



## Speakers

**April 01, 2020**

[John Caner, Executive Director of the Downtown Berkeley Association](#)  
Berkeley Relief Fund

**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

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](#)

April 22nd

[Communications Committee Meeting](#)

April 22nd

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

## Birthdays

[Jon Allen Vicars](#)

March 29th

[George Reskin](#)

April 1st

[Lynne Henderson](#)

April 4th

[Yanick Louis Lindquist](#)

April 10th

[Arlin R Peters Jr.](#)

April 12th

[Kenneth Renworth](#)

April 20th

## We Are Up and Zooming

By Joan H. Collignon

Our first regular Wednesday Berkeley Rotary meeting using the Zoom platform was a smashing success last week. At least 57 members and one guest joined in to hear Professor Julie Winkelstein discuss the plight of unsheltered youth in the Bay Area and beyond.

We were blessed that Julie was familiar with the Zoom software and could easily share her PowerPoint slides. After her presentation members were able to question her in real time and stay after the 1:30 bell to continue the discussion, and ideas for possible Berkeley Rotary projects bloomed.

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## Virtual Club Meetings: Bring a Guest!

By Irene R. Hegarty



welcomed. Did you bring a guest to the ROAR event? A good way to follow up is to invite them to join our virtual meetings.

Our first virtual meeting on March 25 was well attended and received rave reviews. Did you know you could invite a guest to our virtual meetings? You can by simply sharing the email and Zoom link sent out each week to members. Even if your guest does not have Zoom installed on their device, they can still join in the meeting. Then you, as the Rotarian host, should inform Arlin Peters by email at [arcapeters@comcast.com](mailto:arcapeters@comcast.com). He will, in turn, notify President Fred each week of the guests and their hosts so that they can be

## Julie Winkelstein Introduces us to Unsheltered Youth

By Arlin R Peters Jr. and Christopher Ahoy

Julie Ann Winkelstein--Librarian, writer, teacher--gave the first virtual presentation to Berkeley Rotary on Homeless Youth. This was quite the high tech compared to our regular Wednesday lunch meetings. Thanks go to the Berkeley Rotarians who brought the club members up to speed on Zoom and made it possible for us to meet remotely during this time of sheltering in place.

Dr. Winkelstein's presentation, "Focus on Youth Homelessness: An Overview," provided insights into the lives of youth experiencing housing and food insecurity. The talk included the



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appropriate language to be used to diffuse the situation with youth who are constantly harassed on the streets, vocabulary, challenges on the streets, stereotypes and assumptions, and suggestions for actions you can take to address this ongoing social issue.

Dr. Winklestein said that the Youth Homeless are unaccompanied 12- to 24-year-olds with no safe, reliable place to sleep, but they don't feel defined by just that. Up to 40% are LGBTQ+; they face many problems such as lack of economic security; discrimination due to age, racism and sexual orientation; years in the foster system; disabilities and interactions with the legal system.

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## Members' Recommendations to Clubmates of Things to Watch or Read

By Frederick C. Collignon

Last week, we put out a call to members to advise one another on books, movies, tv shows, recipes, etc., to check out during social isolation for covid-19. We didn't receive a lot of response, but what did come back is below. We'll give it another week and drop it if there is not more member interest. Thanks to all contributors. It's good news that we're all keeping busy with lots of stuff to catch up on without the need for new suggestions.

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## Inflation's Impact on the Rotary Foundation Annual Ask of \$100

By Larry Goldenberg

For club veterans, the club has for decades until recently asked each member to contribute at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation; it was part of the orientation for would-be new members. A decade back, the club moved to the 3-2-1 annual pitch, and asked each member to contribute \$200 each year to the Foundation. It should be noted that we are not asking everyone to contribute the \$750 needed now to achieve what we could do with the \$100 back in 1968 when the "ask" started. (Ah, the impact of inflation over time.) We're proud of the many members who have stepped up for the Paul Harris Society and give \$1000 each year.

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## Things to Broaden Life During Social Isolation

By Frederick C. Collignon

Below is a good collection of things to do gathered from a wide array of sources in local media. Try some when you get bored or want a new adventure while waiting for work and Rotary and pre-virus life to resume.

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## How Rotaracters Cope with Social Isolation During the Pandemic?

Last week we informed club members of Cal Rotaract's cancellation of all their events until Cal resumes in the fall.

But working from home, they did issue their regular newsletter this week, and it included a major section on things to do while hunkering down where you live. We thought they would be of interest to Rotarians. Most we have not found in other "advice" in the media.

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