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Speakers

December 18, 2024

[Special Event!](#)

"Holiday Lunch, White Elephant Gift Exchange.

December 25, 2024

[No Meeting!](#)

No Meeting!

January 01, 2025

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No Meeting!

January 08, 2025

[Jissel Poblete, Volunteer Programs Manager at Berkeley Public Schools Fund](#)

TBA

January 15, 2025

[Jim Brenneman.](#)

TBA

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Frederick C. Collignon
December 17th

James Ivan Masters
December 19th

Beverly Crawford Ames
December 24th

Katherine Campbell King
December 24th

Frederick G. Fassett
December 29th

Tom Eelkema
December 30th

Irene R. Hegarty
January 13th

Shivani Grover
January 13th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo



Next Meeting. Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 12:30 PM: **Special Event!** We're getting together at First Pres (**no Zoom**) for a members' holiday lunch, a white elephant gift exchange, and fun!

Reminder. We will not have club meetings on Wednesday, December 25, and Wednesday, January 1, and will not publish e-Rev during this period. Happy Holidays!



Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!



The annual club Holiday Party was JUMPING on December 14! Arlene Marcus had promised a toe-tapping good time and Mark St. Mary and his Louisiana Blues and Zydeco Band delivered. Thanks BRC Social Committee for planning such a rousing good time!

The dinner was superb and the dessert buffet, catered by a dozen or so club members who clearly interned on the Great Berkeley Baking Show, was a rousing success with cheesecakes, flans, chocolate chip cookies with threekinds of chocolate. It was a decadent end to a fine time.

We celebrated Judy Thomson's birthday in style on the dance floor, and found ourselves recreating our 1970s rock and roll dance styles—which worked perfectly with the Zydeco beat.

Happy Holidays!





Stylin'

District 5160 Governor Dan Geraldo Meets Berkeley Rotary

On December 11, Rotary District 5160 Governor Dan Geraldi spoke to Berkeley Rotary. He shared his goals for the year and applauded our local and international projects, as well as our generosity to the Rotary Foundation and the BRC Endowment.

He introduced us to Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick, whose theme for the year is Rotary Magic, citing as examples of this wizardry Rotary's international projects such as water and sanitation and education—especially the continuing push to eradicate Polio. Dan's own district theme for the year is Rotary Connects Families. Many of his own family members are Rotarians, but he feels strongly that all the district Rotarians are really like family to him.

Dan honored O'Neil Dillon and Steve Beckendorf with Paul Harris+ pins for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation.



He awarded special cans of his Danville Brewing Company beer to Jackie Hammond and Joanne Dickerson-Harper, who chair the BRC Supportive Housing Committee. Dan praised this program, which provides clothing and personal care kits to several local organizations that serve unhoused people in Berkeley. Jackie, in turn, noted that the club members should be receiving this praise, since their generosity made it all possible!

Also applauded by the District Governor were Tina Etcheverry for her continuing support of the club, the soccer ball project undertaken by Doug Fielding, and the generosity of our members in funding full four-year college scholarships.

And he left us with a challenge posed by Stephanie Urchick: Each of us should invite ONE guest to ONE meeting this year to help build Rotary.

Time to Think About District Grants for 2025-2026

By Grier Graff

Berkeley Rotarians, it has been a successful year to date. As January approaches, it is time to identify what project we should propose for a possible district grant. Berkeley has a long and successful history of obtaining district grants. (See below for a chart of the prior grants approved.) These grants are for both local and international projects. This process takes time, and the project needs to be carefully developed. Help is available to develop the applications. Please note the following dates:

Feb 1, Saturday morning, district grant training: If you are thinking of being part of a grant, please consider attending (on Zoom) the district grant training. For the club to submit a grant request we must have attendance at the meeting.

February 15, Berkeley Rotary Grant deadline: The club and endowment boards must approve the project as the club's choice for a district grant at a board meeting. To submit an application for review in February by the grants committee and in March for the boards, a short description of the project and an approximate budget is required. The club can submit only one application for a district grant.

Partners: The project may benefit from partner clubs. After the Berkeley boards approve funding is the best time to ask for BARSHEEP and other clubs for support.

Mid-May: The District grant application deadline is a two-step process. Grants submitted in May—**the only opportunity for the year**—are reviewed and questions asked. The application is resubmitted in June for final action in July by the district. Clubs must fund \$1 for every two from the district. Single club projects are limited to \$10,000 in district funds; multi-club projects are limited to \$15,000 in district funds.

Need help? Please contact Grier Graff at 510-653-4500 or email gg@graffarchitects.com if you have questions.

List of district grants received

2006-07 YEAH Handicapped ramp
2007-08 New Orleans, Warren Easton HS remodel
2009-10 BOSS, play structure
2010-2011 Zacualpan, Mexico (Middletown, lead)
2011-2012 BORP, play equipment
2012-2013 Literacy at Golden Gate Fields
2013-2014 RotaCare Richmond, clinic costs
2014-2015 RotaCare Richmond, medical equipment
2014-2015 Global Grant Mexico
2015-2016 RotaCare Richmond, moving expenses (San Pablo, lead)
2015-2016 RotaCare transitional care clinic (global grant, Alamo)
2020-2021 RotaCare PPE (Alamo)
2020-2021 Berkeley Tuolumne Camp
2020-2021 RotaCare visioning
2021-2022 EV Charging
2022-2023 Luna Early Learning Classrooms
2023-2024 Los Ayala, Mexico
2024-2025 Mongolia, club-approved, not submitted

Where in the World Is . . .

Linda Cogozzo?



Amber Mountain National Park, Joffreville, Madagascar. Pictured: Chameleon

Irene Hegarty



At Club Oasis, Manzanillo, Mexico.

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