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Speakers

August 02, 2023

[Janet Byron & Robert Johnson, authors](#)

The "Berkeley Walks" Trivia Quiz

August 09, 2023

[Janice Chinn - Berkeley Public Health](#)

"Public Health Issues and Programs in the City of Berkeley"

August 16, 2023

[TBA](#)

TBA

August 23, 2023

[Kinari Webb, M.D.](#)

Healing Our Planet Through Listening

August 30, 2023

[George Breslauer, UC Professor Emeritus](#)

"HOW TO INTERPRET ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIA AND EASTERN EUROPE"

Events

August 1st

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

August 10th

[Supportive Housing Committee Hygiene Kits Packing Service Event](#)

August 12th

[Remembering Don Alter](#)

August 17th

["THIRD THURSDAY GATHERING" at Libby and Rob Tyler's home](#)

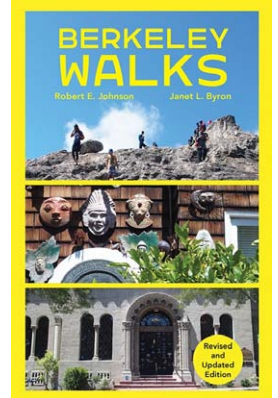
Birthdays

[Robert Gullett](#)

August 3rd

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. August 2, 12:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church and via Zoom. Robert E. Johnson and Janet Byron, co-authors of the newly revised and updated edition of **Berkeley Walks** (Heyday Books, 2023), will test Berkeley Rotarians' knowledge of Berkeley history, geography, and ephemera. Presented by President Libby Tyler. A local bestseller, **Berkeley Walks** features 21 self-guided walking tours of Berkeley neighborhoods from North to South Berkeley and the Berkeley Hills to the Marina. Following the talk, books will be available for purchase and signing for \$24 (including tax), by cash, check, credit card, or Venmo.



Bowlers needed! Sign up to participate in the Rotacare Bowl-a-Thon on Saturday, August 19 at the Pinole Valley Lanes, 1580 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole. This is a fundraiser for Rotacare. Spectators and cheerleaders are also welcome. For more information, contact Pate Thomson at pandjthomson.com.

Project Update: Community Gardening in Haiti

Berkeley Rotarian Nicky Louis-Lindquist provides this update on the Community Garden Initiative, a project at The Oasis for Haiti's Children Program: "With the support of a Berkeley Rotary Club grant, the children of Haiti are now engaged in the Community Garden Initiative.

They are learning how to plant fruits and vegetables, making food more accessible at the Center, promoting a healthy lifestyle and environment, while building a stronger community."



New Member Spotlight: Marty Kaliski

Marty Kaliski is a new member of Berkeley Rotary, but not a new Rotarian. He has served three times as President of the El Cerrito Rotary Club (2011-2012, 2013-2014, 2019-2020), and served that club as Foundation Chair and Membership Chair. He has led the El Cerrito club as a

[Elizabeth Roessner](#)

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[Larry Goldenberg](#)

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[Helena Meyer-Knapp](#)

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[Jocelyn Pittel](#)

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[David Donald Campbell](#)

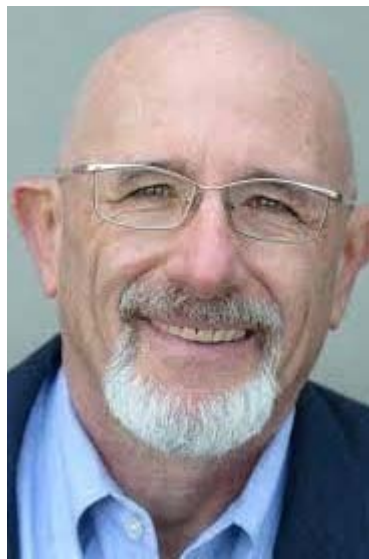
August 26th

[Valeria Chupina](#)

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[Marta Laupa](#)

August 29th



partner in our Berkeley projects—international and local—and participated personally.

Marty is known to most as the owner and manager of Marty's Motors Auto Repair in El Cerrito, which he operated from 1983-2018. He started a Limited Equity Housing Cooperative in Berkeley around 1987 where he still currently resides and serves as President. He served as a Director of the Contra Costa Civic Theater from 2017-2023. Now retired, Marty has decided to join the Rotary Club of Berkeley, where he lives.

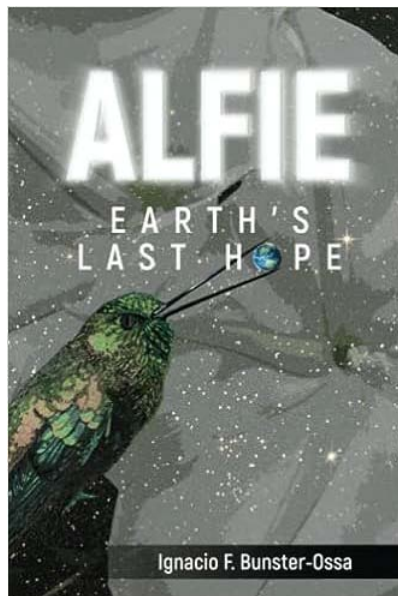
Marty was born in New York City, lived in New Rochelle, N.Y., and graduated from New Rochelle High School. He attended college at the Case Institute of Technology (1964-65), and Boston University (1966-69). He was an organizer for the Berkeley Tenant's Union (1970-71), for the Vocations for Social Change collective (1971-73), and for the leadership team for the Nicaragua Information Center (1981-87). (Dates approximate.)

His hobbies and interests include photography, travel, camping, boating, fishing, and history, especially military history, as well as science from cosmology to particle physics. The talks he has given or could give to Rotary groups illustrate those interests: How to take good travel pictures; the Mongols--their military success and role in changing Western history; and the growth and demise of the revolutionary food system in Berkeley.

Welcome to Berkeley Rotary, Marty!

From the Atacama Desert to the Survival of Planet Earth

By Peter D. Campbell



The club speaker on July 26 was Ignacio Bunster-Ossa. Born and raised in Chile, he studied architecture and became a landscape architect. As a landscape architect he is very attuned to and concerned about the future of the only home we have, Planet Earth. Recently he completed a six-year project of writing a book about our home planet, titled **Alfie, Earth's Last Hope-An Epic Eco-Science Fiction Tale**. He is new to the book-publishing business, and his speech to Berkeley Rotary was his first such presentation.

Ignacio's concern about the survival of our planet started when he and a childhood friend hiked in the Atacama Desert in Peru, often described as the driest place on the planet. One area is so desolate that it is referred to as the valley of the moon. Among the many beautiful slides he showed to us were some from this area of the desert. The absolute beauty of the area is striking in its complete lack of vegetation. It is believed that little to no rain has fallen in the area for many,

many years. The stark beauty of the area started his realization that our planet needed to be protected and preserved.

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BRC On Duty at Berkeley Food Network

By Joan Collignon

Steve Beckendorf, Valerie Bach, and John O'Dea packed groceries at Berkeley Food Network last week--368 bags in two hours!-- that were then distributed throughout Berkeley. As Valerie commented afterwards, "It was hard but kind of fun in a weird way!"

In this photo BFN Volunteer Manager Perry Hall welcomes our Berkeley Rotary crew to their shift. Contact Joan Collignon at joancollignon@gmail.com if you'd like to be a part of this effort.



Friday Night Beers (and Wine) by the Bay

It was a mellow Friday night by the Bay as BARSHEEP Rotarians relaxed at The Backyard in Richmond on July 28. Catherine and Ken Renworth, Marty Kaliski, and Pate and Judy Thomson are pictured; Valerie Bach took the photos.

Ken summed it up: "The venue is great. We had the best hamburgers in a long time. The draft hazy IPA was delicious. The weather was perfect." Join us at the next BARSHEEP get-together.

