Hackley** at 12:30 pm. **President Shannon** greeted the attendees in the ballroom and on Zoom.



Guests

President Shannon introduced Adrien Abuyen from the San Leandro Rotary Club.

Keith Uriarte introduced guest Moya Robinson and

Rosemary Darden introduced guest Rashida Chase.

Thought for the Day – Erich Harris

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Erich Harris made comments about May Day, known as a day of protest, for the celebration of the coming of spring, a national day of prayer, and international workers' day. He quoted Cesar Chavez: "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community."

Prescott Elementary School Service Opportunity

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Casey Farmer reported that Prescott Elementary School in Oakland needs help with setting up its carnival on Saturday May 17th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Contact **Casey** to sign up.

Past and Future Meetings

Past President David Stein made three meeting announcements:

Eighty-eight people participated in the April 24th Brown Bag Lunch Day. Thank you to all of the hosts.

Community Service

May 7 – 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Speakers

May 7 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm
 Kick-off meeting to select speakers for 2025-2026 year.

Contact David Stein
 for meeting information.

Public Relations

May 12 – 10:15 – 10:45 am
 Contact Marie Sescon
 for meeting information.

Business Development

May 13 – 5:00 pm
 Contact Jesse Schmidt
 for meeting information.

Fun, Sport & Adventure

May 13 – 6:00 – 7:15 pm
 Contact Mark Rosen
 for meeting information

Birthday Greetings**Happy Birthday!**

Celebrating are:

May

01 – Stephanie Casenza
 02 – Bill Dixon
 05 – Marianne Robison
 07 – Christy McAvoy
 09 – Kathy Kelleher
 11 – Emily Morgan
 11 – Courtney Morse
 14 – David Barron
 14 – Mary Geong
 14 – Kevin Hunter
 15 – Catherine Pinkas
 17 – David Kersten
 20 – Bob Spencer
 22 – Jake Schoneker
 24 – Sean Callum
 25 – Wayne Goodroe
 25 – Mark Rosen
 26 – Ralph Sklar
 27 – Mieko Hatano
 30 – Ces Butner
 31 – Megan Imperial

**Membership
Anniversaries**

Thank you for your years
 of service to Rotary Club

The May 15th club meeting will be held at the new Oakland Hills Campus (the old Holy Names University), 3500 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland.

When you enter the campus, there is a security gate you will pass through. Just let the guard know you are there for the Rotary meeting and they will direct you to where to park. The meeting will be held in a room in the Valley Center for the Performing Arts. It is right next to the parking lot and we'll have signage outside, so it will be easy to find.

The May 22nd club meeting will take place at Alameda County's Santa Rita Jail in Dublin from 10 am to 12 noon. If you plan on attending, please fill out the registration form in advance. Also, visitors must bring a valid photo ID with them to the site.

The Speakers Committee will have its first meeting on May 7th at 7 pm to plan programs for **President-Elect Joe Goralka's** year. Contact **David Stein** if you want to participate.

Beyond the Handshake

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DE&I Committee members **Kymberly Miller** and **Linda Hamilton** asked the group to discuss "How Do You Put the Four-Way Test to Work in Your Life or Work?" Members paired up and energetically considered this query.

Birthday

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President Shannon recognized Gala Chair **Stephanie Casenza** who was celebrating her birthday today.

New Member Inductions – Michele Himmelberg, Dayana Medevsky and Kim Olson

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Casey Farmer introduced new member **Michele Himmelberg**. **Michele** is not only a new member, but is **Casey's** mother and was an Oakland Rotary guest speaker. She was a hula hoop champion as a child and participated in basketball and crew in college.

of Oakland and the community!

May

Charlie Adams – 43 years
 Rick Draper – 35 years
 Dudley Thompson – 32 years
 Anne Bisagno – 23 years
 Julie Fox – 22 years
 Debra Barnes – 17 years
 Pat Williams – 10 years
 Tom Duryea – 7 years
 Kerry Hamill – 7 years
 Diane Schaffer – 7 years
 Sonja Fitz – 6 years
 Janice Brickley – 5 years
 Sarah Chavez-Yoell – 4 years
 Bill Purcell --- 3 years
 Davey Warner – 3 years
 Cybele Gerachis – 2 years
 Andrew Brown – 2 years
 Lyz Luke – 2 years
 Megan Imperial – 1 year



Allison Lindquist introduced new member **Dayana Medevsky**. **Dayana** is a self-taught pianist and electronic musician. She is a big-time comic book fan and collector.



Karen Friedman introduced new member **Kim Olson**. **Kim's** goal is to run one half-marathon in every state. Her ninth half-marathon will take place on May 4th. **Kim** has degrees in theater arts and accounting, an unusual academic combination.



Welcome **Michele**, **Dayana**, and **Kim**!

Self Introduction – Casey Farmer

Casey returned to the lectern for the third time to give her three-minute self-introduction. Her public service career started with attendance at the University of San

Francisco and its McCarthy Center for Public Service. She taught high school in East Oakland through Teach for America. **Casey's** work continued with the Rogers Family Foundation and numerous political campaigns. She currently works as a government affairs consultant. Her clients include the county tax assessor and an AI startup. **Casey** and her husband have two adopted children.



Self Introduction – Stephanie Bolden

Stephanie Bolden is starting her second tour of duty as an Oakland Rotary member. She has practiced law for thirty years and currently specializes in family law. She loves helping families with kids and urges cooperation and mediation whenever possible. Welcome back **Stephanie**.



Speaker for the Day – Colin Behring

Past President John Protopappas introduced Colin Behring, a third-generation real estate developer. Colin's grandfather developed Blackhawk and was a founder of the Wheelchair Foundation which has donated over one million wheelchairs to date. Colin started his career in China and has developed or financed \$1.2 billion of property.

Colin's company recently completed the project at 1900 Broadway which offers "Live, Work, Play, Go." The building includes residences, offices, event spaces, and special amenities. The company also acquired the former Kaiser regional office building at 1950 Franklin Street which provides offices, an events center, and secure parking. Colin is getting calls from potential business and retail tenants, a sign that Oakland is coming back. In response to audience questions, Colin made the following comments:

- Senior living space is always in demand in the urban core but high construction costs are a barrier to new projects.
- Colin supports living and working in downtown Oakland. He hopes to attract first responders and other public employees as Oakland residents.
- His grandfather's favorite car from the Blackhawk Museum was a 1936 Suiza.
- The lesson learned from his time in Shanghai is to "embrace density." Density improves public safety since there are more "eyeballs" watching.



Bellringer

Gary Flaxman rang the bell in honor of **Casey Farmer**.

Thank You

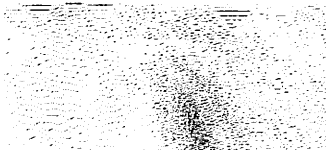
President Shannon adjourned another busy meeting at 1:30 pm.

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