

MAY-JUN 2024

BAYCC COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Summer is here, and it's bringing all the heat! For BAYCC, Summer means outdoor activities, spiritual retreats, conferences, and so much more. This year, too, BAYCC has been involved in various activities across the Bay Area, a few notable examples including the West American Civic Platform in Malibu, international qurban efforts, and much more!

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Newsletter Highlights

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- RNK Theater & Mother's Day Celebration
- BAYCC Summer Camp
- Cay, Cekirdek & Chat - Malibu Edition

And more!

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Did You Know?

California's GDP is larger than the GDP of every country in Africa combined.

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Past Events



Saturday

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK TRIP

The North California mentor team, ahead of the summer camps, gathered for a two-day nature trip in the breathtaking Yosemite National Park. The trip was a collection of beautiful memories, sceneries and reconnection. The mentor team recommends it to everyone who'd like to enjoy plenty of oxygen, all the hiking you can wish for, a detox from technology, and quality time with loved ones!



Past Events



Saturday

ÇAY, ÇEKİRDEK & CHAT - MALIBU EDITION

The youth group RISE, who were tasked with representing BAYCC dialogue efforts in the West America Civic Platform, were asked to organize a Çay, Çekirdek & Chat during the two-day conference, which ended up being a massive success and an exchange of beautiful moments. Featuring Mr. Cihangir Arslan, the Malibu edition of Çay, Çekirdek & Chat was a discussion of International Hizmet Efforts in the 80s, which proved to be a reminiscent topic for many.



Past Events



MALIBU WEST CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SEMINAR

Saturday

BAYCC's primary motives are harboring cultural connections and building bridges between communities, known as "dialogue" for short. This initiative encompasses several organizations, such as BAYCC across the U.S., united under the same motive, effort, and values. The Civic Engagement Seminar in Malibu, which took place on the Pepperdine University campus, was a brilliant gathering of fellow interfaith and cultural organizations across West America, featuring the Pacifica Foundation, MOSAIC, BAYCC, Emerald Hills Institute, and Sema Foundation. From May 11th to 12th, this two-day seminar.



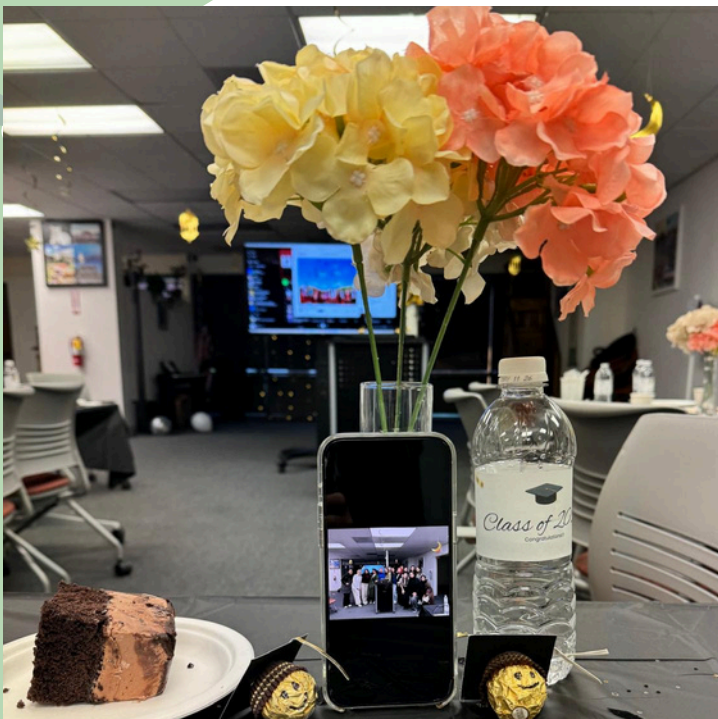
Past Events

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PARTY



Monday

We congratulate our recent university graduates and wish a lifetime of success upon them!



Past Events



Saturday

RNK THEATER & MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The 7th word (RNK) theater show was a theater production, transcribed into text by our university and graduate girls, and later performed by our high school girls. The performance followed the story of the young people who realized their mistakes in a dream and later sought forgiveness through effort and action. During the theater performance, we also celebrated Mother's Day, exchanging emotional and unforgettable moments between mothers and daughters.



Past Events



Thursday

MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

The summer camps at NoCal provide the perfect setting for students to learn the essential values from literature; all while maintaining a fun and relaxing environment. The important information they learn from the valued guest speakers, the excitement of performing salah and praying together, the hatim of the Quran and Cevsen, Summer-appropriate fun activities, at-home games and entertainment, the unforgettable moments... And for much more.

We offer our thanks and gratitude to Allah (cc), as well as all of our students and mentors.



Past Events



Saturday

INTERFAITH POTLUCK PICNIC

On June 8, Bay Area Cultural Connections (BAYCC) members in Sacramento hosted an interfaith potluck at Hagan Community Park in Rancho Cordova. Following the successful home Iftars during Ramadan (March to April), the guests and hosts of the home iftars came together for a picnic in the park this time. Participants enjoyed diverse dishes, fostering a sense of community and mutual understanding. The event also served as a platform to discuss future interfaith initiatives in the greater Sacramento area, aiming to enhance collaboration and dialogue among various faith groups.



Past Events



Saturday

ONLINE LECTURE ON "ISLAM'S JESUS"

On June 8, 2024, Bay Area Cultural Connections (BAYCC) hosted an online lecture titled "Islam's Jesus," featuring Professor Zeki Saritoprak, the Bediuzzaman Said Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies and professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio. Conducted through Zoom, the lecture attracted more than 40 participants and explored the theological teachings and place of Jesus in Islam, providing a comprehensive overview of the interfaith relations between Christianity and Islam. This lecture followed an earlier one by Professor Saritoprak on "Spirituality in Islam," marking his second engaging and educational session for our community and further enhancing participants' understanding of vital Islamic concepts and thoughts.

Prof. Zeki Saritoprak,
Bediuzzaman Said Nursi Chair in
Islamic Studies,
Professor in the Department of
Theology and Religious Studies,
John Carroll University,
Cleveland, Ohio



Saturday,
Jun 8, 2024



From 7:00 pm
To 8:00 pm



Past Events



PARTICIPATING IN UNITY WALKATHON BY AAI

The Abrahamic Alliance International (AAI) organized a Unity Walkathon on June 9th, 2024, a significant event to foster peaceful coexistence among Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Participants were congregation members of several faith houses in Silicon Valley who walked in solidarity to raise funds for AAI's mission of alleviating poverty and promoting interfaith harmony. The walkathon was a successful fundraiser and a powerful symbol of unity in diversity. It brought together individuals and families from different religious backgrounds, highlighting the potential of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in addressing social issues. The active participation of BAYCC members further emphasized the event's community spirit. The funds raised will support AAI's ongoing efforts to build a world where Jews, Christians, and Muslims can coexist peacefully and work together to save lives and alleviate poverty.



Past Events



Tuesday

2024 TANZANIA TRIP



Past Events

Tuesday

OFFERING PRAYERS AT MULTIFAITH PRAYERS FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

The Multifaith Voices for Peace & Justice: A Peaceful Presence Gathering, themed "Our Journey Through Life and Death," took place on June 11, 2024, at the First Palo Alto United Methodist Church in Palo Alto, CA. Hosted by Reverend Burke Owens, the event began with a welcome address and passages from the Bible. Speakers included Hilal Cansizoglu from Bay Area Cultural Connections, representing the Muslim tradition, who discussed a prayerful conversation with Allah on facing death in life, and Caroline Pietrangelo Owens from the Ridhwan School, who guided a practice for peaceful presence. The gathering aimed to foster peace through reflective conversations and guided practices, concluding with communal prayers led by Reverend Burke Owens.



Past Events



Sunday

DISTRIBUTION OF MEAT TO HOMELESS SHELTERS

The BAYCC and Pacifica Institute volunteers distributed 680 pounds of ground beef as part of the Eid-Al Adha celebration, a significant event in the Islamic calendar known for emphasizing charity and community support. Eid-Al Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice. Muslims around the world engage in the ritual sacrifice of animals, typically distributing the meat to family, friends, and those in need. This tradition underscores the importance of sharing and supporting the less fortunate. The recipients of this generous distribution included families, homeless shelters, and service agencies in the Bay Area, ensuring that the spirit of Eid-Al Adha reached and benefited various community members.



Past Events



BEACH CLEAN-UP ON OCEAN DAY

On June 22nd, 2024, YouthLink, a group for social services under Bay Area Cultural Connections, successfully mobilized volunteers from Pacifica Institute and BAYCC organizations for the World Ocean Day Beach Cleanup at Mussel Rock Beach, an event organized as part of the Pacific Beach Coalition. Starting at 9:00 AM, the event drew numerous volunteers who collectively removed litter and debris, contributing to a cleaner and safer marine environment. The cleanup enhanced the beach's natural beauty, strengthened community bonds, and increased awareness about the importance of ocean conservation. The event concluded with a music performance, adding a festive and celebratory atmosphere. YouthLink's initiative highlighted the power of collective action in preserving our oceans and promoting a healthier planet.



Past Events



Tuesday

AAI MEAL SERVICE FOR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS IN ENCAMPMENTS

The AAI Meal Service event on June 23, 2024, at Congregation Beth David in Saratoga, CA, was organized by Abrahamic Alliance International and coordinated by three faith houses: Congregation Beth David, Lincoln Glen Church, and Pacifica Institute. It successfully united Jews, Christians, and Muslims to prepare and serve 150 hot meals to unhoused neighbors in San Jose encampments. The event fostered interfaith collaboration and compassion, with volunteers working to address a pressing social issue. After preparing the meal boxes, the volunteers enjoyed the meal together, highlighting the power of interfaith unity in serving the community and promoting understanding among diverse religious groups.



Meal Service

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Past Events



Monday

SERVING BBQ AT CALIFORNIA CLASICO SOCCER GAME

The Bay Area Cultural Connections (BAYCC) and Pacifica Volunteers organized a lively BBQ tailgate for the guests attending the California Clasico soccer game. This vibrant pre-game event provided soccer fans and families an excellent opportunity to socialize, enjoy delicious grilled food, and celebrate their passion for the sport. The tailgate featured a variety of mouth-watering dishes, refreshing beverages, and a warm, welcoming environment that fostered community spirit. Attendees appreciated the efforts of BAYCC and Pacifica Volunteers in creating such a memorable experience, which added an extra layer of enjoyment to the excitement of the California Clasico soccer match.





Wednesday

Upcoming Events

ROAD TO CAMP

7 ocak - 10 mart tarihleri arasında hedefleri gerekleřtirin, beraber kampa gidelim

Haftalık hedeflerini tamamlayan **HERKES** kampa gitmeye hak kazanacaktır!!
Kampa gidecek olan herkesin ödüllendirmesi finalde acıklanacaktır.

Haftalık Hedefler

Shared documenti her pazar doldurmak

10 sy Kuran-ı Kerim

50 Bab Cevřen

10 sy Risale

15 sy Pirlanta

1 makale (ađlayan ya da fountain)

30 dk Kaset (Not Alarak)

1 Kuřluk Namazı

1 Hacet Namazı

1 Evvabin Namazı

1 Teheccüd Namazı

7 vakit Namaz Tesbihatı



Sunday

Upcoming Events

BAYCC FAMILY SUMMER CAMP

Aileli BAYCC Yaz Kampına katılacak olan ortaokul-lise öğrencilerimizle birlikte, tecrübeli mentör ablalarımız eşliğinde güzel bir doğa kampı yapmayı planlıyoruz. Şimdiden kıymetli öğrencilerimiz için hazırlıklara başladık!

BAYCC
YAZ
KAMPI

BAYCC

- ✓ MANEVİ PROGRAMLAR
- ✓ ÇOCUKLAR İÇİN EĞİTİM FAALİYETLERİ
- ✓ SPOR AKTİVİTELERİ
- ✓ DOĞADA TEFEKKÜR İMKANI

28 TEMMUZ
2 AĞUSTOS

WESTMINSTER WOODS
RETREAT CENTER

DETAYLI BİLGİ VE ÖN KAYIT İÇİN KAMP WEB SİTEMİZİ ZİYARET EDİNİZ

KAMP WEB SİTESİNE GİT



Saturday

Upcoming Events

MENTOR TRAINING (UNIVERSITY STUDENTS)

In August, we will be in Irvine for mentor training. We are going to be participating in this annual training with our experienced and new mentors which will be held in the Western region. During the training, mentors will be receiving helpful training from experienced speakers, sharing experiences with each other and having a pleasant time together.

CON- TENT

Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen,
and a push in the right direction.

- John C. Crosby

SEMINARS

- Mentor kimdir? / Niye mentorluk
 - Mentorun sorumlulukları nelerdir?
 - Mentorun kendine bakan yönüyle şahsi hayatı nasıl olmalıdır?
 - Mentorun öğrencilere bakan yönüyle hayatı nasıl olmalıdır?
 - Mentorluk yapmanın mentore katkıları nelerdir?
- Veli-Mentor ilişkisi
 - Velilerle nasıl iletişim kurulmalıdır?
 - İlişkinin sınırları nelerdir?
 - Veli ile problem yaşadığında neler yapılabilir
- Öğrencilerin manevi yol haritası nasıl çıkarılır?
- Nasıl öğrenci yetiştiririz?

SORU-CEVAP

- Gruptaki baskın karakterlerin diğer gençler üzerindeki etkisini nasıl azaltabiliriz?
- Dışlanma korkusu ile gelen başkalaşmaların önüne nasıl geçebiliriz?
- Özgüven kazanma, kendi yeteneklerini keşfetme konusunda gençlere nasıl destek verebiliriz?
- Sizlerden gelecek sorular...

WORKSHOPS

- Kampları daha verimli bir hale getirmek için neler yapılabilir?

SOHBETS

- Tebliğ ve irşat metodları (gönle girmenin manevi boyutu)
- Gençlerin mentorluk yapması neden önemli, Mentorun hizmetteki yeri
- Hizmette ihlas ve adanmışlık
- Entegrasyon

BEST PRACTICE SHARING

- Yapay zeka üzerine
- Embrace youth tanıtım / AFSV proje
- Amerika genelinde verim alınan uygulamalar

ZÜMRE-İÇERİK ÇALIŞMASI (X3)

- İlk 4 haftanın programını hazırlama çalışması

ANI-HATIRA

- Rusya'dan hizmet hatıraları

KEYFİYET

- [Dua dağılım dosyası için bu yazıya tıklayınız!](#)



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.



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