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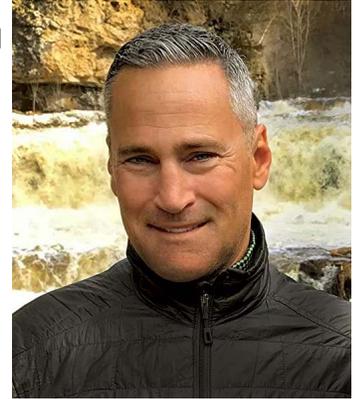
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Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, September 14, 12:30 PM PT (in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom): Author David László Conhaim presents "When 'No' is 'On': A Dyslexic Writer's Journey Through Life, Love, and Craft." Conhaim is passionate about discovering stories and people somehow lost to history—and to inspire or renew public interest in them. His socially conscious, exhaustively researched novels in recent years have focused on the multiracial struggle for the American West, emphasizing issues of family, identity, and belonging. His Paul Robeson-inspired Western *All Man's Land* (Broken Arrow Press, 2019) was selected Finalist Best Novel in the Western Writers of America Spur Awards, and was a "Maverick" winner in the Will Rogers Medallion Awards. Conhaim was born in the United States and lives in Israel. The speaker is provided by Team #5, the Berkeley Symphony Team; Ed Church and Jason Russell, Captains.



Mark Your Calendar: Fall Picnic. The social committee is presenting the first event of the Rotary year. Come to the potluck picnic at Codornices Park on Sunday, September 18, 12-2 PM. Bring your friends, relatives, games, soccer balls, grandchildren, etc. The club will provide a main course; please bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. A small fee to cover expenses is TBD.

Berkeley Honors Jose Andres at the Peace Grove on Sept. 21



The Annual Berkeley Rotary Club Peace Award Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, September 21 at the Rotary Peace Grove in Tilden Park. We will gather for lunch and a program honoring this year's awardee, Jose Andres Puerta, founder of the World Central Kitchen, which has gone around the world to feed people in need following disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, and war.

Please meet at Inspiration Point in Tilden Park at 11:30. Walking or bicycling the 2 miles (allow 35-45 minutes on foot) to the Grove is encouraged, but shuttles will be available. A sign-up list will be circulated at the Rotary meeting this Wednesday, September 14. Please sign up there, or contact Joan Collignon at joancollignon@gmail.com with your name and your preferred transportation.

This in-person gathering at the Grove in Tilden Park will be broadcast live via Zoom. **There will be no meeting at First Presbyterian Church on Sept. 21.** Contact Dan Thomas dthomas@tc-associates.com or Ken Renworth at krenworth@gmail.com for

more information.

Rotaract/Rotary Mixer Saturday, 9/17, 2-3:30 at Cal

By John Pardee

This coming Saturday, September 17, 2-3:30 PM, Cal Rotaract will hold its first mixer with Rotarians in 166 old Barrows Hall, now called the Social Science Building. Barrows was the Business School before the big new building was constructed. This is the building close to the parking lot under the tennis courts off Bancroft, just west of College Ave.—an easy walk. You do not need to volunteer to be a mentor to come, meet, and talk to a lot of Cal Rotaracters. Come and show your support for one of the larger Rotaract clubs in the U.S. and the world. It's part of our club, since we sponsor it. Lauren Dela Rosa, one of our newest Rotarians, and past Cal Rotaract president and Governor, will lead our club's participation, since John Pardee will be traveling in Europe.

Come Plant a Promise Garden

By Joan Collignon



As we have for the last three years, Berkeley Rotarians will mount a team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in San Francisco on November 5. We not only raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association but also raise awareness among our Rotary members of the need for continuing research into ways to prevent and cure Alzheimer's and dementia, this scourge which has affected so many of us and our families. Here's a link to our Team Berkeley Rotary page on the Walk website: [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/CA-](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/CA-NorthernCaliforniaandNorthernNevada?team_id=737441&pg=team&fr_id=15423)

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New this year: We'll kick off our effort to promote the Walk to End Alzheimers on Wednesday, September 28, by planting a Pop-up Promise Garden at the Corner of Channing and Dana in front of First Presbyterian Church. At 11:30 we'll gather there and "plant" those colorful flowers that have become part of the brand of the Walk. We'll have a sign there with a QR code that passersby can shoot with their phone to find information on the Alzheimer's Foundation and the Walk. After our "planting" we'll troop back to the Calvin Room for our meeting, where our speaker will be Drue Banta, Director of the SF Walk. He will share with us the progress being made in Alzheimer's research, and tie this into the goals of the Alzheimer's/Dementia Rotarian Action Group (ADRAG). So come join in the "planting" project at 11:30 on September 28. And join Team Berkeley Rotary to walk together on November 5.

What if My Invited Guest Can't Attend SOAR on Oct. 9?

By Frederick C. Collignon

As we've noted in earlier weeks, sometimes a guest you've been trying to entice to check out Rotary simply can't come on Oct. 9 to the SOAR reception. But you don't want to miss the wine and party. Is there an option so you can still come? Yes. First, you can contact the event chair and hostess Tina Etcheverry and see if there are remaining jobs to fill at the event. Second, if you're willing to host a guest at the party that someone else has invited, but where the inviting Rotarian can't come, you could take the host's place. If you'd like to be a fill-in shepherd that day, let Fred Collignon know and he'll see if he can assign you to a prospect.

And if you're a Rotarian who can't make it that day, but have neighbors, friends, or colleagues whom you would like to see come and learn about Rotary, invite them and let Fred know he needs to find a shepherd for them. [Read More](#)

Miyawaki Forests in Berkeley

By Steven Beckendorf

On August 31 we were fortunate to hear from Neelam Patil about a method that combats global warming and that provides opportunities for hands-on participation by Rotarians.

Neelam Patil is a Berkeley Elementary School science teacher who has been teaching her students about climate change. Many of them said they wanted to do something about climate change, not just learn about it. With that impetus, Neelam found out about and introduced to Berkeley the Miyawaki method of planting fast-growing, ultra-dense forests. Invented by Dr. Akira Miyawaki, these dense forests can fix carbon, provide shade, counter urban heat islands, and increase biodiversity.



Neelam and her students have established three Miyawaki forests in Berkeley schoolyards, at Cragmont and Malcolm X Elementary Schools and at King Middle School. These are the first Miyawaki forests in California and maybe in the nation. Although they were planted just 10 months ago, many of the seedlings are now over 15 feet tall. The forests are now so dense that it's difficult to walk through them.

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Aurora Theatre's 25 Years and Beyond

By Elizabeth Roessner



Managing Director Francesca Gabourel presented "What's New at the Aurora Theatre Company" at our September 7 club meeting. Francesca, who joined Aurora earlier this year, began her talk with a brief history of the theatre, founded in 1991 by Barbara Oliver. Back then, performances were held at the Berkeley City Club.

The current location on Addison Street opened in 2001, in the newly formed arts district. The Aurora's intimate stage configuration allows patrons to be extra-close to the actors, so much so that you feel like you're a part of the action.

Being able to see fellow patrons across the way adds to the shared experience. [Read More](#)
