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March 16, 2022

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[The Berkeley Rotary Climate Action Team](#)

"Actions We Can Take Now to Address the Climate Crisis"

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[Heather Vilhauer, Asst Professor, Cal State East Bay & District Education Chair](#)

"How Can Berkeley Rotary Engage the World? Becoming More Inclusive."

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Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo



Architect Michael Pyatok, FAIA, who volunteers his time to design them, and Lara Tannenbaum, MSW, who manages the Community Homeless Services Division of the City of Oakland's Human Services Department, will share photos and explain how the sites are chosen, who is offered housing, what basic services are provided, how they are planned, and more! The speakers are presented by Team #1, the Gerty Cori Team; Jack McPhail, Captain.

Next Meeting. Wednesday, March 16, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom: "Roofs Over Their Heads: New Cabin Communities for the Unhoused in Oakland." For 3+ years, the City of Oakland has implemented a program of temporary "tiny home" communities to improve living conditions for unhoused Oaklanders.



Reminder: Ukraine Relief

By Frederick C. Collignon



There's more detail in last week's E-Rev. But recall that all funds going to the RI Relief Fund for Ukraine refugee relief must get there by March 31. All donations count toward your next Paul Harris Fellowship and for the club's EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) contribution in President Arlene's year. What's EREY? It refers to all members of the club donating at least \$25 to the Rotary Foundation in a president's year (July 1 to June 30). We have about 25% of our non-new members who have yet to donate this year. New members: Remember that a \$25 donation fulfills one of your Blue and Gold activities.

There are a number of ways to donate: You can send a check to Fred Collignon, 2925 Russell St., Berkeley 94705, and he will fill out the paperwork and get it to Evanston for you. Or you can donate directly using the Rotary International website (or the link to it on the club website near the button for Endowment donations). If you are making the donation directly, use your My Rotary account; it's easy. If you have yet to set up that account, you need to have your Rotary ID number when you send an online donation. If you phone the toll-free Rotary Support Center in Evanston, they will look it up for you. I stayed by the phone after the club meeting last Wednesday for folks who called asking for their ID numbers.

Thanks to all who have already donated! We have sent about \$1000 so far.

Welcome Spring at Point Reyes

By John J. O'Dea

The spring wildflower bloom along the Chimney Rock Trail at Point Reyes is one you do not want to miss! Come hike the three-mile, mostly level trail with fellow Berkeley Rotarians. Besides wildflowers, there will be birds, maybe some elephant seals, and some of the most amazing views of the coast that you'll ever see. Consider spending the night at a local B&B to be able to experience more of what Point Reyes has to offer.



We've scheduled this for Saturday, April 2, so bring your family and friends. Meet at the parking lot at the Chimney Rock trailhead at 9:30 AM. Yes, that's after a two-hour drive from Berkeley, but it will be worth it. After our walk, we'll take a short drive to the picnic tables at Drake's Beach to eat lunch together.

If you'd like to come, email John O'Dea (odeajj@gmail.com), who will arrange carpools. We'll send you route suggestions and a list of what to bring. Contact Joan Collignon (ancollignon@gmail.com) if you'd like more information about the terrain or the schedule.

Transforming the Hospital de la Familia Eye Clinic in Guatemala

By Robert L Sorenson

On March 2, Dr. Andrew Sorenson, Chief of Ophthalmology at Alta Bates Medical Center, gave a report on the Hospital de la Familia Eye Clinic in Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala, which Berkeley Rotary has been supporting since the 1990s. The clinic serves approximately three million of Guatemala's eighteen million citizens.

To fully address preventable blindness in the Nuevo Progreso area, the World Health Organization (WHO) has determined that a rate of 3,000 cataract surgeries per million people per year is required, which equates to 9000 such surgeries annually for the clinic's patient population. Until 2015, all cataract surgeries were performed by North American teams, who were able to complete approximately 500 procedures--laudable, but well below the WHO guidelines.

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Back in Person Again: A Report from PETS

By Joan Collignon

A week ago, 500 Rotarians—presidents-elect (PEs) from eight districts, plus dozens of Rotary leaders, trainers, and RI President-Elect Jennifer Jones—met together at the Far West President-Elect Training (PETS) in San Jose to learn the nuts and bolts of guiding Rotary clubs and to drink the Rotary Kool-Aid. It was exhilarating—and a little scary—to be in the midst of that many people. Euphoria prevailed. And, yes, I've been testing regularly since my return.

Our BARSHEEP contingent—PEs from Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, and Pinole—was shepherded by Berkeley's own Beth Roessner, Assistant Governor of our region. Equal parts cheerleader and den mother, Beth corralled us at sessions and meals and coached our progression from bewilderment to a semblance of confidence that, yes, we'll be able to figure it out.

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