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Berkeley Rotary Club

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Speakers

June 19, 2024

[John Caner, CEO DBA + Elizabeth Redman Cleveland, Berkeley Office of Econ. Dev.](#)

“Where Is the Local Economy Heading? The Future of the Downtown and the City”

June 26, 2024

[Berkeley Rotary Past Presidents](#)

“End-of-Year Celebration”

July 03, 2024

[Ken Renworth, Berkeley Rotary President 2024-25](#)

“The Year Ahead: Celebrating Rotary’s Connections to the World”

July 10, 2024

[Jim Carriere, Former Board Chair of ShelterBox USA](#)

“Emergency Shelters to Families Around the World”

Events

June 19th

[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) on Zoom](#) “Canceled”

June 26th

[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#) “Canceled”

July 3rd

[Supportive Housing Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

July 10th

[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

July 11th

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

Birthdays

Pamela V. Emerson

June 19th

Jason Aupperle Russell

June 20th

Luisa Buada

June 21st

Volodymyr Goshylyk

June 26th

Maxim Schrogin

June 28th

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 12:30 PM PT (**Zoom only**): John Caner, CEO of the Downtown Berkeley Association, and Elizabeth Redman Cleveland, Berkeley Office of Economic Development, will present **“Where Is the Local Economy Heading? The Future of the Downtown and the City.”** The speaker is provided by Team #2, the Strawberry Creek Team; Fred Tabsharani, Captain.



Take Pride. Walk with Rotary in the San Francisco Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Northern and Central California. Register:

<https://rotary5150.org/Page/sfpride>

Magic All Around. Next year’s Rotary International Convention is in Calgary, Canada!

Register: <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>



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Valerie E. Bach
July 5th
Mary Alice Rathbun
July 7th
Thomas Franklin Olson
July 8th
David W Poock
July 9th
Michele Lawrence
July 11th
O'Neil Dillon
July 12th
Gilbert Page Ferrey
July 13th
Bruce Hays Willock
July 17th

Thank You, BRC, for a 'Taste'ful Event

By Tina Etcheverry

On Sunday, June 9, Berkeley Rotary and Downtown Berkeley Association hosted a wonderful event on Shattuck Avenue. the Taste of Downtown Berkeley. First, we want to thank our fellow Rotarians for making this a huge success! Everything about the day was fantastic: We entertained more than 200 people in Downtown Berkeley, showcasing the gourmet restaurants in our town, demonstrating our vibrant club at work with over 40 volunteers participating, and meeting our goal of more than \$20,000 towards service projects next year.



Second, the income for Taste of Downtown Berkeley came equally from three sources: One third came from our sponsors, including City of Berkeley, UC Chancellors Fund, Oliver & Co, Panoramic, Mechanics Bank, Bayside Pest, and Caldwell Banker. Another third came from ticket sales; and the remaining third from individual donations from people who want to support our community service projects like scholarships, RotaCare, youth programs, and hygiene kits.



Our volunteers brought their enthusiasm for Taste of Downtown Berkeley with their physical support as hosts and greeters at all thirteen restaurants. One comment I heard

was we "hit it out of the ballpark!"

There are many people to thank for their efforts: Joan Collignon and her committee for lining up the restaurants; David Poock for coordination of volunteers; Irene and Linda for their marketing and promotion; Pamela; Arlene; David Wilson; as well as our donors and sponsors, and many others who participated in producing Taste of Downtown. Thank you for being part of this amazing fundraising activity that exceeded all our expectations!



That Was the Year That Was

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler



For the wrap-up presentation this year, I gave a whirlwind slide show of photos from the past year. My goal was to celebrate all the club's great accomplishments of the past year and to call out specific contributions and thanks to the entire membership who helped make it happen.

I titled the talk "That Was the Year that Was," in reference to a fun TV show I remember from when I was a kid (and because this was, after all, the Year that Was). I started with a nod to the **inspirational leadership** that helped to guide the year, starting with RI President Gordon McInally with his message of bringing

hope to the world which he delivered with the most delightful Scottish burr. I also valued our District Governor Claire Roberts for her very capable, no-nonsense support and the sparking energy of Assistant Governor Tita Escalada, who did a great job herding the basically ungovernable BARSHEEP group.

I noted the accomplishments of our amazing **Club Board and Endowment Board** and our appointed officers who have done such a marvelous job—Helena Meyer-Knapp as Club Secretary, Jackie Hammond as Club Treasurer, Grier Graff as Endowment Secretary, and Tina Ethcheverry as Endowment Treasurer. Other Board members included Jason Russell (Foundation Chair), Arlene Marcus (Past President), Ken Renworth (President-Elect), Lewis Ames, Linda Cogozzo, Oscar Luna, Jocelyn Pittel, and David Poock.
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Our Rotary Scholars

In coordination with Berkeley Community Scholars (BSC), the club's Scholarship Committee has selected the following students as our new Berkeley Rotary Scholars. They will receive a scholarship of \$4,000 annually for four years, as well as support and mentoring from BSC.



Phoebe Worku is a highly motivated, high-achieving student, whose parents emigrated from Ethiopia in 2001. She has excelled in all of her classes, with a special interest in math and science, serving as president of the local chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers. She will be attending Stanford University in the fall, intending to major in Bioengineering.



Anahy Macias is a first-generation American whose parents came from Mexico to find a better life for their family. She has been part of the Latino Leadership Group at Berkeley High School and serves as a role model for other students and for her siblings. One of her teachers at BHS describes Anahy as "an incredible young person, with enormous academic potential." She will be attending UC Davis in the fall, with a major in Psychology.

Congratulations, Phoebe and Anahy!

Take a Look at Rotary Fellowships and Action Groups (RAGs)

By Frederick C. Collignon

This month's *Rotarian* and direct emails from Rotary International to all Rotarians give much attention to Rotary Fellowships focused on hobbies, interests, or professions, as well as to Rotary Action Groups (RAGs), which focus on issues and needs related to Rotary goals. These groups provide interaction with Rotarians around the world who share similar concerns. Most groups not only produce an email newsletter but also periodic Zoom meetings where attendees can talk directly across time zones and borders. The Zoom interactions provide the kind of experience you can generally get only by going to zone or international meetings, but without the hotels and transportation costs.

The RAGs often mount Rotary projects and conferences in which you can actively participate, akin to club international projects. And some groups stage regional meetings within and across Rotary Districts in an area.

We have not surveyed members in recent years, but most veterans belong to one or more RAGs and fellowships. Both are now open to Retractors as well as Rotarians. Some club members have played major leadership roles in such groups. Many of us have taken turns at our RAG booths at RI, zone, and District conferences, providing information and recruiting new members.

Have you taken a look to see the many different focus areas of Fellowships and RAGs and whether some match your interests? For a full list of RI Fellowships, go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

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