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#### Speakers

## September 28, 2022

Drue Banta, Director of the San Francisco Walk to End Alzheimer's "Envisioning a World Without Alzheimer's"

October 05, 2022 DG Suzanne Bragdon "The Power of Rotary"

October 12, 2022 Eleanor Hollander, Manager, Berkeley Office of Economic Development "Berkeley Civic Center Visioning Project"

October 19, 2022 Anne Harlow, President, Berkeley Historical Society "The Berkeley Historical Society and Museum: Current Offerings and Future Vision"

### **Events**

October 6th Supportive Housing Committee Hygiene Kits Packing Service

October 9th <u>"SOAR Rotary"</u> October 20th <u>Third Thursday Gathering</u> October 23rd <u>Golden Gate Bridge Walk</u>

### **Birthdays**

Schuyler Bailey September 28th Robert L Sorenson October 4th Kate Harrison October 13th Donald L. Alter

October 15th

# **Club Announcements**

#### By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, September 28, 12:30 PM PT (in person at First Presyterian Church and via Zoom): Drue Banta, Senior Director of the San Francisco Walk to End Alzheimer's, will speak on "Envisioning a World Without Alzheimer's." We will begin at 11:30 AM by planting a Pop-Up Promise Garden in front of First Presbyterian Church at Dana and Channing to raise awareness of the Walk. This meeting kicks off Team Berkeley Rotary's participation in the Walk on November 5,





2022. Come join the fun and support this good cause—on

Wednesday and in November. The speaker is provided by Berkeley Rotary President Joan Collignon.

**Barsheep TGIFF.** Friday, September 30, 6:00 PM. Come to taste some new wines with Rotarians from along the I-80 Corridor at The Four Fools Winery, 13 Pacific Avenue in Rodeo, from 6:00 PM. \$15 gets you a ticket for a glass of wine, charcuterie, or pizza. Sponsored by the HRC Rotary Club (Hercules/Rodeo/Crockett).

## Anyone Interested in a Whiskey Tasting?

#### By Frederick C. Collignon

Until about a year ago, members held periodic whiskey tastings open to all in club members' backyards. We stopped them during COVID. Some of those who had attended before held a small gathering a week ago. It was so much fun that some have suggested it be restarted on a continuing basis for all interested members, spouses, prospects, and friends. If you would be interested in participating, let Fred Collignon know (fcollig@berkeley.edu).

The ground rules are: pour small tastes only, bring a bottle to share (and then take home), and make sure you have a ride lined up if you'll need one. Note that our women participants were particularly vocal and joyful; do not anticipate an all-male gathering!



# **Berkeley Rotary Fall Grants**

### By Grier Graff Deadline for submittal: October 15

These grants are administered and awarded by the Berkeley Rotary Endowment. The grant application is on the club website at <u>https://berkeleyrotary.org/grant-application.php</u>. Submit the application to Grier Graff at <u>gg@graffarchitects.com</u>.

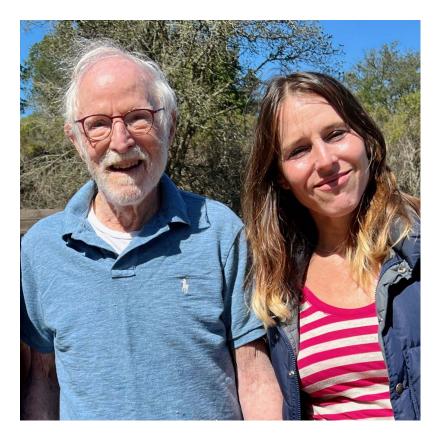
**Every grant application needs a Rotarian sponsor.** Grant sponsors are expected to review the application, write a recommendation, attend the Grants Committee meeting, and follow the grant through to completion and final report. It is important that the sponsor review the application and determine if it is complete. Be sure the applicant includes a mailing address in case they receive a grant, since grant checks will be sent by US mail. Grants will be awarded after November 20.

**Questions** can be addressed to Grier Graff. (Kurt Hauch is taking this round off, so kindly do not include him in the emails.)

**Help needed:** All are invited to join the Grants Committee, which usually meets three times a year in July, October, and February. We meet via Zoom. In addition, all grants are reviewed by a Rotarian reviewer as well as the sponsor. Both need to explain why the proposed grant is a good fit for Berkeley Rotary. If you are willing to be a grant reviewer, please contact Grier.

### Welcome, Moe and Katie!

Moe Orenstein and his daughter Katie joined BRC members at the Peace Grove last week. We haven't seen Moe in a while and it was a treat to reconnect.



# Jose Andrés Honored at Rotary Peace Grove

By Joan Collignon



José Ramón Andrés Puerta (https://www.joseandres.com), founder of the World Central Kitchen (https://www.wck.org/story), as our 2022 selectee to the Rotary Peace Grove in Tilden Park. A redwood tree is dedicated to the honoree with a plaque mounted beside the tree. The honoree's name is also added to the monument in the Grove listing all honorees. During the ceremony, emceed by Dan Thomas, speakers described the history of the Grove, the controversies and changing selection

criteria over its 67 years, and the achievements of Andrés and the World Central Kitchen in providing mass feedings to those made vulnerable by natural and man-made disasters all around the world.

Accepting the award on behalf of Andrés was Peter Levitt, the long-time owner of Saul's Deli in Berkeley, who traveled to Poland as a volunteer with World Central Kitchen to feed Ukrainian refugees crossing the border. Peter was eloquent throughout in describing his experiences and how the Kitchen functions. His stories of the logistics involved in feeding thousands of people in makeshift quarters, from sourcing ingredients to training volunteers, were riveting. Read More

## **A Unique Creative Journey**

By Jason Aupperle Russell

At our Wednesday, September 14 meeting we welcomed David Conhaim as our guest speaker, joining us from his home in Israel. David shared with us his unusual journey from his early years when the personal relationships he developed with leading artists from film and literature gave him the confidence that he too was bound for greatness. His formative years were marked by rich and nurturing relationships with the likes of Billy Wilder, James Stewart, Bryan Singer, and Gore Vidal, among others. Read More