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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

May 28, 2025

[Calleene Eagan, CEO,](#)

[Insight Housing](#)

"Insight Housing: Growth and Challenges Ahead"

June 04, 2025

[Laura Geist, General Manager of the Oakland Ballers](#)

"The Building of the Ballers: Creating a Community-Driven Model"

June 11, 2025

[Gia White, AD at Global International & Area Studies, UC Berkeley](#)

"We've Been Here Before: Embracing Black History at UC Berkeley in the Time of Erasure"

June 18, 2025

[Mary Malec and Bridget Ahern](#)

"Whatever Happened to the Cal Falcons?"

June 25, 2025

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[Communications Committee Meeting via](#)

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Join us on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 12:30-1:30 PM (at First Pres or via Zoom), when CEO Calleene Eagan presents **"Insight Housing: Growth and Challenges Ahead."** The speaker is provided by the BRC East Asia Team; Jocelyn Pittel and Kris Libunao, Captains.



Scholarship Committee. The committee will meet (in person) at 1:30 PM following the May 28, 2025, club meeting. All are welcome to attend! Questions? Contact Tina Etcheverry (etcheverrytina@yahoo.com).

Civil Discourse. The next Civil Discourse session is this Wednesday, May 28, 2:30 PM. This month our topic is **"What's wrong with the Democratic Party?"** As usual, we encourage you to bring along someone whose opinion regarding this issue is perhaps opposite yours. Civil Discourse is the ability to listen to points of view that may even be offensive to us. As we Rotarians learn tools for civil discourse, our clubs can become centers for conflict engagement in our communities, expanding the Rotary call for Peace and Conflict transformation. Join us on Zoom. *NOTE, this is the new Zoom link:* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4016266225?pwd=roZOgVaHJYmU0d1w0GCMpfQLERxPym.1&omn=81819466231>



Ladies Who Lunch. The next gathering is on Friday, June 6, 2025, from 12 PM–2 PM, and will be hosted by Anne Pardee. Please bring a dish for 6–8 to share (except dessert, which will be provided). RSVP is not necessary, but it would be nice! Contact Anne (pardeevt@comcast.net) for the location.

Get Your Tickets Now! The Taste of Downtown Berkeley is on Sunday, June 8, 2025, from 2–5:30 PM, starting at Downtown Berkeley Plaza. Come out for an afternoon of gourmet bites and refreshing beverages from 13 of Downtown Berkeley's top restaurants. All proceeds benefit the Berkeley Rotary Club's vital community programs. [Buy tickets here:](#) \$60 or 2 for \$100; students \$30; children under 14 free. **BOGO offer:** Volunteers who buy a ticket will receive a second ticket for free! Bring a friend or spouse!



Belonging Without Othering

[Zoom](#)

June 12th

[Supportive Housing
Hygiene Kit Packing +
Committee Meeting](#)

June 12th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

June 18th

[Meetings of the Boards
\(Club and Endowment\)
via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

Christopher K. Ahoy
May 29th

Jack H. McPhail
May 31st

Rachel I Frankel Meek
June 9th

Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf
June 10th

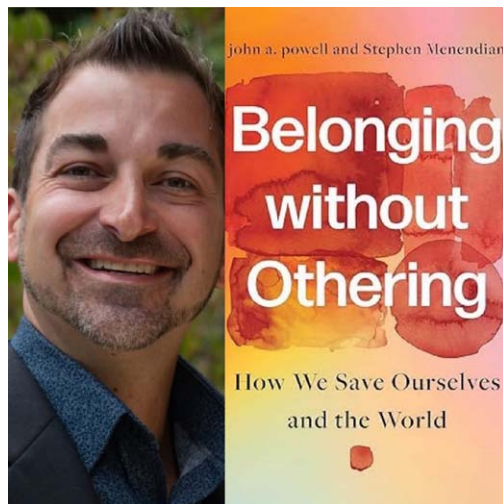
Pamela V. Emerson
June 19th

Jason Aupperle Russell
June 20th

Luisa Buada
June 21st

Volodymyr Goshlyk
June 26th

By John Pardee



How do people and societies flourish? Our speaker last Wednesday, Stephen Menendian, is the Assistant Director and Director of Research of the Othering and Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley. He told us that the research is clear: The most important factor allowing people to flourish is for them to feel they really belong to a community. Unfortunately, in recent decades in America and elsewhere, opportunities for people to belong to various communities and groups have been declining. But this trend is not inevitable and has resulted not only from organic changes in society but also from conscious policy decisions that can be changed to promote contact, connection, and belonging.

People have an inherent desire to connect with other people. Societies that flourish make this connection easy to happen, *i.e.*, they encourage "centripetal" rather than "centrifugal" social forces. In the mid-20th century, there were structures in place, such as strong unions, social and religious organizations, common sources of information, densely residential-focused central cities, etc., that had centripetal effects. Gradually, towards the end of the last century and to the present time, factors such as suburbanization and car-oriented communities, fractured sources of information, decline of unions and organized religion, and the rise of a for-profit, conflict-generation industry have led to more individualization and isolation.

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All Aboard! Sacramento Train Trip and Museum Tour



Crocker Museum of Art-A Docent-led Tour: "THE CALIFORNIA IMPRESSIONISTS"

Saturday, June 28, 10-11AM, Sacramento

Travel from Berkeley to Sacramento's restored waterfront on Amtrak's Capital Corridor train (or drive, if you prefer). We will have time for lunch and to explore the area before returning.

We'll meet at the Berkeley Amtrak station under the University Avenue overpass near 4th Street no later than 7 AM to depart at 7:20 AM. We'll return from Sacramento at 12:55 PM, arriving in Berkeley at 2:30 PM.

Cost: \$45. (\$10 if you drive). Pay by check or Venmo to Berkeley Rotary Club, noting "BRC/CROCKER" in the reference line.

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