

Speakers

December 19, 2018

[Skyler Barton, Pace](#)
[Pathways Counselor at BCC](#)

"Preparing Under-
Represented Students for
Success: Lessons Learned"

January 09, 2019

[Speaker provided by](#)
[President Beth - TBD](#)

January 16, 2019

[Rita Lucarelli, Professor of](#)
[Egyptology, UC Berkeley](#)
"Ancient Egypt: Magic and
Demons"

Events

December 19th
[1951 Café - conversations](#)
[with immigrant trainees](#)

December 19th
[Boards of Directors](#)

January 9th
[Membership Committee](#)

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[Supportive Housing](#)
[Committee](#)

Birthdays

[John Denvir](#)
December 17th

[Frederick C. Collignon](#)
December 17th

[James Ivan Masters](#)
December 19th

[Katherine Campbell](#)
December 24th

[Frederick G. Fassett](#)
December 29th

[Tom Elkema](#)
December 30th

[Shawn Rowles](#)
January 1st

[Senobia Ellis](#)
January 1st

[Alexander Glass](#)

Courageous Conversations Workshop Receives High Honors

By Maxim Schrogin

The Courageous Conversations workshop conducted by Brooke Deterline, Lynne Henderson, and our club has been notified that Civil Politics, the firm that Courageous Democracy LLC uses to evaluate post-workshop surveys, wrote that our impact for the January 27 Rotary training was one of the highest they've seen in all the programs they assess! Congratulations Berkeley!



We followed that workshop with one in Woodland in October that showed nearly the same results. At this point, further followup is needed to support Rotarians in having "Courageous Conversations." In the meanwhile, we of the Peace Committee are practicing the work ourselves and we encourage and support the rest of the Club, including members who haven't even attended a workshop, to do the same. For further support contact Maxim at maximds42@gmail.com or (510) 813-3777.

Warriors Into Peace Guardians Global Grant Is Approved

By Maxim Schrogin

Our club is International Sponsor of this \$100,000 grant. It supports Mediators Beyond Borders experts to train members of five local tribes in Kenya in conflict management and communications skills related to cattle ownership among them. The specific work is about the artificial insemination of cattle to adapt them to climate change. The host club Rotary Ngong Hills outside of Nairobi is providing on-the-ground work for the grant.

We thank Grier, Tina, and especially Terry Regan, all of whom are on the "International Committee" and who are doing the extensive and unexpected coordination work for our part of the grant. We will keep you informed as the work proceeds.

Last Week's Thought for the Day

By O'Neil Dillon

Last week's thought for the day was quite a nice reminder of why we serve as Rotarians. Here it is again for those who missed it.

January 4th

[Eva Rigney](#)

January 7th

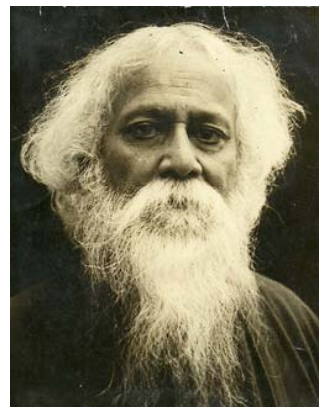
[Kenneth L. Hickey](#)

January 11th

[Irene R. Hegarty](#)

January 13th

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy."
-Rabindranath Tagore



A Year and Day in Africa - Saving the Cheetahs with the Hackers

By Katherine T. Wei



The speakers at Berkeley Rotary on Dec. 12 were our very own Dennis Hacker and his wife, Jenny Hacker. Retired veterinary ophthalmologist and bonsai horticulturist Dennis and his Jill-of-all-trades wife/office manager Jenny recently spent an eventful 12 months in Africa.

After he retired in 2016, they went to Botswana, staying in a tent by a river. Being awakened by boisterous male hippos grunting and battling each other in the river, Jenny took a 3 am bathroom break, then returned to bed and suggested to Dennis that they move to Africa for a year. Equipped with one-way tickets, a one-week hotel reservation, along with a duffle bag and small backpack each and buzzing with infectious enthusiasm, they flew to the African continent.

They stayed in a rondavel, a 14-foot round hut with solar water heaters and unreliable, variable water availability (think "drip drip" when you are aching to take a shower). In the interest of time, during the talk they focused on a day at the Cheetah Conservation Fund, a cheetah rescue. Their fully booked daily schedule began at 6:30 am with breakfast, was filled with various wild animal husbandry duties, animal feedings, etc., and ended after dinner with a relaxing cocktail or a glass of wine while watching the sunset.

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