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Speakers

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"

December 06, 2023

[TBA](#)

TBA

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Sheila Sabine
December 3rd

Igor A Tregub
November 27th

Daniel Thomas
December 6th

John Pardee
December 2nd

Arlene Marcus
December 3rd

Maurice Gene Marcus
November 19th

Jonathan DeYoe
November 24th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. November 8, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom): Jeanne Wilson, chair of the nursery of the Redbud Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and co-chair for Conservation Advocacy, will present "**California Native Plants in Berkeley.**" The speaker is provided by Team #5, the Wild Turkey Team; David Wilson and Marion Hunt, Captains.

California is a biodiversity hotspot with almost 8,000 native plant species, many of them found only in our state. Historically, the City of Berkeley has been home to over 800 native species, or more than 10 percent of the state's total. This means Berkeley gardeners can choose from an amazing variety of beautiful and beneficial native plants. Why choose native plants? Because they are adapted to their habitat; they require less water, little or no fertilizer, fewer pesticides; and they support local pollinators and wildlife and make it possible for them to reproduce and thrive.

Native plants are essential to how our ecosystem functions and play a critical role in clean air and water, carbon sequestration and other renewable resources, and to sustaining the biodiversity on which our ecosystems depend. Individuals can help maintain this biodiversity by using native plants in their gardens and landscapes. Douglas Tallamy, professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, says, "If we were to replace half of all lawn [in the United States] with native plant communities, we could create over 20 million acres of ecosystem to support pollinators and other beneficial animals. Our 'Homegrown National Park' would be bigger than all the major national parks combined."

Register Before November 30. Get the early bird rate for **Field of Rotary Dreams**, the Rotary District 5160 Conference, April 26-28, 2024, in Sacramento. Check your inbox for an email you received on November 3 that has a personalized registration link.

Berkeley Interact Raises \$\$ for Children's Books

The Berkeley Interact Club has been busy this fall baking and selling goodies, raising funds, and purchasing and collecting Spanish language books for elementary school children in Los Ayala, Mexico. Their work augments the upcoming club project, which will complete the interior (flooring, paint, shelving, display boards) and furnish a kindergarten classroom in Los Ayala.

Berkeley High Interactors sell baked goods on 4th Street. The sale was a great success. A number of Rotarians stopped by to enjoy the delicious home-made brownies, cookies, and cakes.



John J. O'Dea
November 27th
Judith Anderson Glass
November 29th
James Brenneman
November 27th
Elizabeth Holl Tyler
November 16th



Sofia Guzman, Interact Treasurer, presents the earnings from the club's bake sale to Rotarian Advisor Helmut Tutass. Also pictured below are Interact 5160 Director Laura Dela Rosa and Interactors Beatriz Reis, Ethan Goldstein, Calvin Chen, Resee Reyes Aranada, and Bryan Camacho.



Interactors collect and sort donated books. They are joined by Rotarians Ken Renworth, who will deliver the books to children in Mexico, and Dan Montgomery, who built the book library.



Rotary Walks to Cure Alzheimer's

Berkeley Rotarians and friends were a noisy, cheering group last Saturday, joining thousands who marched in the Alzheimer's Walk on the Embarcadero in SF. New this year: Rotarians were a major force at the walk, with Past Rotary International President Jennifer Jones on hand to cheer us on. Our own Past District Governor Suzanne Bragdon donned her purple wig and her purple sneakers and came down from Fairfield to join the Berkeley team. Go Team Berkeley Rotary!



Anne and Steve Beckendorf with dogs, Pate and Judy Thomson, Irene Hegarty, Joan Collignon, Kate Harrison and her husband Jim, Nancy Stryble, and Libby Tyler



Past RI President Jennifer Jones with Suzanne Bragdon and Joan.

Creating Our Legacy: Foundation Goals for 2023/24

By Lewis Ames



Jason Russell, Chair of the Rotary Foundation Committee, began the committee's annual Foundation Report to the club with a bang—an intriguing explanation of the Big Bang in a screen image and a call to imagine the moment before and after that starting point of all time and history, all matter and evolution of matter from then to now. This starting point of the

universe was the starting point for all of us at the meeting.

He concluded his presentation of this grand vision of the universe with a call for all hands in the BRC to unite in achieving our Foundation contribution goals for the current year.

To set the stage, Jason noted that the Big Bang helps us see the contrast between the immensity of our distant origin, the unfolding of evolution, and the finite singular existence of our lives today. The beginning of the universe gives us perspective as finite, conscious beings who can measure the heavens as well as our journey within.

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