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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

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](#)
"9th Street Lab: Learn to Build, Build to Learn"

May 22, 2024

[Alison Simon, Former Director of Amtrak](#)
"The Future of Rail in a Climate-Changing World"

May 29, 2024

[Adam Janik, MD, and Maddison Eshoo, NP](#)
"Preparing for End-of-Life Care"

June 05, 2024

[Joel Roster, Executive and Managing Director, Contra Costa Civic Theater](#)
"The Next Chapter"

Events

May 8th

[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

May 9th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

May 11th

[CEID 21st Annual Walk-A-Thon](#)

May 22nd

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 4th

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

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

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom): David Weisblat, Professor of the Graduate School Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, UC Berkeley, will present "**The Mongolia Program,**" which sends an international team of top scientists to developing countries to help them improve their methodology, communication, and collaboration with international colleagues. Scheduled for 2020 but canceled due to COVID-19, it is now planned for 2025. Berkeley Rotary is applying for a District Grant to fund the Mongolia Program. The speaker is provided by Team #8, the Wild Turkey Team; David Wilson and Marion Hunt, Captains.



Thirsty Thursday. Join your fellow Rotarians and guests on Thursday, May 9, 5-7 PM, for a casual drop-in event hosted by Irene and Dick Hegarty. Contact Irene (hgrty@sbcglobal.net) for the location.

Take a Walk! Come as a volunteer or an attendee to the Center for Early Intervention on Deafness (CEID) 21st Annual Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, May 11, 2024, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM, at Lakeside Park, Lake Merritt, Oakland, CA. For more info and to register, visit <https://www.classy.org/event/ceids-21st-annual-walk-a-thon/e553936>. CEID is a BRC grant recipient. See you there!



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Anne Pardee
May 24th

Rebecca Phuong
May 26th

Christopher K. Ahoy
May 29th

Jack H. McPhail
May 31st

A Rousing District Conference

By Joan Collignon

A merry group of Berkeley Rotarians joined 200 District 5160 friends in Sacramento last weekend for a chance to be inspired. There were terrific speakers—“notably a young entrepreneur from UC Berkeley, a retired basketball pro, and an engaging RI representative”—and breakout sessions that unlocked the secrets of how to make our clubs more effective.

BRC’s Lauren Dela Rosa and Dylan Supencheck presented the Interact breakout. Grier Graff and Pate Thomson provided an inspiring RotaCare experience, with an information table at the House of Friendship that offered blood pressure testing along with the RotaCare story. The Concord RotaCare Mobile Clinic was parked just outside the door, offering tours of this extraordinary Rotary-financed service.



We partied too—at a rousing sports-themed potluck featuring BARSHEEP chili, and several convivial meals—and enjoyed this annual meeting of Rotary folks from our interesting district that stretches from Berkeley to Weed.



Above, Marty, Joan, Libby, and Anne party while Steve, it appears, prays for a little peace and quiet?

BUILDing Young Entrepreneurs

By Helena Meyer-Knapp

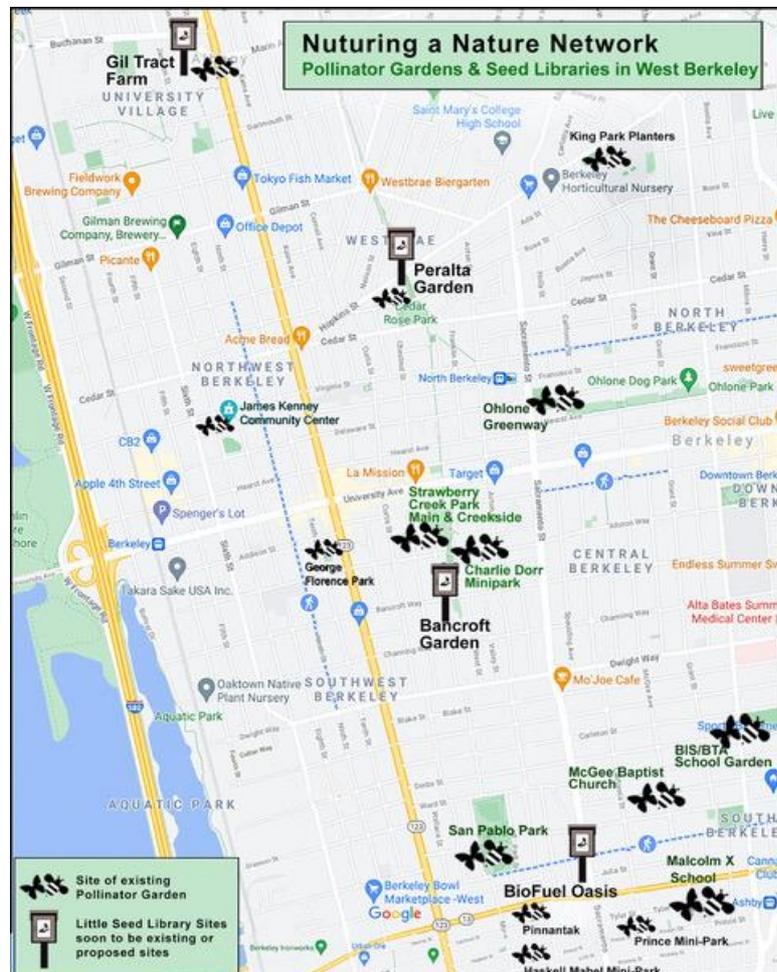


Grace Carr is a Senior Community Engagement Manager for BUILD Bay Area, a program that teaches entrepreneurship skills to high school students in underserved areas. Last week she came to the club to show us what BUILD is and how it works. Carr shared her presentation time with Peter, a volunteer mentor and former senior executive in the tech industry. BUILD is looking for more volunteers who can foster in students the skill to recognize customer (and community) needs, and to find in those needs the inspiration to build a new business.

BUILD was founded in 1999 in East Palo Alto and is now a national program, with most students enrolled through online teaching. Over 55,000 students have participated in the program. In the East Bay, students work in person with a mentor. Many schools offer only one year of the curriculum, during which students learn to pay attention to what a customer might *need* not just to what they think is *cool*. That year also builds their entrepreneurial imagination and their sense of confidence that business might be a good fit. Students are taught “Spark” skills, essential to career success: communication, collaboration, problem-solving, innovation, grit, and self-management. [Read More](#)

Pollinator Seed Libraries Bloom

In past issues of e-Rev we have reported on Berkeley's efforts to develop gardens that attract pollinators, located throughout the city. Many club members have volunteered to weed and plant the gardens. Last year, Transition Berkeley received a club grant to create little seed libraries where gardeners can exchange seeds from their native plant gardens. O'Neil Dillon, John O'Dea, and Peter Campbell donated their time and skills to build the library boxes (see sample library box below). Also below is a map showing the locations of the pollinator gardens and little seed libraries.





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