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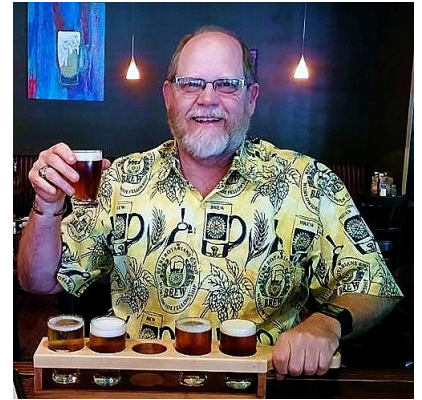
September 20th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, August 24, 12:30 PM PT, **in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom:**

Steve Lack, past District Governor and a member of the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, presents "Beer Time." He'll share fun facts about beer, introduce us to Rotary Fellowships in general and the BREW Fellowship specifically, and explain how beer helps Rotary clubs raise millions of dollars for community service projects locally and globally. **Steve will bring some special beers to share with us. Yes, alcohol can now be served at First Pres—with permission!** The speaker is provided by Team #6, the BAMPFA Team; Chris Ahoy and Manjul Batra, Captains.



Birthday Deniers Club. If you have a birthday in September or thereabouts, join Arlene and Maury Marcus for lunch on the patio at Zarrri's Delicatessen (1224 Solano Ave.) on Friday, September 2, 1:00 PM. Bring friends and relatives. If this works out well, we will do it again on the first Friday in October for those who wish to deny *their* October birthday. Even if you don't have an upcoming birthday but are in the neighborhood, join us anyway!

Mark Your Calendar: Fall Picnic. The social committee is presenting the first event of the Rotary year. Come to the potluck picnic at Codornices Park on Sunday, September 18, 12:00-2:00 PM. A main course will be provided; please bring a side dish, salad, dessert, *or* finger food. We will have cold fizzy water (or BYO). A small fee to cover expenses is TBD. Bring your friends, relatives, games, soccer balls, grandchildren, etc.

Kala Art Institute: A Valuable Local Resource

By Matt Hastings

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ART INSTITUTE

Ellen Lake, Co-Director of Kala Art Institute, presented some of the history of the Institute and its mission to help artists create and sustain their creative work over time. The Kala Institute is a non-profit international and community arts organization. Artists create original works in Kala's studio building, located in a former [Heinz Ketchup](#) factory at 1060 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley.

It also has an expansive art gallery space which hosts public events and 5-6 unique art exhibits each year. The 2,500 square foot gallery is located at 2990 San Pablo Avenue and is open to the public Wednesday-Friday from 12pm to 5pm.

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We Have a Winner!

By Joan Collignon

The table of Berkeley Rotarians at the District 5160 Awards Dinner in July cheered when Governor Kathy Suvia made the exciting announcement of the winner of the PolioPlus Society shadowbox: Irene Hegarty! This treasure displays original signatures of Jonas Salk and Paul Harris, and was the prize in a random drawing for those 517 Rotarians who joined the Society last year. "I never win anything!" was Irene's happy response when we gave her the news.

Members of the PolioPlus Society pledge to donate \$100 a year towards this important Rotary project. District 5160 PolioPlus Chair Mike Crosby drove in from Brentwood to make the formal presentation to Irene, and updated club members on the status of polio worldwide. Congratulations, Irene—and thank you for helping us move towards the goal of polio eradication.



District's Lead PolioPlus Warrior on the Latest Polio News

By Frederick C. Collignon

Mike Crosby, who has chaired the PolioPlus Warrior program since its inception, came to present Irene Hegarty with the District-wide raffle prize on August 17, and while here gave an update on where polio eradication is going.

There are 19 wild polio cases so far this year, compared to 6 in 2021 but 176 in 2019. Fourteen of the cases are in Pakistan, which was free of all wild polio cases in 2021. As we warned in previous e-Rev briefings, as COVID relaxes and medical teams can get back into remote areas, they would discover new cases. And indeed, the Pakistan cases come from a single province, and are the same virus variant as has been the problem in Afghanistan. A refugee or warrior probably carried it from Afghanistan. Within Afghanistan itself, there has been only a single wild polio case so far this year. The new Taliban government is collaborating with the World Health Organization in trying to vaccinate everyone, getting into the areas past health workers couldn't reach.

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A Moveable Feast on Thursdays



The Berkeley Rotary Third Thursday moved to the northside last week as two dozen members, friends, and family gathered in Michele Lawrence's comfortable courtyard to relax with wine and nibbles and really good conversation. We'll go back to the Collignons in September, to Anne Pardee and Steve Beckendorf's in October . . . and onward! Look for the schedule in upcoming issues of eRev.

Master Storytelling by Ben Tucker

By Helena Meyer-Knapp

Ben Tucker is a noted and decorated sprint runner (way back in college) and a noted storyteller (right now). On Wednesday, Ben took Berkeley Rotary on three trips cross-country from Louisiana to California.

Ben's family, like literally millions of others, was driven out of the American South by the dangers and injustices of Jim Crow. His father set off for San Francisco and, having established himself, sent for his wife and what were then three children to join him.

Imagine, if you can, three young Black kids traveling in a train car more suited to cattle than people, kids who can easily see the fans and padded seats in the next car but just for whites. Seeing the unused seats, the youngster pressed to move to the cool and soft places, their mother responding repeatedly "hush now."

Some years later, the family travel back to Louisiana via their pride and joy, their own big car with fins. Now there were six kids, five in the back seat and the baby in between the parents in front. This time their journey was governed by the Green Book, listing places Black people were welcome as Jim Crow still governed so much of the nation.

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