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November 13, 2024

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"Who Makes Horror Films?"

November 20, 2024

[Grier Graff and Tina](#)

[Etcheverry](#)

"Dollars and Sense: How Berkeley Rotary Endowment Supports Our Community and Our World"

November 27, 2024

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No Meeting!

December 04, 2024

[Allison Brooks, Executive Director, Bay Area Regional Collaborative](#)

"Bay Area Plans for Adapting to Climate Change"

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Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, November 13, 2024 (at First Pres and via Zoom), 12:30 PM PT: Tommy Lee Wallace will present **"Who Makes Horror Films?"**

He describes himself as a writer/director of film and television who occasionally finds himself in front of the camera, including several iconic horror films, such as *Halloween* and Steven King's *It*. Tommy speaks about his work to his fans at events across the nation, which is what he will do for us, and will tell us how he, a boy raised in Kentucky, got involved in his career. The speaker is provided by the Berkeley Rotary Mongolia Team; Ed Church, Captain.



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.

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Connect in Calgary! The 2025 Rotary International Convention takes place in Calgary, Canada, from June 21-25. [Register here](#) to take part in this transformative, one-of-a-kind event!



Thirsty Thursday Coming Up!



We hope you've marked your calendars for next Thursday, November 14, from 5-7 PM. John Caner and Paul Booth will host the last Thirsty Thursday get-together of the year on the patio at their home, 2215 B Roosevelt Avenue, in central Berkeley. Come see their just-finished ADU. The evening may be chilly—though

there are heat lamps—so bring a coat. If it rains, we'll cancel! We'll let you know by pmail if there's any question about the weather. As always, wine or snacks are welcome additions but not necessary. It's the conversation that counts.

BRC Is Doing Good in the World

By Joan Collignon

Elizabeth Holl Tyler
November 16th
Maurice Gene Marcus
November 19th
Jonathan DeYoe
November 24th
Leslie A. Levy
November 26th
John J. O'Dea
November 27th
James Brenneman
November 27th
Judith Anderson Glass
November 29th
John Pardee
December 2nd
Arlene Marcus
December 3rd
Daniel Thomas
December 6th
Kathy Huff
December 9th

Last Wednesday, on Foundation Day 2024, Berkeley Rotary Foundation Chair Jason Russell unleashed all his cosmic energy on behalf of the Rotary Foundation.

Last year, Jason took us on a tour of cosmology and the Big Bang and asked us to consider our legacy to the world. This year we look to the future: Can we *change* the future? Or do we *choose* our future? "Making Things Happen—Doing Good in the World" was his title.



We heard that there are people who make things happen, people who watch things happen, and people who wonder what happened. A physics experiment demonstrated that the fact of watching changes what happens. Jason posits that we change the future by observing, by taking measure, and by paying attention. We can choose the future we want. Our job is to sit on the cusp and pay attention and to measure and to be aware. A Rotary International video described Rotarians as people of action. "Join us and together we can make an even greater impact."

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We Dedicate a Classroom to George Luna

By Joan Collignon

More than a dozen Berkeley Rotarians gathered in Richmond on Saturday, November 7, to honor our friend George Luna, a member of our club from 2003 until his death in 2022. George was remembered at the EM Downer YMCA Early Learning Center as a plaque in his honor was unveiled.

In memory of George, BRC members contributed funds to renovate two classrooms at the center, which serves young children in Richmond. Some BRC members were able to work on the project, assembling all the child-friendly furniture in the bright and airy rooms.

Fran Gallati, President and CEO of the YMCA of the East Bay (and former Berkeley Rotary Member) expressed his heartfelt thanks to Berkeley Rotary for their generosity and tenacity in seeing this project through. He spoke of the long history of the club's service to and investment in the Y. And he called on club members to remember George. Anecdotes from several members—and George's sister Norma—were warm and loving and often very funny. It was good to remember George and to honor him. (Below: Fran Gallati welcoming Berkeley Rotarians to the classroom they created.)



A Cajun Holiday Party!

Join us for a Cajun Holiday Party!
December 14, 6-9 PM
Northbrae Community Church
Catered dinner and wine/\$80 per person (no refunds)



Entertainment by Mark St. Mary Louisiana Blues & Zydeco Band
Dress for a fun Cajun evening of delicious food, toe tapping, and dancing!

The Seeds of Peace in the Ashes of War

In honor of Veterans Day, November 11, we reprint the following from the San Juan Capistrano Rotary Club. Our gratitude goes out to all of the veterans in our club.

The Seeds of Peace in the Ashes of War

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the guns of World War I fell silent. From that silence emerged Veterans Day, a solemn recognition of all who have served in our nation's uniform. Just one day earlier, we celebrate the birth of the country's oldest military service, the Marine Corps, marking nearly two and a half centuries of unwavering dedication to country and Corps.



From Battlefields to Building Bridges

Perhaps nowhere is this transformation more visible than in veterans' work with war orphans—children who have lost everything to the very conflicts these warriors once fought in. In these young faces, veterans see beyond former battle lines, recognizing a universal truth: the innocent bear war's heaviest burden.

Veterans' organizations across the country now lead initiatives to support these children, providing education, healthcare, and hope. It's a powerful testament to the human spirit—former combatants becoming guardians and mentors to children from lands they once called enemy territory.

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Where in the World Is . . .

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