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"The Library's Role in Community Recovery"

May 19, 2021

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May 26, 2021

[Yalda Teranian](#)

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June 02, 2021

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[Matthew Hermann](#)

May 26th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 12:30pm (PST): Cal Mann (www.calmann.com) will present "The Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership" and share his two-year experience as a Rotarian and volunteer leader for Peace Corps North Macedonia, focusing on the good results of this collaboration. The speaker is provided by Team #6, Alcantara River (Maxim Schrogin and Linda Cogozzo, Team Captains).

The Annual Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz* Memorial Lectureship in National Security Affairs brings to UC Berkeley a distinguished scholar, military professional, or government official for a series of lectures. Speaking on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 4-5:30pm (PST) is Lieutenant General (US Army Retired) H. R. McMaster. Free, on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vaepkn4kaMY>. (*Adm. Nimitz was a member of Berkeley Rotary.)

Let's Zentangle on Saturday, May 8, 2021, 3-5pm (PST)! In honor of this pre-Mother's Day event, we're calling it a Friend-Raiser so save the date and invite your family and friends. And it's free! Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns called tangles. Art therapist Joyce Vives will facilitate the class. Learn more at www.zentangle.com. To sign up, email Tina Etcheverry (etcheverrytina@yahoo.com) by May 4 to receive the Zoom link and a free pen-and-paper art kit. (Photo: Tina Etcheverry and Sequoia Etcheverry)



New Member Spotlight: Travis Neal

On Wednesday, April 28, Travis Neal was inducted into the Berkeley Rotary Club. Travis grew up in Oakland and has called the East Bay home for most of his life. He and his wife Nina Wasow moved to Berkeley in 2009 and they now share their home with one dog, two young children, and at least three (still-living) plants. His pandemic life style includes helping with home-schooling his young children as well as working from home as an estate planning attorney. On the weekends he enjoys exploring Berkeley's myriad parks, running through the hills, and trying to read as much as his kids do.

Travis was first introduced to Rotary when joining the Oakland Rotary Club some time ago. He knows that rejoining Rotary means he is ready to get involved in community and hands-on service projects. He has



[Christopher K. Ahoy](#)

May 29th

[Jack H. McPhail](#)

May 31st

[Bipin Singh Kathayat](#)

June 2nd

already mentioned he wants to work with Rotaract and other youth programs.

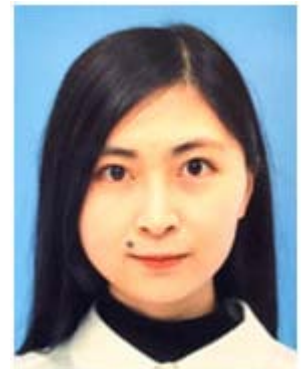
Travis will be a good addition to Berkeley Rotary because he has not shied away from the various service projects our club does. Rather, he is excited by them and wants to join us in carrying them out. Welcome, Travis!

Learning More About Rika Niikura, Global Scholar

By Peter D. Campbell

Rika Niikura, Global Grant Scholar from Japan, was our speaker for the April 28 program. After a brief introduction to her home life, family, and a short travelogue of Japan, she described how she learned to love travel. During her junior year at her university, she traveled to Germany as part of her university's exchange program. While there, she traveled to many other countries besides Germany (thirteen total), cementing her love of travel. One of the activities she got involved with in Germany was a local merchant service group. These encounters showed her the value and pleasure of performing service activities. A seed was planted and when she later found out about Rotary, she learned about Rotary service. This ultimately led to the knowledge of the Global Grant Scholarship program.

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Let's Gather in the Park

By John J. O'Dea



The reactivated Social Committee is pleased to announce the first planned event of the new year, to be held on Tuesday, May 11, outdoors at Alvarado staging area, a part of Wildcat Canyon Regional park. We will gather in the parking/picnic area from 11:30 am into the afternoon. There is no charge and lots of parking. Bring water and food for yourself. Enjoy the history of the area and do a short hike. To get there take Arlington Blvd to McBryde Ave, follow the signs to the park or take I-80 to McBryde and continue east to the park.

The Social Committee has compiled a list of outings and events members would like to offer and we will be getting more info out in the coming months.

Helping Family/Friends Timid about vaccination - Rotary's Global Immunization Week

By Frederick C. Collignon

The past week was Rotary's Global Immunization Week, and while that mainly focuses on polio efforts, the Rotary linkage to world vaccination is so much greater. The networks we created for polio over the past decades have been used for the world's response in many countries to many pandemics and currently to Covid. Rotary International published some general information about the history of vaccination in medicine and why not to fear vaccination. Given that resistance to vaccination is the main barrier currently in our fight against the Covid pandemic in the U.S., you may have family and friends with whom it's worth sharing the RI information. The work of our club's Covid committee has been invaluable to members over the past two years, and many of us have shared that with reluctant family and friends. RI's information is not nearly as good, but it does indicate the worldwide concern for increasing vaccinations. See the RI information below.

NOTE: Our club members' donations to Rotary's polio work have fallen dramatically the last two years during these Covid times. If you haven't contributed of late, use the link on the club website to the Rotary Foundation, or send a check to the club made out to the Rotary Foundation and referencing Polio Plus.

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