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## Speakers

**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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**June 14, 2023**

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## Events

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 Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 11th

[Taste of Downtown Berkeley](#)

## Birthdays

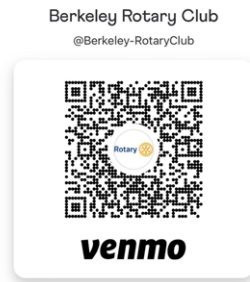
[Kenneth N. Matsumura](#)

## Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, May 17, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Join us for "**Guilt Strikes at Granger's Store (and Other Stories)**" with Terry Shames, a mystery writer and author of the popular Samuel Craddock series, which is set in the Texas Hill Country. Her ninth in the series, *Guilt Strikes at Granger's Store*, will be published this fall. Now living in Los Angeles, Terry was an Elmwood resident until recently. Why was a Berkeley writer inspired to delve into the mysteries of small town Texans? Terry will reveal her secrets! The speaker is provided by Team #8, the Aurora Theatre Company Team; Judith Glass and Sheila Sabine, Captains.



**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!



## Welcome New Member: Jim Brenneman

**James Brenneman**, or Jim as he prefers to be called, has been president and professor of Hebrew Bible at Berkeley School of Theology since the Fall of 2017. Just prior to his call to BST, he completed nearly 12 years as president of Goshen College in Indiana. He previously served on the faculty at Episcopal Theological School at Claremont in Old Testament scholarship for 15 years and was founding/lead pastor of Pasadena Mennonite Church where he served for 20 years. He is an ordained Mennonite minister.



Jim has a BA degree in Natural Science/Biology from Goshen College in 1977, a MDiv degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1982, a MA in Religious Studies from Claremont Graduate University in 1991, and a PhD there in Hebrew Bible/Ancient Near Eastern Studies in 1994. He is the author of **On Jordan's Stormy Banks: Lessons from the Book of Deuteronomy** published by Herald Press and **Canons in Conflict: Negotiating Texts in True and False Prophecy** published by Oxford University Press, and has written numerous book chapters, journal articles, and popular magazine articles on biblical, theological, science-religion, and other religious

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[Anne Pardee](#)

May 24th

[Rebecca Phuong](#)

May 26th

[Christopher K. Ahoy](#)

May 29th

[Jack H. McPhail](#)

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[Ingrid Gavshon](#)

June 8th

[Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf](#)

June 10th

themes. An experienced public speaker, he has delivered dozens of lectures and presentations on a variety of topics related to his scholarly interests. [Read More](#)

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## Welcome New Member: Igor Tregub



**Igor Tregub** is the Strategic Partnerships Director and Senior Policy Advisor at the California Solar and Storage Association (CALSSA) in Sacramento. Prior to CALSSA, Igor spent 12 years at the U.S. Department of Energy serving in roles spanning nuclear safety, nonproliferation, energy, and intergovernmental affairs in California, Nevada, Texas, Washington, D.C., and Central Asia. He has founded and/or served as partner at several small businesses specializing in campaign strategy consulting.

Igor holds an M.S. in Engineering Management from Duke, a Certificate in International Security from Stanford, a Certificate in Public Leadership from the University of San Francisco, and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and B.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley (GO BEARS!). Through a Harvard Kennedy School certificate program, Igor is currently working on an organizing project to bring distributed solar and storage and energy democracy to his homeland of Ukraine.

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## A Taste of the Scottish Fiddlers

By Anne Pardee

WOW! What a treat! The Freight and Salvage Team arranged to have four members of the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers provide us with a meeting full of lively music. They included our own Pate Thomson, Jeri Morrison, Dave Alan, and Judy Thomson on keyboard. To top it off, Pate provided us with an historic timeline on the importance of the fiddle in Scotland.

According to Pate, along with the bagpipe and the Celtic harp, the fiddle has a long history of prominence in Scotland, starting with a person-to-person oral tradition in the 1600s, although the music wasn't written down until the 1800s. The fiddle provides harmony to many different types of melodies—reels, waltzes, marches, hornpipes, as well as lyrical tunes such as airs and laments. Giving us a taste of both a lament and then a lively reel, the foursome blended their fiddles and the piano to create a nostalgic, poignant melody that brought tears to many an eye. Then, as they broke into a reel, our feet started moving, bodies swayed, and some folks couldn't even help but jump up for a bit of dancing.



Pate, an internationally recognized cardiologist, had first become interested in fiddle music in his 50s after meeting with Alasdair Fraser. Fraser was responsible for the renaissance of the fiddle when he started the Valley of the Moon fiddle camp in 1987, with 17 members. It now has over 306 members with 2 camps in California, one each on the Isle of Sky, in Spain, and in Australia.

The group finished up with an encore of André Brunet's Sweet Evening Rain and Promenade à Monaco as well as a reminder that, if we wanted to hear more of this vibrant music, the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers will be playing at Freight & Salvage on Friday, May 19 –



tickets are going fast!

In recognition of her considerable contributions to Berkeley Rotary over the years--as well as to The Fiddlers--President Joan presented Judy Thomas with the very special "Good Egg" award. A high honor indeed!

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## BRC Fields Two Bocce Ball Teams in Martinez

The Berkeley Condors and the Berkeley Bears made it to the finals at the District 5160 Bocce Ball tournament last Saturday in Martinez. We didn't win the trophy, but spirits were high and we managed to avoid sunstroke! Pictured below: Bobby Gullett, Jason Russell, Tina Etcheverry, Pamela Doolan, David Pooch, Arlene Marcus, Steve Beckendorf, and Anne Pardee.

