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Speakers

March 22, 2023

[Chancellor Carol Christ, UC Berkeley](#)

"The State of UC Berkeley"

March 29, 2023

[Joe Lurie, Executive Director Emeritus, UC Berkeley International House](#)

"The Groundbreaking History of UC Berkeley's International House"

April 05, 2023

[Alexander Levy, Co-founder of Atmo, Inc.](#)

"Berkeley's New AI Meteorology Company"

April 12, 2023

[Kim Acebo Arteche, Co-Director, Berkeley Art Center](#)

"The History and Mission of the Berkeley Art Center"

Events

March 23rd

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

March 29th

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

April 6th

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

April 12th

[Communication Committee Meets via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

[Donata Hubert](#)

March 21st

[Helmut Wolfgang Tutass](#)

March 24th

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, Mar. 22, 2023, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Chancellor Carol Christ will present "The State of UC Berkeley." The speaker is provided by President Joan Collignon.

This Week and Beyond. Check the left column for upcoming happenings: Private Tour of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Mar. 23), Civil Discourse Meeting (Mar. 29), Spring Fling Benefit for the Supportive Housing Team (Apr. 22), *Cyrano* at the Aurora Theatre Company (Apr. 23).

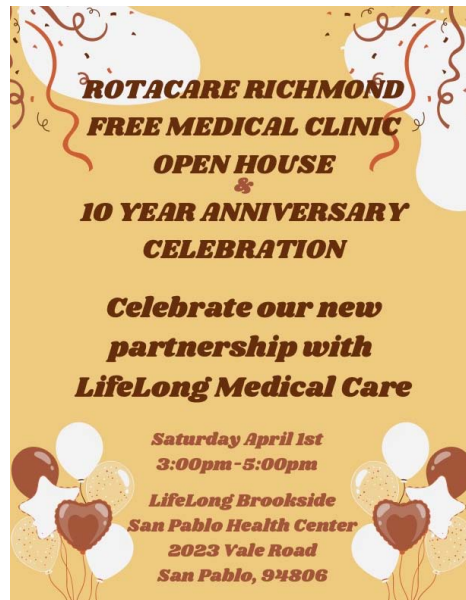
There's Still Time to Register. Discover New Horizons at the 2023 Rotary Convention, May 27-31, in Melbourne, Australia: <https://on.rotary.org/3aq8oXk>

Calendars. Are you facilitating a Rotary committee meeting, an event, or a class? To get it listed in the Green Calendar and on the website calendar, email your info (date, time, title, brief description, contact person and their email address) to Anne Pardee (pardeevt@comcast.net) and Linda Cogozzo (lcogozzo@icloud.com).



RotaCare Celebrates!

By Grier Graff



On Saturday April 1, RotaCare Richmond will celebrate their 10-year anniversary AND their new location at the LifeLong Medical Care Facility at 2023 Vale Rd, San Pablo.

This outdoor event from 3 to 5 PM will feature tours of the clinic, volunteers to tell you what it is like to help in the clinic, a few remarks from local dignitaries, food, and good conversation.

Berkeley Rotarian Amit Randhawa is the clinic operations manager; Pate Thomson and Grier Graff, also Berkeley Rotarians, are on the Advisory Board. They and others will be there to welcome you. See the flyer below for more information.

March 29th

[Lynne Henderson](#)

April 4th

[Yanick Louis Lindquist](#)

April 10th

[Fred Tabsharani](#)

April 12th

[Marcia K Dillon](#)

April 13th

A Blast from the Past

At our Club Assembly in January, Berkeley Rotarians said, "we want to hear more members' stories!" When he was President in 2014, O'Neil Dillon introduced the President's Interview, where he brought members to the podium every once in a while to quiz them on their lives, interests, and professions. Last week, O'Neil reprised this meeting segment with a lively interview of Grier Graff. Let's do this monthly!



Ophthalmology in Developing Nations/Guatemala

By Irene R. Hegarty



"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead

Last week Dr. Andy Sorensen, brother of Berkeley Rotarian Bob Sorensen, provided an informative, inspiring, and optimistic view of the progress of eye care in Guatemala. Drs. Sorensen are both ophthalmologists, as was their father and is currently another brother and a daughter (Bob's). It appears that ophthalmology is the family business. Likewise, the dedication to providing eye care to everyone, especially the poor in Guatemala, runs deep in the Sorensen family. Their interest in Guatemala began in 1978 when Bob and Andy's father took the family on a trip to the country (in the middle of a civil war). Since 1987, Bob and Andy have returned to Guatemala several times, donating their time and expertise at the Hospital de la Familia in Nuevo Progreso, San Marcus. Many of our club members have also traveled there to offer their voluntary assistance.

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Board Bullets

By Joan Collignon

Here's a brief look at some of the actions taken by the Club and Endowment Boards at their meetings last Wednesday, March 15. Please contact Joan Collignon if you would like to see the actual minutes.

Berkeley Rotary Club

- District 5160 has raised dues for the coming year, so we will have to raise our Berkeley Rotary Club dues to reflect that and our increased expenses since we last raised dues 3 years ago. In addition, Rotary International will be raising their annual dues. Note that BRC dues include RI dues, District dues, and the expenses necessary to run our club, like rent and insurance. The dues increase will take place for the year beginning July 1, 2023. The invoice for these dues will be sent to all members in May.
- Our Operating Account is running a monthly deficit despite our institution of the Zoom charge. We will be taking funds out of our reserve savings to cover this.
- A subcommittee is meeting on March 20 with the goal of coming up with a strategy and recommendations for raising additional Club funds, which they will present at the Board meeting of April 19.
- In light of the current State and City guidelines for gatherings during COVID, the Board voted to change the wording on our website and email communications to:

Masking is encouraged but not required. However, if you are not feeling well, have traveled recently, or believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19, then join us on Zoom.

Berkeley Rotary Endowment

- Grier Graff presented the recommendations of the Grants Committee for the March grant cycle. Six grants totaling \$13,500 were approved, leaving \$6,500 in the Grants budget for the May cycle. Once the applicants have been notified of the status of their grant proposal, members will see a report on which grants were funded.
 - The Mexico Project will move forward, with a small planning team traveling to Nayarit in June to evaluate possible hands-on projects.
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