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Speakers

March 31, 2021

[Kate Collignon, Partner, HR&A Advisors](#)

"Exploring the Pandemic's Long-Term Impact on Cities"

April 07, 2021

[Daniel Newman, President of MapLight](#)

"Unrig: How to Fix our Broken Democracy"

April 14, 2021

[It's the 20th Anniversary of the Berkeley Rotary Club Scholarship Program!](#)

April 21, 2021

[Elizabeth Pearce, CEO of SymSoil](#)

Soil Health and Carbon Sequestration

April 28, 2021

[TBD](#)

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Birthdays

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

March 29th

[George Reskin](#)

April 1st

[Lynne Henderson](#)

April 4th

[Yanick Louis Lindquist](#)

April 10th

[Kenneth Renworth](#)

April 20th

[George Luna](#)

April 20th

[David Hugh Malcolm](#)

April 21st

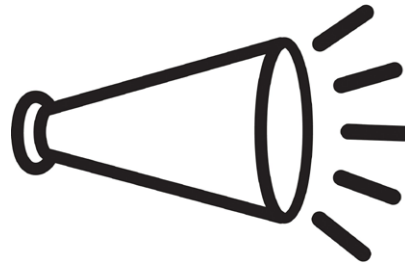
[Morton H. Orenstein](#)

April 22nd

[Douglas Fielding](#)

Club Announcements

By Linda Marlene Cogozzo



Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 12:30pm (PST):

Kate Collignon, Partner at HR&A Advisors (www.hraadvisors.com), will speak on Exploring the Pandemic's Long-Term Impacts on Cities. The speaker is provided by Team #2, Amazon River (Fred Collignon, Team Leader).

On top of its devastating health and economic impacts, COVID-19 has changed how and where people work,

live, shop, and seek joy. What might the new normal look like? How will it impact our cities and communities? Drawing on her 20-year career in government, in real estate, and as an economic development and urban planning advisor to cities nationwide, Kate will explore the data and theories surrounding these questions, and recovery strategies to shape a more resilient and equitable future.

Rotary Peace Centers applications will be accepted through May 15, 2021. Begin your journey at on.rotary.org/peacefellowships

Save the date for the Rotary Virtual Convention, June 12-16, 2021. It is open to all Rotary members and participants. Event registration will open in mid-April. Find out more: <https://on.rotary.org/2PmJPOy>

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Invitation to a Special Program

Greetings, Friends:

In my capacity as president of the Rotary Club of El Cerrito, I am delighted to invite you to join us for an important event.

On April 8, Alice Walker, author of *The Color Purple*, will join us on Zoom for what promises to be a thoughtful conversation with author Linda Lawrence Hunt. This is a rare opportunity, and I am excited to share it with you!

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88588570655?pwd=RnhiM2VsVG1NYmlsUFd5MXFnOWZxUT09>

Meeting ID: 885 8857 0655

Passcode: 379774

April 8, 12:15pm (PST)

Please see the attached flyer.

Sincerely,

April 23rd

[Mac Lingo](#)

April 24th

[Philip R. Henry](#)

April 28th

Andrew Brown

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Senator Skinner Goes to Rotary

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler



Berkeley's very own State Senator, Nancy Skinner, visited the Berkeley Rotary Club on March 24.

Senator Skinner has been an elected official since 1984 when she was the first-ever Cal student elected to the Berkeley City Council and then went on to serve three terms in the State Assembly. Elected to the State Senate in 2016, Senator Skinner has risen to prominent status enjoying tremendous popularity in her home district, District 9. Skinner now serves as the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and as a member of several committees, including Housing, Transportation, and Public Safety. The Senator was a trail blazer in the areas of environmental protection, climate change, criminal justice reform, and gun violence. Among her standout pieces of legislation is

the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB330), which she is now seeking to extend.

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Preparing for Pollinators

By Joan Collignon

Saturday, March 20 was a perfect day for gathering with Rotarians and other Berkeley folks at a real honest-to-goodness outdoor service project! Sponsored by Transitions Berkeley, this was a day to plant a pollinator garden in a pleasant creekside corner of Strawberry Creek Park. Kids shed their shoes to wade in the creek while their parents wandered over, Peet's cups in hand, to ask us what we were doing. We exercised muscles we hadn't used in awhile and got a chance to practice our Rotary elevator speech too as we worked together even masked and well-distanced.



Transitions Berkeley is a group that fosters community in the city, and planting bee-friendly plants in school and public gardens is one of several projects they sponsor. They are in partnership with CalPIRG from the Cal campus, the City of Berkeley, and Berkeley Rotary too, as we awarded them a grant last December to help move this project along. As we volunteers introduced ourselves before the work began, I mentioned that Rotary had provided a grant to help make this happen, and everyone cheered. (I wore my Rotary hat but was wishing I had a Rotary vest to be even better branded!) Thank you John Pardee for bringing the need to the Grants Committee.

The next planting effort at San Pablo Park will happen in mid April. On board this week were Anne Pardee (and grandchildren!) and Steve Beckendorf, John Denvir, frequent BRC guest Cal Mann, and I as the muddy crew. Watch this space for information on the next planting opportunity.
