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Speakers

September 06, 2023

[Dr. Jenny Espinoza-Marcus, Executive Director of Back to the Start](#)

"Back to the Start: Dismantling the Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline"

September 13, 2023

[Allen Fish, Director, Golden Gate Raptor Observatory](#)

"Community Science and the Pacific Raptor Flyway"

September 20, 2023

[Mike Crosby, Rotary District 5160 PolioPlus Chairman](#)

"The Plus in PolioPlus"

September 27, 2023

[Berkeley Rotary Peace Grove Ceremony: Honoring Greta Thunberg](#)

October 04, 2023

[Claire Sammon Roberts, Rotary District 5160 Governor](#)
TBA

Events

September 5th
[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

September 6th
[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

September 13th
[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

September 20th
[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) via Zoom](#)

September 27th
[Social Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

October 3rd

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. September 6, 12:30 PM PT: Dr. Jenny Espinoza-Marcus, Executive Director of Back to the Start (www.backtothestart.org), will present **"Back to the Start: Dismantling the Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline."** She has served in some of our nation's most challenging and underserved settings including as a Chief Physician and Surgeon in California's prison health care system and Medical Director of a homeless Veteran Affairs clinic in downtown San Francisco. Dr. Espinoza-Marcus also serves on the faculty at UC San Francisco, where she attended medical school and completed residency training, and is a Leader in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Program. The speaker is provided by Team #8, the Fall River Team; Arlene Marcus, Captain.



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Welcome New Member Dan Montgomery!

By Irene R. Hegarty



Dan Montgomery was born and raised in Vacaville, California. In 1992, when he was a junior at Will C. Wood High School, he was selected by the Vacaville Rotary Club to be a Rotary Foreign Exchange Student. Dan studied for a year in a suburb of Barcelona called Sant Cugat del Vallès, where he learned to speak Spanish fluently. He also made lifelong friends and is still in contact with his host family.

Dan attended UC Davis and studied Spanish Literature and Political Science. He graduated with a BA in both in 1998. His fascination with the dynamic tension between civil rights and society's interest in public safety led him to seek a career as a police officer, but first he worked as a substitute teacher for two years while looking for a job in policing. His interest in teaching comes from his mother who was an elementary school teacher. In 2000, Dan was hired by the Berkeley Police Department where he has held many assignments with increasing responsibility from patrol officer to Provisional Captain. He is the Director of a leadership development program called Inner Perspectives for officers, which serves over 30 Bay Area agencies.

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

[Reginald J. Garcia](#)
September 9th

[Joshua H. Oliver](#)
September 10th

[Manjul Batra](#)
September 17th

[Eva J. Gero](#)
September 20th

[Antonia B. Sweet](#)
September 24th

[Schuyler Bailey](#)
September 28th

[Robert L. Sorenson](#)
October 4th

Fun fact: While at UC Davis, Dan was a member of the cheerleading team, where he met his wife Rebecca. They have two sons, Mason (18) and Dylan (16). Mason will be attending UC San Diego in the Fall.

Bienvenido, Dan!

Joy Sends us off to Mexico

District Governor Nominee Joy Alaidarous trekked over the hill from Rossmoor last week to award Berkeley Rotary a District 5160 Grant of \$12,000 for our Los Ayala project, which will take place in December. Kudos go to Grier Graff, who is the force behind this project. He has drummed up support from eleven District 5160 clubs to make this happen, raising over \$40,000 from our District clubs as well as La Penita Rotary, Calgary Rotary, and Oakland Rotary.



Twenty Berkeley Rotarians and friends will head down to Mexico the week after Thanksgiving to refurbish the existing kindergarten room and help finish the new room in a small rural school in Los Ayala near Chacala where we have volunteered for 20 years. They'll be working hard, but will take time to relax in the afternoons and gather together for convivial dinners each evening. This will be the club's twelfth volunteer trip since 2003 to this part of the state of Nayarit, on the coast about 90 minutes north of Puerto Vallarta, and participants will be joining members of the La Penita Rotary Club and the local community in making this year's project a success.

The Remains of Communism in the Post-Communist World

By Jack H. McPhail



Last Wednesday, the club was treated to a class by Dr. George Breslauer, UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus of Russian History and Politics, on the topic "The Remains of Communism in the Post-Communist World."

Dr. Breslauer pointed out that there were 16 communist countries until around 1989, when they began to collapse in Eastern Europe. Today, there are only five that he would define as communist: North Korea, Laos, Vietnam, Cuba, and China. His definition of a communist state is one that is "run by a single party that traces its origins to Marx and Lenin, that brooks no formal opposition, does not allow competing political parties, imposes censorship, and extends political controls throughout society through a combination of party and secret police controls, with assistance from the military when needed."

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