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## Speakers

**February 08, 2023**

[Doug Fielding, Berkeley Rotarian](#)

"Dreamers and Fields of Dreams"

**February 15, 2023**

[Bridget Ahern, Photographer](#)

"Photographing the UC Berkeley Falcons"

**February 22, 2023**

[Nancy Ng, Executive Director, Luna Dance Institute](#)

"Dance for All Children"

## Events

February 7th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

February 14th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

February 16th

[Third Thursday + Raise-the-Bar](#)

February 19th

[The Look of Love at Cal Performances](#)

February 21st

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

February 22nd

[Bridging the Gap: A Not-So-Silent Online Auction](#)

February 22nd

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

February 28th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

March 7th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

## Birthdays

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Berkeley Rotarian Doug Fielding will present "Dreamers and Fields of Dreams," the story of the development of playing fields in Berkeley that was driven, in large measure, by the need of places for girls to play. He will delve into the history of girls' sports in Berkeley, Albany, and El Cerrito. The speaker is provided by Team #8, the Shotgun Players Team (Helena Meyer-Knapp and Nicky Lindquist, Captains).



**This Week.** See the left column for upcoming happenings: Meditation/Mindfulness Class (Feb. 7), Communications Committee Meeting (Feb. 8), and Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing (Feb. 9). Check out the full online calendar at <https://berkeleyrotary.org/?p=calendar>

## The Weather Was for the Birds

By Joan Collignon



A plucky group of 10 Berkeley Rotarians gathered under lowering skies at Arrowhead Marsh last Saturday to view the wintering shorebirds and ducks that call this urban wildlife refuge home in February.

The weather prognosticators were wrong, and the rains came down on us before we'd scoped out half the birds. Some participants escaped to their cars but others gathered for a tailgate picnic, and we toasted this weirdly wonderful place nestled between the Oakland Airport and the Coliseum, and its winter inhabitants.

## Newer Members: Just for You!

District Governor Suzanne Bragdon has something just for you! In a recent email she described a free, four-week **Rotary Basics Online** class that will provide newer members with a better understanding of all Rotary has to offer. "We hope to jump-start your Rotary journey so that you get everything and more from your membership in

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

[Katy Marie Young](#)  
February 14th

[Sallie Weissinger](#)  
February 15th

[Marion Hunt](#)  
February 15th

[Grace Manning Orenstein](#)  
February 19th

[Grier Graff](#)  
February 27th

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

[Oscar H. Luna](#)  
March 3rd

[Tina Etcheverry](#)  
March 6th

Rotary." The course starts Monday, February 20, and runs for four successive weeks, on Mondays from 6 to 7.

If you've been a member for less than two years, you received an invitation to join these sessions, with a "just for you" registration link. If you did NOT receive an invitation and you would like to attend—whether you're a new Rotarian or a veteran—please email President Joan at joancollignon@gmail.com and she'll register you personally and send you more information about the course goals and details.

Dave Wahl of the Rotary Club of Oakley is coordinating the course. He explains, "We join Rotary for the impact we can have locally and abroad, along with the fellowship and friendships developed along the way. Rotary will deliver this and so much more. **All you have to do is reach out, grab on and Imagine the Power of Rotary.** We hope to see you in this first offering of Rotary Basics Online."

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## Secrets from the Rotary Attic

By Anne Pardee

At the Past Presidents' Meeting last week, Beth Roessner (2018-19) introduced the program, and our witty emcee, Ed Church (2004-05), described the myriad of Berkeley Rotary paraphernalia and memorabilia accumulated over the years. The collection contains everything from an actual rotary phone ("answered" by Ed to a call from Paul Harris on his way to contacting the 46,000 clubs worldwide) to an autographed photograph of Admiral Nimitz (former Berkeley Rotary Club member) signing the Japanese surrender on the USS Missouri in 1945.



After describing the several moves of accumulated "stuff," Ed said that it is now housed in two locations: Shar's Garage (which has newly installed shelving thanks to Grier Graff, et al) and the Collignon's basement. It has been "decluttered" and, in the first round of organization, separated it into five categories: Club Rosters, Bound Books of bulletins and newsletters, Events, History, and Banners. **It now awaits helping hands to continue to declutter, organize, and catalogue.** There is a movement afoot to catalogue all this wonderful history and then, hopefully, have an exhibit at Berkeley Historical Museum.

It was wonderful to see in person both Past Presidents Alan Fraser (1973-74) and Mary Alice Rathbun (2006-07) after a long hiatus. They were joined in the room by Rick Betts (1982-83), Peter Campbell (1995-96), Pate Thomson (2005-06), Grier Graff (2013-14), O'Neil Dillon (2014-15), Anne Pardee (2015-16), Maxim Schrogin (2016-17), Tina Etcheverry (2017-18), Arlene Marcus (2021-22), and current President Joan Collignon (2022-23). Larry Goldenberg (2003-04), Judith Glass (2009-10), and Fred Collignon (2010-11) joined us on Zoom along with our first woman President, Barbara D'Anneo (1997-98), who led us on a trip down memory lane and sang a fantastic rendition of the 4-way test set to the tune of "Take Me Out to Ballgame."

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## Berkeley Rep's School of Theater

On January 25, the club learned about the Berkeley Repertory Theatre's School of Theater from Director Anthony Jackson. Jackson, who has an impressive background in theater as an



actor, director, producer, and educator, is enthusiastic about providing access to the arts to everyone. The school does just that, offering free or low-cost programs for children and adults in Berkeley and the Bay Area.

Surprising to many of us, the School of Theater has been around for 25 years, serving over 300,000 persons since its beginning. It operates out of the Berkeley Rep's theaters on Addison Street and will soon have studio space in West Berkeley as well. Its programs include:

- A Teen Council, which helps plan programming for Teen Nights and provides leadership and advocacy.
- Teen nights: On the first Fridays of the month, offering performances for 100 teens at \$10 each.
- Outreach: In-school residencies offered free or at low cost.
- High School Theater Festival for grades 9-12: A new program in which students write and perform their own short plays.
- Story Builders (grades 2-5) and Change Makers (grades 5-7).
- Student matinees: serving 3000 students per year who attend a performance and talk with artists afterward.
- Dig-In: A new digital initiative, offering classes and performances online.

And there's more! If you know someone—a child or grandchild perhaps—who would enjoy these programs, see the website at [Berkeley Rep School of Theatre](http://BerkeleyRepSchoolofTheatre). There are classes for adults as well, including improvisation and stage combat. Check them out.

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