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## Speakers

**March 17, 2021**

[Drummer David Rokeach](#)

**March 24, 2021**

[State Senator Nancy Skinner](#)

"State of the State"

**March 31, 2021**

[Kate Collignon, Partner,](#)

[HR&A Advisors](#)

"Exploring the Pandemic's Long-Term Impact on Cities"

**April 07, 2021**

[Daniel Newman, President of](#)

[MapLight](#)

"Unrig: How to Fix our Broken Democracy"

**April 14, 2021**

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[the Berkeley Rotary Club](#)

[Scholarship Program!](#)

## Events

March 20th

[Strawberry Creek Pollinator Garden Service Project](#)

## Birthdays

[Jonathan Y. Shindo](#)

March 15th

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

March 29th

[George Reskin](#)

April 1st

[Lynne Henderson](#)

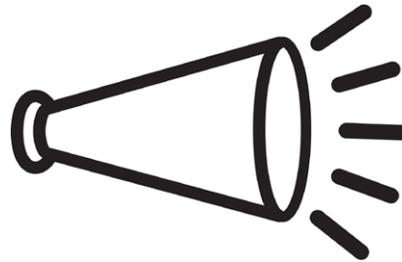
April 4th

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April 10th

## Club Announcements

By Linda Marlene Cogozzo



**Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 12:30pm (PDT):**

Pandemic got your rhythm off? Meet drummer David Rokeach ([www.davidrokeach.com](http://www.davidrokeach.com)), who's kept time for the likes of Ray Charles, Aretha, Celine, Rita M., and Doc's Tonight Show Band, to name-drop a few. Grab your sticks and get your hat, leave your worries. . . . The speaker is provided by Team #1, Mississippi River (John Ferguson, Team Leader.)

**Movie Time:** Watch *BRC: How To Build A History*, for a look at our beginnings, our evolution, our centennial, and more. If you're working on your Blue & Gold, you can cross this task off the list after watching the documentary!

<https://berkeleyrotary.org/documentary-video.php>

**Reminder:** Help make Berkeley a bee-friendly town! In our first service opportunity of the spring, we'll be planting at Strawberry Creek Park on Saturday, March 20 (with other dates to follow). To volunteer, contact Transition Berkeley: [info@transitionberkeley.org](mailto:info@transitionberkeley.org), (707) 329-5780. For details, email John Pardee: [japardee11@gmail.com](mailto:japardee11@gmail.com). And please let John know if you will be volunteering.

## New Member Spotlight: Ingrid Gavshon

By Charlene Y Stern

On Wednesday, March 10, 2021, Ingrid Gavshon was inducted into the Rotary Club of Berkeley. Ingrid was born in Pretoria, South Africa, to parents who were both pharmacists and entrepreneurs. They belonged to Rotary and her mother was involved with the Union of Jewish Women.

In the 1970s, Ingrid left South Africa to study in London, where she lived for 15 years, and worked as a photographer and criminal law paralegal. Her dream came true when she broke into television and worked for NBC News.

Ingrid returned to South Africa when Nelson Mandela was released from prison. A Dutch television station in South Africa hired her as a stringer. In 1994, she founded Angel Films and continues to serve as the CEO. An award-winning documentary filmmaker and photographer, Ingrid focuses on social issues and human rights (HIV/AIDS, orphans, violence, abortion, death row, and more). She feels fortunate to have made many films about Nelson Mandela.



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## State of the Campus: Carol Christ Looks to the Future

By Irene R. Hegarty



UC Berkeley Chancellor and Honorary Berkeley Rotarian Carol Christ made time in her busy schedule to speak at our meeting last Wednesday regarding the current issues facing the campus. Chancellor Christ covered a lot of topics, including how the campus has dealt with the pandemic, development plans for student housing, and new initiatives to address a diverse student population.

The pandemic took the university by surprise, like the rest of society. For the faculty, she said, it was like being thrown into the deep end of the pool as the campus converted to remote teaching last March. Every aspect of the university was affected, including student life, teaching, research, athletics, and not incidentally the budget. After having closed a structural budget deficit at the beginning of her tenure,

Chancellor Christ dealt with the return of deficits as the university lost revenue and some expenditures increased.

Christ commended student groups, faculty, and research institutes for their response to the pandemic as they reached out to help the community, developed expanded and faster Covid testing, and partnered with the City on public health issues.

Only a fraction of undergraduates were housed in the dorms last fall and there were challenges keeping students who live off campus from socializing and spreading the virus. Now, the university is transitioning back to in-person instruction although, Christ noted, some things may be different than before, including more online courses and opportunities for staff to work remotely, at least part of the time.

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