



# e-Revolutions

Berkeley Rotary Club

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## Speakers

June 02, 2025

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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

[Hosted by Berkeley Rotary](#)  
"End-of-Year Celebration"

## Events

June 3rd

[Peace Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 3rd

[Taste of Downtown Berkeley Volunteer Training via Zoom](#)

June 4th

[Taste of Downtown Berkeley Volunteer Training in Person](#)

June 6th

[Ladies Who Lunch Potluck](#)

June 8th

[Taste of Downtown Berkeley](#)

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

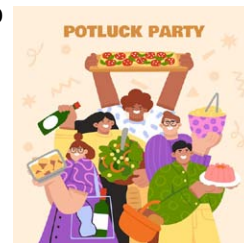
**Next Meeting.** Join us on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 12:30 PM PT (in person or via Zoom), when Laura Geist, General Manager of the Oakland Ballers, presents "**The Building of the Ballers: Creating a Community-Driven Model.**" Learn about how the Ballers came to be, the building blocks of the team, and the importance of building a strong foundation with your supporters and the broader community beyond baseball. The speaker is provided by the BRC South Asia Team; Libby Tyler and Pamela Doolan, Captains.



**Hybrid Zoom Meetings to Continue.** At the May 21, 2025, meeting, the BRC Board of Directors voted to continue hybrid meetings indefinitely. This flexible format makes it easier for members who are traveling, have mobility challenges, or are caring for others to stay connected. If you'd like to help with the weekly in-person setup and can assist in making the process smoother, please reach out to Marty Kaliski ([martymech@aol.com](mailto:martymech@aol.com)). A gentle reminder: If you're attending

via Zoom, send in your \$10 meeting participation fee—by check or Venmo—to help keep things running smoothly. Thank you!

**Ladies Who Lunch.** The next gathering for all club members who "identify as a lady who lunches" 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](mailto:pardeevt@comcast.net)) for the location.



**Shout-out to the BRC Teams!** Thank you for bringing us a great lineup of speakers this May. We celebrated together, explored the beauty and purpose of native plant gardens, reflected on themes of othering and belonging, and got updates from Insight Housing. Missed a meeting? Catch up anytime in our [video library](#)!

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**I Theme.** June is Fellowship Month on the Rotary calendar. Rotary International writes: "Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience." [Find a fellowship, and get tips about starting and promoting one here](#), or check out the list on p. 60 of the June 2025 issue of *Rotary Magazine*.



June 11th  
[Communications  
Committee Meeting via  
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](#)

June 27th  
[BARSHEEP TGIFF](#)

## **Birthdays**

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

Maxim Schrogin

June 28th

## **Insight Housing: Growth and Challenges Ahead**

By Anne Pardee



The Berkeley Food and Housing Project was founded in 1970 and, staffed with volunteers, primarily served as a soup kitchen. Today, it has grown and been renamed as Insight Housing, with a mission to provide housing stability and the belief that as a housing-first organization, it should facilitate as many different support services as possible within one organization.

Last week, Rick Dean, Associate Director of Philanthropy for Insight Housing, told of the successes around their mission to ensure food, housing, and stability for low-income individuals, including veterans and people with disabilities. Over the last year, Insight Housing served over 4,309 participants; 2,200 of whom are veterans and their families. Over 105,986 meals were served. Interim and permanent supportive housing provided stability and wraparound services. Street outreach and case management connected people to critical resources. Employment and benefits helped individuals achieve financial security. There is 95% housing retention among the permanent supportive housing residents. [Read More](#)

## **No More Summer Slide**

By Joan Collignon

Note to self: It is a lot more fun to visit a Berkeley school years *after* your child has graduated. No more angst! (And no more PTA responsibilities.) The No More Summer Slide literacy program has provided a volunteer opportunity for several BRC members this spring, who have helped kids “shop” for books (actually, provided free of charge) to take home to read over the summer so that their reading skills won't slip before school starts in the fall. A club Endowment Grant provides part of the funding for this literacy project, which is a worthy successor to our Dictionary Project.

Last week, I worked at Malcolm X Elementary School at the 7:30 AM drop-off, helping teachers Amy Cottle and Joal Arvanigian distribute bags of children's books to their parents and dispensing Peet's coffee and DreamFluff donuts while the teachers offered lots of advice about how to encourage the kids to read. Teachers these days are so dedicated! They wear jeans and sneakers instead of the pearls and heels of my youth because they have to keep up with the kids! At John Muir School, I helped reading resource coach Olivia Sanders run a book raffle during the annual May Fair, while she buttonholed the parents, all of whom she knew well, explaining this gift of books their children would bring home on the last day of class next week.

Thank you, Pamela Doolan, for coordinating all these volunteer opportunities. And thank you, Berkeley Rotarians, for providing the funds for another excellent program!

Photos: left, teachers at Malcolm X School; right, Joan and Olivia Sanders at John Muir School.



## Lasagna Project Marches On

Clients of the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center are loving our lasagnas! Five BRC members (pictured) got together in Traci Siegel's kitchen last week and made 10 lasagnas to cover the 5 Wednesdays in July. Thank you, all!



This month, due to vacation schedules, we're cooking earlier than usual. We need 4 volunteers to cook lasagnas on Thursday, June 12 for the WDDC hot lunch program, and 2 volunteers to help with July deliveries. [Sign up if you can help!](#)

Chef Traci is constantly streamlining the process to make it easier for volunteers. It's no longer necessary to pick up, cook, and then deliver the lasagnas. Now you can just pick them up on Monday from Traci's outdoor freezer, drive them straight over to WDDC, and the staff will cook and serve them on Wednesday. One trip! Please sign up to do this. The bonus: You'll get to see the way the WDDC works, hear the clients chatting about their children as you walk up to the kitchen door, and meet the grateful staff and WDDC volunteers inside.

Below: Irene Hegarty, Melissa Eisenberg, Mimi Freuhan, Joan Collignon, and Traci Siegel.



## Reminder: Sacramento Train Trip and Museum Tour

By O'Neil Dillon

**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. Sign up with O'Neil at

[oneilsdillon@gmail.com](mailto:oneilsdillon@gmail.com) or at the next club meeting.

## Where in the World Is . . .

**Linda Cogozzo?**



Ensenada, Mexico.

**Joan Collignon?**



May Fair, John Muir Elementary School, Berkeley

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