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Speakers

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

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

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

February 12th
[Cal Rotaract Mixer](#)

Birthdays

[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

[Grier Graff](#)
February 27th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo



Next Meeting. Wednesday, February 2, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom: "What Are We Doing About the Climate Crisis?" The Berkeley Rotary Climate Action Team presents activities that will engage us all. The speakers are Lewis Ames and Ed Church, with other BRCAT members. They are presented by our Past Presidents Committee, looking to the future.

Calling All Bee Pollinators to weed, prune, and plant on February 5, 10 AM-12 PM, at Strawberry Creek Park. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/3tRB4QG>

Pack Toiletry Kits with the Supportive Housing Committee at 11 AM on Thursday, February 10, at 3115 Eton Ave., Berkeley. This counts toward Blue & Gold! Questions? Email Jackie Hammond at jphbooks74@gmail.com

Discover New Horizons on June 4-8 at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston, TX!
Register: on.rotary.org/3IILQTI



New Member Spotlight: Michele Lawrence and Micki McCree

On January 26, we welcomed two new members to Berkeley Rotary!

Michele Lawrence

In 2001, Michele Lawrence moved to Berkeley to become the school district's superintendent, serving in that position until her retirement in 2008. Prior to Berkeley, she was superintendent in Paramount, CA, for 10 years and the first woman to join Paramount's Rotary Club. Michele graduated with a BA in Art, an MA in Education Administration, and did her doctoral work in Education at USC. Michele has a daughter, a son-in-law, and two high-school-aged grandchildren living in Southern California. Although she misses them greatly, she has fallen in love with Berkeley and her Spanish-style home, so leaving is not an option at this point! Michele loves to travel, cook,

[Richard M. Betts](#)
March 1st



garden, and more. Michele's sponsors are Anne Pardee and Fred Fassett.

Micki McCree

Micki McCree holds an MA in Business Administration/Healthcare Management. She is a public notary, a certified loan officer, a retired registered nurse, a retired police officer, and owner of a business that trains people on lifesaving techniques, including CPR. A mother of two and grandmother of three, Micki lives in Pittsburg, CA, and has served as a Girl Scout troop leader, volunteer support for abuse victims, and more. Her hobbies include fishing, hiking, water sports, and everything outdoors! She is interested in volunteering for Richmond RotaCare. Micki is sponsored by Chris Ahoy.



Imagine Rotary: A Different Sort of Theme

By Joan Collignon



RI President-elect Jennifer Jones introduced us last week to the Rotary theme for 2022-23: *Imagine Rotary*. You might have puzzled over the image; it is so unlike theme logos we've seen in past years. This theme was created for the 2023 RI Convention to be held in Melbourne. The image was designed by a local Australian indigenous artist. Here's the symbolism of this new image, as described by Australian Rotary Member Evan Burrell:

Circle: connections to one another
Dots around it: Our People. There are 7 dots because of Rotary's 7 areas of focus.
Circle plus dots around it: Navigation Star, our guiding

light

Green solid line: Digging Stick (used when doing hard work represents the tools for getting things done.)

Colors Purple, Green and White:

- Celebrate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Purple: Polio
- Green: The Environment
- White: Peace

Jennifer Jones is upending Rotary traditions right from the start. Stay tuned to see what else our incoming RI President has in store for Berkeley Rotarians.

The CA PUC and Your Solar Panels

By Joan Collignon

There has been a fair amount of conversation before and after our last few Rotary meetings about the proposal by the Public Utilities Commission to change electric rates for households that install solar. Rob Knapp, spouse of Berkeley Rotarian Helena Meyer-Knapp, is a retired physicist who currently researches sustainability in buildings. He has produced a short, informative paper on the subject: [Electric Rates for California Solar Households](#). It's clear, readable, and presents a counterpoint to the charged rhetoric prevailing in our neighborhood Nextdoor forums. You might be surprised!

Pakistan Celebrates First Year of Being Wild Polio-Free

By Frederick C. Collignon

This week Pakistan celebrated the first time in that country's history of having no wild polio cases for a full year. It takes three years of no cases for a country to be declared epidemic-free. Things often go awry in the next or subsequent year - The health team detects a new case in an area where it has not previously been able to enter due to civil war or other problem; a refugee carrying the disease crosses the border into the country, and so on. National and world health organizations know how to respond to halt the spreading, but the three-year clock begins ticking all over.

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Large Club Turnout at the District Foundation Training Seminar

By Frederick C. Collignon

Seventeen club members came to the foundation training seminar put on by the District via Zoom last Saturday. They learned about how projects get funded, what is required to be a qualified club, how to write a successful grant proposal, and how to do the required accounting and reporting on the project for the District and Rotary International monies spent. They learned strategies for finding Rotary partners and a host club in other countries for global grants. They learned how an initial project can get embellished with add-ons in later years. The focus was both on local and on global grants.

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Berkeley Auditor Jenny Wong

By Douglas Fielding

City of Berkeley Auditor Jenny Wong was our featured speaker on January 26. Jenny has an extensive background and decades of experience in government auditing at the federal and local level.

The City Auditor is an elected position, independent of both the City Council and the city manager. Jenny was elected in 2018. Her job is to independently review various areas of government from a financial as well as functional perspective. Her topic was "Streets and Beats." The "Streets" part looked at the physical and financial condition of the city's street maintenance and



repair program.

Streets are a top issue for Berkeley residents and no wonder when Berkeley streets are ranked the 15th worst in the MTC area. The audit projected that the city would have a backlog of \$328 million in needed repairs by 2023, absent additional funding. It is far cheaper--5-10 times cheaper--to do regular maintenance than it is to allow the streets to deteriorate to the point that they need reconstruction.

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