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Speakers

January 12, 2022

[Carlos Porrata, Nature Photographer](#)

"Portraits of Wildlife in and around Tomales Bay"

January 19, 2022

[Martha Fiehn, Rotary Global Scholar](#)

"Taxation, Inequality, and My Experience in Paris"

January 26, 2022

[TBD](#)

Events

January 13th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day - In Person](#)

Birthdays

[Irene R. Hegarty](#)

January 13th

[Steven Beckendorf](#)

January 17th

[Austin Henderson](#)

January 25th

[Jeffrey L. Hunt](#)

February 2nd

[Peter D. Campbell](#)

February 9th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, January 12, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom only. Nature photographer Carlos Porrata presents ♦Portraits of Wildlife in and around Tomales Bay. ♦ Spending hours in the wild, Carlos achieves crystal-clear shots of wildlife in their natural settings. He♦ will tell us about his adventures in finding these wonderful images, many of which have appeared in local and national publications. The speaker is presented by Team #6, the Kissmekia Corbett Team; Steve Beckendorf and Nicky Lindquist, Captains.



Inviting Guests? Please email their names to Linda Cogozzo (lcogozzo@icloud.com) by Wednesday, 11:30 AM PT. Thanks!

Join the MLK Jr. Birthday Celebration

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration will be held (virtually) on January 17, 2022, 9:00-10:30 AM PT. This year's honorees include Lifelong Street Medicine, which brings vaccinations to residents of encampments, and Youth Spirit Artworks, creating tiny home communities for homeless youth. The event has been sponsored by our Club and individual Club members over the years. For more information and to RSVP go to <https://www.berkeleymlkjrday.org/>



BRC Third Grade Dictionary Project

By Pamela M. Doolan

Two pallets of dictionaries have arrived and are stored away for this year's 3rd graders (2021-22) in the Berkeley public schools. It will be a slow rollout starting in a month or two as we navigate the pandemic and school requirements. At the same time, Berkeley Rotary gift labels are going into purchased library books from last year's dictionary project funds. Next fall, we will order dictionaries for 3rd graders of the 2022-23 school year and we will be back on track. Stay tuned to volunteer to put inserts into the dictionaries and sign up for the lesson and distribution to students.



How to Create a Rotary Account . . . and Why You Should Do It

By Frederick C. Collignon

Only about half our members have created their own My Rotary accounts. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A MY ROTARY ACCOUNT, NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO CREATE ONE. Below is information from RI on how to do that. (There are also instructions on the RI website.). Once you have your account established, if you change your email or mail address, remember to make those changes on your My Rotary account too.

Why should each member have a My Rotary account? First, there is information about how much you have donated, gifts of Foundation Recognition you've received (e.g., club matching, honors for service or from family) that the club itself does not have. If you want to know this information and you lack My Rotary, you or the Foundation Chair must phone RI to get that information; even the club president can't ask for it.

Second, it makes your direct donations easier, especially at times like the end of a tax year when the club is not meeting. Over the recent holidays, several members tried to send the Foundation donations directly online using the RI website link, but not using My Rotary. They simply donated as "guests." They then needed help from the club and Evanston staff in getting the donations credited to them as Rotarians. It takes time and the effort of the RI staff and the Foundation Committee to arrange that credit transfer. RI staff believe that Rotarians making donations should do it through members setting up and using their own My Rotary accounts, or by sending the donations to the club's Foundation Chair (me) to fill out the paperwork RI needs to credit the donation to the Rotarian. It's simpler to just set up My Rotary. For instructions please see <https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5160/Bulletins/428/Attachments/How to Create a My Rotary Account.pdf>

The State of the City

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler

The Honorable Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of Berkeley and Honorary Member of the Berkeley Rotary Club, presented on the current state of the City of Berkeley at the January 5, 2022, Club meeting. (Many people do consider Berkeley to be its own state or nation, but the talk was really about what is going on in our fair city and the accomplishments of the past year.)

I have been following Mayor Jesse for a while now and, from the get-go, I was highly impressed with his overall knowledge about complex city issues, such as housing and transportation. I thought he was the most well informed and articulate elected official I had ever met. Now I understand why, as Joan Collignon noted in her introduction that he has a city planning degree from UC Berkeley, like many of our other members. No wonder!

The mayor gave a jam-packed and comprehensive overview of the city. He began by noting the one-year anniversary of the insurrection at the Capitol on January 6 and spoke of the fragility of our democracy. Then he gave an update on the state of COVID-19 in Berkeley and the Omicron variant. He noted that the City (which has its own public health department) is a leader in safety and has one of the highest vaccination rates, with 91% of those eligible being vaccinated. Berkeley is aiming to start a daily clinic for booster shots and to expand testing availability.

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