



## Speakers

**March 11, 2020**

[Dr. Lewis Feldman, Executive Director, UC Botanical Garden](#)

"The UC Botanical Garden: Its History and Impact - A Unique Resource During a Time of Climate Change"

**March 18, 2020**

[Mark Sapir, M.D.](#)

"A Single-Payer System for Healthcare"

**March 25, 2020**

[Julie Winkelstein, U. of Knoxville Professor and Alameda County Public Librarian](#)

"Focus on Youth Homelessness: An Overview"

**April 01, 2020**

[Tim Sullivan, Director, UC Press](#)

"University of California Press - Spanning Three Centuries"

## Celebrating Richmond Rotary's Centennial

One hundred years ago Berkeley Rotary sponsored a new club in the East Bay—the Richmond Rotary Club. Berkeley Club President Robert Gordon Sproul wondered at the time if this was a good idea: Was Richmond big enough to support a new Rotary club? The answer was yes, and the club has thrived.

Now the Richmond Club is inviting us all to their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, a dinner at the Richmond Country club, 1 Markovich Lane, Richmond. Grier Graff, Assistant Governor of the BARSHEEP clubs, is hoping that Berkeley Rotarians will come out and make a strong show of support for this, our first sponsored club.

The celebration also commemorates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gathering that led to the United Nations Charter. Joshua Cooper, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Institute for Human Rights, will be speaking, along with District Governor Tina Akins. Tickets are \$100; for more information and to order tickets see <https://richmondcarotary.org/centennial-celebration/>.



## Events

March 11th

[Social Committee Meets](#)

March 11th

[Peace Committee Meets](#)

March 17th

[Solo Mio Toiletry Kits Monthly Packing Party](#)

March 18th

[Casting About](#)

March 18th

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

March 21st

[Tree Planting Near Yosemite](#)

March 25th

[Communications Committee Meeting](#)

March 25th

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

April 1st

[Membership Committee Meets](#)

June 3rd

[Membership Committee Meets](#)

## Birthdays

## Berkeley Tuolumne Camp to Rise from the Ashes

By Joan H. Collignon

Tuolumne Camp has always been one of those ♦Best of Berkeley♦ places. Since 1922 generations of Berkeley families have spent summers at this idyll near Yosemite, which was totally destroyed in the Rim Fire in 2013. Scott Gelfand, Executive Director of Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp (FOBTC), spoke to the club on March 4 about the terrific progress made since the fire, and plans for rebuilding the camp. Construction should begin this summer, with an expected opening in 2022.

For the last two years Berkeley Rotarians have traveled on a Saturday in March to the outskirts of Yosemite Park to slog through mud or scrabble on their knees planting little pine trees in the devastated hills above the Tuolumne River. We were part of a large contingent of volunteers supporting FOBTC in their reforestation efforts after the heartbreaking fire. This year, for the first time, the volunteers will be able to plant trees at the actual camp site.

Since the fire, many displaced Tuolumne Camp families have gathered at Berkeley♦s Echo Camp, high in the Sierra near Lake Tahoe, but they are anxious to bring their traditions back to the rebuilt Tuolumne. Thanks to funds from insurance, FEMA, the City of Berkeley, and many private donors, that will finally happen. Berkeley Rotary is joining with other BARSHEEP clubs to submit a proposal for a \$25,000 District Grant that will help move this project along. A plaque near the hearth♦where residents gather for coffee in the morning♦will show campers for the NEXT 100 years that Rotarians care about keeping their traditions going.

Scott♦s message was warmly received by club members, who peppered him with questions in the remaining minutes and after the meeting ended. At the end of the month we♦ll hear from several who are traveling up to plant trees on March 21, joined by Interact for the first time. How many trees will they plant?!

[Terrence M. Regan](#)

March 11th

[Jonathan Y. Shindo](#)

March 15th

[Luz Patricia Lewis](#)

March 23rd

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

March 29th

[George Reskin](#)

April 1st

[Lynne Henderson](#)

April 4th

