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Speakers

May 19, 2021

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

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

May 26, 2021

[Yalda Tehranian Uhls](#)
Media Moms & Digital Dads

June 02, 2021

[TBD](#)

Events

May 19th

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

June 10th

[Supportive Housing Project: Packing Hygiene Kits](#)

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 12:30 pm, via Zoom: Join Andy Katz, EBMUD Board Director and Berkeley resident, for his presentation to Berkeley Rotary on climate change, drought, and utility rates coming out of this dry winter. See how EBMUD has invested in developing and managing drought-resilient water supplies to serve our customers even in drier years.

Friday, May 21, 2021, 10 am, via Zoom: Older American Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Panel. Learn about volunteer experiences from local Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who served later in life. Ask questions about service and gain tips to guide you through the application process. Register: <https://bit.ly/3fjv9el>

2021 Rotary Virtual Convention, June 12-16: Network and meet new partners in service. Attend breakout sessions covering topics like developing leadership skills or protecting the environment. And more! Participating in this event counts toward Blue and Gold. Register: <https://on.rotary.org/3aZeBHq>



Birthdays

[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](#)

June 2nd

[Ingrid Gavshon](#)

June 8th

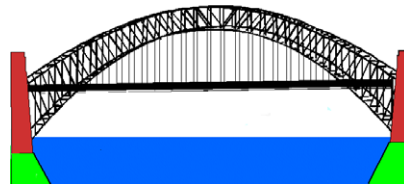
[Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf](#)

June 10th

[Gilbert Page Ferrey](#)

June 13th

Bridging the Gap Auction Goes Live!



The Club's online auction "Bridging the Gap" goes live this **Wednesday, May 19, at 2:00 pm**. We have over 30 items with a lot of variety and range of prices: wine collections, tasting and tours; outdoor experiences (sailing on the bay, walking tours of Pt. Molate and Skyline Gardens, fly casting lessons); original art from international artists; restaurant gift certificates;

gourmet meals (brunch, lunch, dinner) provided by Rotarians; gift baskets; and more! Check out the offerings and join in the fun!

To bid you must first register by going to www.betterunite.com/BerkeleyRotaryAuction. **The auction closes on May 26 at 6:00 pm.**

All proceeds will help us "Bridge the Gap" and replenish our Endowment funds that support vital community projects and scholarships. *So please bid early and often! And please tell your friends; you don't need to be a club member to participate.*

Zentangle Creativity Abounds!

By Tina Etcheverry

The Zentangle event on May 8 was outstanding! It was upbeat, happy, relaxing, and friend-building. The idea of sharing time with friends was realized. We had three participants from Canada; two from Miami, Florida; one from Portland, Oregon; a Rotaractor; and a high school student. The creativity was amazing with each individual showing their talents.

During the event, our facilitator Joyce Vives mentioned she had led a zoom Zen Art session at a Rotary International Youth Conference in Pune, India with 1,800 people. How did they learn about Zentangle? Through our Berkeley Rotary FaceBook page! This shows the power of social media around the world.



Thank you to Joyce Vives (joycejives@gmail.com) and Miles, and to everyone who joined this pre-Mother's Day session. You made the experience very special.

Library Serves Berkeley During Pandemic

By Kathy Huff



Tess Mayer, Director of the Berkeley Public Library (BPL), was our featured speaker on May 12. Tess spoke to us about the Library's Role in Community Recovery. How does a library respond during extreme circumstances? How do library services change? What does a library do when all of its buildings are closed to the public for more than a year? What do we need to do in the future given the experience of these most unusual times?

One of the significant shifts came shortly after the pandemic began. The City called for a reclassification of workers to serve in an emergency capacity. Library staff represented the largest number from a single department. During the early months of the pandemic, nearly 40% of the BPL staff were putting their librarian skills to work helping people throughout Berkeley. Tess shared a short video ([click here to watch video](#)) produced by the Library Foundation which showed librarians connecting people with resources they need, such as showers, food, healthcare, and finally vaccines.

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Evaluations of Zoom District Conference

By Frederick C. Collignon

Of the 15 Club members who attended the Zoom District Conference last weekend and reported their assessments, 6 had positives and negatives to report. Most liked the conference and found it useful, even though all respondents were veterans, who had sometimes seen some speakers before or gone to many past breakouts on some of the subjects.

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