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## Speakers

**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"

**October 18, 2023**

[Lori Fogarty, Director and CEO of the Oakland Museum of California](#)  
"The Changing Landscape of Museums: Museum as Town Square"

## Events

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## Birthdays

Schuyler Bailey  
September 28th  
Robert L Sorenson  
October 4th  
Kate Harrison  
October 13th  
George J Fruehan  
October 14th

## Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** On September 27, at 12 PM PT, the **Berkeley Rotary Club Peace Award Ceremony** will take place, as it has for 68 years, at the Peace Grove in Tilden Park, and will be broadcast on Zoom. **The award for 2023 goes to Greta Thunberg**, a Swedish environmental activist who is known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action for climate change mitigation ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greta\\_Thunberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greta_Thunberg)). Despite receiving annual nominations since 2018, Greta is not yet a Nobel Peace Laureate. This year, at least, she is the Berkeley Rotary Peace Laureate. The ceremony is presented by the Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee. **(Note: We will not meet at First Pres.)**



**About the Peace Grove.** In 1955, the Berkeley Rotary Club established the International Peace Grove in Tilden Regional Park by planting 100 Giant Sequoia seedlings close to the site of a former missile base. Each year, one tree is dedicated to honor an individual or an organization that has made a significant contribution to international peace and understanding. Read more, see photos: <https://bit.ly/3BM31wR>



**Annual club picnic.** 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](mailto:arlenemarcus@comcast.net)).

**Volunteer opportunity:** Help staff BORP (Bay Area Outreach and Recreation) Adaptive Sports Expo. October 14, 10 AM to 5 PM, at James Kenney Community Center, 1720 8th Street, Berkeley. Check next week's e-Rev for details.

## The Plus in PolioPlus

By Tina Etcheverry

Our speaker last week was Mike Crosby, the Rotary Zone 26 "End Polio Now Leader." He was one of 40 regional members worldwide who went above and beyond to help end polio. He and his wife, Marsha Brown, traveled to a slum area of India, where they vaccinated children for polio and other diseases.



Through his descriptive videos and engaging style of speaking, we were able to follow his journeys that highlighted areas susceptible to polio due to the lack of sanitation and the potential for contaminated food and water. We were able to see the brave women who were going door-to-door to provide polio vaccination drops to children, sometimes in very dangerous rural areas.

The quest to end polio is not over. In 2023, there have been 5 cases of polio in Afghanistan and another 2 cases in Pakistan. We are so close to eradication of polio, but if we were to stop vaccinating the children, there could be 200,000 cases in the world within 10 years. For example, in India there are 1.4 million babies born each month, and with the neighboring countries still harboring polio, the potential for spreading this highly infectious disease is high. It can even happen in America, where a traveler returning from Pakistan contracted polio while visiting a New Jersey neighborhood with low vaccination rates. Vaccination is key to stopping polio.

We can help by joining the PolioPlus Society. Sign-up to donate as little as \$10 per month by going to <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>. The Gates Foundation will match your donation 2 to 1, tripling the investment in polio eradication.

World Polio Day is October 24th. Let's make a difference!

## Rotary Joins Coastal Cleanup Day



Coastal Cleanup Day is California's largest annual volunteer event. On Saturday, September 23, Berkeley Rotary joined Albany Rotary to clean up the shoreline at Albany bulb. Members of Berkeley Interact, along with their friends, advisers, and a Cal student, worked at the Berkeley marina. As the state points out, this is an opportunity to remove trash from our environment before the rains come and wash it into the bay and out to sea. In fact, the first atmospheric river of the season is predicted, as of this writing, to arrive this week.

Good work, Rotarians!

Adviser Helmut Tutass with BHS Interactors.



Below, some of the Berkeley Rotary crew in Albany.



### 3rd Thursday Keeps on Rollin'



Our Third Thursday gathering at Anne Pardee and Steve Beckendorf's last week was a pleasant evening of hanging out with one another, sampling good wines, and relaxing. (As the Dillons and O'Deas are doing in the photo.) Coming up next on October 19: we'll meet at David and Cecilia Wilson's home at 767 San Diego Road. Mark your calendar so you don't miss the fun.