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Speakers

March 01, 2023

[The Berkeley Rotary Auction Committee](#)

"Bridging the Gap: A Not-So-Silent Auction"

March 08, 2023

[Mary Lou Van Deventer, Special Projects Manager and Co-owner of Urban Ore](#)

"Living the Zero Waste Life"

March 15, 2023

[Andrew L. Sorenson, M.D.](#)

"Ophthalmology in Developing Nations/Guatemala"

March 22, 2023

[Chancellor Carol Christ, UC Berkeley](#)

"The State of UC Berkeley"

Bridging the Gap



It's all happening at our Bridging the Gap Auction: Vacation stays, catered dinners, gift baskets, events, art, and more! To augment our Endowment Fund, more than two dozen items went online for bidding on Feb. 22.

On Mar. 1, our own inimitable Ed Church will auction a few choice items in

person. There will not be a regular club meeting on Mar. 1 and no Zoom is available, so plan to come in person. Lunch will be available, as usual, and wine will be served!

However, if you can't make it to First Pres on that date, you can bid online through Feb. 28 (<https://www.betterunite.com/berkeleyrotaryendowment>) and designate a "bid buddy" to continue your bidding in person up to your pre-determined maximum. If the bid is successful, your bid buddy would pay for the item and take it home for you.

So join the crowd at the usual time and place on Wednesday, March 1. But not on Zoom!

Events

March 1st

[Berkeley Weekly Club Meeting \[in person only this week\]](#)

March 16th

[Third Thursday + Raise-the-Bar \[canceled this month\]](#)

March 23rd

[Private Tour of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory](#)

Birthdays

[Grier Graff](#)

February 27th

[Richard M. Betts](#)

March 1st

[Oscar H. Luna](#)

March 3rd

[Tina Etcheverry](#)

March 6th

[Terrence M. Regan](#)

Club Announcements

This Week. Check the left column for upcoming happenings: Bridging the Gap Auction (Mar. 1), Membership Committee Meeting (Mar. 2).

Happy Birthday, Rotary! Rotary is 118 years old and still going strong! Watch this [video](#) and see the historical and current photos of the Berkeley Rotary Club.

Help Needed. After a month of sorting and pruning 108 years of club archives, the remaining sorted boxes need to be moved back into storage. **Help is needed tomorrow, Feb. 28, at 3:00 PM** from those able to lift and carry moderately full boxes down several stairs to be loaded into a van or car trunk, driven to the archives, and carried over level ground to the storage area. If enough people can come **to 2925 Russell Street, Berkeley** (home of President Joan Collignon), we should be able to complete the work in 90 minutes. Rotaract is attempting to recruit some of their members to join us. Email Fred Collignon if you can help at fcollig@berkeley.edu. The number of boxes has been reduced by pruning from 50 to 35.



Save the Date. The Social Committee invites you to the Aurora Theatre Company's matinee performance of *Cyrano* on Apr. 23, 2023, with the option of an early lunch. Contact: Arlene Marcus, arlenebmarcus@comcast.net.

March 11th

[Donata Hubert](#)

March 21st

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

March 29th

Beer and Technology

By Joan Collignon



At the BARSHEEP TGIF at Fieldwork Brewery last Friday evening, hosted by our Berkeley Rotary Club, everyone had to learn how to order the craft beer from the table by scanning a QR code. The scanning was easy; interpreting the extensive menu was the hard part! Here's Tina Etcheverry getting some helpful instruction from El Cerrito Rotary member (and City Manager) Karen Pinkos. She recommended the raspberry parfait (and yes, that's a beer!).

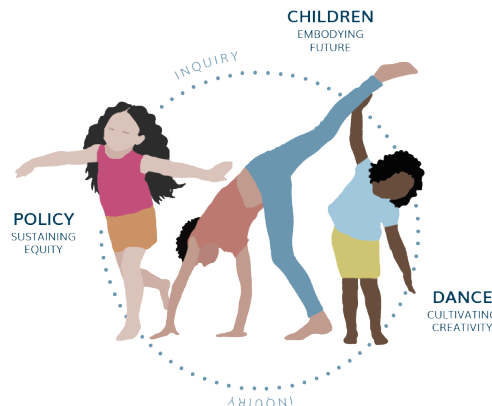
February Fun

We've had a lively mid-February at Berkeley Rotary. At our monthly Third Thursday gathering on 2/16 we drank in the view with our wine at the home of Maury and Arlene Marcus. At Arrowhead Marsh a few days later we were treated to sunny skies and shorebirds as we walked around the marsh. And on Sunday 2/18 the BRC Cal Performances Team captained by John O'Dea and Fred Collignon met at Zellerbach Hall to see the Mark Morris Group dance a tribute to the music of Burt Bacharach. Cal Performances' Artistic and Executive Director Jeremy Geffen, who had spoken to the Club in July, joined us for a glass of wine before the show. A pleasant end to a busy week.



Dance for All Children

By Eva J. Gero



Our speaker last Wednesday was Nancy Ng, Executive Director of Creativity & Policy at Luna Dance Institute. Her colleague at Luna, John Mario Aracilla Sevilla, introduced her, citing her many roles as director, facilitating professional development workshops and mentoring and coaching teaching artists, teachers, and social service workers. She is a co-founder of MPACT (Moving Parents and Children Together), Luna's nationally recognized program for families in choreographer with San Francisco's Asian American Dance Performances, where she directed presentation and education programs and choreographed her own works, which

delved into Asian female stereotypes, immigration, and racism. As an arts education leader, Ng was the president of the California Dance Education Association and a committee member of the National Dance Education Organization's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion initiative.

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Is Color Blindness Racist?

By Irene R. Hegarty

At last Wednesday's Civil Discourse session, several Rotarians discussed whether the concept of color blindness—as applied to race relations, public policy, and practices like affirmative action—is aspirational, naïve, or an attempt to deny the ongoing effects of racism. The discussion was in response to an article by opinion columnist Coleman Hughes. Should America strive to be a “melting pot” or a colorful quilt, binding together different backgrounds and cultures? Participants shared their views and experiences as they practiced the methods of Civil Discourse, with an emphasis on hearing one another with an open mind.

The next session will be in March, possibly a conversation around Hunter Biden's laptop. Hmm. . . should be interesting. Join us! Note: Rotarians from other clubs are welcome to participate. Contact Dan Thomas at dthomas@tc-associates.com for information or a Zoom link.
