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## Speakers

**October 18, 2023**

[Erin Rhoades, Executive Director, Berkeley Public Schools Fund](#)

"Two Years into a New Mission"

**October 25, 2023**

[Jacquelyn McCormick + Peter Radu, City of Berkeley](#)

"Housing, Homelessness, and Mental Health in Berkeley"

**November 15, 2023**

[Grier Graff, Endowment Secretary + Tina Etcheverry, Endowment Treasurer](#)

"Berkeley Rotary Club Endowment Report"

## Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, October 18, 12:30 PM PT (at First Presbyterian and on Zoom): **Erin Rhoades will present "Two Years into a New Mission."** She has served as the Berkeley Public Schools Fund's Executive Director since 2013. Erin spent the prior 15 years as a professional city planner and community advocate for housing. She comes to the Schools Fund from her activism, organizing, and fundraising experience on housing and livability issues in Berkeley, and loves the creative work of engaging the Berkeley community to support teachers and students. The speaker is provided by Team #6, the Tilden Park Team; Tom Eelkema and Peter Campbell, co-captains.



**Dinners for RotaCare Clinic.** Our club is scheduled to provide dinners for the volunteers at the RotaCare Clinic on Thursdays in October. If you can help, contact President Libby Tyler ([eh Tyler6@gmail.com](mailto:eh Tyler6@gmail.com)).

## Events

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## Birthdays

Lewis Ames

October 27th

Joanne Dickerson-Harper

October 29th

Joan Collignon

November 3rd

Pate D. Thomson

November 5th

## Interact Bake Sale Supports Literacy in Mexico



Last Saturday, several Berkeley High Interactors held a bake sale on 4th Street in Berkeley, bringing tasty treats for the shoppers and raising funds to purchase Spanish language books for kindergarten children in Los Ayala, Mexico.

Here, President Libby is enjoying her time with Beatriz, Sophia, and Ethan. (If you want to contribute to their efforts, you can give your dollars to Helmut, the club's Interact Liaison.)

## Third Thursday Fun

It's the Third Week of the month and we'll celebrate once again on Thursday. It's a new venue this month-- David Wilson and his wife Cecelia will host us at their home in North Berkeley.

Bring wine and/or snacks if you like but it's not

necessary--the conversation is the draw here. (OK, also the wine.) Thursday, October 19, from 5 to 7, 767 San Diego Road.



## UC Berkeley Adds New College in Data Science

By Fred Tabsharani



Anthony Suen's recent presentation to the club was nothing short of awe-inspiring. As the Director of the Data Science Discovery Program at UC Berkeley, his expertise and vision for the future of data science education were on full display. Perhaps one of the most important revelations was Suen's pivotal role in the foundation of the new CDSS (College of Data Science and Society) gateway building at the northern edge of campus on Hearst Street in Berkeley. With over \$500 million in donations

already secured (including a \$252 million gift from an anonymous donor), this will serve as the epicenter for a revolutionary transformation of UC Berkeley's data science landscape.

Berkeley's ascent to the numero uno spot in the nation's Data Science programs is no accident, considering its legendary pedigree, which can be traced back to the inception of the BIDS (Berkeley Institute for Data Science) program in 2013. The UC Regents' approval of the CDSS gateway in 2023 marked a historic moment, as it will house the two largest majors at Berkeley—computer science and data science—and represents the first new college at the university in half a century.

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## When the Governor Came to Town

By Irene R. Hegarty

The Governor came to town on October 5, bringing a message of collaboration and partnership. Wearing a baseball shirt to represent the team concept, District Governor Claire Roberts first talked about the priorities of Rotary International, under the leadership of President Gordon McNally:

- Promoting peace
- Empowering girls
- Focusing on Diversity, Empowerment, and Inclusion
- Polio Eradication
- Focus on Mental Health

She noted that while we can make a difference as individual Rotarians or clubs, we can do even more when we collaborate with other clubs or forge partnerships within our communities with non-Rotarians and other nonprofit groups. In doing so, we also spread the message and image of Rotary.



She bestowed her congratulations and pins to club members who have reached their first Paul Harris fellowship or advanced to higher levels, pointing out that the dollars donated return, after three years, as funds that can be utilized by district clubs for projects. Many of these successful grant proposals reflect—once again—partnerships among clubs.

Claire emphasized that the District 5160 Leadership Team is there to help with questions or challenges we may have as individual club members. We have the opportunity, throughout the district, to learn from each other and help each other achieve our goals. One such opportunity is the 2023/24 District Conference on April 26-28, 2024, in Sacramento. Mark your calendar and join the team!

## And the Winners Were . . .

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler



Besides honoring Berkeley Rotarians for their Paul Harris Fellowships, Governor Claire made two special awards, continuing her baseball team theme:

**The Rookie of the Year award went to Helmut Tutass.**

Since joining BRC last spring, Helmut has been a major player on the Ops Committee, coming in early and helping to set up every meeting by hanging the banners and transforming our room into a space that's identifiably "Rotary." More recently, Helmut stepped in to serve as liaison for the Berkeley High School Interact Club. Thanks for jumping in feet first, Helmut!

**Tina Etcheverry received The Most Inspirational Rotarian award.** Tina is involved in so many aspects of the club—from the Endowment (where she's Treasurer) to fundraising (enthusiastically chairing the Taste of Downtown Berkeley last spring) to coordinating the scholarship program. On top of that, she is our tech whiz, managing the complex hybrid AV needs with cool aplomb. Tina is inspirational because she is flat-out brilliant and just about the best problem solver you will ever find!



Photo: Tina at the Taste of Downtown Berkeley event.