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Speakers

January 18, 2023

[Mayor Jesse Arreguin, City of Berkeley](#)

"The State of the City"

January 25, 2023

[Anthony Jackson, Director, Berkeley Rep School of Theatre](#)

"Berkeley Rep's Educational Programs"

February 01, 2023

[Berkeley Rotary Past Presidents](#)

"Secrets from the Berkeley Rotary Rotary Attic"

February 08, 2023

[Doug Fielding, Berkeley Rotarian](#)

"Dreamers and Fields of Dreams"

Events

January 17th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

January 19th

[Third Thursday + Raising the Bar](#)

January 24th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

January 31st

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

February 7th

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February 14th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

[Steven Beckendorf](#)

January 17th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of Berkeley, will present "The State of the City." The speaker is provided by Team #7, the Freight & Salvage Team; John Pardee and Michele Lawrence, Captains.

This Week. See the left column for what's happening: Meditation-Mindfulness Class (Jan. 17), Social Committee Meeting (Jan. 18), Meeting of the Berkeley Rotary Club and Endowment Boards (Jan. 18), Health & Wellness Committee Meeting (Jan. 19), and Third Thursday and Raising-the-Bar (Jan. 19).

Meet RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchik.

The Rotary Club for Global Action welcomes Stephanie as part of their ongoing speaker series on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at 9:00 AM PT. Guests and Rotarians from other clubs are welcome to join this special event, which will be moderated by Rotarian Brian Rusch and conducted via Zoom. Advance registration is required: <https://bit.ly/3WDik2V>



Where's the Zoom Link? If you can't find it, check your email junk folder. If you didn't receive one or need assistance signing in, call or text Linda Cogozzo at (510) 772-4615. She can't check email once the meeting has started, but keeps her cell phone handy.

Join fellow Rotarians in Mexico for a Hands-On Work Project

By Grier Graff

Berkeley Rotary has been improving education on the west coast of Mexico since 2003. Working in partnership with the La Penita Rotary Club, we will be adding a new classroom to the one-room school in Los Ayala, a small, coastal community in the state of Nayarit and 60 miles north of Puerto Vallarta. Their kindergarten has grown from 12 students to 34 in the past year and another classroom is needed. The parents, many with construction experience, will be working with us on the project.

A Bit of History. In 2003, Berkeley Rotary began a series of hands-on projects in the Chacala area that supported renovations and enhancements of educational facilities. In an effort to have a regional impact on improving



[Tess Mayer](#)
January 22nd

[Austin Henderson](#)
January 25th

[Jeffrey L. Hunt](#)
February 2nd

[Peter D. Campbell](#)
February 9th

[Katy Marie Young](#)
February 14th

[Sallie Weissinger](#)
February 15th

[Marion Hunt](#)
February 15th

education, we have worked at eight school sites in this coastal area. We have participated in or led three Global Grants. Each project is within a 20-mile radius of where we will be staying.

We have partnered with the La Penita Rotary Club on these projects since 2011. We work with community members to find projects that meet our criteria for improving educational opportunities that allow the community to change because of our support. Community members trust us to be their partner because we deliver on the projects we undertake.

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Rotary Theme Unveiled at International Assembly

Friday, January 13, 2023

Gordon McNally, a Scottish Rotarian, will assume the presidency of Rotary International in July 2023. At the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, on Jan. 9, 2023, he unveiled the presidential theme for 2023-24: **Create Hope in the World**, urging members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders. Read the full story: <https://bit.ly/3H5Yvvo>



For Newer Members



Let's raise a glass at **Raising-the-Bar**. If you've joined the club within the last year or so and are sometimes puzzled about why we have meetings of the Boards (plural), or what the words Blue and Gold refer to, or what a Berkeley Rotary org chart would look like, join Tina Etcheverry on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 4:30 PM, for Raising-the-Bar before the Third Thursday gathering at the Collignons. While you sit comfortably with a glass of wine in hand, Tina will explain some of the mysteries of our 107-year-old club, part of an even older organization with a proud history but a contemporary take on doing good in the world. No RSVP is necessary; just join us! Be sure to stay to sample the always memorable Berkeley Rotary wines at the **Third Thursday** gathering, 5-7 PM, at 2925 Russell St., Berkeley.

Behind the Scenes at BAMPFA

By Pate D. Thomson

The Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA) is a unique gem that sits at the interface of UC Berkeley, the local fine-arts community, and the public. Who among us would not want to be a member after listening to the enthusiastic and well-informed AJ Fox, Media Relations Manager, at our Jan. 11, 2023, meeting. He spoke with knowledge gleaned from a lifelong passion for film and an interest in fine arts, communicating his message with skill and informal polish, likely gleaned from a previous career in public relations.



The Berkeley Art Museum was formed in 1970 to exhibit a substantial collection of art that UC Berkeley had acquired throughout the years, making the works available for broader public view. Founding museum director Peter Sells soon welcomed an offer from film collector Sheldon Renan to receive his substantial collection of old films. This transformed the museum from an institution displaying significant and varied fine art to one that took on the function of archiving and showing a vast collection of domestic and foreign films. Sheldon Renan was the founding film curator at the Pacific Film Archive.

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