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Speakers

January 24, 2024

[Mayor Jesse Arreguin, City of Berkeley](#)

"The State of the City"

January 31, 2024

[Manoji Joshi, Certified Yoga Teacher](#)

"Applied Yoga and Mindfulness for Total Health"

February 07, 2024

[Berkeley Rotary Past Presidents](#)

"Berkeley Rotary: Building Communities Near And Far"

February 14, 2024

[Jeannine Chappell, Artist](#)

"Journey with the Owls"

February 21, 2024

[Monica Gandhi, MD, Associate Chief of Infectious Diseases /Global Medicine UCSF](#)

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM PT, at First Pres and on Zoom: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of Berkeley, presents **"The State of the City."** The speaker is provided by Libby Tyler, BRC President 2023-24.

Where's the Zoom Link? If you can't find it, check your email junk folder. If you haven't received one or need assistance signing in, call or text Linda Cogozzo at (510) 772-4615. She can't check email once the meeting has started, but she keeps her cell phone handy.

Rotary Voices. This official blog of Rotary International shares stories of how we "people of action" create lasting change in the world, in local communities, and in ourselves. Check out current and archived posts: <https://blog.rotary.org>



Events

January 24th

[Social Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

January 26th

[BARSHEEP TGIFF](#)

January 31st

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

February 6th

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

February 8th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

February 10th

[Meet RIPN Mário Martins de Camargo](#)

Birthdays

Austin Henderson

January 25th

Jeffrey L. Hunt

February 2nd

Peter D. Campbell

February 9th

Katy Marie Young

February 14th

Marion Hunt

February 15th

Sallie Weissinger

February 15th

Berkeley Symphony Thrives

By Fred Tabsharani

Tiffany Fajardo, the Berkeley Symphony Engagement Manager, presented an enlightening overview of the Berkeley Symphony at last week's Berkeley Rotary Club meeting. Her talk began with a deep dive into the Symphony's history, enriched by a letter from its president. She highlighted the Symphony's early recordings, which played a pivotal role in the community's development, notably mentioning a significant collaboration with Frank Zappa.



Fajardo then detailed the Symphony's evolution under Joana Carneiro's leadership, who gained national recognition for inviting high-caliber soloists to perform. This growth trajectory set the stage for the current music director, Joseph Young. Young's innovative strategies during the pandemic lockdown, such as bringing performances into patrons' homes and collaborating with the Berkeley Public Library for the "Reading Is Instrumental" program, were particularly noteworthy. These efforts, coupled with four other innovative collaborations, helped the Symphony thrive amid challenging times.

The presentation emphasized the Berkeley Symphony's commitment to community engagement. Its key objectives include introducing local students to music, fostering one-on-one experiences with world-class musicians, and partnering with like-minded organizations to create holistic musical experiences. These initiatives ensure the Symphony's continued emphasis on quality, a defining characteristic for nearly five decades.

In 2024, the Berkeley Symphony is set to undertake several initiatives, including programs in local schools, literary soundscapes, and a rendition of "Pictures at an Exhibition." Fajardo's presentation effectively communicated the Symphony's role in enriching Berkeley's cultural landscape, catering to both music enthusiasts and accomplished artists.

BHS Interactors Plant Trees to Celebrate MLK Jr.

On Sunday, January 14, 2024, Berkeley High School Interact planted trees at Marina Vista Memorial Park in Vallejo, as part of the MLK Jr. celebration. There was lots of mud after the heavy rain, but everyone had a great time!

Can you dig it? These Interactors can! See below.



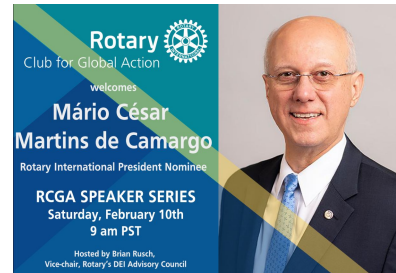
Two of the BHS students carefully plant a tree.



Meet RI President Nominee Mário César Martins de Camargo

Meet Rotary International President Nominee Mário César Martins de Camargo on Saturday, February 10, 9 AM PT, at the Rotary Club of Global Action (RCGA) Speaker Series!

RIPN Mário will share his vision for the 2025-26 Rotary year and how we can get involved. Following his talk, RCGA will open the conversation for a Q&A session with Mário, moderated by Brian Rusch, vice-chair of the Rotary International Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



This Zoom event will be conducted via Zoom in English and is open to all! Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYocumqqjouHdxB40ZMohDL5mvWuAyqptqZ>