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Speakers

May 26, 2021

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

June 02, 2021

[Prof. Helena Meyer-Knapp](#)
Japan's Response to the
Covid-19 Pandemic
(tentative)

June 09, 2021

[Patty Donald, President of
the Victorian Preservation
Center of Oakland](#)
The Cohen Bray House:
Yesterday, Today, and
Tomorrow

June 16, 2021

[TBD](#)

June 23, 2021

[TBD](#)

Events

May 19th
[BRIDGING THE GAP -
BERKELEY ROTARY CLUB
SILENT AUCTION](#)

June 10th
[Supportive Housing
Project: Packing Hygiene
Kits](#)

Birthdays

[Rebecca Phuong](#)

May 26th

[Matthew Hermann](#)

May 26th

[Christopher K. Ahoy](#)

May 29th

[Jack H. McPhail](#)

May 31st

[Bipin Singh Kathayat](#)

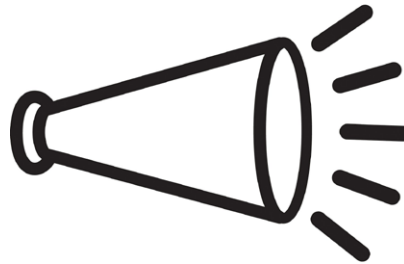
June 2nd

[Ingrid Gavshon](#)

June 8th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo



Tuesdays, 2 pm, via Zoom: Lynne Henderson hosts a weekly meditation class, a nurturing way to connect with yourself and others especially in these pandemic times. Register: lhenderson@rivcons.com.

Wednesday, May 26, 12:30 pm, via Zoom:

Psychologist Yalda Tehranian Uhls (www.yaldatauhs.com) will present "Media Moms & Digital Dads" to Berkeley Rotary. Learn about the impact of artificial intelligence and video games on the developmental processes of children and teenagers. The speaker is provided by Team #8, Thames River (Judith Glass and Jack McPhail, Team Captains). Also: This Wednesday we'll have a facilitated breakout session sponsored by the Civil Discourse subcommittee. The topic will be "People's Park: What To Do." This session will have a slightly different format than the others; it will be facilitated and the facilitators will not participate in the discussion. We'll see you Wednesday.

Thursday, May 27, 2 pm, via Zoom: Peace Corps panel discussion on serving as an older American 50+ volunteer, with Q&A. Register: <https://bit.ly/3hgz1fE>

Check out the "Videos of Past Speakers" tab in the left column on www.berkeleyrotary.org, where you can catch up on presentations you missed or watch them again.

Team Meetings Begin

By Arlene Carol Marcus

I attended the Lise Meitner Team meeting co-chaired by Bob Sorenson and the Hendersons. Even though only half the team was there, a lot was accomplished. The team name was chosen (Lise Meitner) and possible speakers were proposed for their very soon team presentation date.

The meeting was held at Chairman Bob's house which is surrounded by his incredible "Native Garden," but to call it a garden is an understatement as it is a huge native habitat. It is a manmade example of what native California really should look like.

It was so nice to sit around, drink wine, and just chat with Rotarians. I hope all of the teams are planning something similar.

Help Make the Rotary Auction a Success

By Tina Etcheverry

Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf

June 10th

[Gilbert Page Ferrey](#)

June 13th

[Pamela V. Emerson](#)

June 19th

[Jason Aupperle Russell](#)

June 20th

Isn't it time to go shopping? Bid now and bid often on a wide variety of items at the Berkeley Rotary **Bridging the Gap** Auction. Your winning bid can take you on vacation getaways, treat you to gourmet food and wines, or become a proud owner of international artwork, like this Garuda statue from Bali. You can also help drum up some excitement by spreading the word to friends, family, and other organizations. *Forward the link to everyone!*



Go to:

<https://www.betterunite.com/berkeleyrotaryauction>

Some hints: Scrolling down when you first hit the Landing Page (link from our emails) will take you to

a **green** button to register or

a **blue** button to donate or

a **red** button to view the 29 auction items or

a **blue** button to get to the four event offers (two are already sold out!)

Scroll down! And register, then you are all set to start bidding.

After you register, you will receive an email from Berkeley Rotary Endowment (support@BetterUnite) with your personal, secure link that will allow you to participate now and anytime until the auction ends on May 26 at 6 pm.

Don't miss this chance to participate in Bridging the Gap and help support our community and service projects. Bidding ends on May 26 at 6 pm.

How \$100 for Polio Plus Becomes \$900

By Frederick C. Collignon

Until June 15, your contribution of \$100 will generate a series of matches that will raise the donation to \$900 to the effort to eliminate polio. The polio infrastructure has also been key, according to the World Health Organization, in getting COVID vaccinations out around the world. Please contribute NOW.

So what is the source of the matching? Our District will match the first \$100 from each donor, and RI will match it as well for a total of \$300 coming from your \$100 donation. But then the Gates Foundation matches that \$300 2:1 for a total of \$900! [Read More](#)

An Update from EBMUD

By Jason Draut

On May 19, our club got a visit from Director Andy Katz from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). He spoke to us about our water and the challenges we are facing with climate change and the current drought. To start he informed us that our water comes from the Mokelumne River Watershed



and is largely stored in the Pardee Reservoir on the Mokelumne River, which is in between Lake Tahoe and Yosemite. It comes to us via hundreds of miles of pipeline that make up the the Mokelumne aqueducts.

Our water system includes about 4,200 miles of pipeline to distribute water to a large portion of the East Bay including most of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. These pipes have a typical life of about 100 years and since the district will be celebrating 100 years in 2023, there is a significant need to replace much of these pipes in the near future. In order to maintain the system including

replacing pipelines, EBMUD spends a little over half its revenue on infrastructure improvements.

Due to this year's dry winter, EMBUD declared a Stage 1 Drought on April 27. It is projected that we will have about two-thirds of our total system storage at the end of this water year. A Stage 1 Drought implies a voluntary 10% demand reduction for all consumers and is the lowest level of drought emergency. It is largely for public awareness, but could escalate if we have subsequent dry years in the near future. [Read More](#)
