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Speakers

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 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
[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

May 4th
[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

May 10th
[Communication Committee Meets via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Laura Anne Edwards, a NASA Datanaut and core member of the Oxford Space Initiative, will present "Space: The Ultimate Innovation Lab." The choices we make now about how we want to step into this next chapter of humanity's future will resonate for generations to come. Space and this era of transition and exploration offer unique and urgently needed accelerated prototyping of win-win, earth-space solutions and perhaps, more important, ways of thinking. But it's going to take reimagining IP sharing and funding to cross-pollinate sectors to get this right. The speaker is provided by Team #5, the Berkeley Symphony Team; Ed Church and Jason Russell, Captains.



This Week. Check the left column for upcoming happenings: Social Committee Meeting (Apr. 19), Board Meeting (Apr. 19), Third Thursday and Raise-the-Bar (Apr. 20), Spring Fling (Apr. 22), *Cyrano* at Aurora Theatre Company (Apr. 23).

Lots Going on at Berkeley Rotary!

Here are some upcoming events you don't want to miss:



Third Thursday this week, April 20, from 5 to 7 at Michele Lawrence's home, 1921 San Antonio Avenue. Outdoors if it's pleasant (bring a jacket!); inside if it's not.

Spring Fling: Social & Mixology Workshop at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 3 to 5 on April 22. A fundraiser for our supportive housing efforts. Contact Jackie Hammond, jphbooks74@gmail.com.

Cyrano at the Aurora Theatre Company. April 23 Matinee performance, preceded by optional lunch. Contact Arlene Marcus, arlene.marcus@icloud.com

And in May . . . a tour of **Guide Dogs for the Blind** in San Rafael on 5/16, and **THE SCOTTISH FIDDLERS** at Freight and Salvage on 5/19.

From the Club Archives: Membership Diversity

By Frederick C. Collignon

Much has been written about when the club and when RI first admitted women. I've never found anything yet in the published histories of Rotary

[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

[Jacqueline Peters Hammond](#)

May 10th

[Adrian Vancamper](#)

May 10th

[Amit S Randhawa](#)

May 11th

[Dylan Supencheck](#)

May 14th

[Kenneth N. Matsumura](#)

May 15th



about whether Rotary ever excluded minorities. I've often heard at the Historians Fellowship at RI that membership was always open to all vetted community leaders from the outset.

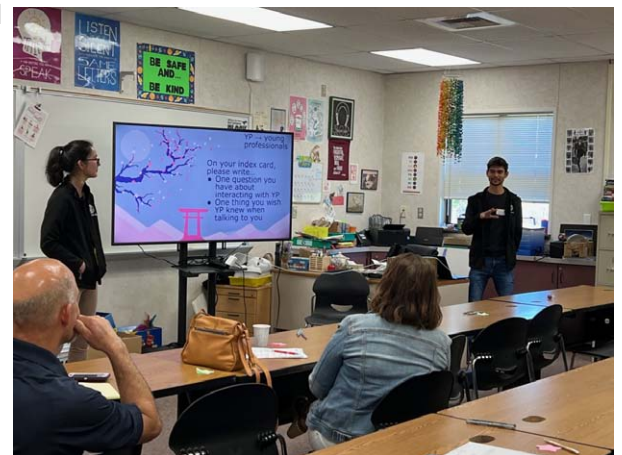
By 1931, there was not yet an African-American member in our club. The president that year—a minister in town—conceded that his greatest disappointment was not securing the first Black member of the club. He appreciated that club leaders supported his efforts, but it appeared that none of the Black business leaders in town who were asked to join accepted the offer. (This was an era when, at each Board meeting, the Board would propose leaders whom the Membership Committee should approach about membership.)

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Spring Assembly Brimming with Ideas and Best Practices

By Frederick C. Collignon

The District's Spring Assembly was held in Fairfield last Saturday and drew over 185 Rotarians, the largest attendance in years. Attending from our club were President-Elect Libby Tyler, incoming Secretary Helena Meyer-Knapp, Foundation and PolioPlus Chair Jason Russell, Tina Etcheverry, Grier Graff, Lauren Dela Rosa, Dylan Supencheck, Fred and Joan Collignon, and Mac Lingo, whom we still regard as one of us though he's now transferred to Richmond Rotary where he lives.



We heard rave reviews for almost all of the dozen breakout sessions you could choose from—the secrets of the most successful clubs on how to do things, where to look for new members and community allies and how to recruit them, best practices in designing local and international service practices, using social media, and many others.

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Berkeley Art Center: A Local Treasure

By Peter D. Campbell

Our April 12 speaker was Kim Acebo Arteche, co-director of the Berkeley Art Center (BAC). The BAC was a gift of the Berkeley Rotary Club to the City of Berkeley in 1967, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the club.

After describing the beauty of the Center, including the warmth of the wood construction



and the intimate exhibition space, she presented us with a review of some of the more notable exhibits over the years. The Art Center

showcases artists who are in the early to mid stage of their careers. These artists tend not to be showcased in the major museums. The BAC is an ideal platform for them to add to their resume. Because of its small size and local venue, BAC is able to explore art forms that might not otherwise be put on exhibit. Exhibits have ranged from somewhat traditional art to more experimental forms.

Notable exhibits have included Black collectibles, prints by women artists, dance, music and spoken word, sound art, and an exhibit of an aluminum foil pyramid with a real egg! The current exhibit is an interactive art presentation and experience.

If you have not visited the Berkeley Art Center, please consider putting it in your schedule. It is located in Live Oak Park, open Wednesday through Sunday, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and there is no admission fee. This is a Berkeley treasure, blessed by the fact that Berkeley Rotary gave it to the City, no strings attached.

