

Rotary

Club of Oakland 3



e 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?

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 with:
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

Annual Club Survey – Share Your Thoughts

All members received an email from Jesse Bowdle asking our

Live Oak

Past President David Stein reminded us we will not be meeting on July 31. Instead, we will have an offsite meeting starting at 3 pm on **July 30**. Attendance is limited (sold out) and will be a special tour of the Oakland Airport. All club members can still join together for fellowship at 5 pm at Hampton Inn and Suites, 1700 Harbor Bay Parkway.

On August 7th we will meet at noon at the Cathedral Event Center, 2121 Harrison. Our speaker will be Cheryl Lander and Vanessa Nguyen, members of the District 5170 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. The topic will be DEI and the Four-Way Test.

Is This Fair to All Concerned?



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

For those joining on Zoom, use this link [Thursday Club Meeting](#)

Rotary Meeting Highlights for July 24, 2025

Call to Order

At 12:30 sharp, **President Joe Goralka** blew a whistle and asked us to call him Coach Joe. He was quickly prompted that he needed to ring the bell to start the meeting – which he did. After reminding everyone of the significance of Oakland #3, he asked if everyone liked his tie. Turns out it was given to him by Rotary International's first female president, Jennifer Jones. At his previous meeting, he had worn an Oakland Rotary tie, which was found in storage. He plans to wear a different tie for each weekly meeting during his term.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

President Joe greeted a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of

help to shape the future of the Club. Don't delay – if you can't find Jesse's email which has the link, please contact him. Deadline for information is **August 10**. Thank you for your advice.

Special Events

Fellowship & Networking

July 30 – 5:00 pm.
Hampton Inn & Suites
Open to all members
Follows Oakland Airport
Tour (sold out)

Summer Business Development Mixer

August 20 – 5 – 8 pm
TNT Strength

Annual Summer Family Picnic

August 28 – 5 – 8 pm
Lake Temescal
\$25 per person,
Children free

Sarabande Africaine

August 30 – 8 pm
Greek Theatre,
Berkeley
Tickets start at \$65.

Weekly Meetings

July 30 – 3 – 5:30 pm
Oakland Airport Tour
SOLD OUT
fellowship following the
Tour is available to
All club members - see
above listing for details

August 7 – Cheryl Lander
Meeting at Cathedral
Event Center, 2121
Harrison St, Oakland
\$5 parking in Cathedral
Garage; enter on 21st St.

Chicago.

Barbara Beery and **Susan Smith** introduced their guests.

Thought for the Day – Pat Raburn

For her inspiring thought, **Pat Raburn** quoted Carl Jung: One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touch our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of a child.

Self Introduction – Bill Palmer

Bill Palmer gave his three-minute self-introduction. He is a coach with extensive coaching, consulting and training experience who has worked for a diverse set of Fortune 500 companies. He was born in Brooklyn. As a student he founded the Association for Student Rights. He has always been active in demonstrating for causes he believes in. He founded The Clubfoot Fund which raises funds to cover costs of treatment for clubfoot for those in financial need. He also revealed that he was born with clubfoot, which is the fourth most common birth defect.

In Rotary he has joined the World Community Service and Enterprise Institute Committees. He also believes DEI is an important element in what we do as a society.

Mono Lake Weekend

Past President Tom Limon and **Randy Arnold** talked about the Club's trip in June to Mono Lake. **Tom** said the last time he was in the area was 10 years ago when club members climbed Mt. Whitney. He reached out to **Randy Arnold** and **Greg Knight** about the importance of Mono Lake.

Randy spoke about the phalarope, a tiny bird that migrates between Mono Lake and Argentina each year. **Randy** and **Greg** organized an event, appropriately called Phalarope, which was attended by Oakland Rotary and five other clubs. It featured nature, fellowship and giving back! We learned what it means to be a "bird nerd".



August 14 – Kristi McKenney
Port of Oakland Exec. Dir.

August 21 – Kimberly Veale
Golden State Valkyries

Committee Meetings

Public Relations

August 5 – 10:00 – 10:45 am

Community Service

August 6 – 5 – 6 pm

Karl Stucki World

Community Service

August 12 – 5 – 6 pm

Business Development

August 12 – 5 – 6 pm

Fun, Sport & Adventure

August 12 – 6:00 – 7:15 pm

Enterprise Institute

August 20 – 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

August 25 – 5 – 6 pm

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating are:

August

01 – Tom Limon

04 – Brandi Howard

05 – Jerry Owen

07 – Jennifer Shanoski

08 – Ana-Marie Jones

08 – John Protopappas

09 – John Claassen

09 – Johanna Leonard

10 – John Holmgren

10 – Charlene Wang

13 – Harold Lowe

14 – C J Hirschfield

14 – Rachele Karpeles

15 – Roger Huddleston

Business Development Mixer

Jason Wizelman invited everyone to attend the Business Development Mixer on August 20 starting at 5 pm. It will be hosted by **Jesse Schmidt** at his business TNT Strength, located at 5255 College Avenue.

DEI – Making the Connection

Wil Hobbs gave a preview of the club meeting on August 7th. Cheryl Lander and Vanessa Nguyen, members of the District 5170 DEI Committee, will conduct the program. The focus will be on the value of the Rotary Four-Way Test and DEI and making the connection. It will be compelling and interactive. Come prepared to participate and ask questions.

Announcements

President Joe had several announcements.

Annual Club Survey – the survey has been emailed to members. Please take a few minutes to give club leaders your views on several important topics. Deadline to submit is *August 10th*.

Lunch – Meal Cost – The Board voted to increase the cost of the lunch meal to \$25 starting in August. It has been \$20 for more years than anyone can remember. Pres. **Joe** said most clubs are charging even more.

Membership Update – so far we have reinstated two members and inducted two more. On August 7th we expect to induce three new members and two more on August 14. **Pres. Joe** asked everyone to bring someone to a meeting. We need to add 50+ new members this year.

Fukuoka Japan Student Exchange – Next week we will welcome Samantha Taniguchi from Fukuoka for a week-long visit. Our exchange student will be traveling to Fukuoka next month.

Speaker for the Day—David Hunt

Robert Raburn, who was all decked out in a beaded outfit and hat, introduced our speaker, David Hunt, Executive and Artistic Director of the Prescott Circus Theatre.

The program started out with five youngsters in festive costumes and hats. They walked out on stilts and proceeded to dance to the beat of drums. Being able to balance on stilts is one thing, but then they walked and danced on one stilt as well! The audience joined in, clapping to the drumbeat.

David described the focus of the Prescott Circus Theatre. The program started 48 years ago at Prescott Elementary School in West Oakland.

17 – Joycie Mack
18 – Odalis Ordonez
20 – Kevin Jenkins
20 – Gail Uilkema
21 – Joel Parrott
23 – Joe Goralka
24 – Shannon Hackley
27 – Julie Caskey
28 – Jain Williams
30 – Michael Bruck

Membership Anniversaries

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

August

Roger Huddlestone – 42 years
Lorna Padia Markus – 29 years
Allison Lindquist – 19 years
Peter Sherris – 16 years
Gary Flaxman – 14 years
Robert Raburn – 12 years
Yong Bai – 11 years
Mona Hall – 8 years
Lesley Weaver – 7 years
Kymberly Miller – 6 years
Mieko Hatano – 4 years
Vivian Chen – 3 years
Rachelle Karpeles – 3 years
Chet Burgess – 1 year
Tya Modeste – 1 year

While the term “circus” these days often refers to questionable occurrences in politics, the circus is tied to ancient sacred traditions. He explained the key elements: Ancestry, Empowerment, Creativity and Artistry, Community which involves collaboration, and the “Secret Sauce” – Love, which involves respect, kindness and care.

Prescott Circus is open to children in the Oakland Public schools. Most participants are 8, 9 and 10-year-olds. The circus meets at the participating schools offering after-school and summer programs, all free to everyone.

David then returned to center stage where he introduced Carlitos, one of the youngest members. Carlitos proceeded to climb and balance on a large ball while waving a long ribbon. He also climbed on David's shoulders, standing up straight and balancing without holding on with his hands!

In the Q and A session, the performers were asked what was the scariest thing they had ever done. The answer was juggling, jumping on stilts and standing on one leg on the stilts.

Pres. Joe observed that this meeting was really a “Clown Show”. He thanked the troupe and gave each member a Rotary Four Way Test Coin



Bellringers

Joe Goralka rang the bell for Prescott Circus
Ahmad Anderson rang the bell for David Hunt and the Prescott Clowns.

Adjournment

President Joe adjourned the meeting, reminding everyone that through Rotary world peace will come some day and to “Look Out – Oakland Rotary is on the Run”.