



# e-Revolutions

Berkeley Rotary Club

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## Speakers

**July 10, 2024**

[Jim Carriere, Former Board Chair of ShelterBox USA](#)  
"Emergency Shelters to Families Around the World"

**July 17, 2024**

[Mike Crosby, Rotary District 5160 PolioPlus Chair](#)  
"The Unintended Consequences of Polio Eradication"

**July 24, 2024**

[Berkeley Rotarians Amit Randhawa, Grier Graff, and Pate Thomson](#)  
"RotaCare"

**July 31, 2024**

[Aysha Abraibesh, a Libyan-American, and Nadine Mansour, a Palestinian](#)  
"Three Weeks in the West Bank"

**August 07, 2024**

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## Events

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[Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

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## Birthdays

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July 8th

David W Pooch  
July 9th

O'Neil Dillon  
July 12th

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July 17th

Edward F. Church  
July 21st

Jason Draut  
July 27th

Robert Gullett  
August 3rd

Jesse Arreguin  
August 4th

## Club Announcements

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom): Jim Carriere, past president of the Rotary Club of San Rafael Harbor and former board chair of ShelterBox USA, presents "**Emergency Shelters to Families Around the World.**" Join us for an inspiring talk as Jim shares his decade-long experience in disaster relief and his pivotal role in Rotary International's partnership with ShelterBox. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a dedicated humanitarian and community leader. The speaker is provided by Berkeley Rotary's Team East Asia; Jocelyn Pittel and Kris Libunao, Captains.



## thirsty THURSDAY

**Thirsty Thursday.** Join your fellow Rotarians and guests on Thursday, July 11, 5-7 PM, for a casual drop-in event hosted by Valeria Chupina ([valeria\\_chupina@berkeley.edu](mailto:valeria_chupina@berkeley.edu)) and Ilya Khanykov ([khanykov@gmail.com](mailto:khanykov@gmail.com)). Contact them for the location.

**Volunteer!** Marion Hunt, host of last year's "Unstrung Heroes," is back with a new series entitled "A Look at Life." It kicks off at the Wednesday, July 10, club meeting, and then will be featured on the second Wednesday of the month. Marion is looking for Berkeley Rotarians to share a story (5 minutes max) about a memorable moment, a travel delight, a milestone—you get the idea. Contact Marion ([marion.hunt@comcast.net](mailto:marion.hunt@comcast.net)) to volunteer.



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**Hey, Zoomers!** Don't forget to send in your \$10 Participation Fee when you attend meetings via Zoom. Here's a handy QR code that you can use to pay via Venmo. We also post it on Zoom chat during our club meetings. (Or you can send a check to Berkeley Rotary Club, 2342 Shattuck Ave., #101, Berkeley, CA 94704.) The fee offsets our costs for room rental and other operating expenses.

## Day One and 362 More to Come

By Helena Meyer-Knapp

Last week, Libby Tyler's year as Berkeley Rotary President ended as she handed off the gavel to incoming (though not quite yet) President Ken Renworth.

On July 3, Berkeley Rotary revealed how many previous gavel wielders are still active in the club, conducting a handoff from Prior Pres to Prior Pres down a pretty long line. Then, for the second time, Ken was the one left holding the gavel, inviting the rest of us to jump on board as he launched us into a new Rotary year (boating imagery intentional).





Ken pulled up a chair and settled into it to give his presentation (the first seated presenter Iâ€™d seen in three years in the club). A relaxed look came over his face and his story began. This wasnâ€™t his first â€œfirstâ€ for this meeting.



As he rang the bell he invited â€œthose who were ableâ€ to stand and moved smartly on to the Four Way Test. Taking us through the first of his innovations, Ken described â€œStand if you are ableâ€ as an invitation respectful of the people actually in the room . . . one he learned from the pastor at his wedding.

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## The Youth Exchange Program Is Back!

By Helena Meyer-Knapp



*It's not a year in a lifetime . . . it's a lifetime in a year!*

I am pleased to announce that I have taken on the role of District Chair of the Youth Exchange Program. The program was suspended due to the COVID pandemic, and next year (students departing fall 2025) will be the first full-year cohort since then.

Our District 5160 is now accepting applications for "outbound" students. Additionally, we are recruiting potential host families and hoping that some new, "doing it for the first time" 5160 clubs will sponsor their own, local outbound kids. The program is

open for youth ages 15-19.

Besides the full-year program, there are also short-term exchanges, generally scheduled for when school is not in session, like summers and semester breaks.

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## Traveling This Summer?

By Irene R. Hegarty

Send us a picture and let us know where you are! Photos will appear in a new e-Rev feature called "Where in the World Is . . . ?" Send photos to Irene at [hgrty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hgrty@sbcglobal.net).



## Club Support for Dorothy's Closet

A new retail thrift shop has opened across the street from the First Presbyterian Church on Channing, where our club meets. Dorothy's Closet is a partnership of Rebuilding Together and the Dorothy Day House for the benefit of Berkeley's homeless community. According to its website, "Dorothy's Closet will be filled with preloved fun, funky and usable clothing and accessories--something perfect for everyone! Each purchase you make supports developing programs that will help put our unhoused neighbors on the path back home." At our last club meeting, Jackie Hammond, co-chair of our Supportive Housing Committee, encouraged club members to check out the shop and to bring their donations of clothing to club meetings to be delivered to the store.

*Dorothy's*  
closet

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