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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

February 21, 2024

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

"Endemic: A Post-Pandemic Playbook"

February 28, 2024

[Emily Seelenfreund, Exec. Dir., BORP \(Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program\)](#)

"BORP: Empowering People with Disabilities Through Adaptive Sports and Recreation"

March 06, 2024

[Dobby Boe, Author + Retired Lecturer in English, UC Davis](#)

"Humor and Life"

March 13, 2024

[Henry Symons, BART Principal Government + Community Relations Representative](#)

"BART's Safe and Clean Plan"

Events

February 21st
[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) via Zoom](#)

February 23rd
[BARSHEEP TGIFF](#)

February 28th
[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

March 5th
[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

Grace Manning Orenstein
February 19th

Grier Graff
February 27th

Richard M. Betts
March 1st

email BRC
March 3rd

Oscar H. Luna
March 3rd

Tina Etcheverry
March 6th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM (at First Pres and on Zoom): Monica Gandhi, M.D., Associate Chief of Infectious Diseases and Global Medicine at UCSF, will present "**Endemic: A Post-Pandemic Playbook.**" The speaker is provided by Libby Tyler, Berkeley Rotary President 2023-24, and the Berkeley Rotary Health and Wellness Committee (O'Neil Dillon, Chairperson).



Hola, Amigos! Get together with District 5160 Rotarians at the BARSHEEP TGIFF on February 23, 5-7 PM, for "Mexican Fiesta Time," hosted by the HRC (Hercules-Rodeo-Crockett) Rotary Club at El Sol Restaurant, 224 Pacific Ave., Rodeo, CA. It promises to be a tasty and fun evening.

Register Now. 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. If you have questions or need a ride, contact Joan Collignon (joancollignon@gmail.com). Register: <https://www.dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77666802>



Pillars of Democracy Event. Club member Jonathan DeYoe and his firm EP Wealth Advisors are hosting a free event on March 7, 6 PM, at the David Brower Center. There will be speakers talking about Living Room Conversations (similar to our club's Civil Discourse sessions), entertainment by the Shotgun Players, and a champagne reception following the program. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pillars-of-democracy-tickets-803310381977>

Working with Youth: What You Need to Know

Want to volunteer to work with youth? Here are a few things you need to know.

All Rotarians who work with youth, e.g., with Interact, Rotaract, Camp Venture or Camp Royal, or simply transport youth to a meeting, conference, or project site, must complete the Youth Protection Program (YPP). It's coordinated through District 5160 and involves:



- Payment of a \$18 fee for a background check.
- Application and questionnaire
- 3 personal references
- youth protection awareness training

Once you have completed these steps, you would be a "vetted volunteer" and would be approved for three years. Even if you are not working with youth now, but think you might like to in the future, you are encouraged to complete the YPP. In that way, our club would have a number of volunteers we could call on to help with a youth program.

To sign up, see <https://ypp.rotary5160.org/>.

Club Communications: How Are We Doing?

By Irene R. Hegarty



The Communications Committee is surveying our members to find out if, how, and how often they use our club's communication tools, i.e., the club's website at www.berkeleyrotary.org, e-Revolutions or e-Rev, calendars, and social media.

To take the survey online, the link is [here](#). I will also bring copies of the survey to the club meeting this week, if you prefer to fill it out on paper. And for those who don't read e-Rev (for shame!) and are not coming in person to the meeting this week, I will also send out a p-mail to the membership.

So . . . you have no excuses! Please take a moment to fill out the survey and give us your input.

Thank you!

My Journey with the Owls

By David A Wilson Jr.

Artist Jeanne Chappell gave a lovely and interesting talk on her passion for the last 15+ years: the owl. To begin her discussion, she explained her attraction to owls and how popular these birds have become, noting that there are over 400 owl books at her local library and that Etsy is so full of owl-related listings now that she has stopped listing her owl works there.



Owls are nocturnal hunters with specialized eyes that have more rods than cones and are so large that they do not move in their sockets. The owl's sense of hearing is at least equally important to its vision, if not more important. She described the owl's other familiar physical attributes, including its upright posture and specialized feathers on its face and wings, both to provide silence in flight and channel sounds to the ears. Owls truly are naturally silent and deadly killers.

These elegant birds evoke a sense of mystery in humans as they are active almost entirely at night in the dark. They are legendary in many cultures for being wise and as harbingers of death and otherworldliness. The three varieties of owls Chappell discussed in detail were the Barn, Horned, and Snowy Owls. Her slides of the various owls were taken from her paintings that she created from her own photographs and published in a book called *Owls, the Paintings of Jeanne Chappell*. [Read More](#)

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