



# e-Revolutions

Berkeley Rotary Club  
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## Speakers

**May 14, 2025**

[Kathy Kramer, Coordinator, Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour](#)

"How We Transformed Our Yard from an Ecological Wasteland into a Wildlife Habitat Garden"

**May 21, 2025**

[Stephen Menendian, AD & Director of Research, Othering & Belonging Institute](#)

"Belonging Without Othering: How We Save Ourselves and the World"

**May 28, 2025**

[Calleene Fagan, CEO, Insight Housing](#)

"Insight Housing: Growth and Challenges Ahead"

**June 04, 2025**

[Laura Geist, General Manager of the Oakland Ballers](#)

"The Building of the Ballers: Creating a Community-Driven Model"

**June 11, 2025**

[Gia White, AD at Global, International & Area Studies, UC Berkeley](#)

"We've Been Here Before: Embracing Black History at UC Berkeley in the Time of Erasure"

## Events

May 21st

[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) via Zoom](#)

May 28th

[Scholarship Committee Meeting in Person](#)

June 8th

## Club Announcements

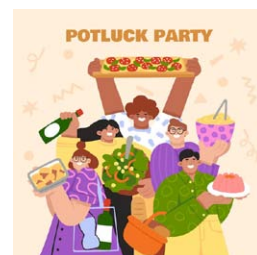
By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Join us on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 (at First Pres or via Zoom), from 12:30-1:30 PM PT, when Kathy Kramer, Coordinator of [Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour \(BBNGT\)](#), will present "**How We Transformed Our Yard from an Ecological Wasteland into a Wildlife Habitat Garden.**" Kathy began BBNGT in 2005 when native plants were difficult to find in nurseries. Since then, she has expanded her offerings to include both virtual and live tours, as well as talks by native plant enthusiasts, including one of the nation's scientific experts, Doug Tallamy. The speaker is provided by the BRC Team Central America; Veronica Silbey and David Wilson, Captains. *Note:* Kathy will be selling a variety of native plants from [Down by the Bay](#), priced between \$5 and \$10. Payment accepted via cash or Venmo only.



**RotaCare Bay Area Announces New Mobile Medical Unit.** Club members who attended the recent District Conference saw the new Mobile Medical Unit that serves the communities in need in Santa Clara County. For more information, [click here](#).

**Ladies Who Lunch.** The next gathering is on Friday, June 6, 2025, from 12 PM–2 PM, and will be hosted by Anne Pardee. Please bring a dish for 6–8 to share (except dessert, which will be provided). RSVP is not necessary, but it would be nice! Contact Anne ([pardeevt@comcast.net](mailto:pardeevt@comcast.net)) for the location.



**Calendars.** Are you facilitating a Rotary committee meeting or an event? To get it listed in the Green Calendar and on the website calendar, email your info (date, time, title, brief description, contact person and their email address) to Anne Pardee ([pardeevt@comcast.net](mailto:pardeevt@comcast.net)) and Linda Cogozzo ([lcogozzo@icloud.com](mailto:lcogozzo@icloud.com)).

## Taste of Downtown Berkeley Needs You!

[Taste of Downtown Berkeley](#)

**Birthdays**

Martin Kaliski  
May 12th  
Dylan Supencheck  
May 14th  
Kenneth N. Matsumura  
May 15th  
Olatubosun Ade Fasipe  
Ph.D.  
May 17th  
Anne Pardee  
May 24th  
Rebecca Phuong  
May 26th  
Christopher K. Ahoy  
May 29th  
Jack H. McPhail  
May 31st  
Rachel I Frankel Meek  
June 9th  
Khawaja Mohammad Ashraf  
June 10th



**We need everyone's help for our biggest fundraiser of the year: Taste of Downtown Berkeley, June 8, 2-5:30 PM**

**Funding is very slow among our donors. The needs in our community are greater than ever. Here's how you can help:**

- **Buy tickets**

Tickets are \$60 per person or 2 tickets for \$100. Student tickets are \$30. Children under 14 are free. Checks may be sent to Tina Etcheverry (1471 Greenwood Terr, Berkeley CA 94708) or online: go to Eventbrite: <https://TasteDowntownBerkeley2025.eventbrite.com>

- **Sponsor the event**

Consider becoming a sponsor of the third Annual **Taste of Downtown Berkeley**, celebrating the exciting culinary scene in Downtown Berkeley. We expect 300 people from Berkeley and the East Bay to stroll and enjoy gourmet bites and drinks from local chefs at 13 restaurants in the Downtown.

Proceeds from the event will support Berkeley Rotary's community programs, specifically our scholarship program that provides 4-year college scholarships for 14 low-income students, and supportive housing outreach that provides hygiene kits and food to people in need in our community.

**Platinum Level: \$4,000 Supports one 4-year college student for one year.**

Partner with Berkeley Rotary throughout the year, receiving recognition on our website and in promotional materials, event signage, and our social media campaign. Platinum sponsorship receives 6 free tickets for Taste of Downtown Berkeley.

**Gold Level: \$2,000 Supports 2 months of hygiene kits and warm clothing** for the less fortunate in our community. Receive recognition at the event, on our website, and in promotional materials for the event, and 2 free tickets.

**Silver Level: \$500 Supports our food pantry connections.** Receive recognition on our website and in promotional materials for the event, and one free ticket.

We believe that **Taste of Downtown Berkeley** will be a fantastic opportunity for you or your organization to show support for the Berkeley community and to connect with potential customers and clients. We would be honored to have you as a sponsor of this event.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!



## Celebrating Cinco de Mayo



A couple of days late, but on May 7, the club enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo fiesta with a special buffet lunch, margaritas, music, and a slide show of our many years of service projects in areas north of Puerto Vallarta, where we've built and repaired schools, libraries, community centers, and other amenities in partnership with Rotary clubs from the U.S. and in Mexico. Grier conducted a trivia contest of facts about the projects and about Mexico generally. Terry Regan won a Mexican painted stool for the most correct answers. Several club members came in costume befitting the occasion and the meeting was, to say the least, *muy divertido!*



Las mujeres: Anne Pardee, Irene Hegarty, Arlene Marcus, and Marcia Dillon.

## 20 Pounds of Potatoes (in 20 Minutes?)

By Arlene Marcus

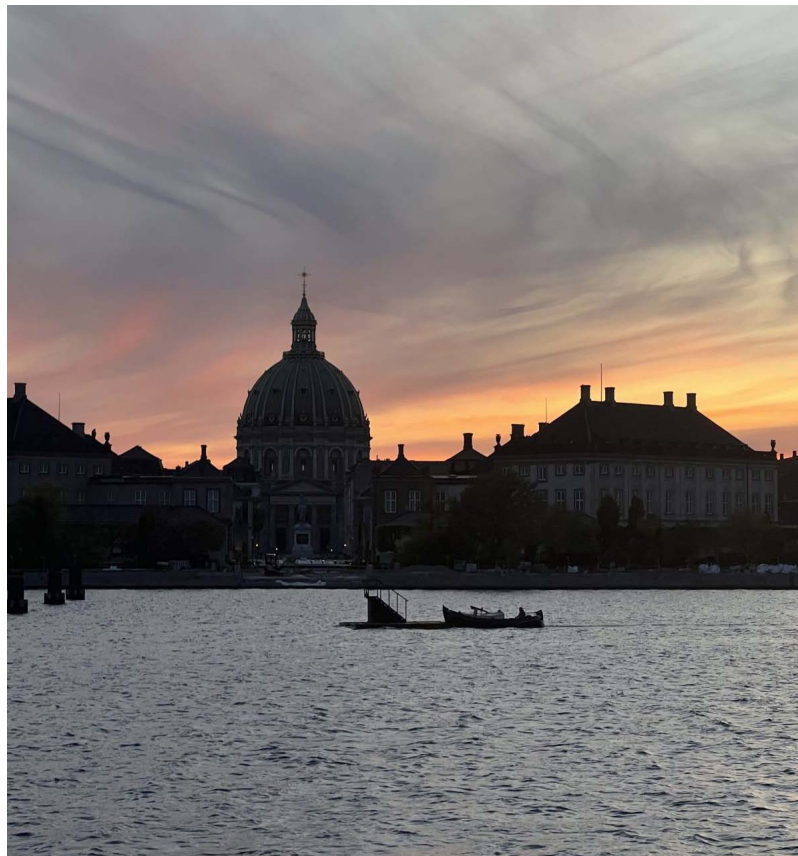
Well . . . maybe not that fast. Under the tutelage of our very own Rotary chef, Traci Siegal, 4 Rotarians prepared a barbecue lunch for 50 to be served to the clients of the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center on Mother's Day. We chopped and sliced through 20 lbs of potatoes for potato salad, and sliced cabbage, peppers, and julienned carrots for coleslaw slaw while Traci and a friend barbecued the chicken. We all learned new cutting and chopping skills. Who knew that all these veggies had to be cut exactly to a standard and uniform size? Perhaps it will improve our own home cooking?

Below: Pamela Doolan, Arlene Marcus, Traci Siegal, Anne Pardee, and Igor Tregub.



## Where in the World Is . . .

Linda Cogozzo?



Enjoying the view from the Opera House, Copenhagen, Denmark.

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