



# the e-REVOLUTIONS

## BERKELEY ROTARY

...at the intersection of community and service since 1916...

[CLICK HERE](#) for a printable **CLUB CALENDAR**

### Speakers

**November 01, 2023**

[Jason Russell, BRC Foundation Chair](#)

"The Rotary Foundation: Doing Good in the World"

**November 08, 2023**

[Jeanne Wilson, Chair, Nursery of the Redbud Chapter/CA Native Plant Society](#)

"California Native Plants in Berkeley"

**November 15, 2023**

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

"Berkeley Rotary Club Endowment Report"

**November 22, 2023**

**NO MEETING**

Happy Thanksgiving!

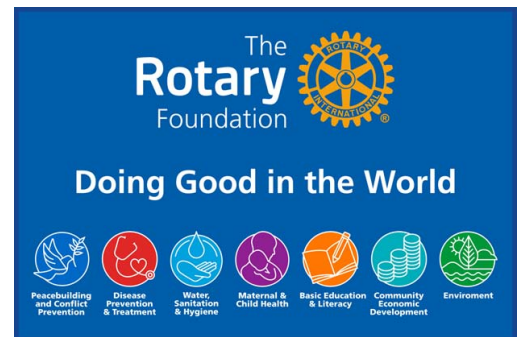
**November 29, 2023**

[David Riemer, Author + Berkeley-Haas School of Business Professional Faculty](#)

"How to Tell a Compelling Story"

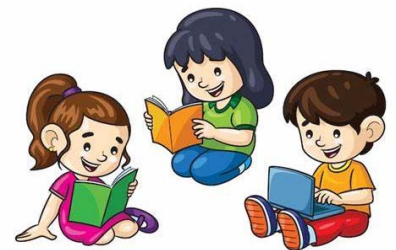
### Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, November 1, 12:30 PM PT (at First Presbyterian and on Zoom): Jason Russell, Berkeley Rotary's Foundation Chair, presents "**The Rotary Foundation: Doing Good in the World.**" In this annual report, Jason will give us an overview of foundation activities and updates on where our donations go, and honor Paul Harris awardees. The speaker is provided by Libby Tyler, Berkeley Rotary President 2023-24.



**The Color Purple** will be seen along the San Francisco Embarcadero this Saturday as we walk to end Alzheimer's. Join Rotarians from Berkeley and the Bay Area, along with past RI President Jennifer Jones, by signing up at <http://act.alz.org/goto/TeamBerkeleyRotary23>. If you can't make it, please consider donating to the Berkeley team.

**Se buscan: Libros en español para niños.** This Wednesday is your last chance to bring children's books in Spanish to the club meeting. They will be delivered by volunteers who are going to Los Ayala, Mexico to build furniture and do the finishing touches on a kindergarten classroom. Let's fill those empty bookshelves!



### Events

No Events found

### Birthdays

Joan Collignon  
November 3rd

Pate D. Thomson  
November 5th

Elizabeth Holl Tyler  
November 16th

Maurice Gene Marcus  
November 19th

Jonathan DeYoe  
November 24th

### A Fabulous Finale to Our Third Thursdays



As we have almost every month since July 2022, Berkeley Rotarians gathered on October 19 at a member's home on the third Thursday of the month to get to know one another a little better. Over good wine and great gazpacho, we were treated to an evening under the trees at David and Cecilia Wilson's splendid Berkeley mid-century home, designed by noted architect Donald Olsen in 1957. David, an engineer himself, designed an additional floor, bridge and deck, providing us with stellar views as we watched the sun set over San Francisco. Cecilia has spent years in the design field, and her collection of

John J. O'Dea  
November 27th

James Brenneman  
November 27th

Igor A Tregub  
November 27th

Judith Anderson Glass  
November 29th

mid-century furniture and artifacts from every culture gives their house a wonderfully eclectic, very Berkeley vibe. Nice to experience our last Third Thursday at a new venue. Thank you, David and Cecilia.

We will pause our monthly gatherings as November and December holidays are busy for all. In fact, that was our last *Third Thursday*. But never fear. We will continue to meet on the *Second Thursday*, beginning in January. Conflicts with other events, including the Chamber of Commerce monthly social, are prompting this move. But we need a name for the event, at least as catchy as "Third Thursday." Can you think of one? We will award a FREE LUNCH (very tasty these days) to whomever can come up with a lively name for our gatherings. Judging will be done by the Communications Committee. Please submit your suggestions to Irene Hegarty, [hgrty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hgrty@sbcglobal.net) before November 8.



## Berkeley Industrial Chic Welcomes BARSHEEP



Rotarians from Berkeley to Hercules crowded onto the patio of Trumer Brewery's new tap room last Friday for the latest BARSHEEP TGIF, hosted by Berkeley Rotary. This lively new venue was spacious and comfortable and half a dozen new Trumer brews kept the conversation flowing. Let's gather there often!

## Housing, Homelessness, and Mental Health in Berkeley

By Peter Christy

Last week, Peter Radu, the Neighborhood Services Manager for the City of Berkeley, gave an informative presentation on homeless encampments in Berkeley. He began by stating he was both a Stanford and a Cal grad, to appreciative applause until he admitted to cheering for Stanford during Big Game (boo!). Despite this, his presentation was engaging, and we ran out of time before we ran out of discussion.



Peter started by identifying three key factors that drive homelessness, the first far and away the primary factor, but the other two exacerbate the problem.

1. Cost of housing (especially compared to stagnant minimum wages).
2. The federal case *Martin vs City of Boise*, which prohibits a city from criminalizing sitting, sleeping, or lying on public property when there are not sufficient shelter beds.
3. Social distancing rules during COVID, which cut the number of available shelter beds in half.

He explained that, contrary to common opinion, drugs and alcohol are not big contributors to the size of the homeless population. He pointed out that some areas of the country have very high drug and alcohol abuse rates but do not have corresponding

homeless rates because of lower-cost housing. He also said that other studies showed that mental illness is also not as big a driver as the simple fact that housing is too expensive.

[Read More](#)

## Keeping the Ball Rolling for PolioPlus



Ed Church and Grier Graff raised over a thousand dollars for PolioPlus last Wednesday, auctioning a basketball that nobody wanted! The ball, signed by Warrior's great Rick Barry, was coveted by David Malcolm, who began the bidding. Unfortunately, there weren't enough competitive bids until someone announced, "I don't want the ball, but I'll give \$100." Numerous club members matched that pledge and PolioPlus received a nice donation while David walked away with the ball.