



Speakers

January 16, 2019

[Rita Lucarelli, Professor of Egyptology, UC Berkeley](#)
"Ancient Egypt: Magic and Demons"

January 17, 2019

[Bruce Riordan, Director of the Climate Readiness Institute](#)

January 23, 2019

[H.E. REV. PATRICK McCOLLUM](#)

Interfaith chaplain, spiritual mentor, and peace counselor
"THE WORLD PEACE VIOLIN: A METAPHOR FOR PEACE AND HEALING IN THE WORLD"

January 30, 2019

[Barry Roeder, SF Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development](#)

An open source platform for people seeking supportive housing: development and impact.

February 06, 2019

[John Ferguson: BRC Past President 2002-2003](#)

February 13, 2019

[Caroline Winnett, Executive Director from Skydeck](#)

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Events

January 16th

[Social Committee](#)

January 16th

[Peace Committee](#)

January 17th

[1951 Cafe - Helping immigrants barista training](#)

January 21st

[MLK Breakfast](#)

January 23rd

[Board of Directors](#)

Rotarians Bring the Rotary Message to Golden Gate Fields

George Luna corralled enthusiastic Rotarians at Golden Gate Fields Dollar Day on January 12, where we pulled beer and collected tips for Berkeley Rotary projects. Along the way we gave our 60 second "elevator speech" to all who asked "What's Rotary?" It was fun, even in the chill.



Third Thursday Satellite Resumes Jan. 17 - Climate Readiness

Our STEM-focused satellite speaker series resumes Jan. 17, same venue and time. The speaker will be Bruce Riordan, Director of the Climate Readiness Institute, who was the scheduled speaker at our last satellite meeting that had to be cancelled due to the public health risk created by the smoke and air pollution from the CAMP fire in Paradise. See details below for the meeting. The STEM focus continues through February.

STEM Satellite Club: Climate Readiness

Bruce Riordan, Director of the Climate Readiness Institute

[Meeting](#)

January 30th

[Communication Committee Meeting](#)

January 30th

[Opportunities for "Fun" Raising Committee Meeting](#)

February 6th

[Membership Committee](#)

February 6th

[Supportive Housing Committee](#)

[Birthdays](#)

[Austin Henderson](#)

January 25th

[Peter D. Campbell](#)

February 9th



Berkeley City College, 2050 Center St., Berkeley; conference rooms 451 A/B (4th floor)

Cost: \$20/students \$10; pay at the door

Pizza, wine, and drinks will be provided

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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[BRC Supportive Housing Committee: Where we've been and where we're going](#)

By Austin Henderson



At this week's meeting we heard from our Supportive Housing Committee (SHC). For the past year and a half, Anne Pardee and Joanne Dickerson-Harper have been chairing the committee. Anne listed the many guests, speakers, and activists with whom the SHC has interacted during the past year. She introduced the SHC members, the projects that SHC is engaged with, and the members who are doing the work.

The strategy in choosing these early activities has been to find and undertake projects that are small enough for those new to the game (as we are at Rotary), and yet important enough to have Rotary-style impact. She mentioned, for example: (1) the handout that lists supportive services in Berkeley has been compiled, and gone through three printings with revisions already; (2) Rotary members helped on the Pathways project that is already providing transition housing in West Berkeley; and (3) providing and hosting meals on a regular basis for the youth that sleep overnight at YEAH! Anne indicated that there is growing awareness of projects right here at home for members of BRC who enjoy ♡Chacala-like hands-on service♡.

Anne then yielded the floor to Jacquelyn McCormick, of the Mayor's Office of the City of Berkeley. Jacquelyn is leading the Mayor's effort to provide housing for Berkeley's homeless population which now numbers around 1000 living on the streets, with perhaps 1000 more living in their vehicles. Jacquelyn outlined the projects currently in operation (like Pathways) and gave an impressive account of the many more ideas that are under way and under consideration. She expressed sincere thanks to BRC for our members' efforts and partnership.

She said that the work is definitely making real progress for which we should all be cheering but that there is a very long way to go, which we all need to support. Central to the effort is understanding what leads to our homeless problem, separating out the different causes and different related solutions, and as always increasing the money available for the work. Strong citizen support for this effort (Propositions O passed with 84% in favor, and P with 72%) is encouraging. The problem is being address systemically, across jurisdictions. But Federal, State, County(ies) need to work with the city to effectively address this problem in practice. A lively Q&A session followed Jacquelyn's presentation, indicating the extent of BRC's concern and engagement with this problem.
