

JUNE 2023

BAYCC Community Newsletter



It is a summer, time to rejuvenate with nature. California is one of the most brilliant destinations for hikers and discoverers. We wish our readers will have a spectacular time reconnecting with nature and will share their stories with us.

We hope you will enjoy reading about BAYCC activities and continue to support our mission to make a positive impact in our community!

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Fun Fact:

The name California comes from a 16th-century Spanish novel that describes a mythical paradise called California.





Embrace Relief Report

EMBRACE RELIEF'S

Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief:



192,300

ready-to-eat-meals



- Provided in immediate days following the quake



- Six trucks worth of meals distributed in the disaster zone



18,350

food packages



- 30 pounds each



- 1-2 weeks supply of nutritious food and cooking supplies

BASIC NECESSITIES:



Turkey:
Toiletries, paper towels, diapers



Syria:
Food, milk, clothing, shoes for children, feminine hygiene products



290

Tents

- Shelters are 260 square feet and can house a family
- Huge demand for tents from people displaced



35

Prefabricated container homes

- Ideal for families in rural areas who lost their homes
- Sturdy, insulated structures that can last for years if needed
- Includes 2 rooms, a small kitchen area, and a bathroom



140

Families receiving rent assistance

- Covering the costs of rent, plus furnishings
- Giving stability to families seeking to move to new cities within Turkey



Thursday

Interfaith Panel Discussion on "Death and Dying"

Dr. Dogan delivered a talk on the Islamic Perspective on Death & Dying at an interfaith panel discussion organized by Peninsula Multifaith Coalition on 27th April. Representatives from six faith traditions shared scriptural viewpoints of demise, last rites, and the afterlife.





Sunday Sermon by Dr. Dogan at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City invited Dr. Dogan, a Muslim scholar to lead Sunday worship on 30th April. Dr. Dogan read the scriptural text for meditation and reflection, and delivered the sermon on the "Theological Foundations of Interfaith Dialogue in Islam".





Thursday

Peaceful Presence Multifaith Prayers for Peace & Strength for the Journey

Congregation Etz Chayim and the Pacifica Institute hosted "Peaceful Presence Multifaith Prayers for Peace & Strength for the Journey" as a part of a monthly prayer gathering on the evening of the 11th of each month called "Peaceful Presence" organized by Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice. Hosts from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths offered prayers for peace and strength for the journey along with beautiful songs from Jewish tradition. As Pacifica Institute, we offered a prayer for a peaceful dialogue as in the following:

Prayer by Dr. Hilal Cansizoglu:

Peaceful presence for Peace and Justice In our tradition, when we want to communicate with God through our individual prayers, we like to call Him with His beautiful names and attributes so I tried to write down a prayer as a believer in dialogue for peace and justice and call Him with some of His beautiful names and attributes in my prayer.

Ar-Rahman and Ar-Rahim (You are The Most Compassionate and The Most Merciful), You tell us in the Holy Quran that You made us into races and tribes so that we should get to know one another...(al-Hujurat, 49:13). Help us find ways to get to know one another and celebrate the diversity of all the things in this universe you create so beautifully. Make mutual understanding our pure intention to be at the table. Give us courage to intentionally step up and engage with the world and with others and give us courage to fight with our egos and know to listen and learn from each other.

Al-Awwal and Al-Akhir (You are The First and You are The Last) Make us be present at the moment with full of respect to the past and full of hope for the future. Open our hearts such that we feel compassion to all beings and make our hearts resonate with our fellow friends at the table so that we can start our journey towards mutual understanding. Open our minds to convince us that we are human first, before we consider ourselves to belong to a religious or a cultural tradition.

An-Nur and Al-Hadi (You are the Light and You are the Guide) Give us opportunities to connect with the world and others for exploration, contemplation and enquiry on the journey of knowing You. We believe that the more we know You, the closer we get to You and Your love. Make our dialogue with each other a chance to have dialogue with You. If restraining himself from people was the way to connect with You, then Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) wouldn't spend any moment with his fellow companions and just worship you for days and nights, but he teaches us that worshiping is a way of having dialogue with You. This is why we commemorate the dialogue he has with You in his miraculous night journey during the Tashahhud where we sit on the ground in our daily prayers and testify our faith. Help us comprehend the value of dialogue and human connections to know You and worship You as You want us the way to know You and worship You.

Al-Jami'e (You are The Gatherer, You are The Unifier) On the journey of getting to know one another, make us feel the joy of enriching each other with our various experiences, feelings, and understandings. Give us the pleasure of enabling honest friendship and trustful community.

Al-`Adl (You are The Utterly Just) As a dialogue community, help us act together for peace and justice for all humanity.

Amen.



Friday

Homeless Donation Drive

The Homeless Drive, organized and held by RISE, was an open-community event that ran through the dates of May 19th to May 21st. Throughout the course of this window, RISE was able to gather, sort, and package clothing, toiletry, and household supplies for City Team. The event was a gradual success, with over six boxes of donation material collected and handed over by the end of the drive! We thank everyone who supported the drive by donating to the cause and encourage you to stay posted on similar events in the future.





Saturday

ArtkidsUp Art Exhibition

ArtkidsUp organized its first art exhibition on Saturday, 20th May at BAYCC Center. Art teacher Dr. Ali Karatay expressed his happiness about how his students Merrve Nur, Barna, and Nahide worked hard and excelled to be able to demonstrate their art creations to the public. Dr. Karatay, parents, and participants wished further success to the young talents.





Tuesday

Christian School visit

Christian Schooldan 7. sinif ogrencileri kultur merkezini ziyaret ettiler. Biz onlara islamiyetle ilgili bir sunum hazirladik. Sunumdan sonra ogrenciler islamiyetle ilgili sorularini sordular. Cocuklara yemek ve tatli ikraminda bulunduk. Cok memnun bir sekilde ayrildilar.





Thursday

Interactive Lecture on "A Thorny Road to Success in Africa: A Personal Account"

Prof. Noah Yusuf, Vice Chancellor (President) of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Nigeria delivered an interactive lecture on "The Thorny Road To Success In Africa: A Personal Account" on May 25, 2023, at BAYCC Center. The speaker talked about social changes happening in African societies and shared his personal experiences of becoming head of higher education.





Sunday

Üniversite Mezun Yemegi

Üniversiteli gençler arkadaşlarının mezuniyetini kutlamak için bir akşam yemeginde biraraya geldiler. Mezun olan gençlerimize başarılar diliyor, kendilerini tebrik ediyoruz.





Saturday

Earthquake Relief Fundraiser (RISE x Embrace Relief)

On June 3rd, 2023, RISE collaborated with Embrace Relief to support the humanitarian efforts to help the victims of the earthquake that occurred in Turkey and Syria in February of this year. RISE collected and displayed books, offered Turkish coffee and baklava all as donation gifts to the busy people of San Francisco right in the middle of Union Square. RISE has a goal of collecting \$1500 (31,632.TL) and will continue creating more fundraising efforts. As their first Earthquake Relief fundraiser, they collected around \$200 (approx 4000 TL). Please look for their next Earthquake Relief Fundraiser event!





Saturday

Adventure in the American River South

The organization was enjoyable with the participation of 13 people. It started off calmly, but what followed was indescribable - you had to be there to experience it.

The group covered a 21-mile course in 4 hours in the American River South. The water level was perfect, and we took a lunch break in between. We were split into 2 boats and saw some great camping areas along the river. Lotus Camping seemed to be the best option and could be perfect for a family outing. Thanks to everyone who contributed!





8-12. Sınıflar Yaz Kampı

Kayıt için tıklayınız



8.-12. SINIF YAZ KAMPI

TARİH	ADRES
10-17	24145 TOKAYANA
HAZİRAN	WAY, COLFAX,
	CA 95713

AKTİVİTELER	KONUĞU
• VOLEYBOL	HAKAN GÖK
• BASKETBOL	"SELECTED READINGS
• + FAZLASI	FROM BEDUIZZAMAN SAID
	NURSI'S RISALE-I NUR"

KAYIT	FİYAT: \$560
TINYURL.COM/COLFAX23	zelle: CFO@BAYCC.ORG



6-7. Sınıflar Yaz Kampı

Kayıt için tıklayınız



6.-7. SINIF YAZ KAMPI

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HAZİRAN	WAY, COLFAX,
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AKTİVİTELER	KONUĞU
• VOLEYBOL	HAKAN GÖK
• BASKETBOL	"SELECTED READINGS
• + FAZLASI	FROM BEDUIZZAMAN SAID
	NURSI'S RISALE-I NUR"

KAYIT	FİYAT: \$320
TINYURL.COM/COLFAX23	zelle: CFO@BAYCC.ORG



Monday

ArtkidsUp Kid's Summer

www.artskidsup.com

IN-PERSON

KAYITLAR İÇİN
SON 10 GÜN
JUNE 16

GRADES
TK-6

ArtkidsUp
KID'S
SUMMER
School

09:00 AM - 03:30 PM

JUL 03
TO 28

KUR'AN - I KERİM
GÜZEL AHLAK
ART / CRAFT / CLAY
FEN / DOĞA / TEFEKKÜR
KİTAP / MASAL
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
INDOOR GAMES
GEZİ
...VE DAHASI

HAFTA İÇİ HER GÜN / 03 - 28 Temmuz
KAYIT İÇİN SON TARİH 16 Haziran 2023
Tüm Detaylar ve Erken Kayıt →
Avantajlarından yararlanmak için tıklayın!

WEB SITE

somebuddy
somebuddy for everybody

ERGUVAN
ACADEMY
Online School

fiacademy

www.artskidsup.com



Tuesday

Open Mic Night

Contact Esra Nur: (650) 963-6982





Sunday

Meal Service

[Click here to get registered](#)

MEAL SERVICE

On the Occasion of Eid al-Adha

Congregation Beth David, Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino, and Pacifica Institute invite you to prepare and serve a hot and hearty meal to hungry and homeless neighbors in San Jose.

Volunteers will first prepare dinner at Congregation Beth David (shift 1), then convoy together to serve dinner at a soup kitchen in downtown San Jose (shift 2). After meal service, volunteers will also enjoy a kosher and halal dinner together.

Bring your family. Children ages 10 and older are welcome to volunteer when accompanied by parents. No childcare is provided.

Enjoy good friends, good food, and good fun!

Register now. Space is limited.

Shift 1 only: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Both shifts: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM — dinner included

RSVP



Aid Campaign

[Click here to donate](#)



The Syifa Orphanage Foundation, Banten District, Indonesia is **home to 16 beautiful adolescent lives who met the misfortune of losing their parents at a young age**. With your generous donation, we can continue making a difference in their lives by providing essential education and vital food supplies.

Here's how your Donation will be utilized:



FOOD MATERIALS



EDUCATION



GIFTS



TRIPS

DONATE NOW! 



Bay Area Clubs

Sports enthusiasts have initiated several sports clubs: Soccer, Volleyball, Hiking, Basketball, Diving, Pickleball, Stargazing, Tennis, Table Tennis, Fishing, Community Emergency Response Team, Fitness & Bodybuilding, "Art, Science & Culture Club", Winter Sports, Cyclist, Camping, Life on Wheels, Swimming, Life on 2 Wheel, and Surfing! Everyone is welcome to join any sports club they are interested to be part of. Kindly click the links below to join the **WhatsApp** community and choose the club you want to participate in. You can also initiate a new sports, culture, and arts club, kindly fill up the form with your brilliant ideas.

