

# e-Revolutions

**Berkeley Rotary Club** 

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#### **Speakers**

#### March 13, 2024

Henry Symons, BART
Principal Government +
Community Relations
Representative

"BART's Safe and Clean Planâ€

#### March 20, 2024

Commissioner Stephanie Singer, Alameda County Elections Commission

"How Democracy Is Doing"

## March 27, 2024

Nik Dehejia, CEO of the Oakland Zoo

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#### April 03, 2024

Andy Katz, Director EBMUD

**April 10, 2024** 

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#### **Events**

March 13th
Communications
Committee Meeting via
Zoom

March 14th

Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing in Person

March 14th

**Thirsty Thursday** 

March 20th

Meetings of the Boards (Club and Endowment) via Zoom

March 22nd

**BARSHEEP TGIFF** 

March 27th

<u>Civil Discourse Meeting</u> <u>via Zoom</u>

April 2nd

Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom

## **Birthdays**

Terrence M. Regan March 11th Donata Hubert March 21st Helmut Wolfgang Tutass March 24th Jon Allen Vicars March 29th

## **Club Announcements**

**Next Meeting.** March 13, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom): Henry Symons, BART Principal Government and Community Relations Representative, will present **"BART's Safe and Clean Plan."** The speaker is provided by Team #7, the Yosemite Team; Jack McPhail and David Poock, Captains.





## Save the Date! The Social

Committee invites you to make glass art at Slow Burn Glass Studio (833 S. 19th St., Unit A, Richmond,

https://www.slowburnglass.com), on March 22, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, \$50 per person. A taco lunch will be available for purchase. Sign up at a club meeting or email Arlene Marcus (arlenebmarcus@comcast.net).

There's Still Time to Register. The Rotary District 5160 Spring Assembly and BETS (Board Elect Training)
South is on March 23, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM, in Fairfield,
CA. Questions? Need a ride? Contact Joan Collignon
(joancollignon@gmail.com). Register: https://www.dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?



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**Peacebuilding.** Posted on Facebook by Rotary International: "We are so excited to expand our peace-building efforts with the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution. Together, we will incubate new peacebuilding ideas and accelerate existing ideas to make them more effective." Learn more:

https://tinyurl.com/mrxz8sc3

(Photo: Dean Özerdem at the signing with John Hewko, CEO of Rotary International, Sarah Crawford, Director of Programs and Grants at Rotary International, and Dr. Charles Davidson of the Carter School.)

Lynne Henderson April 4th

Yanick Louis Lindquist April 10th

# **Thirsty Thursday with a Twist on March 14**

This is the second week of the month, and the second Thursday means THIRSTY THURSDAY for Berkeley Rotary. Please come to the Collignon's for drinks, snacks, and conversation from 5 to 7. But there's a new wrinkle this week.

Do you have any old bottles of wine moldering away in your basement? Wine so old you fear it has passed the point of palatability? That bottle that Aunt Maud brought to Thanksgiving dinner years ago is covered with dust now and full of sediment, so we call that Dirty Wine. Bring your old, your tired, your neglected bottles, and weâ $\in$ <sup>TM</sup>I stage a **Dirty Wine Tasting.** Just may be weâ $\in$ <sup>TM</sup>II find a gem among the dross.



Our late Rotarian Alan Leggett pioneered the concept. During a tumultuous divorce, his wife put his wine out on her back porch exposed to the summer sun and winter cold and never told him. By the time he rescued it, he figured little was salvageable, but he invited club members to help him try it. We had a good timeâ€"and some of it was drinkable.

Berkeley Rotary held our last Dirty Wine Tasting in 2018, so by now you may well have some bottles that are appropriately elderly. Bring them to the Collignon's at 2925 Russell Street in Berkeley and we'll help you taste them. (Donâ $\in$ <sup>TM</sup>t worry. Weâ $\in$ <sup>TM</sup>ll have a few bottles of the good stuff too.)

# **PolioPlus: Latest Update**

By Frederick C. Collignon



We are now starting the third month of this calendar year. RI is pleased to report that there are still **no new** wild poliovirus or Circulating Vaccine-Derived poliovirus cases.

Our detection labs are hard at work. Three positive environmental samples for wild poliovirus have been collected this yearâ€"all from Pakistan.

We are holding at 12 wild polio cases: 6 from Pakistan, 6 from Afghanistan. The most recent case in Pakistan was on October 24, 2023; in Afghanistan, September 4, 2023. Every

day that goes by, we are a step further on the last mile to end polio! Eight months to go for our first year without polio.

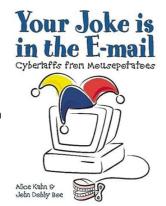
If you haven't done so yet, send your \$100 annual donation to Grier Graff, our club's PolioPlus chair, and join Rotary's PolioPlus Warriors, pledging \$100 each year.

# **A Brief History of Humor**

By Peter D. Campbell

Our speaker on March 6 was John "Dobby†Boe. Dobby, as he prefers to be called, is a retired professor from UC Davis where he taught for 30 years. He admits that he used humor and joke-telling in his classes, believing that it would keep students in their chairs. This proved to be true; his classes were always very popular and full.

Dobby regaled us with a review of many of the jokes in his book *Your Joke is in the Email*, co-edited by local author Alice Kahn and composed of internet-distributed jokes. He pointed out popular themes and that most jokes do not age well, noting that Shakespearean jokes, without an actor's interpretation, do not stand up over time.



The presentation almost had a late start. Dobby had a hard time finding the meeting room. Fortunately, he found us and, after a few tense moments, it all worked out in the end.

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