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## Speakers

**April 12, 2023**

[Kim Acebo Arteche, 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"

**April 26, 2023**

[Parisa Vatanka, PharmD, CTTs](#)  
Topic: TBA

## Events

April 12th

[Communication Committee Meets via Zoom](#)

April 13th

[Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing in Person](#)

April 19th

[Social Committee Meeting 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](#)

April 23rd

[Cyrano at the Aurora Theatre Company](#)

April 26th

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

May 3rd

## Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, Apr. 12, 2023, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Co-director Kim Acebo Arteche will present "The History and Mission of the Berkeley Art Center" and will discuss some of the more memorable displays and events that have been held at the center. The speaker is provided by Team #4, the Berkeley Art Center Team; Peter Campbell and Matt Hastings, Captains. **Note:** 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.



**This Week and Beyond.** Check the left column for upcoming happenings: Communications Committee Meeting (Apr. 12), Supportive Housing Team Hygiene Kit Packing (Apr. 13), Board Meeting (Apr. 19), Social Committee Meeting (Apr. 19), Third Thursday & Raise-the-Bar (Apr. 20), Spring Fling Benefit for the Supportive Housing Team (Apr. 22), *Cyrano* at the Aurora Theatre Company (Apr. 23), Civil Discourse Meeting (Apr. 26), Tour of Guide Dogs for the Blind (May 16), Taste of Downtown Berkeley (Jun. 11).



**Save the Date.** On Jul. 8, Rotary District 5160 will hold the Awards & Installation Banquet at The Elks Tower in Sacramento. We'll gather with fellow Rotarians to honor the stories of our clubs, our members, and those whose lives are just a little bit better because of what we do together. Register (or send regrets) now via the personalized registration link that DG Suzanne Bragdon emailed to you on Apr. 6.

## Welcome, Dylan Supencheck!

Dylan Supencheck is a recent graduate of UC Berkeley with a degree in Computer Science and a minor in Public Policy, currently working for Amazon as a Software Engineer. His Rotary journey started in San Jose where he joined his local Interact club as a sophomore in high school and served as Events Coordinator and Treasurer.

In college, it was natural to seek out and join Cal Rotaract, which quickly became a home away from home during his college experience and through the pandemic. He rose in the ranks to become club

[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

May 4th

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

May 10th

[Communication Committee Meets via Zoom](#)

Historian and then Vice-President, and also what Rotaracters call their District Deputy Governor before graduating. To keep in touch with this community, he continues to stay involved in Rotaract at a district level, serving his second year in 2022-23 as the Lieutenant District Rotaract Representative (Rotary's words for the Deputy Governor). He has in the past been active with Big West Rotaract, planning and attending their conferences, and expects to resume that association once he is fully settled into his job.

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## Birthdays

[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

[John Caner](#)

April 30th

[David A Wilson Jr.](#)

May 2nd

[Pamela M. Doolan](#)

May 3rd

[John J. Torpey](#)

May 8th

[Adrian Vancamper](#)

May 10th

[Jacqueline Peters Hammond](#)

May 10th

[Amit S Randhawa](#)

May 11th

## Spring Fling: Fun by the Bay



The Supportive Housing Committee invites you to a Spring Fling at the Berkeley Yacht Club on Saturday, April 22, from 3 to 5. It's a chance to gather by the Bay, learn from a San Francisco Irish bar owner how to mix your own Spring cocktail, have fun, and maybe win a raffle prize. All this will benefit the Supportive Housing Committee's ongoing commitment to providing personal hygiene kits for those in need in our area. Tickets are \$50 each. You may purchase them at the Wednesday

meeting, or email Jackie Hammond at [jphbooks74@gmail.com](mailto:jphbooks74@gmail.com).

## Let's be Sociable!

By Arlene Marcus

Here are some opportunities to mix and mingle with club members outside of the usual Wednesday meetings:

Join BRC friends at the matinee performance of *Cyrano* at Aurora Theatre on Sunday, April 23. Everyone should buy his or her own ticket, and we can meet for lunch at Angeline's Louisiana Restaurant before the 2:00 performance, or you may choose to socialize afterwards. Please let Arlene know if you would like to join the group for the pre-theatre lunch; she'll make reservations.

And on May 16 at 10 am we'll travel to the Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. This is a one-hour walking tour, wheelchair and walker accessible. Please do not bring your own dog. Parking is available on local streets. Respond to Arlene at [arlenebmarcus@comcast.net](mailto:arlenebmarcus@comcast.net) to reserve a spot.

And don't forget the Third Thursday gathering on April 20 from 5 to 7! It's at Michele Lawrence's house this time, at 1921 San Antonio Avenue in North Berkeley.

# The History and Impact of I-House

By Marta Laupa

On March 29 we heard from Joe Lurie, Emeritus Director of Cal's International House. Few people know that UC Berkeley's I House was involved in very early efforts toward desegregating Berkeley, both the campus and the city. It was the first integrated and first coed living center west of NYC, where I House started. Residents of Cal's I House over the years have had a national impact on social progress.



Nationally, I House began with Harry Edmonds in NYC in 1909. Edmonds was near Columbia University and saw a Chinese student. When he said "Hello," the student replied, "You are the first person who has spoken to me in three weeks." Edmonds decided to begin what are referred to as Sunday suppers, to bring together students and others from different backgrounds and nationalities. These suppers continue to this day. In 1924, with the help of J.D. Rockefeller, Edmonds opened the first International House in NYC.

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## Using AI Technology in Weather Forecasting

By Frederick C. Collignon

The club speaker on April 5 was Alexander Levy, co-founder of Atmo, a Berkeley-based firm that provides weather and climate forecasting information to governments and other clients using artificial intelligence (AI). Alexander had previously co-founded and served as Chief Operating Officer for a leading AI pharmaceutical company. He has also advised or invested in companies that use "science fiction technology" to solve problems facing humanity.

Currently, AI technology is increasingly replacing numerical weather forecasting, the previous approach since 1980, as the dominant practice. The AI approach uses weather data over the prior 30 years to project the weather for an area. The data is collected for a much greater number of small geographic areas—maybe 100 times the collection areas than used under the prior technology. Future weather is predicted from the past weather that emerged following similar prior conditions. The firm has developed the models and provides data for weather forecasting for the Bay Area, the Caribbean, and for large countries like Uganda. As a more accurate, detailed, and affordable technology, AI-developed data and weather forecasting is predicted to be used worldwide in coming years.

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