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Speakers

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"

May 08, 2024
[Professor David Weisblat, Dept. of Molecular + Cell Biology, UC Berkeley](#)
"The Mongolia Program"

Events

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

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April 10th

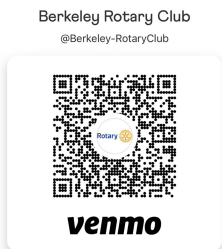
Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom): Henry DeNero, from the Berkeley Fire Safety Council, will present **"Before It's Too Late."** The speaker is provided by Team #2, the Strawberry Creek Team; Fred Tabsharani, Captain.



thirsty THURSDAY Thirsty Thursday. Join your fellow Rotarians and guests on Thursday, April 11, 2024, for a casual drop-in event at the home of Anne Pardee and Steve Beckendorf. Contact Anne (pardeevt@comcast.net) for the address.

Mark Your Calendar: June 9, 2024, 2-5:30 PM. In partnership with the Downtown Berkeley Association, our big fundraiser, **Taste of Downtown Berkeley**, is a walking tour of some of the prime downtown restaurants, where you can stroll and enjoy gourmet bites from local chefs. It will support Berkeley Rotary's important projects like Rotacare, scholarships, and Supportive Housing Hygiene Kits. We will need several volunteers to make this event a success. Questions? Contact Tina Etcheverry (etcheverrytina@yahoo.com) or Joan Collignon (joancollignon@gmail.com).



Hey, Zoomers! Don't forget to send in your \$10 Participation Fee when you attend meetings by Zoom. Here's a handy QR code that you can use to pay via Venmo. We also post it on Zoom chat during our club meetings. (Or you can send a check to Berkeley Rotary Club, 2342 Shattuck Ave., #101, Berkeley, CA 94704.) The fee offsets our costs for room rental and other operating expenses.

Fred Tabsharani
April 12th

Marcia K Dillon
April 13th

Kenneth Renworth
April 20th

David Hugh Malcolm
April 21st

Joan Louise McLean
April 22nd

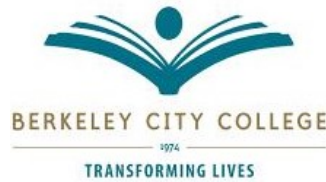
Douglas Fielding
April 23rd

John Caner
April 30th

David A Wilson Jr.
May 2nd

Pamela M. Doolan
May 3rd

Come Celebrate a Birthday on Tuesday, April 23



Join Berkeley Rotary to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Berkeley City College! From its roots as Peralta College for Non-Traditional Study in 1974, to Vista Community College in 1978, to today, Berkeley City College has provided quality, affordable higher education for the community.

President Denise Richardson, whom youâ€™ve met at a few of our meetings, has invited Berkeley Rotary to staff a table at the Berkeley City College Block Party on April 23, on Center Street between Milvia and Shattuck. We can show the Downtown community what Berkeley Rotary is all about: our scholarship program, our local service, our international projects. (And we can talk about our June 9 fundraiser, Taste of Downtown Berkeley, which funds these programs.)



We will need help at the Berkeley Rotary table, in front of BCC at 2050 Center Street, at 10:30 AM for set-up, and then in shifts from 11 AM-12:30 PM and 12:30-2:00 PM. Contact Joan Collignon (joancollignon@gmail.com) if you would like to help. If you donâ€™t have time to staff the table, come by and say hello and see what Berkeley Community College is all about. There will be music, food, and festivities.

Youâ€™re all invited!

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Club Members Build Furniture for Preschool

On March 29, several club members helped to assemble furniture for two preschool classrooms at the EM Downer Early Learning Center in Richmond, a partnership with the YMCA. Below are Steve Beckendorf, Michele Lawrence, Linnea Graff, Ken Renworth, Oâ€™Neil Dillon, Peter Christy, Grier Graff, and Peter Campbell. Good work, Rotarians!



Water: The Source of Life

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler

Andy Katz, a long-time director of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), gave a very well-informed and detailed presentation on the agency that provides drinking water to our region. Director Katz began by showing us pictures of the source of our water, which hales from Pardee Reservoir along the Mokelumne River – an origin which can truly be referred to as “Alpine Water” since it comes from Alpine County!



EBMUD celebrated its 100-year anniversary last year and is constantly undertaking projects to maintain its aging infrastructure and making improvements for resilient piping, including the introduction of “purple piping,” which utilizes

recycled water for irrigation purposes.

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Board Notes: March 2024

By Helena Meyer-Knapp

We had two productive meetings in March:

The Club Board had a careful discussion about whether and how much to increase dues for the coming year. This year’s budget is very, very tight, while our meeting costs and meals are pushing us towards deficits. Zoom attendees are still less likely to contribute. The club did not increase its dues at all in the COVID years, and this year the Board has approved a small increase. Jackie will be sending out dues invoices in May and will fill us in on the details then.



The Board had brief conversations about two other topics: (1) funding for a stem education project in Mongolia, and (2) what to do about archiving the digital records accumulating on individual home computers. Helena and Linda Cogozzo are going to see if there are any proposals the Board wants to suggest to the archives committee.

We also touched on Helena’s idea that the club might sponsor armbands or other visibility gear that would increase the safety of nighttime interactions among pedestrians, bikes, and cars. She will explore the idea further with club members and bike shops.

The Endowment Board focused on the grants recommended by the grants committee. It’s a pretty wonderful list, and all we had to do was to feel glad that we had such good proposals as well as a committee that does so well refining the numbers to spread the wealth equitably and effectively (see full list in the 4/3/24 issue of *e-Rev*). The Board noted that it was important to keep a wide variety of possible recipients.