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Speakers

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"

June 07, 2023

[TBA](#)
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Events

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

May 13th
[Bocce Challenge](#)

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

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

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

June 1st
[Membership Committee](#)

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, May 10, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Our own Pate Thomson presents "**Fiddling Around: The Story of Scottish Fiddle Music.**" He and a Scottish Fiddlers ensemble will teach us a thing or two about Scottish fiddle music and play some tunes. Think of this as a sneak peek of their full performance at Freight and Salvage on May 19. The speaker is provided by Berkeley Rotary Team #7, the Freight & Salvage Team; John Pardee and Michele Lawrence, Captains.



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Pro Tip. 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. You'll also find the code on a slide before the meeting and in chat on Wednesday. (Or you can send a check to Berkeley Rotary Club, 2342 Shattuck Ave., #101, Berkeley, CA 94704.) Thanks!

Time to Rip off the Red Ribbon!

In recent months three new Berkeley Rotarians have earned the right to rip off their "New Member" red ribbons and replace them with the coveted Berkeley Golden Bear Rotary pin.

They achieved this status by fulfilling several tasks designed to familiarize them with Berkeley Rotary, such as service, committee work, attendance at another club meeting or a district meeting, and starting their 3-2-1 participation. Pictured here along with their sponsors are George Fruehan, Fred Tabsharani, and Shivani Grover.



[Meeting via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

[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

Next Week: a Field Trip to Guide Dogs for the Blind

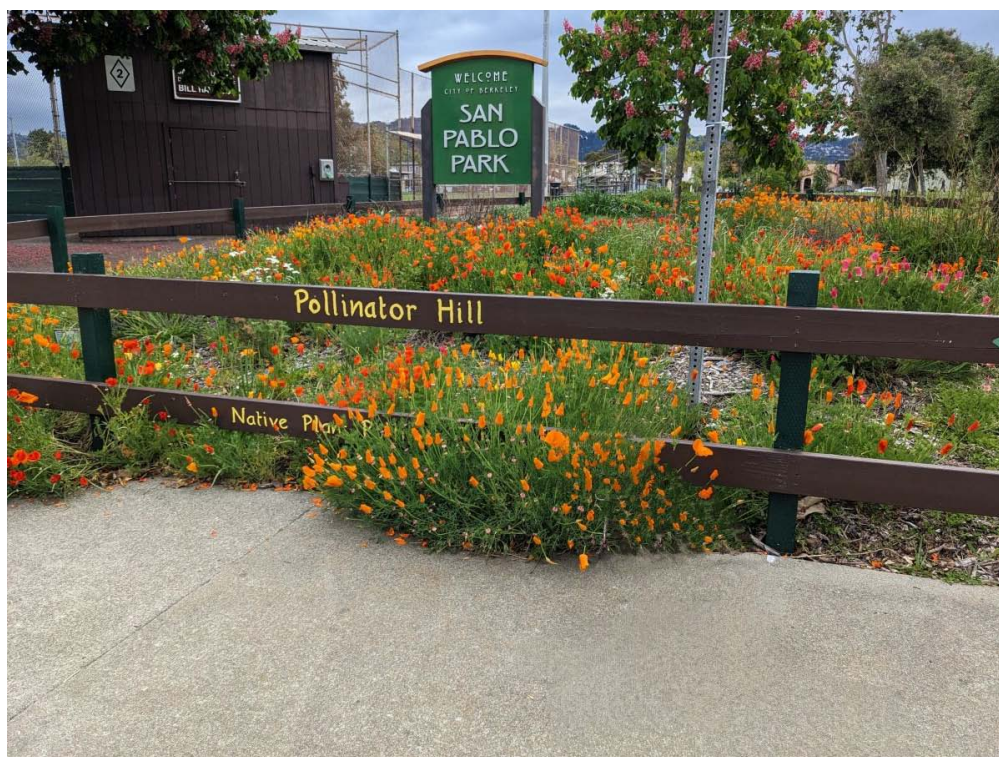
By Arlene Marcus



Join us for a one-hour tour of Guide Dogs for the Blind on Tuesday, May 16 at 10 AM. The location is right off Highway 101 in San Rafael at 350 Los Ranchitos Road. The terrain and pace is suitable for canes and walkers. There is plenty of room on the tour, so please come and bring friends and/or family. Plan to stay for an optional brunch afterwards at the nearby Black Bear Diner. Contact Arlene Marcus at arlenebmarcus@comcast.net.

Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom!

A number of Berkeley Rotarians weeded and planted pollinator gardens last year. Here's one, now in full bloom.



The Shape of Thought: Artificial Intelligence

By Lewis Ames

Our speaker (via Zoom) last week was Graham Morehead, an Adjunct Professor who teaches in the Computer Science Department at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Graham reviewed what's behind the recent public discourse about Artificial Intelligence (AI). The title of Graham's talk, "The Shape of Thought" and the introduction suggested a big picture look at the role of AI in society: "How should we feel about AI taking our jobs, even the creative ones? What role will we have in this future? Why we should not be afraid." The talk itself, however, largely touched on what's behind the new so-called AI applications we can now access on the internet, such as ChatGPT. Graham shared some AI 101 for Beginners Computer Science classroom concepts that distinguish how language is used in computers versus language used by humans. This

set the stage for a brief review of how the new offerings of artificial intelligence have advanced beyond the current generation of search engines, such as Alexa, Google, and Siri, to name the common examples in use.

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