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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

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

[Steve Tornalavay, Founder + Director, 9th Street Lab](#)
TBA

Events

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[50th Anniversary of Berkeley City College Block Party](#)

April 24th

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

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[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

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[Tour the Tilden Regional Parks Botanical Garden](#)

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Birthdays

Joan Louise McLean

April 22nd

Douglas Fielding

April 23rd

John Caner

April 30th

David A Wilson Jr.

May 2nd

Pamela M. Doolan

May 3rd

Jacqueline Peters Hammond

May 10th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM PT (at First Pres and via Zoom): Peter Fedichev, Ph.D., Chief Science Officer at Gero (<https://gero.ai>), will present "**Aging, Entropy, and the Biological Arrow of Time.**" The speaker is provided by Team #4, the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Team; Marcia and O'Neil Dillon, Captains.



Civil Discourse. Hosted by the Berkeley Rotary Peace Committee, the next in a series of Civil Discourse meetings takes place on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, via Zoom, 2:30-3:30 PM PT. **Topic: "Do electric cars really have an impact on climate change?"** Contact Dan Thomas (dthomas@tc-associates.com) for more info and the Zoom link.

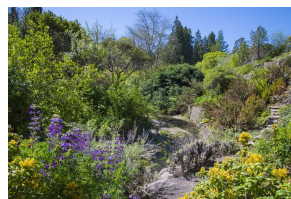
World Immunization Week: April 24-30, 2024.

Let's make history together! Every donation this week helps obtain the vaccines, materials, transportation, and healthcare workers needed to cross the finish line in the fight to end polio. 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>



Resources to check out: End Polio Now

(<https://www.endpolio.org>), PolioPlus Society (on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/polioplussociety>)



Save the Date: May 5, 2024, 11 AM. The BRC Social Committee invites you to a docent-led tour of Tilden Regional Parks Botanical Garden. BYO lunch. RSVP to Tom Eekema (teekema@gmail.com), Arlene Marcus (arlenebmarcus@gmail.com), or O'Neil Dillon (oneilsdillon@gmail.com).

Adrian Vancamper
May 10th

Amit S Randhawa
May 11th

Martin Kaliski
May 12th

Dylan Supencheck
May 14th

Kenneth N. Matsumura
May 15th

Welcome, Kris Libunao!

Long before Kris Libunao dropped in on a Berkeley Rotary Club meeting, she was well acquainted with Rotary at various levels. In high school, she was a member and Vice President of her Interact Club in San Bruno, California. Her grandfather served as a District Governor in Quezon City, Philippines, where he was mayor for three terms. Now Kris, an MSW candidate and social welfare researcher at UC Berkeley, continues her community service as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner for the City of Albany, a candidate for the Albany City Council, and the latest member of Berkeley Rotary Club.



As CEO of Community Insights Cooperative, LLC, Kris is a social impact entrepreneur. She believes in community reinvestment, worker cooperatives, and elevating community wisdom, working with businesses and organizations to reimagine the workplace as spaces of connection, belonging, and dialogue through a play-based lens.

Welcome to Berkeley Rotary, Kris!

The Changing Landscape of Museums: Museum as Town Square



Lori Fogarty, Director and CEO of the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), spoke to the club on April 17 about the vision for, and transformation of, the Oakland Museum from its inception in 1969 to its very different present.

Showing us an expansive photograph of the museum, wedged on the edge of Lake Merritt between the Oakland

Auditorium and the Alameda County Courthouse, Lori celebrated the remodel of the museum's garden in 2020-21 and the new entrance from Lake Merritt. The museum was opened up to the city, striving to become Oakland's town square. She shared the vision for the museum: "We envision a just and vibrant future where our communities value and honor one another and the world around us."

Different communities surround the Oakland Museum. The building is on the edge of Chinatown and adjacent to a diverse mix of different Oakland neighborhoods. A physical transformation of the galleries in 2007-12 made those spaces welcoming to all, relevant and accessible to the various groups that make up Oakland. OMCA is engaging more now with these neighbors, focusing on culturally relevant content and collaborating with community members on programs and exhibitions.

A sample of these collaborative exhibitions includes *All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50*. Many people in Oakland had a deep personal connection to the Black Panthers, making this the most attended exhibition up to that point (2016-17); *Altered State: Marijuana in California*; *Queer California: Untold Stories*, exploring the history of LGBTQ culture and history in the state; and the upcoming *Por El Pueblo: The Legacy and Influence of Malaquias Montoya*, a significant Chicano poster artist.

The new garden spaces offer a wonderful opportunity to encounter the East Bay's diversity. You can see this most notably on Friday nights between April and October, when Off the Grid food trucks line 10th Street in front of the museum, and music transforms the public spaces into a multi-ethnic and multi-generational party. Families come early and relax in the garden with their tacos, gyros, and beer, listening to mellow music. After 7:00, the music cranks up and attracts the hip crowd, alerted by social media that their friends are gathering. It really is a town square!

Lori concluded her talk by reiterating the concept of the museum as town square. "We think a lot about what our social impact is. How many places (other than Rotary!) are there opportunities for people to meet people of difference? . . . The museum is one of the few places where you can encounter people across difference. Our social impact is creating a sense of trust, understanding and connection, especially between people who may be different from each other." Noting the Four Way Test recited at the beginning of the meeting, Lori said "In a lot of ways I feel like [you're] sympatico with our mission and vision."



Let's follow Lori's suggestion and plan a Berkeley Rotary outing to the Oakland Museum on a Friday night this summer.

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