

[CLICK HERE](#) to see and print the **GREEN CALENDAR**

Speakers

February 09, 2022

[Maxim Schrogin](#)
Peace Committee
Presentation

February 16, 2022

[Liza Hernandez, MD, MPH,](#)
[Berkeley Public Health Officer](#)
"Covid-19 in Berkeley: An Update"

February 23, 2022

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

March 02, 2022

[TBD](#)

Events

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

February 12th
[Cal Rotaract Mixer](#)

March 5th
[Cal Rotaract Service Event](#)

Birthdays

[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

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

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

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, February 9, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom: The Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee will present a synopsis of its activities, including RI's initiatives for Peace and Conflict Resolution; the UC Rotary Peace Center; the history and current state of the Peace Grove; District 5160's Peace Committee and the Rotary Action Group for Peace; and past and future Civil Discourse training.

Meeting Ops Volunteers Wanted. Austin Henderson, Communications Committee chair, is asking for volunteers to join the Meeting Operations Team, which sets up and supports lunch meetings (including hybrid when they happen) at First Presbyterian. Questions? Email Austin at henderson@rivcons.com

Club Grant Applications Due Feb. 18. Applications for a club grant are due by February 18. The grant proposal must have a club member as sponsor who will be the contact person on the grant. Club grants are usually for \$5,000 or less and should address a critical or unmet need locally or internationally. Projects that have hands-on volunteer opportunities for club members or that include partnerships, leveraging our funds and efforts, are preferred. For more information on criteria and the required information to be submitted, see [Rotary Club of Berkeley \(berkeleyrotary.org\)](http://Rotary Club of Berkeley (berkeleyrotary.org)). If you have questions, please contact Kurt Hauch at kurthauch@sbcglobal.net or Grier Graff at gg@graffarchitects.com

Volunteer to Help with COVID-19 Testing in the Berkeley Schools. To register, click on the BSV Portal at <https://bit.ly/3opW39M> and make your selection. Questions? Email Sally at McLaughlin@Berkeley.net



Discover New Horizons. Rotary International has confirmed that the 2022 Rotary International Convention will be an in-person event in Houston, TX, June 4-8. Take advantage of the special registration rate of \$495 through February 28 at on.rotary.org/3Gwu8eR

Oops! In the previous e-Rev, there was an error in the biographical information for Mikki McCree. She is a notary public, a certified loan officer, a retired registered nurse, and owner of a business that trains people on lifesaving techniques, including CPR. She has worked with the police department, but is not a retired police officer, as erroneously stated. Sorry, Mikki!

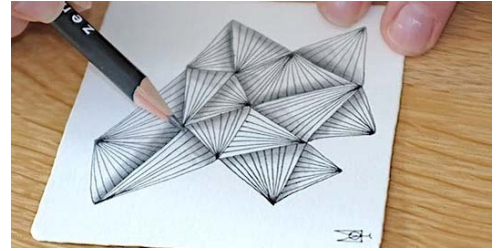
[Read More](#)




Let's Zentangle!

By Tina Etcheverry

Let's Zentangle! Join our fundraiser to support Berkeley Rotary's Supportive Housing efforts  hygiene kits, warm blankets, and more!  helping to meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community.



Zentangle  is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns called tangles. Learn more at <https://www.zentangle.com>. Art therapist Joyce Vives will facilitate the class.

Receive a Zentangle Art Kit (paper and pens) or bring your own coaster-sized piece of paper, a sharp-tip black pen, and a pencil with eraser.

\$50 suggested donation. SIGN-UP by Feb 10th to receive your Zentangle Art Kit by notifying Tina Etcheverry at etcheverrytina@yahoo.com.

To donate, go to BerkeleyRotary.org, click on "Donate" and specify this is for Supportive Housing.

New Member Spotlight: Tess Mayer and Adrian Vankamper

By Irene R. Hegarty

Two new club members were inducted at the February 2 meeting:

Tess Mayer



Tess Mayer officially joined the Berkeley Public Library team as Library Director on September 24, 2020. For five years prior to moving to California, Tess served as the Director of Library Outreach, Programs, and Services for the King County Library System (KCLS) in Washington. Prior to KCLS, Tess spent ten years with the Seattle Public Library where she progressed from a Senior Librarian role to Downtown Regional Manager for the City's Central Library. She holds a master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in American and Multi-Ethnic Studies from Bard College.

As a leader, Tess brings a commitment to community and staff engagement, open communication, and equity. Her passion for connecting people with information that can change lives led her to work in public libraries.

Tess was raised in Southern California before attending college in New York and then working and traveling in South America. She lived in Caracas, Venezuela, where she taught English to speakers of other languages. She later moved to Seattle, WA, where she worked for the Service Employees International Union and later attended graduate school.

A classically-trained flute player, Tess is currently playing the acoustic guitar. She's having fun cooking with produce from Berkeley's amazing farmer's markets. She enjoys live music, museums, hiking, and beaches of all varieties. Tess loves talking about books and reading, and listening to cultural commentary, via podcasts. Her sponsor is Kathy Huff.

Tess is interested in becoming more involved in the community and notes that Rotary and public libraries share similar missions in their commitment to service.

Adrian Vankamper

A vice-president and financial consultant for the Charles Schwab Corporation, Adrian Vankamper was born in the Dominican Republic, where he was an avid baseball player as a teenager. His parents brought him and their family to New York City (Washington Heights) when he was about 14 to attain better educational opportunities. Adrian attended Queens College, focusing on accounting. He was hired by an investment firm as a portfolio manager and then joined Schwab in 2017.



Adrian and his fiancée are new to the West Coast and Berkeley. They hope to join in service projects, meet new people, and integrate into the community, where, Adrian says, he wants to give back and help others as he was helped in his youth. He still enjoys playing baseball! Adrian is sponsored by Tina Etcheverry.

Women in Rotary

By Lewis Ames

At our February 2 meeting, Leslie Levy, past president of the Richmond Rotary Club, told the story of the long struggle to admit women to Rotary membership, which began in 1911 and lasted most of the 20th Century. Indeed, until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only and RI was strict in enforcing this provision.

In 1978, it withdrew the charter of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, because it had invited three women to become members, in line with state civil rights law preventing business establishments from discrimination in any form. With the withdrawal of Duarte's charter, the club sued RI, but, despite the California Supreme Court's decision siding with Duarte, RI would not budge. Therefore, the suit went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. By the time the case reached the Court, Ronald Reagan had appointed Sandra Day O'Connor as a Supreme Court Justice, and Geraldine Ferraro had run for the office of Vice President of the United States. In 1989 the US Supreme Court upheld Duarte's position, a decision which finally pressured RI to eliminate the male-only provision for all of Rotary. From the moment the court decision was announced, women became members throughout the US and the world. As noted by Leslie, several clubs elected women as presidents within the first year of the decision. Women today are leaders of clubs and districts throughout the world, including president-elect Jennifer Jones, who will serve as the first woman President of Rotary International!

An Outdoor Valentines Day Excursion

By Joan Collignon

The Social Committee invites you to come birding at Arrowhead Marsh in Oakland. What an unusual way to celebrate Valentine's Day! Join your fellow Berkeley Rotarians and families and anyone else you want to bring on Monday, Feb. 14. This photo was taken in February 2018, when last we met there.



We'll bird from 12:30 to 2:30, walking along paved pathways at the Martin Luther King Regional Shoreline. You may come for the entire time and walk the loop trail, or just spend as much time as you like hanging out on the shoreline. The day and time are dictated by the tide. Why don't we meet at 12:00 at the parking lot, grab a picnic table and have a bite to eat, then go look at the birds. We can always finish our lunch together at the end. This is a PERFECT trip for beginning birders, but experts will enjoy being outdoors and sharing their knowledge.

- **What:** Berkeley Rotary Field Trip to Arrowhead Marsh
<https://goldengateaudubon.org/blog-posts/mlk-shoreline-hotspot/>
- **Who:** Suitable for all ages and wheelchair friendly. Well-mannered dogs on leashes are welcome.
- **When:** Monday, February 14 at 12:00 pm.
- **Where:** Meet at the parking lot at the FAR end of the entrance road to Arrowhead Marsh.
- **Bring:** binoculars, sturdy walking shoes, layered clothing for changeable weather, water and a snack.
- **Sponsored by** the Social Committee, led by Joan Collignon. Please rsvp to John O'Dea odeajj@gmail.com.
- **Getting There:** From I-880 in Oakland, exit at Hegenberger Road and turn right on Hegenberger. Turn right on Pardee Drive and left on Swan Way. The entrance to the park is signed on the north side of Swan Way (and you've driven past it if you come to Doolittle Drive). Once through the park gate, follow the road about a half mile to its end at the Arrowhead Marsh parking area. (**Do NOT rely on Google Maps**, where entering **MLK Shoreline** or **Arrowhead Marsh** will take you to a different and less accessible part of San Leandro Bay.) If lost on the day of the trip call Joan at 510-207-3793.
- **Rain will Cancel!**

Update From Climate Action Team

By Lewis Ames

A report on the club's Climate Action Team's Electric Vehicle Projects was presented by Lewis Ames on Feb. 2. BRC is partnering with the Bay Area Community Land Trust to install two electric vehicle charging stations in two East Bay affordable housing coops, purchase pre-owned electric vehicles as car shares for coop residents, and train them in the use of the vehicles and chargers. These projects are made possible by a \$30,000 Berkeley Rotary 2021 Connections Grant and an \$8,920 District 5160 matching grant.

The first of these projects, located next to the McGee Baptist Church at the corner of Stuart and McGee Streets in Berkeley, is now underway and almost complete. Climate Action team members are now looking for an appropriate vehicle to use as a car share. A Rotary plaque will be placed on the EV charger wall, and the grand opening will take place in mid-April 2022. A second EV charger will be installed in an affordable housing coop on Solano Avenue.



These projects offer BRC new opportunities for community service, while at the same time promoting equity, creating access to green/electric mobility, and curbing global warming. The projects build on the PolioPlus model to address the climate crisis and provide a new model of community service for other Rotary clubs.
