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Speakers

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 Artech, Co-Director, Berkeley Art Center](#)
"The History and Mission of the Berkeley Art Center"

April 19, 2023

[Laura Anne Edwards, NASA Datanaut and Core Member of the Oxford Space Initiative](#)
"Space: The Ultimate Innovation Lab"

Events

March 29th

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

April 6th

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

April 12th

[Communication Committee Meets via Zoom](#)

April 19th

[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) via Zoom](#)

April 20th

[Third Thursday + Raise-the-Bar](#)

April 22nd

[Spring Fling: Social and Mixology Workshop](#)

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, Mar. 29, 2023, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Joe Lurie, Executive Director Emeritus, will present "The Little Known, Groundbreaking History of UC Berkeley's International House, the First Interracial, Co-educational Living Center West of New York." He will explore the institution's pioneering role in desegregating the campus and city of Berkeley communities, its courageous stand against the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, and its ongoing tradition of smashing stereotypes and building transformational relationships across cultures. The speaker is provided by Team #3, the La Pena Cultural Center Team; Arlene Marcus and Marta Laupa, Captains.



This Week and Beyond. Check the left column for upcoming happenings: Civil Discourse Meeting (Mar. 29), Spring Fling Benefit for the Supportive Housing Team (Apr. 22), *Cyrano* at the Aurora Theatre Company (Apr. 23), Taste of Downtown Berkeley (Jun. 11).

RotaCare Celebrates! On Saturday, Apr. 1, RotaCare Richmond celebrates their 10-year anniversary and 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. For more info, contact Pate (pate@pandjthomson.com) or Grier (gg@graffarchitects.com).

New Guidelines. 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.*

Wokeness: What is it? Why Are Many Americans Against It?

By Daniel Thomas

The next in a series of Civil Discourse meetings hosted by the Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee takes place on March 29, 2023, via Zoom, from 2:15-3:30 PM PT. **Topic: "Wokeness: What is it? Why are many Americans against it?"**

For some background on the term "woke," we suggest



Birthdays

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)
March 29th

[Lynne Henderson](#)
April 4th

[Yanick Louis Lindquist](#)
April 10th

[Fred Tabsharani](#)
April 12th

[Marcia K Dillon](#)
April 13th

[Kenneth Renworth](#)
April 20th

[David Hugh Malcolm](#)
April 21st

[Morton H. Orenstein](#)
April 22nd

[Joan Louise McLean](#)
April 22nd

[Douglas Fielding](#)
April 23rd

this article:

<https://www.vox.com/culture/21437879/stay-woke-awokeness-history-origin-evolution-controversy>.

Contact Dan Thomas (dthomas@tc-associates.com) for the Zoom link. Note: Opposing views are welcome!

Wildflowers and Views on a Rotary Excursion

By Joan Collignon

Before the sun set on March 16, Bob Sorenson led a group of Berkeley Rotarians on a pre-wildflower walk at Skyline Gardens near the Little Train in Tilden Park. We saw the early signs of mule's ears and poppies, lupine in full bloom, and the promise of more to come. Glen Schneider, who shepherds the loving restoration work on this project, explained it all to us, and guided us past the "keep out" signs and up to views over the Caldecott Tunnel.

Volunteers along the way were spraying clove oil and vinegar on errant weeds, and whacking at invasives with tools provided by Berkeley Rotary grants. Let's go back in a month when the weather has warmed and see the flowers at their peak.



Under the Dome

By Joan Collignon



There's another entire campus in the hills above the Campanile. Somewhat inaccessible and well guarded behind gates is the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, a U.S. Dept. of Energy facility run by UC Berkeley. Twenty Berkeley Rotarians and guests were lucky enough to spend an afternoon up there this week, shepherded by Jennifer Tang, Director of Community Relations for the Lab. She picked us up from a downtown bus stop in a Lab bus, escorting us through the gates and into three special places: the National Energy Research

Scientific Computing Center (which we referred to as the Supercomputer); the Molecular Foundry, and the Advanced Light Source (ALS)—that dome that hovers up in the distance, visible from all over Berkeley. (The dome itself dates from the 1930s and was used to house the Cyclotron. The ALS is a Synchrotron, and was built incorporating the dome in the 1990s.) At each stop, scientists joined the group and interpreted for us, explaining in terms we could understand the intricate science that went on here. To say

we were flabbergasted was an understatement.

Some of us on the tour were familiar with the science. Others came away, not with an understanding of the processes per se, but in awe of the enormous scope of the Lab. Thousands of researchers from universities and companies around the world use these facilities, with their extraordinary tools, to do their own research. They define new frontiers in science that lead to developments that affect our daily lives.

Thank you, Berkeley Rotary Social Committee, for another social event that educates us as we are entertained!

Strategic Goals for UC Berkeley: An Update From Chancellor Christ

By Frederick C. Collignon

The club speaker last Wednesday was UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ. It was a talk filled with the latest information, candid assessments of the politics and difficulties facing the university, and a confidence and exuberance that made one aware why faculty were so pleased with Christ's return to Berkeley to lead the campus.



Chancellor Christ listed the five areas of focus in the campus strategic plan:

- building community
- improving the undergraduate experience
- increasing diversity
- sustaining and increasing the ground-breaking research by faculty
- achieving financial stability

Building community. Christ believes the Covid pandemic has left us isolated from each other, coping with the psychological impacts as well as physical and medical impacts. She noted that students never envisioned spending their first one or two years of college living in their parents' homes and attending classes by computer.

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