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Speakers

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."

April 13, 2022

[TBD](#)

April 20, 2022

[TBD](#)

April 27, 2022

[Florida State Senator Dwight M. Bullard](#)

"DEMOCRACY AT A CROSSROADS: WHICH PATH WILL YOU CHOOSE?"

Events

April 2nd

[Cal Rotaract Service Event](#)

April 14th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

Birthdays

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

March 29th

[Lynne Henderson](#)

April 4th

[Yanick Louis Lindquist](#)

April 10th

[Marcia K Dillon](#)

April 13th

[George Luna](#)

April 20th

[Kenneth Renworth](#)

April 20th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, March 30, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom: "Happenings in District 5160." In this annual governor's visit, DG Kathy Suvia will bring us up to date on happenings in our Rotary District—the 72 clubs between Berkeley and Mt. Shasta—and inspire us with a vision for the future. The speaker is presented by President Arlene Marcus.

Rotary Voices. The conflict in Ukraine has displaced millions of people and has created a humanitarian crisis across Europe. The following is an interview between *Rotary* magazine and Mykola Stebljanko, editor of *Rotary* magazine in Ukraine: <https://bit.ly/3JA8KaN>



President's New Member Reception

By Arlene Marcus

Berkeley can be proud of the number of new members who joined our club during the last two difficult Covid years. What I like to call the "Covid Cohort" consists of 12 new members, 7 of whom attended the Presidential Reception last Sunday: Marcia Dillon, Dee Hubert, Lewis Ames, Adrien VanCamper, Veronica Rodrigues, Tess Mayer, and Helena Meyer-Knapp. Those unable to attend were Travis Neal, Kate Harrison, Matt Hastings, Micki McCree, and Michele Lawrence. Sponsors and Board members also attended

We all ate delicious hors d'oeuvres from our friend Poulet, drank wine, and celebrated our good fortune. Everyone agreed that it was wonderful to be back together and we all hope to continue this kind of in-person celebration.

[David Hugh Malcolm](#)
April 21st
[Morton H. Orenstein](#)
April 22nd
[Douglas Fielding](#)
April 23rd
[Mac Lingo](#)
April 24th
[Philip R. Henry](#)
April 28th



Among the new members attending were Lewis Ames, Dee Hubert, Helena Meyer-Knapp, Veronica (Ronnie) Rodrigues, Tess Mayer, and Adrian Vancamper.

New Member Spotlight: Veronica Rodrigues



Veronica Rodrigues was raised in Antioch, CA, and graduated from Antioch High School in June 1999. She received an athletic scholarship for softball to attend California State University, Sacramento. She later transferred to the University of California, Berkeley, where she was a member of the softball team, a member of the 2002 Division I National Championship team, and captain of the 2004 team. She graduated from UC Berkeley in May 2004.

Veronica was hired as a police officer by the UC Berkeley Police Department in October 2004 and graduated from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office police academy in May 2005. In 2009, she transferred to the City of Berkeley Police Department, where she has held positions as a patrol officer, bicycle patrol officer, Special Enforcement Unit officer, Special

Investigations Bureau detective, patrol Sergeant, and Community Services Bureau Sergeant. She served on the Special Response Team (SWAT) for about 10 years, and is currently one of the lead instructors for BPD's Principled Policing program and Alameda County's Inner Perspectives Leadership Development Program.

Veronica is married, has an 8-year-old son and a black doodle named Scout, and lives in Walnut Creek. Her favorite hobbies are camping, backpacking, exercising, hiking, and coaching sports. From 1995 until about 2011, she volunteered to coach softball for girls ranging in age from 8-17, for high school teams, and competitive travel teams. Her sponsor is Tina Etcheverry.

Why PolioPlus Still Needs Our Support

By Frederick C. Collignon

I heard some interesting questions after last week's e-Rev piece. If we're down to only one wild polio case, if vaccine-derived cases are now way down but exceeding the feared wild polio cases, and if eight vaccination workers were killed this year and nine last year, shouldn't polio get less attention and effort than in the past? Quick answer: One needs to keep vaccinating every child born to prevent new cases and a revival of the disease that used to paralyze hundreds of thousands a year.

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How We Can Help Stop Climate Change

By Leslie A. Levy



The Berkeley Rotary Climate Action Team (BRCAT) gave a presentation on March 23, educating and inspiring us to become more active in and conscientious about mitigating climate change in the context of our Rotary Club and as individuals.

Prof. Astrid Kiendler-Scharr opened the presentation with a brief overview of the current state of knowledge regarding climate change. She informed us about the increase in temperature change since 1850 and delineated sources of warming, particularly noting that methane remains in our atmosphere after being released for a considerably shorter period of time than does carbon dioxide. After 1000 years after release, one fourth of CO₂ is left in the atmosphere, while after 100 years following release, there is hardly any methane left.

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