



# e-Revolutions

Berkeley Rotary Club

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## Speakers

**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"

**June 12, 2024**

[President Libby Tyler, Berkeley Rotary 2023-24](#)  
"That Was the Year That Was"

## Events

May 22nd

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 4th

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

June 9th

[Taste of Downtown Berkeley](#)

## Birthdays

Dylan Supencheck

May 14th

Kenneth N. Matsumura

May 15th

Anne Pardee

May 24th

Rebecca Phuong

May 26th

Christopher K. Ahoy

May 29th

Jack H. McPhail

May 31st

Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf

June 10th

## Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom): Steve Tornalavay, Founder and Director of 9th Street Lab (<https://www.9thstreetlab.org>), presents **"9th Street Lab: Learn to Build, Build to Learn."** Based on the idea that children have an innate curiosity about the world, the Lab provides an environment that enables their creativity and imagination to develop. At the same time, they learn practical and lifelong skills. This takes place with hands-on workshops and activities where students work individually and as a group. The speaker is provided by Team #6, the Sequoia Sempervernis Team; Shivani Grover and Irene Hegarty, Captains.



**Become a Champion for Youth!** May is Rotary's Youth Service Month. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 8 AM PT, to learn about your role in youth and alumni engagement from Rotary's Youth Advisory Council. Register for the webinar here: <https://on.rotary.org/3QY7PXx>

**Get Your Tickets Now!** Join us on Sunday, June 9, 2-5:30 PM, to sample the culinary offerings at our big fundraiser, **TASTE of Downtown Berkeley**, and support Berkeley Rotary's scholarship program and community projects. For tickets, scan the QR code or visit <https://rb.gy/wg3wp8>



**In Memoriam.** From Rotary International: "It's with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Dr. John Sever. He was a champion of End Polio Now and an infectious disease specialist. Thank you for your dedication to polio eradication. Your legacy won't be forgotten." More: <https://endpolio.io/3QzRgku>

**Spam Alert!** It was recently brought to the attention of District Governor Claire Roberts that you might have received a spam email asking for money. Disregard this email and know that at no time would Claire personally ask for money. If you have any questions, contact Claire ([clairerotary5160@gmail.com](mailto:clairerotary5160@gmail.com)) or Rene Matsumoto (Rotary Club of Dougherty Valley/San Ramon, District COS 2023-2024, [crmmats@gmail.com](mailto:crmmats@gmail.com)).



## Tilden Native Plant Tour

By Joan Collignon

On Sunday, May 5, O'Neil Dillon led an enthusiastic band of Berkeley Rotarians and friends as they followed a docent through a dozen native California landscapes at the Tilden Regional Parks Botanical Garden. We all listened and questioned and observed the stunning display, but Don Melandry REALLY looked at the flowers! Below is his Bush Anenome (*Carpenteria californica*).



## Thirsty for Good Conversation? Join us!

Several Berkeley Rotarians enjoyed nibbles, wine, and great conversation last Thursday. Below: Ken, Arlene, Pamela, and Colette take in the sun on the patio. The next Thirsty Thursdays are at Ed & Beth's (June) and Ilya & Valeria's (July). Join us!



## Teaching Scientific Inquiry Worldwide

By Valeria Chupina

Dr. David Weisblat is a graduate of Harvard and Caltech and a professor of Molecular & Cell Biology at UC Berkeley. His scientific interests are in leech biology and embryo evolution, development, genome evolution, and lineage tracing. In his lab, students learn to think critically, to communicate effectively, and to pursue their interest in science with passion and joy. He spoke to our club last week about The Visiting Lecture Team and how it helps students in other countries to discover their scientific potential.



Dr. Weisblat says that the world of science should be entered with curiosity, creativity, honesty, cooperation, skepticism, and humility. The scientific method involves identifying/isolating a phenomenon, then imagining possible explanations, developing experiments to test hypotheses, interpreting the results, and then communicating the new understanding. However, science is frequently taught differently: students are taught to memorize facts, without question or doubt. This problem can be worse in under-resourced institutions where teachers lack practical science experience. [Read More](#)

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