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Speakers

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](#)
"Team 5160: The State of the District"

October 11, 2023

[Anthony Suen, Data Science Discovery Program Director, UC Berkeley](#)
"The Future of Computing, Data Science, and Society: A Vision for Berkeley's New College"

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

- Randolph Langenbach
September 19th
- Eva J. Gero
September 20th
- Antonia B. Sweet
September 24th
- Schuyler Bailey
September 28th
- Robert L Sorenson
October 4th
- Kate Harrison
October 13th
- George J Fruehan
October 14th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. September 20, 12:30 PM PT: Mike Crosby, Rotary District 5160 PolioPlus Chairman, will present **"The Plus in PolioPlus."** Mike is a member of the Rotary Club of Brentwood, CA, in District 5160. He is a past club president, Rotarian of the Year for his club, and past Assistant District Governor. Mike is a member of the PolioPlus Society, Major Donor for the Paul Harris Society, and a Bequest Society member. In 2022, he was selected by Rotary International as one of 40 regional members worldwide who went above and beyond to help end polio. He and his wife (and Rotarian) Marsha Brown traveled to a slum area of India, where they vaccinated children for polio and other diseases. Mike and Marsha later went to Uganda, where they delivered 265 wheelchairs to polio survivors and others in need. The speaker is provided by Libby Tyler, Berkeley Rotary President 2023-24.



Third Thursday + Raise-the-Bar. On September 21, our **Third Thursday Gathering** will be at the home of Anne Pardee and Steve Beckendorf. Come for wine, beer, soda, and snacks. No agenda, no speeches—just hang out and relax after the workday. Partners, spouses, friends, and children are invited! Email pardeevt@comcast.net for more information and location. And if you're new to Berkeley Rotary, please come early, at 4:30 PM, to **Raise-the-Bar**. Tina Etcheverry (etcheverrytina@yahoo.com) will delve into some of the Berkeley

Rotary lore you may have missed. It's an opportunity for you to ask lots of questions and have a good time too.

Annual Club Picnic; Mark Your Calendar. Sunday, October 8, 12-4 PM, Codornices Park picnic area. Bring family, children, grandchildren. This is an "unorganized" potluck, which means bring whatever you want to share (e.g., appetizer, salad, side dish, dessert), as well as something to drink (alcohol not permitted). We will provide a ham, plates, and utensils. This is a free event; however, donations to cover expenses will be accepted. No RSVP is required, but we would appreciate knowing if you plan to attend so we know how big a ham to buy (Arlene Marcus, arlenemarcus@comcast.net).



Community Science and the Pacific Raptor Flyway

By John Pardee



At our last meeting, Allen Fish, who has been the Director of the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO) since 1985, discussed raptors, the enjoyment of observing them, and the importance of monitoring their populations. We are fortunate to live close to one of the major raptor migratory concentration points in the world, i.e., the Marin Headlands and the Golden Gate. Hawk Hill, part of the Marin Headlands, is the prime location for observing these migrations.

Mr. Fish described the 19 different species of raptors that we can see in our area, the species in which they are grouped, and the current health of the various groups. Over 10,000 individual raptors migrate down the Pacific Flyway every year, along with numerous other migratory birds. The mission of the GGRO is

“to inspire the conservation of California raptors through monitoring, research, and community engagement.” Its monitoring has 4 main purposes: (1) to make hawk counts, timing, and trends, including by age and sex; (2) satellite tracking; (3) vulture ecology; and (4) banding, tracking, and health. To fulfill its mission, the GGRO uses the services of 4 paid staff and over 160 volunteers. It is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the National Park Service.

Mr. Fish illustrated the importance of this work with the example of Rachel Carson, who, in the 1940s and 1950s, used bird monitoring records to track the populations of bald eagles and golden eagles in the Midwest. By noting the decline of juvenile birds in these populations, she was able to determine that something was interfering with the reproductive processes of these birds—later determined to be the pesticide DDT, which was causing a thinning of the birds’ eggshells. This discovery led to the banning of DDT and, through the work of Rachel Carson and others, the birth of the modern environmental movement.

Honoring Greta Thunberg at the Peace Grove

On September 27, our club will honor Greta Thunberg at the annual Peace Grove ceremony for her outstanding work in bringing global attention to the immediacy of the climate crisis. Even as a teenager, she has influenced world leaders and helped mobilize a youth movement to address climate change. The 2023 summer’s storms and fires make her warnings look particularly wise.

We will convene at 12:00 PM. There will be brief speeches and a time for all of those at the Grove and on Zoom to recommit ourselves to Rotary’s broad vision for peace. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$25 for those who sign up in advance. If you haven’t signed up, please do so at this coming Wednesday club meeting or let Tom Elkema know so he can make sure there are enough lunches to go around. You may also bring your own lunch. Meet and park at Inspiration Point and walk to the grove. Rides will also be provided for anyone who finds the prospect of a two-mile walk a bit daunting.



So come one, come all, and make your presence and passion for peace visible!

Want to Get Rid of Your Old Clunker and Help Our Club?

By Tina Etcheverry



You have probably heard about donating your used vehicle to charity. You get a tax deduction and the nonprofit receives a nice contribution. But did you know that there is a way to direct your donation to Berkeley Rotary Club? The Rotary Clubs of Lamorinda Sunrise and Clayton Valley/Concord have a new website that makes such a donation easy: Cars2ndChance.org. Rotarian volunteers handle all the paperwork and the nonprofit designated by the donor receives 50% of the net proceeds. Berkeley Rotary Club is one of the nonprofits

listed and, in fact, has already received a generous donation from one of our members! Check it out.

A Day on the Bay

By Joan Collignon

Or a morning on the beach? Come out to demonstrate your support for San Francisco Bay at the annual Coastal Cleanup, Saturday, September 23. We'll show our solidarity with our fellow BARSHEEP clubs and join Albany Rotary as we clean up Albany Beach and the Bulb. The address is 1 Buchanan Street, in Albany. The clean-up day is scheduled from 9 to 11, but I'm going to have coffee and doughnut holes in my backpack for all of us who meet at 8:30 (I'm thinking the parking will be easier then). Let's gather near the restroom at the end of the road right next to the beach. Wear your Rotary gear! Bring gloves, a refillable water bottle, and maybe a debris bucket if you have one.



Have you seen this wonderful Pegasus at Albany Bulb? Take the 10-minute walk from the beach to the end of the Bulb and you'll meet this sculpture and many others in one of the most interesting places on our shoreline. Hope to see you on Saturday! Contact Joan at 510-207-3793 if you'd like to help out on this family-friendly project.