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## Speakers

**October 13, 2021**

[Gloria Lenhart](#)

"Ghost Ships of the Gold Rush: Why are they there? and how to find them."

**October 20, 2021**

[Dr. Brent Stephens](#),  
[Superintendent, Berkeley Unified School District](#)

"An Update on the Berkeley Schools in the Midst of the Pandemic"

**November 03, 2021**

[Fred Collignon and Tina Etcheverry](#)

"How the Rotary Foundation and Berkeley Rotary Endowment Work Together to Create "Good Trouble"

## Events

October 14th

[Packing Hygiene Kits](#)

October 17th

[Tour Historic Town of Locke](#)

November 5th

[President's "Office Hours" - "Let's Chat About Ro](#)

November 6th

[Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)

November 9th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

## Birthdays

[Kate Harrison](#)

October 13th

[Donald L. Alter](#)

October 15th

[Lewis Ames](#)

October 27th

[Joanne Dickerson-Harper](#)

October 29th

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 12:30 PM PT, our first hybrid meeting! Attend in person at First Presbyterian or via Zoom, according to your comfort level. (See President Arlene's message below.)

Historian Gloria Lenhart will present Ghost Ships of the Gold Rush: Why are they there? And how to find them. Gloria will share the amazing stories of some of the more than 40 Gold Rush-era ships that remain buried under San Francisco skyscrapers. She has been a tour guide for more than ten years and currently works with the San Francisco Historical Society. Gloria is the creator of the smartphone app *City Explorer San Francisco*, which allows you to take self-guided tours of some of the most interesting parts of the city (<http://www.cityexplorersf.com>). The speaker is presented by Team #12, the Merze Tate Team; Beverly Ames and Grier Graff, Captains. (<https://wmich.edu/news/2021/02/62998>).



**Back by Popular Demand:** The COVID Interest Group (CIG) will meet quarterly at a Zoom location near you! The next meeting is October 18. To be added to the list, email Tina Etcheverry ([etcheverrytina@yahoo.com](mailto:etcheverrytina@yahoo.com)).

## Our First Hybrid Meeting: This Wednesday, Oct. 13!

By Arlene Marcus

October is the month where we are previewing our hybrid meetings. Think of October 13 as Opening Day as we meet at First Presbyterian Church AND on Zoom. All members are invited to attend in person or to attend on Zoom.

To meet city and church requirements those participating at the church must follow these rules:

1. Participants must be fully vaccinated.
2. No in-person guests are allowed at this time. Guests should remain on Zoom.
3. Church parking is not available at this time; the city lot is directly across the street
4. You must fill out and submit the health form for the church the day of the meeting. The form is available online if you [click here](#). Also find it on the club website, BerkeleyRotary.org, under the Miscellaneous tab.
5. A \$5 per person cover charge will defray our expenses. Please bring small bills; no credit cards.
6. Bring your own lunch if you like; no food will be available.
7. Wear a mask on church property. When the meeting room doors are closed you may take the mask off.

[Charlene Y Stern](#)

November 1st

[Joan Collignon](#)

November 3rd

[Pate D. Thomson](#)

November 5th

8. Observe social distancing. We will sit 4 to a table.

9. If you are at all hesitant about joining in person, please feel free to join on Zoom.

While we have had trial runs, we know there is a lot to learn as we go live. The spirit of this phase is exploratory. Please participate in that spirit. We will keep you posted as the experiments proceed!

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## Irving Lubliner Presents His Mother's Story

By Eva J. Gero



On October 6, Irving Lubliner, Professor Emeritus at Southern Oregon University, shared a captivating presentation titled *Only Hope: My Mother and the Holocaust Brought to Light*. The child of two Holocaust survivors, a mother who spoke and wrote about her experiences and a father who kept his own memories locked up tight and did not share them, Professor Lubliner gave us an opportunity to meet his mother, Felicia Bornstein Lubliner, through her powerful writing, published in 2019 as *Only Hope: A Survivor's Stories of the Holocaust*. He also spoke of his own experiences growing up as a second-generation survivor.

In her introduction, Rotarian Marion Hunt asked, "How do you live on spoonfuls of dirty, watery soup and a crust of bread, and work barefoot for evil prison guards for hours enduring beatings while you smell the odor of death coming from crematoriums and gas chambers? . . . How do you learn to speak a new language and then write and take yourself and your audiences back to this inhumane place to share your experience in a soft, simply told, clear and compelling voice that wraps your audiences in awful truths?"

Marion went on to answer those questions, saying "You are unrelentingly strong and determined those attributes kept you alive, to enable you to share, share, share." Sharing his mother's stories has become Irving's mission, truly a labor of love, and, after forty years of teaching mathematics, considers this new endeavor to be as important an educational pursuit as any he has taken on in the past.

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## The Foundation Annual Fund's Financing of Grants to Our Club

By Frederick C. Collignon

All members received President Arlene's annual appeal recently for our 3-2-1 program: \$300 for the Berkeley Rotary Endowment, \$200 for the Rotary Foundation, and participation in at least one service project each year. Donations to the Rotary Foundation generally go to its Annual Fund, which comes back to the club in large part via District grants we win. Donations to the Polio Plus campaign also count toward the \$200 ask, but you must mark those checks to the Foundation as specifically for Polio Plus. You are not limited to \$200, of course. The club does seek a minimum \$25 each year to the Foundation from every member, but a significant share of our members have joined the Paul Harris Society, donating \$1000 each. And last year, the Polio Plus Warrior Society was developed where many implicitly pledged \$100 each year to Polio Plus, in order to get a match of \$10.50 from others for each of the first \$100 they donated.

There are many ways our club has benefitted from the Annual Fund donations of Rotarians around the world. We often tend to think of our club as benefitting principally from grant awards we get by winning in the annual District competition. Historically we have been one of the most successful clubs in winning those competitions. Examples

include our building of schools and community facilities in Mexico, our rebuilding of Warren Easton High School in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, our Rotcare medical clinic in Richmond for the uninsured in the communities along I-80, and our current effort creating a recharging facility for electric-powered vehicles in less affluent areas of Berkeley. There have been many more over the years serving our local area and allowing us to do service in other parts of the world, working in tandem with Rotary clubs in those communities.

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