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## Speakers

**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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## Club Announcements

By Linda Marlene Cogozzo



**You're Invited:** The Program Committee invites you to a Halloween Party this Wednesday, October 28, from 12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (PDT), via Zoom. Yes, just 15 minutes before the regular Berkeley Rotary meeting. Wear a costume! Put on a funny hat or a mask! Find a Halloween Zoom background online and pretend you're in a haunted forest. Let's take a few minutes to say hi and act a little goofy, since we know we won't see much action on October 31st this year. Let's have some fun!

**Lost Your Zoom Link?** Or are you having trouble signing in to the weekly meeting and it's about time for it to start? For assistance, call or text Linda Cogozzo at (510) 772-4615. We can't check email while the meeting is going on, but we've learned to keep our cell phones handy.

## Walk to End Alzheimer's

By Joan Collignon

As the scourge of Alzheimer's Disease continues unabated and uncured among our friends and family and fellow Rotarians, the Alzheimer's Foundation continues to raise funds and awareness at its annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Last year Berkeley Rotary joined with BARSHEEP clubs to walk and raise funds together.



COVID has changed the parameters of the Walk, forcing supporters to walk alone or with a few friends in their neighborhoods, while others in the community do the same. A few Berkeley Rotarians will walk along the East Bay waterfront, distanced and masked, at 10:30 on November 7 to join spiritually, if not physically, with this community. Please contact me at joancollignon@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.

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

By Austin Henderson

Darren Zook, our speaker on October 21, teaches at the University of California, Berkeley in Global Studies and Political Science. For more than 20 years at Cal, he has taught and



published on a wide variety of topics, including: the politics of music, human rights and international law, terrorism and security studies, multiculturalism and diversity, cybersecurity, and economic policy with a focus on anti-corruption programs.

His research interests have continuously grown into an unusually broad portfolio of international and comparative projects, and his work has taken him to various parts of Asia, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, Africa, and northern Europe.

Speaking on [Election 2020: Reclaiming Optimism in an Age of Pessimism](#), Darren started by reminding us how we got here, with the 2016 election, stories about its meaning, and a polarized country. He reminded us of all the things we are concerned about (the bad news). He then claimed that we are in a changed moment (the good news).

In Darren's view, a key issue in all of this is whether we address this hard work from a party-centric perspective or side with what will be good for the country as a whole. For example, making a change to the electoral college would require collaboration of the big and the small states; if it were to happen that way it would be good for all concerned, not just for one party or perspective. Darren backs focusing on the country.

He encouraged us to reclaim optimism by acknowledging that the system is holding up remarkably well, constraints are in place, voters are voting, differences are being bridged, by citizens if not by the politicians, and problems are being faced. We have weathered some difficult stuff remarkably well in terms of civil engagement.

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