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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

March 13, 2024

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

"BART's Safe and Clean Plan"

March 20, 2024

[Commissioner Stephanie Singer, Alameda County Elections Commission](#)

"How Democracy Is Doing"

March 27, 2024

[Nik Dehejia, CEO of the Oakland Zoo](#)

TBA

April 03, 2024

[Andy Katz, Director EBMUD](#)

TBA

April 10, 2024

TBA

TBA

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

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

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?EventID=77666802>



District 5160



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 we'll stage a **Dirty Wine Tasting**. Just maybe we'll 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 time—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. (Don't worry. We'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 year—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.

**Your Joke is
in the E-mail**
Cyberlaufs from Mousepotatoes



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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