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Berkeley Rotary Club

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## Speakers

**March 20, 2024**

[Commissioner Stephanie Singer, Alameda County Elections Commission](#)  
"How Democracy Is Doing"

**March 27, 2024**

[Nik Dehejia, CEO, Oakland Zoo](#)  
"People & Wildlife Thriving Together: Oakland Zoo's Journey"

**April 03, 2024**

[Andy Katz, Director, EBMUD](#)  
"Climate Change and Infrastructure Innovation in Berkeley"

**April 10, 2024**

[TBA](#)  
TBA

**April 17, 2024**

[Lori Fogarty, Director and CEO, Oakland Museum of California](#)  
"The Changing Landscape of Museums: Museum as Town Square"

## Events

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](#)

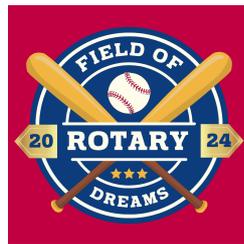
April 11th  
[Thirsty Thursday](#)

## Birthdays

Donata Hubert  
March 21st  
Helmut Wolfgang Tutass  
March 24th  
Jon Allen Vicars  
March 29th  
Lynne Henderson  
April 4th  
Yanick Louis Lindquist  
April 10th  
Fred Tabsharani  
April 12th

## Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** March 20, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom): Stephanie Singer, Commissioner of the Alameda County Elections Commission, will present "**How Democracy Is Doing.**" The speaker is provided by Team 8, the Fall River Team; Arlene Marcus, Captain.



**Field of Rotary Dreams.** Don't miss it! The District 5160 Conference is on April 26-28, 2024, in Sacramento, CA. Register: <https://rotary5160.org>. Questions? Registration: [registrar@Rotary5160.org](mailto:registrar@Rotary5160.org), conference: [shryl5@aol.com](mailto:shryl5@aol.com).

### Rotary and UNICEF.

Posted by RI on Facebook: "Rotary and UNICEF continue to build resilient public health systems around the world. Together, we're making strides towards a world free from polio and ensuring healthier futures for children worldwide." Learn how they work together: [on.rotary.org/3SZ7QdI](http://on.rotary.org/3SZ7QdI)



## Learn How to Create Glass Art



The Social Committee invites you to see a glass-blowing demonstration and learn how to make your own 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**. The cost is \$50 per person, paid onsite by cash or credit card. No open-toe shoes. Children must be 12 years of age or older. A taco lunch is available for purchase. Sign up with Arlene Marcus ([arlenebmarcus@comcast.net](mailto:arlenebmarcus@comcast.net)).

## Volunteer Opportunity: Build Classroom Furniture for Early Learning Center

By O'Neil Dillon

A new project—a partnership between Berkeley Rotary Club and the YMCA of the East Bay—has built two preschool classrooms for the E.M. Downer Early Learning Center in Richmond. The next step is to build furniture.

Two years ago, the newly formed club Health and Wellness Committee explored possible health-related projects in the community, one of which was to help the YMCA of the East Bay develop pediatric dental clinics in areas of high need. We started in Richmond. At about this time, with the passing of Rotarian George

Luna, we decided to name this project in honor of George and the Y agreed to give us naming rights. Many club members donated to support honoring George in this project, totaling \$7650. We applied for a District grant and were awarded \$15,000 for the dental clinic project.

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## Dirty Wine Tasting Featured at Thirsty Thursday

By Frederick C. Collignon



How do you like 40-year-old wines? Better or worse than 30-year-old, 20-year-old, 10-year-old, or the wines you most often drink? Thirsty Thursday on March 14 featuring "dirty wine" tasting was a good place to find out.

There were 4 bottles from the 1980s, 6 from the 1990s, 6 from the 2000s, another dozen 10-year-old wines, and some current wines. Thirty-one Berkeley Rotarians and friends attended. Thanks to all who brought a bottle or snacks, who helped uncork and decant,

stayed to clean up, and even helped us hang a rug in the living room. (Gotta love tall Rotarians.) Special thanks to Schuyler Bailey who dropped off a dozen bottles of old wine, but couldn't come to the tasting because of Covid.

For wine buffs: We had folks talking about the latest research from chemists on how best to aerate wine and what kinds of wine most benefit from aeration. We compared wines from France, Italy, Slovakia, Spain, and the U.S. We lots of Cabs, Zins, and Merbts, but also Riojas, Petite Sirahs, Pinot Noirs, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cava and champagne, Barbera Rose, and varietals from abroad you might never have heard of.

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## BART's Safe and Clean Plan

By Jack H. McPhail

Henry Symons, the Government and Community Relations Representative for BART and a Berkeley native, spoke to the club on March 13 on BART's Safe and Clean Plan. Henry attended Berkeley public schools, and his first grade teacher, Berkeley Rotarian Marion Hunt, was in the audience. Symons is a graduate of UC Santa Cruz.



He divided his presentation into several major sections:

1. An overview of BART's primary ridership
  - a. 35% have incomes of under \$50,000.
  - b. 44% do not own a car.
  - c. 67% are non-white
  
2. Commitment to clean cars and stations
  - a. BART now has 66% more cleaning staff than before the pandemic
  - b. More staffing at high-volume stations.
  - c. Insurance that all restrooms are open throughout the day and throughout the system.
  - d. The new fleet of cars are much easier to clean and are built with materials that are easier to clean and stronger for wear and tear.

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