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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

April 03, 2024

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

April 10, 2024

[Henry DeNero, Berkeley Fire Safety Council](#)
"Before It's Too Late"

April 17, 2024

[Lori Fogarty, Director and CEO, Oakland Museum of California](#)

"The Changing Landscape of Museums: Museum as Town Square"

April 24, 2024

[Peter Fedichev, Ph.D., Chief Science Officer, Gero](#)

"Aging, Entropy, and the Biological Arrow of Time"

May 01, 2024

[Grace Karr, Senior Community Engagement Manager, BUILD Bay Area](#)

"Support East Bay High School Entrepreneurs in the BUILD Program"

Events

April 3rd

[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

April 10th

[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

April 11th

[Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing in Person](#)

April 11th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

April 17th

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

April 24th

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

April 30th

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM (at First Pres and on Zoom): Andy Katz, Director of the East Bay Municipal District (EBMUD), will present "**Climate Change and Infrastructure Innovation in Berkeley.**" The speaker is provided by Libby Tyler, Berkeley Rotary President 2023-24.



Pro Tip. Thank you, BRC Teams, for bringing us great speakers! In March, we laughed, learned what's up at BART, considered what democracy means, and virtually roamed the Oakland Zoo. If you missed a meeting (or to watch it again), check out our library of recordings: <https://berkeleyrotary.org/past-speakers.php>

RI Monthly Theme. April is Environment month. Learn more: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/protecting-environment>



Your Donations Make a Difference

By Grier Graff



The club's Grants Committee has recommended, and the Endowment Board recently approved, seven grants for the February/March cycle, totaling \$18,300. This is one of three cycles each year. Typically, we have about \$65,000 for grants throughout the year.

The following approved grants focus on youth:

Berkeley Baby Book Project

\$1,000

The Berkeley Baby Book Project is an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and serves Berkeley at-risk children ages 0-5 by providing age-appropriate books, delivered directly to the children every month.

Volunteer help is needed at information tables at events, visits to program partner sites (BUSD preschools, HeadStart) to ensure awareness of the program, and ongoing support positions for individuals (scheduler, social media poster, data entry person for enrollment, and position on the board of directors).

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Lynne Henderson
April 4th

Yanick Louis Lindquist
April 10th

Fred Tabsharani
April 12th

Marcia K Dillon
April 13th

Kenneth Renworth
April 20th

David Hugh Malcolm
April 21st

Joan Louise McLean
April 22nd

Douglas Fielding
April 23rd

John Caner
April 30th

David A Wilson Jr.
May 2nd

Pamela M. Doolan
May 3rd

Welcome, Volodymyr!

On March 27, the club welcomed our newest member, Volodymyr Goshlyk, from Ukraine, to join our increasingly international club.

Volodymyr has an impressive resume of academic and professional accomplishments. He has a Masters Degree and Doctorate in Philology from Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, Ukraine. Currently an Affiliate Faculty at the Center for Studies in Higher Education at the Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley, he is a co-founder and President of the Berkeley-based nonprofit Ukraine Matters (see ukraine-matters.org).

Volodymyr is also the Director of the Ukrainian Non-Governmental Organization, Sustainable Development Landmarks (sdl.org.ua), and the convenor of three International Smart Conferences on Sustainable Development: SEVIC (sevic.org), SDL (sdlconference.org), and SF (sustainabilityfacets.org). In addition (*where does he find the time?*), he is the Director of Programs at AI for Good Foundation.

Volodymyr's wife Natalia Goshlyk, Ph.D., formerly the Fulbright Visiting Professor, is currently the Lecturer in Ukrainian at UC Berkeley. They are the proud parents of two daughters who attend Washington Elementary School and Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School in Berkeley. Volodymyr's hobbies and interests include photography, travel, hiking, fishing, web design, video editing, and watching movies.

As a member of the Berkeley Rotary Club, Volodymyr would like to actively contribute to community-building and to foster successful intercultural communication. We look forward to learning more about Volodymyr and about Ukraine's culture and people.



Above, Volodymyr Goshlyk, Membership Chair Ken Renworth, and sponsor Igor Tregub.

Inside the Oakland Zoo

By John Pardee

Nik Dehejia is a graduate of the Haas Business School, a member of the Oakland Rotary Club, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Conservation Society of California and the Oakland Zoo for the past 18 years. The Zoo was founded in 1922 in downtown Oakland with 2 lions brought back from Africa. Today, the Zoo hosts almost 900,000 visitors a year from all over Northern California, not just Oakland itself.

At our meeting last week, Nik described the work of the Zoo and the efforts to create a family environment where people can come to enjoy observing animals. The overall vision of the Zoo is “a flourishing planet where people and wildlife thrive together.” The critically important part of implementing this vision is to foster a link and connection between people and the goals of protecting and preserving animals. Creating an environment where this link can form for visitors, especially young people, is the core purpose of the Zoo.

The Zoo works to implement its vision by working towards the following goals:

1. Inspire action for people, animals, and the planet;
2. Expand leadership in animal care, rescue, and well-being; and
3. Enhance team culture and organizational effectiveness.

To these ends, the Zoo has an active on-site rescue program for captive or wild animals. This includes providing support for off-site rescue work in areas as remote as Guatemala, where an Oakland Zoo veterinary team provided medical support to a jaguar. It conducts initiatives to preserve and protect 15 “focus species,” such as African elephants, the California condor, reticulated giraffes, lemurs, and macaws. Its “Quarters for Conservation” program focuses on one of our planet’s most critical issues: reducing habitat loss and promoting strategies that allow for co-existence between humans and animals.

Among their many outreach programs, the Zoo runs a Summer Zoo Camp for children and a “Brunch with the Wild Bunch” for seniors. But the welfare of the animals in their care is always the first and foremost mission of the Zoo.



Remembering Carroll Williams (1929-2024)

By Frederick C. Collignon

Carroll Williams was a Berkeley Rotary Club member for 42 years, regularly attending meetings until his health prevented him from doing so. At last week's meeting, I spoke about Carroll's many accomplishments: as the first African American environmental scientist to become a professor at Yale and at Berkeley and the first African American scientist to be hired by the U.S. Forest Service; as a war hero in the first integrated U.S. Marine unit to engage in combat; as a member and past president of the Berkeley School Board, whose calm and reasoned approach helped the district through a difficult, contentious period. He was known as "the glue that held the Forestry Department together" at UC Berkeley, and his expertise in Forest Management was widely acknowledged. But we will remember Carroll as a dedicated Rotarian whose cheerful and wise presence was valued at club meetings.

For a more detailed biography, see [Berkeleyside, March 22, 2024](#).



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