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Speakers

March 23, 2022

[The Berkeley Rotary Climate Action Team](#)

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

March 30, 2022

[District 5160 Governor Kathy Suvia](#)

Happenings in District 5160

April 06, 2022

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

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

Events

April 2nd

[Cal Rotaract Service Event](#)

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[Donata Hubert](#)

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[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

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[Lynne Henderson](#)

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[Yanick Louis Lindquist](#)

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[Marcia K Dillon](#)

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[George Luna](#)

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[Kenneth Renworth](#)

April 20th

Let's Meet in Person!

By Arlene Marcus



Berkeley Rotary will restart hybrid meetings on April 13 at First Presbyterian Church, on Channing Avenue between Telegraph and Dana. All things being equal, with no disasters at hand, we welcome you to attend Rotary meetings **in person**, although Zoom will still be available. All entrances to the church are open and underground parking is available. Bring your old parking cards; if you don't have one, we will give you a new one. Vaccines are required, and for your first visit you will have to show your vaccine/booster certificate. If you bring a guest, they will have to do the same. A surprise lunch will be available through the month of April! Details to be sent later.

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, March 23, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom: "Actions We Can Take Now to Address the Climate Crisis." The Berkeley Rotary Climate Action Team continues its presentations on activities that will engage us all. They will introduce a web-based platform to reduce our household greenhouse gas generation and involve all of the Berkeley community. Presented by Team #2, the Hedy Lamarr Team; Leslie Levy, Team Captain.



Rotary International's Theme for March Is "Water and Sanitation." And March 22 is World Water Day. This year's theme is "Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible." Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/3MXHvsy>

The Latest on PolioPlus

By Frederick C. Collignon

The progress on eliminating polio remains strong, despite some violent attacks against vaccination workers. Only one case of the wild polio virus has been reported so far this year in Afghanistan (as we reported earlier in e-Rev). As recently as 2020 and 2019, there were 140 and 176 cases across the globe, all in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Pakistan has had no new cases since the 3-year clock began ticking to be declared polio-free after the first year of no wild polio virus cases. Two new cases were reported of vaccine-derived polio last week, bringing the total for the year to nine. This compares to 160 at this time last year, with a total for the year of 637. The gains reflect the use of a new variant of the vaccine which has greatly lowered subsequent infection after vaccination.

More on the killings of vaccination workers below. [Read More](#)

Update on the Rotary Ukraine Relief Effort

By Frederick C. Collignon

As announced in past e-Rev issues and in emails you received from President Arlene, Rotary International has created a Disaster Response and Relief Fund targeted to help refugees from Ukraine. Rotary clubs in Germany, Poland, and Eastern Europe are heavily involved in assisting the refugees and in trying to get food and medical supplies to the war-torn areas in Ukraine.

Two major changes in that effort occurred over this last week:

1. The deadline for donations has been extended from March 31 to April 30.
2. The District launched an effort to match all donations from Rotarians and others made through our District clubs. It needs approval by a large majority of the District's clubs, which are currently voting whether to approve. Our club board voted to approve last Wednesday. Thus, it is highly likely that each dollar you donate to the Fund will yield \$2 for the relief effort.

So far, our club members have donated about \$5000 to the Fund, but the drive is just beginning. President Arlene urged all to participate and donated \$500 from her president's budget.

Roofs Over Their Heads: New Cabin Communities in Oakland

By Jack H. McPhail



The meeting on March 16 featured Michael Pyatok and Laura Tannenbaum. Michael is an Oakland architect who has worked extensively designing "tiny homes" to accommodate homeless persons throughout the Bay Area, and Laura is a UCB-trained social worker who coordinates homeless services for the City of Oakland. Their presentation outlined what Oakland is trying to do to house the homeless while addressing the myriad social issues that are present among the unhoused.

Their presentation showed numerous slides of the Tiny Homes/Tiny Villages that have been developed throughout Oakland, built as temporary locations to house the homeless until more permanent housing options can be developed. They also presented slides on various safe RV parks that the city has designated for homeless people who own RV's for housing. Several slides provided demographic data, which can be viewed on the club's website. One data point that stood out: 70% of the homeless communities in Oakland are persons of African American descent, while African Americans comprise only 24% of the overall population of Oakland.

Ukraine: The Great Clarification

By Beverly Crawford Ames

On March 9, Steven Fish, Ph.D., UCB Professor of Comparative Political Science, focused on the clarity that Putin's invasion of Ukraine brings to 21st century politics. He described key features of the deadly contest between tyranny and democracy that this brutal war

exposes at every level of governance. In this contest, one's stance on four values—liberty, equality, violence, and truth—reveals which side one chooses.

Unlike during the Cold War, when the murky global division between capitalist and communist nations brought the world to the brink of nuclear disaster, the current and equally deadly contest poses a stark moral contrast. Then, capitalist and communist leaders alike engaged in senseless acts of brutality, invaded weaker countries, lied to their publics, suppressed liberty, and spurned the protection of equal rights. Now, however, the contest is no longer solely between nations but also between leaders, publics, affinity groups, and political parties. Now, moral ambiguity is greatly diminished. Now, on the battlefield, in the courts, in the halls of government, and on the streets, those who value democracy are fighting for liberty, equality, and truth. Although they eschew violence as a mode of political struggle, they will take up arms to defend democratic values if tyrants, would-be tyrants, and their lackeys attempt to vanquish them.

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