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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

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"

May 15, 2024

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Events

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](#)

May 9th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

May 15th

[Berkeley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays

Kenneth Renworth

April 20th

David Hugh Malcolm

April 21st

Joan Louise McLean

April 22nd

Douglas Fielding

April 23rd

John Caner

April 30th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM PT (at First Pres and via Zoom): Lori Fogarty, Director and CEO of the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), will present **"The Changing Landscape of Museums: Museum as Town Square."** The speaker is provided by Team #3, the Tilden Park Team; Peter Campbell and Tom Eelkema, Captains.

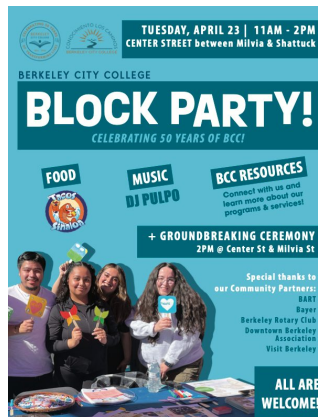
Since 2006, Lori has worked to oversee and guide all museum programmatic and administrative operations, and has transitioned OMCA from a public/private cultural institution supported by the City of Oakland and the Oakland Museum of California Foundation to an independent nonprofit organization with an innovative new organizational structure. She has spearheaded OMCA's efforts to place the visitor at the center of the museum experience and focus the institution's efforts on community engagement and social impact.



Big Doings: Berkeley City College Is Turning 50!

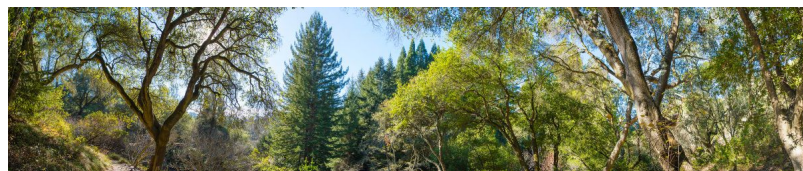
We've been invited to staff a table at their Block Party on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 11 AM-2 PM. This is a great opportunity to show the Downtown community what we're all about, including our upcoming big fundraiser, **Taste of Downtown Berkeley**. Drop by to say hello and check out BCC. There will be music, food, and festivities. More:

<https://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/events/50th-anniversary-block-party-groundbreaking/>. Questions? Contact Joan Collignon (joancollignon@gmail.com).



Tour of Tilden Regional Parks Botanical Garden, May 5, 11 AM.

California is one of the world's biodiversity "hotspots," with many more different and unique ("endemic") organisms than other geographic areas. The biodiversity of California's plant life is collected and protected in Tilden Park's Botanical Garden. Join us on May 5 for a docent-led tour of the garden, which will be in full spring bloom. Bring a lunch to enjoy after the tour. There's no cost; just let Tom Eelkema (teelkema@gmail.com), Arlene Marcus (arlenebmarcus@gmail.com), or O'Neil Dillon (oneisdillon@gmail.com) know you are coming.



David A Wilson Jr.
May 2nd

Pamela M. Doolan
May 3rd

Jacqueline Peters Hammond
May 10th

Adrian Vancamper
May 10th

Amit S Randhawa
May 11th

Martin Kaliski
May 12th

Dylan Supencheck
May 14th

Kenneth N. Matsumura
May 15th

Eradicating Polio Is Possible

By Grier Graff

Yes, three is three too many – but that’s where we are this calendar year. We have one new case of polio in Afghanistan, which adds to the two in Pakistan. There was one case during this same time last year. As a Rotary member, you have a critical role in helping others see and hear about the incredible progress we’ve made toward eradicating polio.

The world is so close to ending polio, but as long as the virus exists in just one corner of the globe, it can spread, unraveling decades of hard-won progress. We know our work isn’t done until we end polio forever. During World Immunization Week, we can raise awareness about the fact that vaccines work and give as proof examples of what Rotary and our partners have accomplished in reducing polio cases worldwide.

On the other battle front, there have been 12 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases this calendar year compared to 31 cases during the same time last year.

Everyone, everywhere should be vaccinated against this preventable disease. You can help by supporting PolioPlus. Make your check payable to the Rotary Foundation, mark the memo “PolioPlus,” and give it to Jason Russell or mail it to him, to be sure your donation is credited correctly, at 1329 Brewster Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94539.

You can also donate online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/polioplus-fund>



Before It's Too Late

By Irene R. Hegarty



Those of us who live in or near the East Bay hills remember October 19, 1991. The day began with a warm, gusty wind, followed by the continual sound of emergency sirens, a strange, hazy-red sky, and finally falling ash and embers. By the end of the next day, nearly 3000 homes and 25 lives were lost in the Oakland-Berkeley Firestorm, officially known as the Tunnel Fire.

Could it happen again? Almost certainly, says Henry DeNero, a member of the Berkeley FireSafe Council, if we don’t take preventative measures, and soon. At our April 10 meeting, he outlined the threat facing Berkeley of a catastrophic fire, with particular emphasis on eucalyptus trees. Not only could we face a fire like the one in 1991, it could be a lot worse and destroy a large swath of the city from the hills to the bay.

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BRC Members Open Their Homes (and Floors!) to Interactors

By Joan Collignon

Four BRC households were enlivened by teenagers last Saturday, as the participants in Cal Rotaract's semi-annual Interact Stayover Weekend used living rooms and guest rooms as temporary dormitories. They spread their sleeping bags on beds and blowup mattresses and sometimes on floors and enjoyed a sleepover.

Cal Rotaract hosts groups of Interactors twice a year, giving them a tour of the Cal campus and an inside look at what it means to be a student at UC Berkeley. And, of course, they introduce them to Rotaract while they're at it. The organizers put out a call for hosts who live fairly close to campus, and Jocelyn Patel, Arlene and Maury Marcus, Joan and Fred Collignon, and Colette Ford—a brand new, not-yet-inducted member of the club—opened their



doors. The students arrived at 10 PM on Saturday and left by 9 AM on Sunday, so we didn't even get to feed them cookies!



This was fun for all the hosts, and they look forward to doing it again. Consider joining the host team next fall when the call goes out again. You don't have to live within walking distance of campus. It's always a pleasure to meet these students.

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