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Speakers

January 26, 2022

[Jenny Wong, Berkeley City Auditor](#)

"Audits and Accountability: Berkeley's Streets and Police Calls for Service"

February 02, 2022

[Lewis Ames, Ed Church and other members of the Climate Action Committee](#)

"What Are We DOING About the Climate Crisis?"

February 09, 2022

[Maxim Schrogin](#)
Peace Committee
Presentation

February 16, 2022

[TBD](#)

February 23, 2022

[Daniella Thompson](#)
"Maybeck & Morgan: An Enduring Association."

Events

January 29th
[Friends of the Pollinators New Park Install - King School Park](#)

January 30th
[Pollinator Garden Weeding Party - James Kenny Park](#)

February 5th
[Pollinator Garden Weeding Party - Strawberry Creek Park](#)

February 10th
[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

February 12th
[Cal Rotaract Mixer](#)

Birthdays

[Austin Henderson](#)

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, January 26, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom: Berkeley City Auditor Jenny Wong (<https://bit.ly/3FJ4nr5>) will present ♦ Audits and Accountability: Berkeley ♦s Streets and Police Calls for Service. ♦ She ♦ll describe her role in advancing accountability and transparency in the City of Berkeley through two audits: her office ♦s award-winning Rocky Road streets audit and the police data audit on calls for service. The speaker is provided by Team #8, the RotarSTEM Team; Joanne Dickerson-Harper and Mac Lingo, Captains.



Help Needed! Your Endowment Treasurer, Tina Etcheverry, is looking for volunteers to help with financial tracking and membership recognitions for the Berkeley Rotary Endowment. If you like spreadsheets and numbers, and want to learn more about the responsibilities of our Endowment, email Tina at etcheverrytina@yahoo.com



IMAGINE ROTARY

Imagine Rotary. On January 20, RI President-elect Jennifer Jones revealed the 2022-23 presidential theme, Imagine Rotary, asking Rotary members to dream big and take action: ♦ Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference. ♦ Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/33UycYE>

Resilience. At our last meeting, we played an inspiring video message from DG Kathy Suvia. If you missed it or want to watch it again, visit <https://bit.ly/3lpecwi>

Calling All Pollinators!

By Joan Collignon

That ♦s what Berkeley and the UC Campus are doing these days ♦ attracting pollinators to newly planted gardens strung out across the city in the hopes of attracting lots of beneficial insects. And we ♦re part of that campaign.

Last year Berkeley Rotary helped get a series of pollinator-friendly gardens off the ground by providing some funding and some muscle. Several of us (like Steve Beckendorf, pictured) took a couple of hours off over the spring and summer to plant bee-friendly gardens in parks across Berkeley.



January 25th

[Jeffrey L. Hunt](#)

February 2nd

[Peter D. Campbell](#)

February 9th

[Katy Marie Young](#)

February 14th

[Marion Hunt](#)

February 15th

[Sallie Weissinger](#)

February 15th

[Grace Manning Orenstein](#)

February 19th

We started last February at Strawberry Creek Park, and there's an opportunity coming up on Saturday, February 5 to give some TLC and do some maintenance there. Come out for a couple of hours just 10:00 to 12:00 to do some light gardening with other club members. Anne Pardee and Steve Beckendorf and the Hendersons have already signed up so you won't be alone; it will be very convivial. Wearing a Rotary hat or your new Rotary vest will be an advertisement for the club, and it's a chance to do something positive for the environment. Here's a link to the [sign up sheet](#).

Thank You From the MLK Jr. Celebration Committee

By Arlene Marcus



Dear Arlene and the whole Berkeley Club:

I am writing on behalf of the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Planning Committee to send a personal thank-you for your generous Gold sponsorship of the 11th Annual Berkeley MLK Breakfast Celebration.

With the theme of Health Equity and Justice, this year's zoom event brought together close to 330 community and civic leaders to celebrate Dr. King's legacy and affirm Berkeley's commitment to building a just, healthy, equitable, and beloved community. Our youth awards and the remarks made by our inter-generational group of presenters, awardees, and faith leaders inspired and uplifted the spirits of attendees, all of whom share concerns about the future of our city at this challenging moment in our nation's history. Berkeley indeed is blessed with phenomenal people selflessly working to address the needs of our most vulnerable citizens.

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Less Than a Week to go for a Polio-Free Year in Pakistan. Stay Tuned.

By Frederick C. Collignon

The last recorded case of the wild polio virus in Pakistan was January 15, 2021. If we get through another week, we may have achieved the first week free of wild polio in that country's history. We'll keep you posted. The government will probably want a month or more for late reports to come in from the field. Vaccine-derived cases, a small element of polio in the past, were down 46% this year so far, now that we have a new vaccine. Keep your fingers crossed! It will leave only Afghanistan as a country to eliminate polio and it has not reported new cases beyond the four this year that I reported in my last report to the club.

Taxation, Inequality, and My Time in Paris

By Katherine Campbell King

Martha Fiehn was born in Berlin, Germany and grew up in Davis, California. She graduated with Honors in Economics from UC Berkeley in 2019 and, after graduating, volunteered as an English teacher in an indigenous community near Coca, Ecuador. Upon returning to the US, she worked at the local Bay Area nonprofit JVS. Thanks to the support of the Rotary Foundation's Global Scholar grant, she has been able to pursue her Master's in International Economic Policy at Sciences Po, Paris School of International Affairs. Currently, she is a research fellow at the Harvard Social Economics Lab and writing her Master's thesis on tax evasion.

Martha joined us from Paris and discussed how tax policy can be used to create a more

equitable distribution of wealth. There are opportunities prior to the application of our tax system, opportunities within the system, and opportunities in the policies of post-tax social spending.

- The pre-tax wealth re-distribution opportunity includes fundamental social spending that benefits everyone, such as support for public education, minimum wage policies, and trade policies.
- The tax structure includes both regressive taxes (such as sales/consumption tax and payroll/Medicare taxes) and progressive taxes (income taxes). The latter can be considered to be a mechanism of wealth redistribution.
- The post-tax wealth re-distribution opportunity includes social programs that provide direct benefits from the government to eligible individuals.

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