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Club Announcements

Next Meeting. June 28, 12:30-1:30 PM, PT: At **"Rotary Year in Review,"** we'll honor Joan Collignon, our 2022-23 president, and look back at the year with a little Rotary humor. The festivities are provided by the Berkeley Rotary Past Presidents. **This is an in-person-only meeting (no Zoom).**

What Do You Say? The next in a series of Civil Discourse meetings hosted by the Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee takes place on June 28, via Zoom, from 2:15-3:30 PM, PT. This month's topic is **"Censorship or Common Sense: Sexuality and Trans People. Should There Be Limits?"** Check your email for the Zoom link.

Let's Hang Out! Join fellow Rotarians at **BARSHEEP TGIFF on Friday, June 30, 6 PM,** at **El Sol Restaurant, 224 Pacific Ave., Rodeo,** hosted by HRC Rotary (Hercules-Rodeo-Crockett). **Contact ADG Beth Roessner (bethroessner@gmail.com) for more information.**



Plans for a New Hands-On Project in Los Ayala, Mexico

By Grier Graff



Recently, five Rotarians from the Berkeley and Richmond clubs went to Los Ayala near Chacala, Mexico to help plan a new hands-on project with La Penita Rotary. We had a busy and productive four days. We are developing a timeline for our participation, likely to occur between Thanksgiving and mid-December this year.

The project: A new Los Ayala kindergarten classroom

The primary focus will be a new classroom for the Los Ayala kindergarten, whose population has grown from 15 to 38.

Currently, the kindergarten school is one classroom. The state does not provide a second teacher until there is a second classroom. A second teacher will arrive in the fall with the community-led completion of the shell for a second classroom. Rotary and the Los Ayala community will be building or providing the things that are not part of the shell construction. They include the building finishes, windows, electrical wiring, and painting, as well as desks/tables, chairs, equipment, whiteboards, fans, etc.

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Remembering Berkeley Rotary's First Woman Member

By Frederick C. Collignon

The newspapers this past week noted the death of Dorothy Walker, who was among the three women inducted on the same day in Berkeley Rotary, the first women admitted to the club. This was after court decisions clearly prohibiting exclusion of women in clubs like Rotary, though before Rotary International changed its rules to allow it under U.S. club pressure. We were among over 100 U.S. clubs that similarly acted to admit women that year. Each of the three women were major leaders in the community.



Dorothy only lasted a year or so in the club. She was appointed as the first woman in the higher echelon of administration at UC Berkeley, and simply became too busy to come to lunchtime meetings. (As Ed Church, who worked closely with her, says, she liked to joke she also was one of the first women to resign from Rotary.) She went on at UCB to become the first-ever woman Vice-Chancellor, shaping the property acquisition, development, and community relations of the campus over many years before she retired.

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One Week Left to Donate for Our Service Work in 2023-24

By Frederick C. Collignon

All club Rotarians received an email this week from Past District Governor Mark Roberts, now the District Foundation Chair, to contribute to the Foundation before July 1. Rotary International, like the District and club, funds the next year's services primarily from the money donated or raised in the prior year. As of Friday, we still needed to raise \$1 million more across Rotary to reap the full Gates Foundation match offered to the Foundation.

All club Rotarians who had yet to donate to the Rotary Foundation or to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment (the club's own foundation) this year received a similar appeal in the last two weeks. So far, some 24 club members have responded with donations to the appeal. If you got that appeal but haven't responded, you still have a week left. The club "ask" remains as it has for many years: \$200 to the Rotary Foundation and \$300 to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment, but even \$25 helps and makes you an owner of the service our club does and clubs across the world do.

Mail checks to Jason Russell, our Foundation Chair, or Tina Etcheverry, our Endowment Chair, made out separately to the Foundation and Endowment, OR donate online using the button on the club website for the Endowment or your "My Rotary" account for the Foundation, OR hand your check to them at this coming week's big demotion ceremony for President Joan.

Behind the Scenes with Berkeley Rep

By Sallie Weissinger



Our June 21 speakers, Berkeley Rep's Artistic Director Johanna Pfaelzer and Managing Director Tom Parrish, provided a lively overview of what theater is at its best: relevant, life-enhancing, engaging, and participatory. Their interactive remarks reflected their description of what they seek to offer audiences: a vessel for entertainment, evoking laughter, tears, sighs, and gasps. Beyond that, they stressed that theater is also a way to bring us together

in active community. During the pandemic we learned to live on our couches and stream shows (often for free or at minimal cost), but Joanna and her colleagues have taken it upon themselves to challenge us to leave the comfort of our cushions and re-engage communally. We need to support our local arts organizations and artists, as well as the shops and restaurants that have suffered extraordinary economic hits related to Covid.

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