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Speakers

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

[Valeria Chupina, Berkeley Rotarian and UC Berkeley Graduate Student](#)
"The Generational Fracture in Russia Today: How Putin's Propaganda is Radicalizing My Parents' Generation"

June 14, 2023

[TBA](#)
TBA

June 21, 2023

[Johanna Pfaelzer and Tom Parrish, Berkeley Repertory Theatre](#)
Topic: TBA

Events

May 31st

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 1st

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 7th

[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 11th

[Taste of Downtown Berkeley](#)

June 14th

[Communication Committee Meets via Zoom](#)

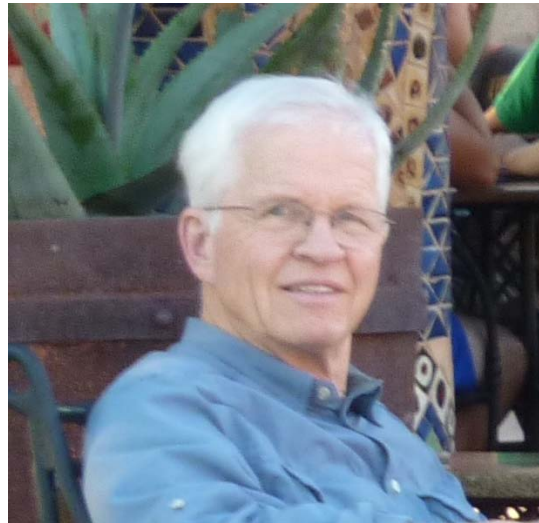
Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Rob Knapp, Ph.D. (physics) and former faculty member at Evergreen State College, will present **Making Climate-Friendly Buildings: What Exists Is Possible**. Buildings are all different, but they can be more climate-friendly. Rob will discuss and show slides of three examples: a pioneering cold-climate workplace, a small Berkeley home, and an affordable apartment block in New York. The speaker is presented by Team #9, the Shotgun Players Team; Helena Meyer-Knapp and Nicky Lindquist, Captains.



In Memoriam: Don Alter

By Pate D. Thomson



I am sad to report the death of devoted Rotarian and long-time friend of many club members, Don Alter. He died on May 12 of a head injury acquired as the result of a fall in his apartment at Piedmont Gardens. He was 89 years old.

Don was born in Omaha, Nebraska, an identical twin, and moved to Berkeley at age 5, attending Berkeley schools and graduating from UC Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in business. He married in 1958 and is survived by his wife Peggy, his grown children David and Kim, 3 grandchildren, and his brother David.

Don had a distinguished professional career, retiring as Director of Corporate Accounting for the University of California system.

He joined Rotary in November 1994 and was active on many important boards and committees, including serving as treasurer of the Endowment. There his organization of the endowment records and transactions was brilliant and served as a model on how to do it. He handled the Jim Reynolds scholarships, keeping in close touch with the Reynolds family, and is responsible in many ways for the success of that program.

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A Taste of Downtown Berkeley

Join us at the first Annual **Taste of**

Birthdays

[Anne Pardee](#)

May 24th

[Rebecca Phuong](#)

May 26th

[Christopher K. Ahoy](#)

May 29th

[Jack H. McPhail](#)

May 31st

[Ingrid Gavshon](#)

June 8th

[Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf](#)

June 10th

[Pamela V. Emerson](#)

June 19th

[Jason Aupperle Russell](#)

June 20th

Downtown Berkeley, celebrating the exciting culinary scene in Downtown Berkeley, on **Sunday, June 11, 2-6 pm**. Stroll and enjoy gourmet bites and drinks from local chefs at 12-15 restaurants in the downtown. Tickets are \$60 or 2 for \$100. Buy your tickets online at



https://Taste_of_Downtown_Berkeley.eventbrite.com

Proceeds from the event will support the club's community programs, like the RotaCare health clinic, our college scholarship program, and supportive housing hygiene kits and food for people in need in our community.

Partnering with Berkeley Rotary is the Downtown Berkeley Association, an independent nonprofit organization focused on creating a welcoming, vibrant, and prosperous City Center.

We need volunteers to check people in and greet them at each restaurant. To sign up, contact David Pock at pockdavid@gmail.com

NEW! A Hands-on Project with Berkeley Food Network

By Joan Collignon



Please come out to help pack food for those in need. Four Berkeley Rotarians are needed to sort produce that will be distributed or cooked into meals next week. This will take place at the Berkeley Food Network warehouse. Here are the details:

Berkeley Food Network Food Recovery
Tuesday, May 30, 9:30 to 12:00 at the BFN warehouse: 1925 9th Street off San Pablo
Physical requirements: You must be able to stand for two+ hours and reach and bend.

This is a pilot project for us, as we seek more opportunities for ways we can make a direct impact doing hands-on work. Please contact Joan to volunteer on this date, or for further information. This summer there will be an opportunity for a Saturday work day for up to a dozen BRC members. But if you can, join us next week.

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Grads All Around Us

By Joan Collignon

You can't walk down the street near campus or downtown this week without running into a happy family group surrounding a gowned graduate bearing balloons and flowers. Here are a couple of familiar faces among them.

Aadhithya Manimaran (Adi), last year's president of Cal Rotaract and frequent visitor to our Wednesday meetings, is here with his parents, celebrating his Cal graduation. He's heading to MIT shortly for graduate work. We will miss him.



And Valeria Chupino graduated with her Master's Degree last week. Here she is with Dean David C. Wilson of the Goldman School of Public Policy. We're happy she's staying put for a while!



How to Write a Mystery Novel . . . and Get Published

By Irene R. Hegarty

Terry Shames, our speaker last week, is a published, successful writer of mystery novels, but that description was not always accurate. Although she started writing as a child and continued throughout her life, even had small pieces published in literary magazines and had written 6 novels as an adult, getting them published was a major hurdle. That was, until she attended a writers' conference and learned an important lesson from a successful author: Be professional, i.e., take yourself seriously and write what only you can write. She realized that up to that point she was rehashing ideas that others had written and had not delved deeply into her own feelings or used her own experiences.

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