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## Speakers

**November 09, 2022**  
[Monica Gandhi, M.D., M.P.H., University of California, San Francisco](#)  
"Rotary Tackled Polio, Infectious Disease Is Coming Back, Let's Review"

**November 16, 2022**  
[Superintendent Enikia Ford Morthel, M.Ed., Berkeley Unified School District](#)  
"An Update on the Berkeley Schools"

**November 23, 2022**  
**NO MEETING**

**November 30, 2022**  
[Phil Miller, Robert Girling, and Sherry Girling](#)  
"Bionic Man Developments"

## Events

November 8th  
[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)  
**[CANCELED THIS WEEK]**

November 10th  
[Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing in Person](#)

November 12th  
[Zentangle: A Fundraiser for Supportive Housing](#)

November 15th  
[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)  
**[CANCELED THIS WEEK]**

November 17th  
[Raise-the-Bar](#)

November 17th  
[Third Thursday Gathering](#)

November 22nd  
[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

November 29th  
[Meditation/Mindfulness](#)

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, Nov. 9, 12:30 PM PT **(in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom):** Monica Gandhi, M.D., M.P.H., presents "Rotary Tackled Polio, Infectious Disease Is Coming Back, Let's Review." A highly regarded and internationally known infectious disease specialist from UCSF, Dr. Gandhi will address the Club via Zoom, linking Rotary's past work on tackling polio to upcoming trends in infectious disease to address what our future challenges might be. The speaker is presented by Team #2, the California Jazz Conservatory Team (Marcia and O'Neil Dillon, Captains) and the Berkeley Rotary Health and Wellness Committee.



**This Week.** Check the left column for upcoming happenings: Pack Hygiene Kits (Nov. 10), Zentangle (Nov. 12).

**Reminder.** We will not meet on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Get Social.** While you're checking your favorite social media accounts, stop by ours. All follows, likes, comments, and shares are greatly appreciated.

- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/berkeleyrotary>)
- Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/berkeleyrotaryclub>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/RotaryBerkeley>).

## A Weekend in Monterey

By Joan Collignon



Sea Lions and ocean bluffs and whales were the lure for some of the 13 Berkeley Rotarians who headed down to Monterey for the District 5160 Conference on October 28-30. As it happened, those were fun to see, but the conference itself turned out to be a real winner, the best in years.

Mary Alice Rathbun was thrilled to be back meeting friends in person. Fred Collignon noted that we heard the best keynote addresses in recent memory. Ann Pardee was heartened by speakers who focused on two serious current crises: racial healing and relating to our homeless neighbors. Libby Tyler was excited by

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## [Class via Zoom](#)

December 6th

## [Meditation/Mindfulness](#)

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the weekend: "Excellent speakers, great fellowship, pure inspiration--and we had the coolest table of Berkeley Rotarians during meal breaks!"

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## Birthdays

[Elizabeth Holl Tyler](#)

November 16th

[Maurice Gene Marcus](#)

November 19th

[Jonathan DeYoe](#)

November 24th

[John J. O'Dea](#)

November 27th

[Judith Anderson Glass](#)

November 29th

[Veronica Rodrigues](#)

November 30th

[John Pardee](#)

December 2nd

[Arlene Marcus](#)

December 3rd

[Sheila Sabine](#)

December 3rd

[Daniel Thomas](#)

December 6th

## The Hope Center Is Open!

By Anne Pardee

More than a year ago, ten Rotarians wearing hard hats and day-glo vests toured the vast construction site on Berkeley Way that was to become the Hope Center—a vision of the Berkeley Food and Housing Project that would provide six floors of apartments, shelter beds, and supportive services to unhoused people, linked to a Bridge Housing project of affordable apartments and services for low income and very low income individuals and families. Berkeley Rotary donated \$50,000 to the Hope Center.



Last week, Rick Dean, BFHP Associate Director of Development, and Amory Sharpe, Director of Development, led Berkeley Rotarians on a very different tour of the Hope Center, which formally opened on October 26. We began with a fun lunch in the Community Center kitchen and dining hall. Right away, from the bright lime green seats and tables to the indoor/outdoor feeling as the windows captured the garden view, it was a comfortable place to be.

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## A Third Thursday in the Hills



Berkeley Rotarians trekked up past Grizzly Peak on October 20 to Anne Pardee and Steve Beckendorf's newly remodeled home to enjoy wonderful wines and good conversation. Veterans were joined by new members and friends. It was a beautiful evening.

Tucked into the bottom of their garden was a secret: a small greenhouse filled to bursting with orchids. Steve propagates and nurtures these exotic species from high in the Andes, and proudly introduced us to several different varieties. Stay tuned: He

promises to share his enthusiasm for these treasures with more club members in the future.

PLEASE NOTE: Third Thursdays will continue next month—on November 17 at the Collignons.

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## Foundation Day Club Talk

By Frederick C. Collignon

At the end of the November 2 meeting, members were





saying things like "And I thought it would be a dry talk; that was exciting and provocative," and "such wit, such energy, such ability to generate excitement." Our new Foundation Chair Jason Russell did a superb, provocative talk and Foundation program on Wednesday. The video is available on [berkeleyrotary.org](http://berkeleyrotary.org) for those who missed it.

Jason began with a Rotary quiz in which all members competed to win a prize. Many of us could answer most questions, but few could answer all. The grand prize was an envelope to donate to the Foundation this year.

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## Walking for a Cure

Damp but undaunted, the Berkeley Rotary team walked along the Embarcadero in SF last Saturday, raising funds for Alzheimer's research and support. THANK YOU to all who donated!

