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Speakers

June 01, 2022

[Berkeley City Councilmember and Berkeley Rotarian Kate Harrison](#)

"Addressing Equity and Climate Together"

June 08, 2022

[Dr. Ken Brummel-Smith of the Mt Shasta Rotary Club](#)

"Staying healthy, at any age".

June 15, 2022

[Jason Draut](#)

"Running the Boston Marathon"

June 22, 2022

[Dr. Gregory Marcus, MD, MAS](#)

"Alcohol, Caffeine, and the Heart's Rhythm"

Events

June 1st

[Civil Discourse on Zoom](#)

June 9th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

Birthdays

[Jack H. McPhail](#)

May 31st

[Bipin Singh Kathayat](#)

June 2nd

[Ingrid Gavshon](#)

June 8th

[Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf](#)

June 10th

[Pamela V. Emerson](#)

June 19th

[Jason Aupperle Russell](#)

June 20th

[Maxim Schrogin](#)

June 28th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, June 1, 12:30 PM PT, **in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom:** Berkeley City Councilmember and Berkeley Rotarian Kate Harrison presents "Addressing Equity and Climate Together." The speaker is provided by Team #12, the Merze Tate Team; Beverly Ames and Grier Graff, Captains.

Rotary Responds. Returning home to towns and cities in ruins, Ukrainian Rotary members work to help their displaced neighbors and establish long-term channels for humanitarian aid. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3IPGwyz>



Can We Achieve EREY This Year, Where Everyone Donates?

By Frederick C. Collignon



In more than 100 years, our club has never achieved EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year), where every member contributes to the Rotary Foundation for the service our club, other Rotary clubs, and RI do each year. Our highest level of club contribution was 91% a decade or more back, when you needed only to contribute \$5 and other club members could donate each year for another member. It's now harder to donate for others, and the minimum is now \$25. (Yes, the club ask each year is \$200, but this is just about giving something!). If you're a new member, it helps to fulfill a Blue & Gold requirement. If you're a member who has yet to achieve your first Paul Harris Fellowship, club members will match with Foundation points each dollar of your donation up to \$200. So your \$25 donation earns \$50 toward your first Paul Harris and a \$200 donation earns you \$400 credit.

Only 18 members have not donated or pledged to donate. If you've received the appeal for just \$25, please RESPOND NOW. We can't achieve EREY without your active participation.

More than 80% of the club have already donated. Can't you join us for just \$25? Sometimes, it's just a matter of asking the club to help you.

Celebrating Generous Donors and Lives Saved

By Frederick C. Collignon

The club had to postpone the presentation of the Best Club banner and our newest Double Major Donor awards until June 8, since Past District Governor Tina Atkins was ill and couldn't attend in person. We honored John Caner, Maury Marcus, and John Ross with their first Paul Harris Fellowship and those who had advanced to higher Fellowship levels. Those receiving new higher level PHF pins were Steve Beckendorf and Ed Church (PHF+2), Bob Sorenson (PHF+3), the late George Luna (PHF+4), Eva Gero and Preston Staley (PHF+5), and Lynne Henderson and Maxim Schrogin (PHF+7). We thanked the many Major Donors and Paul Harris Society members who gave \$1000/yr. We'll thank them by name on our next Foundation Day presentation as we did this past year.



Thanks to all who donated—a dozen first Harris Fellowships so far this year, several members renewing their annual commitments or becoming eligible for Paul Harris Society, and club members as a group breaking the club record for total donations (\$70,000+) to the Rotary Foundation and to the Annual Fund shares program where monies come back to the club for our service projects. We cited the generous donations given by members to the Ukraine Relief Fund and the PolioPlus Warrior drive last spring, and the huge matching funds gained—\$30,000+ and \$100,000+ respectively. Thanks to all for your gracious willingness to give something of your good fortune to others this year. You've helped to save many lives—in Ukraine, Africa, South America, the Middle East, Asia, and here at home.

Update on Rotacare Clinic: Challenges and Changes

By Pate D. Thomson



Last week's program was presented by the Katalin Kariko team, named for a Hungarian-born woman research biochemist who co-discovered a breakthrough in m-RNA therapeutics that enabled the development of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and, with it, a whole new approach to therapeutics.

The topic on May 25, *RotaCare Richmond Free Medical Clinic, 9 Years and a Pandemic Later*, was presented by Rotarians Pate Thomson and Grier Graff and Amit Randhawa, the clinic administrator. RotaCare Richmond, which opened its doors in 2013, is part of an association of 10 clinics from the greater Bay Area. It has been offering free care by a volunteer

professional staff to uninsured patients—mostly from West Contra Costa County. Currently, 73% of patients are Hispanic (and the clinic is bilingual), 61% are women, and 90% live below 2x the federal poverty level. A wide range of primary care services are offered, including lab, imaging, pharmacy, a woman's clinic, educational classes, and referrals, such as for those needing surgery. This service is sponsored by the BARSHEEP Rotary Clubs plus Alamo, and supported by private donors, Rotary clubs, individual Rotarians, and grants. It has been generously supported by Rotary District 5160 and other granting agencies. The clinic could not have happened without the important supportive role that Rotary has played.

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