



Speakers

April 15, 2020

[Speaker from UC Local Government and Community Relations](#)

"Presentation on People's Park Proposal for Student Housing and Supportive Housing for the Formerly Homeless"

Events

March 25th

[Opportunities for "Fun Raising" Committee may be held via Zoom](#)

March 25th

[Communications Committee Meeting to be held via Zoom](#)

April 1st

[Membership Committee Meeting may be held via Zoom](#)

April 8th

[Social Committee may meet via Zoom](#)

April 8th

[Peace Committee may meet via Zoom](#)

April 15th

[Casting About](#)

April 15th

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

April 18th

[Jepson Prairie - Cancelled](#)

June 3rd

[Membership Committee Meets](#)

Birthdays

[Luz Patricia Lewis](#)

March 23rd

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

March 29th

[George Reskin](#)

April 1st

[Lynne Henderson](#)

April 4th

[Yanick Louis Lindquist](#)

April 10th

[Arlin R Peters Jr.](#)

April 12th

Zoom to the Rescue

By Joan H. Collignon



Our next Rotary Club meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, via Zoom. We've been getting familiar with this new medium for the last ten days, with two more practices scheduled this week, and hope to see a lot of familiar faces on our computer screens or smartphones at the meeting.

The speaker for the meeting will be Professor Julie Winkelstein, from the University of Tennessee, who will present [Focus on Youth Homelessness: An Overview](#).

You will receive an invitation to this meeting on Wednesday morning. Just click on the link between 12:15 and 12:30, follow the prompts, and you will arrive at the meeting. You may join by phone if you must, but you will only hear the meeting; there is only audio. From your phone you will tap the One Tap Mobile number on the emailed invitation you'll receive that morning, and be admitted to the meeting. You may also download the Zoom app onto your phone and see the video, but the experience is awkward.

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Help Your Clubmates Survive Self-Confinement

By Frederick C. Collignon

The media are trying to instruct us how to occupy ourselves at home during what looks to be two months of home confinement and maybe more. They tell us to read, listen to music, watch movies, do virtual reality tours of museums and distant cities, and communicate at a distance with family and friends by phone, on-line, or Zoom.



Here's your chance to tell other Rotarians your favorite books to read, videos to see, and music to listen to. We'll try to put out periodic lists of what you send us. Please don't recommend 50--just your favorite few. Send your responses to Fred Collignon at fcollig@berkeley.edu. He'll do periodic compilations and put recommendations in eRev or email, citing you as a recommender (unless you'd like to be anonymous!).

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Sunday Thoughts on COVID-19 (part 2)

By Tina Etcheverry

Are you wondering how to stay safe at home?

I have told my children and loved ones to wipe down touched surfaces once a day with 70% alcohol, especially cell phones, computer key pads and iPad; controllers for the tv;

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microwave buttons; sink faucet handles; door knobs and light switches.

I told them to stop sharing anything that goes near their mouth like toothpaste tubes, drink cups, spoons, dishes. Don't double dip in the salsa! And give everyone their own Kleenex box.

I'm doing extra laundry, washing kitchen hand towels, wash clothes, and pillow cases frequently.

And yet, I'm not sure anything will help if there really is Coronavirus in my house.

UC Botanical Garden, Its History and Impact

By John Pardee

The UC Botanical Garden, the largest university-affiliated botanical garden in the world, is a vital resource for scholars and the public. Dr. Lewis Feldman, Executive Director of the garden, spoke to the Club on March 11 about the the history of the garden, some of its unique aspects, and the roles it plays in identifying and preserving thousands of plant varieties from all over the world.



Why have a botanical garden? The simple answer is that our future as humans depends on partnering with plants. In this time of climate change, botanical gardens, and especially the UC Botanical Garden, serves both as a resource on the life history of plants (that is, the environment in which plants grow naturally), and also as a place for maintaining rare, endangered plants that are often on the brink of extinction.

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Cal Rotaract Shuts Down Until Fall - With Inspiration

Cal Rotaract went into shutdown mode even before the club did, as UC Berkeley shifted all classes to on-line "distance learning," limited gatherings on campus, and encouraged students to head home. As with Berkeley Rotary, Cal units have closed in the days since, and the announcement has come out that on-campus courses will not resume before summer. Cal Rotaract used Instagram on Tuesday to announce its complete shutdown until fall with a long and inspirational message to the 400 or so students in their network.

Below we include some of the inspirational parts of that announcement. It seems pertinent to all Rotarians at this time as well as to Rotaracters. Kudos to our club's Instagram editor, Linda Cogozzo, for knowing how to shift their announcement into a format we could put in the newsletter. [Read More](#)

Covid-19 Response Builds on Our Polio Plus Work

Each month, DGND Suzanne Bragdon prepares a Polio Plus minute or update for our District Governor Tina Akins, who sends them to all the club presidents to use at club meetings or in the club newsletter. Here's the latest, and it's particularly relevant given our Covid-19 shutdown and social isolation. [Read More](#)
