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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

April 23, 2025

[Dawn Sagorski, WDDC + Gwen Austin, BOSS](#)

"People of Action"

April 30, 2025

[Suzanne Bragdon, Past Governor, Rotary District 5160](#)

"Rotarians Are Peace Builders"

May 14, 2025

[Kathy Kramer, Coordinator, Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour](#)

"How We Transformed Our Yard from an Ecological Wasteland into a Wildlife Habitat Garden"

Events

April 23rd

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

Kenneth Renworth

April 20th

David Hugh Malcolm

April 21st

Joan Louise McLean

April 22nd

Douglas Fielding

April 23rd

Katherine Ailis Culbertson

April 24th

John Caner

April 30th

David A Wilson Jr.

May 2nd

Pamela M. Doolan

May 3rd

Jacqueline Peters

Hammond

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, April 23, 2025 (at First Pres and via Zoom, at 12:30 PM PT), **Dawn Sagorski** (Operations and Donor Relations Director, Women's Daytime Drop-in Center) and **Gwen Austin** (Community Engagement Manager, BOSS/Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency) will present **"People of Action."** These BRC Supportive Housing partners will discuss their work in providing services to the unhoused members of our community. The speakers are provided by Ken Renworth, BRC President 2024-25.



What Do You Say? On

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 (via Zoom, from 2:30-3:30 PM PT), the BRC Peace Committee hosts the next in a series of Civil Discourse meetings. **Topic: "What could be done to reduce the expression of antisemitic sentiments in campus discussions and interactions?"** You'll receive the Zoom link via email.

Rotary Live. Are vaccines safe?

What's herd immunity? How do I talk with someone who is skeptical of vaccines? Join RI's panel of public health experts on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 8 AM, for a World Immunization Week conversation on the importance of vaccinations. Watch on Facebook: [on.rotary.org/wiw25fb](https://www.rotary.org/wiw25fb)



C'mon Out! Berkeley Rotary and Dougherty Valley Rotary are co-sponsoring [BORP](#) vs. [Dougherty Valley Wildcats](#) in a wheelchair basketball game on Friday, May 2, 2025. Doors open at 5:45 PM and the game tips at 6:10 PM. [Get tickets and donate here.](#) Go BORP!

Catering for a Good Cause! Join us in supporting [Chef Traci](#) as she caters lunch for 50 clients served by the [Women's Daytime Drop-In Center](#) at their special event, Mothers, Sisters & Others, on Friday, May 9, 2025. We'll be in the kitchen on Thursday, May 8, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM prepping for the big day. There will be lots of chopping, so knife skills are a plus. Chef Traci will treat our volunteer team to lunch after our kitchen shift. Let's come together to make this event



May 10th
Adrian Vancamper
May 10th
Amit S Randhawa
May 11th
Martin Kaliski
May 12th
Dylan Supencheck
May 14th
Kenneth N. Matsumura
May 15th
Olatubosun Ade Fasipe
Ph.D.
May 17th

meaningful and delicious. [Sign up here!](#)

In Memorial: Former Rotarian and City Council Member Mary Wainwright

By Frederick C. Collignon



At our April 23 club meeting, we heard memorial tributes and observed a minute of silence for former City Councilmember Mary Wainwright, whose death had been announced earlier that week in the media. Fellow Councilmember Fred Collignon reviewed her priorities for public safety, infrastructure, affordable housing and youth programs while on the Council and her extensive work in her church and with neighborhood organizations in south and west Berkeley. She gave important voice and leadership to the needs of the Black community and the poor.

Over her years in Rotary, Mary was the sponsor of annual grants for the city's pre-high school football programs and for swimming lessons targeted to underserved youth. She was a founder and longtime Board member of Berkeley Youth Alternatives (BYA), and sponsored many club grants for that program in its early years. Berkeley Boosters, the program founded by Rotary at the request of the Police Department, and its director, the late Rotarian Ovie Wittstock, wrote a successful federal grant which procured a building for the Berkeley Boosters and BYA, where BYA continues to run programs. Mary had been ill and incapacitated in her last years, so recent members never got a chance to work with and know her personally. Click [HERE](#) if you would like to view her obituary.



More Help as You Prepare for the Next Berkeley Disaster

On April 9, Jamie Albrecht, Emergency Services Coordinator for the City of Berkeley, presented an outline of the steps we can take to prepare for the next disaster. She sent a follow-up email with some additional resources for us:



Thanks for having me last week! I am attaching a few things that I think might be helpful in following up to my presentation. –Jamie Albrecht

- A   [worksheet](#) for doing Six Critical Steps at home
- helpful links:
 - <https://berkeleyca.gov/safety-health/disaster-preparedness/emergency-notifications> (ways of getting emergency notifications)
 - <https://protect.genasys.com/search> (real time evacuation information, you can download the app)
- I will be giving this presentation at two library branches in the coming weeks.
 - April 26: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/12486171003592?aff=oddtcreator>
 - May 8: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1301182304299?aff=oddtcreator>

Community Emergency Response Team classes, the curriculum starts up again in May.

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/cert-courses-3914873?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

The Impact of Federal Policy on Infectious Diseases

By Arlene Marcus



The speaker on Wednesday was delayed due to a nationwide disruption of Zoom. Fortunately, Ilya switched us to Google Meet, but the program started a bit late and ended early, leaving no time for Q&A. Dr. Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH, and Doctor of Infectious Disease at UCSF (among her many other credentials), spoke from her office at UCSF. She is a graduate of Harvard Medical School with residency and fellowship at UCSF and a Master of Public Health from UC Berkeley.

Her report on the impact of U.S. federal policies and funding cuts on health organizations here and around the world, and on the fight against infectious diseases,

was sobering. Below, AI captured the gravity of the situation.

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It Takes A Village!

By Kate Harrison

Many thanks to [Cal Rotaract](#) for volunteering on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at [Dorothy's Closet](#), the retail clothing store that supports the incredible programs at [Dorothy Day House](#), and to Berkeley Rotarians who donated fabulous items. It takes a village!

Club members are welcome to drop off clothing donations directly at Dorothy Day House—they'll handle the rest!



Action to Make the World a Better Place

By Helena Meyer-Knapp



What can a Rotarian do in these troubling times?

Why . . . write to friends and relatives, encouraging them to join Rotary. Below is a letter I sent out, but you are welcome to crib and copy any parts of it that inspire you, my Rotarian friends, to write to your friends.

Helena

Dear friends,

I join with everyone who feels a particular urgency about the state of affairs we now confront. I also know that we must be looking long term too. So, it was good to know that the League of Women Voters is engaged in the Hands Off action on April 5. Talk about long term.

Let me add another important group, perhaps a surprising one. A couple of years ago I became a member of the Rotary club where I live, having long had my eye on the organization because of its commitment to world peace and the deep peace in its explicit ethical stance, the Four Way Test, its mantra guiding over 1 million members in 200 countries: (1) Is it the truth? (2) Is it fair to all concerned? (3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? (4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

There's no "partisan" politics in Rotary, but we sure do public issues. Rotary leads in the global polio vaccination project. One of our seven key purposes is "empowering women and children." We are out front on the environment too. And there are locally run clubs in all the hot spots . . . Ukraine, Panama, Greenland, Taiwan, Jerusalem, and East Jerusalem. My Rotary district will play host this coming year to a high school youth exchange student from Taiwan, and will support her in whatever future comes along during 2025-26.

Most important of all, Rotary is a bottom-up organization. The action really does center on local clubs, each of which does its version of good works and public service. They've been doing it for over 100 years and are planning to be around for the foreseeable future.

In our urgent times, if you are also looking to join a community of people committed to making ours a better, more truth-filled world, consider Rotary.

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