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Speakers

May 03, 2023

[Graham Morehead, Computer Scientist, Adjunct Professor at Gonzaga University](#)
"The Shape of Thought"

May 10, 2023

[Pate Thomson, Berkeley Rotarian and Scottish Fiddler](#)
"Fiddling Around: The Story of Scottish Fiddle Music"

May 17, 2023

[Terry Shames, Mystery Writer and Author of the Samuel Craddock Series](#)
"Guilt Strikes at Granger's Store (and Other Stories)"

May 24, 2023

[Rob Knapp, Ph.D., Physicist](#)
"Making Climate-Friendly Buildings: What Exists Is Possible"

May 31, 2023

[Jeff Johnson, Retired Assistant Professor of Computer Science at USF-CA](#)
"Technology for an Aging Population"

Events

May 3rd
[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

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

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

May 13th
[Bocce Challenge](#)

May 16th
[Tour of Guide Dogs for the Blind](#)

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, May 3, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: **"The Shape of Thought"** will be presented by Graham Morehead, who teaches AI/ML (Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning) at Gonzaga University and advises startups. His research explores models that attempt to mimic structures in the brain. How should we feel about AI taking our jobs, even the creative ones? What role will we have in this future?

After this talk, you will have an intuitive understanding of how AI works, how to be prepared, and why you don't have to be afraid. The speaker is provided by President Joan Collignon.



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Hey, Zoomers! Please don't forget to send in your \$10 Zoom Participation Fee. Here's a handy QR code that you can use to pay via Venmo. We also will share the code on a slide before the meeting and post it in chat. (Or you can send a check to Berkeley Rotary Club, 2342 Shattuck Ave., #101, Berkeley, CA 94704.) Thanks!

Getting to Know You

We hummed a few bars of "Getting to Know You" as O'Neil Dillon prepared to interview veteran member Leslie Levy last Wednesday.

So now we all know where Leslie acquired her astounding fashion sense!



You Should Have Been There!

May 17th
[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) via Zoom](#)

May 19th
[The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers](#)

Birthdays

[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

[Anne Pardee](#)

May 24th

[Rebecca Phuong](#)

May 26th

[Christopher K. Ahoy](#)

May 29th

[Jack H. McPhail](#)

May 31st



Saturday was Rotary Visibility Day and Berkeley Rotarians and friends and Rotaractors were treated to a dazzling display at Skyline Gardens.

District Governor Suzanne Bragdon joined us as we followed Bob Sorenson through a woodland up a steep, secret, closed-to-the-public trail to the most glorious display of spring wildflowers we'd ever seen.

Civil Discourse: Free Speech

By Daniel Thomas

This past week's Civil Discourse session was one of our best. A majority of the participants were from Rotary clubs outside of Berkeley, the Palo Alto University Rotary Club contingent being by far the largest.

The topic was Free Speech with a focus on free speech on university campuses, on Twitter, and in mainstream and social media. The format was modified slightly to allow more time for the sharing of personal free speech issues. Participants born in other countries had especially intriguing perspectives.

Not surprisingly, given that many had long Berkeley-Stanford histories, most of the breakout rooms chose to focus on university campus issues over Twitter and the general media. Most of the time was spent hearing conservatives and liberals exchange ideas about the dominance of liberal points of view on campuses. For both liberals and conservatives, self-censoring in the classroom was a primary concern.

The next Civil Discourse session will be May 31, topic to be announced. Join us!

Shout-out to Team #6

Last week's speaker and program team gather for a photo. Shout-out to Team #6 (the BAMPFA Team), led by Captains Chris Ahoy and Manjul Batra, for making our 2022-23 meetings interesting.

We learned about beer, BAMPFA, and digital health care. Big thanks!



Digital Health Care Anytime, Anywhere

By Shivani Grover

Our speaker last week was Parisa Vatanka, Co-Founder and CEO of Digital.Health. Parisa is on a mission to foster democratization of health care by integrating digitally enabled care at scale. As a society, she believes we have become



accustomed to ready access, convenience, and customization in so many facets of our life. She contends that health care should not be any different and health solutions should be accessible from anywhere, in a form that is convenient for patients and

customized to their individual lifestyles, health issues, and goals.

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