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## Speakers

**May 12, 2021**

[Tess Mayer, Berkeley Public Library Director](#)

"The Library's Role in Community Recovery"

**May 19, 2021**

[Director Andy Katz, East Bay MUD](#)

"An Update from EBMUD: Climate Change, Drought and Rates"

**May 26, 2021**

[Yalda Teranian](#)  
Media Moms & Digital Dads

**June 02, 2021**

[TBD](#)

**June 09, 2021**

[TBD](#)

## Events

May 19th

[BRIDGING THE GAP - BERKELEY ROTARY CLUB SILENT AUCTION](#)

## Birthdays

[Jacqueline Peters Hammond](#)

May 10th

[Monica Marie Fox](#)

May 11th

[Kenneth N. Matsumura](#)

May 15th

[Anne Pardee](#)

May 24th

[Rebecca Phuong](#)

May 26th

[Matthew Hermann](#)

May 26th

[Christopher K. Ahoy](#)

May 29th

[Jack H. McPhail](#)

May 31st

[Bipin Singh Kathayat](#)

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 11:30 am:** The Social Committee invites you to take a short hike\* on Tuesday, at the Alvarado staging area, at Wildcat Canyon Regional Park (<https://bit.ly/33hMvTe>). Gather in the parking/picnic area; there's free parking; bring water and food for yourself. Questions? Email John O'Dea: [odeajj@gmail.com](mailto:odeajj@gmail.com)

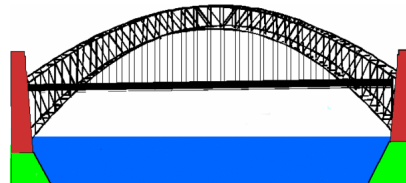
**Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 12:30 pm:** Berkeley Public Library Director Tess Mayer will speak to Berkeley Rotary on "The Library's Role in Community Recovery." She brings a wealth of professional experience and expertise and a deep commitment to community engagement and equity. The speaker is provided by Team #7, Sacramento River (Anne Pardee and Arlene Marcus, Team Captains).

**Thursday, May 13, 2021, 11am-2pm (2 shifts):** Pack hygiene kits\* with the Supportive Housing Committee. For the location, email Jackie Hammond: [jphbooks74@gmail.com](mailto:jphbooks74@gmail.com)

**Saturday, May 15, 2021, 8:30 am:** The District 5160 Rotary Learning Sessions\* are happening on Zoom (see the photo for details). Register from the special link in the email you received from DGE Kathy Suvia.

\*Participating in this event counts toward Blue and Gold.  
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## Coming Soon: BRC Online Auction



Stay in a vacation home in Inverness, Twain Harte, or Scottsdale, Arizona! Host your friends for a gourmet dinner catered by Berkeley Rotarians. Or win a unique, original work of art. And there's more: wine, restaurant certificates, brunches and lunches, special tours, gift baskets, sailing on the Bay, flycasting lessons, even astronaut ice cream-- *what??*

The Berkeley Rotary **Bridging the Gap** auction will feature 30 tempting items donated by Rotarians and local businesses. **The online auction begins on May 19 (2:00 pm) and ends May 26 (6:00 pm).**

This auction is meant to **bridge the gap** caused by the cancellation of the Berkeley Kite Festival, our most productive annual fundraising activity. Funds raised will support scholarships to low-income youth, the Richmond Rotacare clinic, supportive housing, K-12 education, and climate action.

Watch for updates featuring specific auction items on social media and at meetings. **And bid early and often!**

June 2nd

[Ingrid Gavshon](#)

June 8th

## Another Pollinator Project Could Use Some Rotary Muscle

By Joan Collignon

Berkeley Rotarians have been invited particularly to help with the next native pollinator garden planting, on **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at San Pablo Park**. You may join the group anytime between 10 am and 2 pm. The City of Berkeley will even provide lunch!

Please see the flyer below, and rsvp, stating the time you will be there and what type of burrito lunch you prefer: chicken, beef, or veggie. Or contact Joan Collignon and she will respond for you: [joancollignon@gmail.com](mailto:joancollignon@gmail.com)

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## The Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership

By Maxim Schrogin

Fellow Rotarian Cal Mann spoke at our last meeting about his experience in Northern Macedonia as a Peace Corps volunteer who enhanced that work with connections through Rotary.

Cal first introduced us to the Peace Corps, 60 years old, which last year, before COVID forced its shutdown, had over 7,400 volunteers in 60 countries. Its mission is to familiarize people in other countries with a better knowledge of the United States beyond what they see in movies. At the same time, volunteers help with educational and physical projects. And, finally, they learn more about the countries and cultures they experience, which they in turn bring back home. Northern Macedonia is a country which features lifestyles that are hundreds if not thousands of years old combined with the growing increase of modern technology. Cal was humbled by the fact that his luck in simply being born into the right ZIP code made his life radically more privileged than many of the people that he helped.

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## District Conference Summary

By Frederick C. Collignon

The District Conference last weekend, April 30-May 2, drew at least 15 club members and 5 of our current and recent Rotaracters, and the club also had a good number of presenters. We've asked each Rotarian for what they found useful and fun, and less interesting too, to help those who didn't go decide about attending next year's District Conference in the fall and the Zoom Rotary International Conference this June. To give attendees more time to send us their comments, we'll discuss what they saw as highlights next week. But below is a review of what took place. [Read More](#)

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