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Speakers

October 14, 2020

[Victor Mavedzenga](#),
[Downtown Streets Project](#)
[Director](#)

Efforts to Help the Unhoused
around Berkeley

October 21, 2020

[Darren C. Zook](#), [Global](#)
[Studies and Political Science](#),
[UC Berkeley](#)

"Election 2020: Reclaiming
Optimism in an Age of
Pessimism"

October 28, 2020

[Patricia Guerra](#), [Journalist](#)

"News in a Time of
Disinformation"

November 04, 2020

[Dr. Elizabeth Bagley](#)
"Teaching Children to Learn
What the Climate Crisis is,
and What it Could Mean for
Their Future"

November 11, 2020

[Lindy Lowe](#), [Resilience](#)
[Program Director, Port of San](#)
[Francisco](#)

"Building Resilience in San
Francisco's Waterfront"

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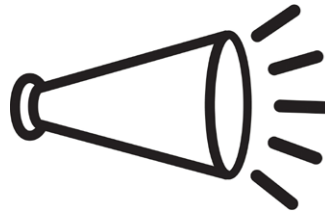
October 28th
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Birthdays

[Donald L. Alter](#)
October 15th
[Lewis Ames](#)
October 27th
[Joanne Dickerson-Harper](#)
October 29th
[Charlene Y Stern](#)
November 1st

Club Announcements

By Linda Marlene Cogozzo



Big Doings: Dr. Anthony Fauci's video acceptance of Berkeley Rotary's International Peace Award and the 2020 Peace Grove Ceremony are posted on our homepage at www.berkeleyrotary.org. You are welcome to share these links with family, friends, colleagues, and on your social media!

Verify Your Information: In a month or so, Berkeley Rotary Endowment will mail its annual report to you. The street addresses they will use are those stored in DACdb (<https://www.dacdb.com>). Club Secretary Austin Henderson has been asked to make sure your street address is accurate. If you are an active member, you will have received an email that starts like this:

From: Austin Henderson mailservice@dacdb.net
Subject: Rotary - Verification of member information in BRC DACdb records
Date: October 2, 2020 at 12:26 PM PDT
To: henderson@rivcons.com



Rotary Club of Berkeley Member Verification

It contains all of your information. Please review it (particularly your street address), and either make changes (if you know how) or email them to Austin at henderson@rivcons.com.

Casting About: We will meet via Zoom this Friday, 10/16 at 5:00 pm. No need to RSVP, just appear! This month we will share the most recent ideas from the District 5160 meeting.

Social Justice Committee: Our next meeting is this Tuesday at 3:00-4:30 pm. Email Charlene Stern at charleneystern@comcast.net for the link and password.

Looking for Service Projects and Things To Do While Isolating?

Many club members have wondered what service activities we can do during COVID isolation. Some have assumed that they will have to wait until the pandemic is over. Wrong! There are a number of ways that Rotarians can help their community, their club,

[Joan Collignon](#)

November 3rd

[Pate D. Thomson](#)

November 5th

[John M. Ferguson](#)

November 11th

and the world, even while isolating.

Many of our service projects are now initiated through our new areas of focus—e.g., Rotary Climate Action Team and Social Justice Group--and your best way of finding out about them is by monitoring their minutes (see our website focus tabs) or attending their meetings. Other club committees, like Supportive Housing and Youth/Education, have current projects. Some of our annual service projects, like the Third Grade Dictionary Project, are delayed until next year, but some are happening now.

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Oct 24 is World Polio Day - Your Polio Update and Challenge

By Frederick C. Collignon

Coming up next week is the worldwide focus on PolioPlus in Rotary. Last week's eRev presented Rotary's new challenge to become a PolioPlus Warrior (pledging \$100 each year to the fight). Just print the papers attached to last week's story and submit your pledge. You'll be supporting not only the efforts to eliminate polio, but also the infrastructure the world will use to attack COVID-19 when a vaccine emerges.

See below for the latest on the status of PolioPlus, for how that infrastructure is being used in the planning for COVID-19 vaccinations, and also for an alert being published in the Economist this coming week on how COVID-19 has stalled the efforts to eliminate polio. We scooped the Economist with our previous update on PolioPlus a month back in eRev, so the Economist's article is not new "news." [Read More](#)



A Visit from District Governor Mark Roberts

By John Pardee on Sunday, October 11, 2020



District Governor Mark Roberts joined in a Zoom meeting with the Berkeley Rotary Club leaders on Wednesday morning, and then joined the entire membership at our regular Wednesday afternoon club meeting. He will be meeting with each of the 73 clubs in District 5160, either virtually or in person. So far, he has visited with 8, so only 55 more to go!

Mark noted that our ability to be innovative and responsive has been tested since March 2020 but, thanks to the outstanding leadership and efforts of 2019-2020 DG Tina Akins, her AGs and Club presidents, we have risen to the occasion. We will continue to be tested during the new Rotary year, but he has been encouraged by and proud of what clubs and individual Rotarians have done to support their communities. And even though clubs have not been able to meet in person, nearly all are meeting online and keeping members connected to each other.

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Notes from Nice: The Flood of 2020

By Preston Staley

It rained last Thursday. David (my neighbor) and I got drenched as we walked over to

the neighborhood pool hall for some sociable games with our friend Robert. I don't think I had seen such a downpour since we moved here three years ago. Fortunately, the weather had cleared by the time we left for home.

The next day was absolutely gorgeous. Couldn't have been better. David and his wife Cicely invited us for a drive, and so Romy and I set off with them for Ste. Agnes, one of the many hilltop towns that surround Nice. In addition to being one of the most beautiful villages in France, at an altitude of c. 800 meters, it is also the highest hill town in the country, if not in all of Europe. Its buildings date back to the 15th century, and it was also an outpost on the southern Maginot Line which faced Italy.

And how was Ste. Agnes? Don't know; we never made it there. About six kilometers from the village, we ran into a roadblock. A sign said that the road was closed. It had just been placed by an emergency vehicle, and the driver told us that there had been a landslide. So much for Ste. Agnes. Although an alternate route existed via Menton, it was too long.

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