

### **Speakers**

### April 17, 2019

Stuart Baker, Executive Director of Telegraph Business Improvement District

What the heck is happening to Telegraph Avenue?

### April 24, 2019

Professor Alonzo Addison

Crowds, Clouds and Culture: The Future of the Past. A look at heritage in the digital age.

#### May 08, 2019

**Aaron Blumenfeld** 

The Analysis of Blues Piano

### May 15, 2019

**Erin Rhodes** 

"To Empower and Inspire an Extraordinary Education for Every Child"

#### **Events**

April 17th

Boards of Directors

April 20th

Possible Rebuilding

Together Project #2

April 24th

Communications

Committee
April 26th

San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers 32nd Annual

Spring Concert Tour

April 27th

Possible Rebuilding

Together Project #2

April 27th

Journey with 1951 Cafe Benefit

May 1st

**Membership Committee** 

May 1st

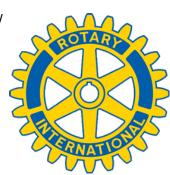
<u>Supportive Housing</u> <u>Committee</u>

May 4th

# Casting About: Everything you wanted to know about Rotary but were too embarrassed to ask

By Arlene Carol Marcus

On April 17 at 11:00 am in our usual meeting room and every third Wednesday of the month after that, join your fellow Rotarians for an informal chat on "all things Rotary." This is where newer club members can ask more experienced members about anything Rotary-related under the sun. It's also an opportunity to brainstorm ideas and get advice. Drop in whenever; stay as long as you like. We may be just a few or may be many. This is the resurrection of the very popular Raise the Bar, which we used to hold at Hs Lordship's bar before meetings. If you liked that you will like this too!



### **Berkeley Rotary Grant Deadlines and Instructions**

By Grier Graff

Found a community need no one else is filling? Want to apply for a Berkeley Rotary grant?



Ites as easy as 1-2-3

Deadline • June 15 for applications requesting Club funding May 10 for applications requesting Club & District funds

Lobster Boil Fund Raiser
May 8th
Social Committee
May 8th
Peace Committee
May 11th
Bocci Ball Tournament
May 15th
Boards of Directors

### **Birthdays**

Hyun Yung Choi
April 16th
George Luna
April 20th
Kenneth Renworth
April 20th
David Hugh Malcolm
April 21st
Morton H. Orenstein
April 22nd
Mac Lingo
April 24th

Philip R. Henry April 28th

John Caner April 30th

Robert G. Randall May 1st

Pamela M. Doolan May 3rd

John J. Torpey May 8th

Monica Marie Fox May 11th

Celeste Brooks May 16th 1. Find the grant instructions from the Berkeley Rotary web site

Go to Club website: BerkeleyRotary.org;

• Click on the tab & Grants & Scholarships , then & Grants , and

• Read the Grant Application instructions.

2. Prepare a Project Abstract (2 pages maximum), outlining pertinent facts of request, and provide additional information, as outlined in the grant instructions.

3. Submit grant proposal electronically to the Grants Committee Co-Chairs (on the Grants page of the website).

### Proposals are accepted by the Grants Committee three times per year: June 15, 2019 October 15, 2019 February 15, 2020

Grants are approved at the July, November and March meetings of the Endowment Board.

**Note:** There are no specific financial limitations, but most club grants are in the \$500-\$5000 range. Larger projects may require additional grants from District 5160 or Rotary International, partnership with other District clubs, or partnership with other community resources.

## The Pros and Cons and Challenges in Introducing Wealth Taxes

By John Albert Ross

Fred Collignon, Berkeley Rotary so resident Economist and expert on Public Finance, began his discussion with a few definitions of the inequality of wealth in the United States and other developed countries. In the U.S., the top 0.1% of households hold more wealth than the bottom 90% of households.

Also, the top 1% in income distribution earn 23.8% of the national income and these top households control 39% of all U.S. wealth.

Elizabeth Warren has proposed a 2% annual tax on the net worth of



individuals in the U.S. whose net worth is between \$50 million and \$1 billion.

Interestingly, Donald Trump (in 1999) proposed a one-time wealth tax of 14.25% on the net worth of individuals with a net worth over \$10 million. This one-time tax would yield \$5.7 trillion. This would have been equivalent to an amount equal to twice the national debt at that time.

Fred continued his description of various forms of wealth taxes which include reviving the estate tax with a lower threshold and the use of property taxes as a form of wealth tax.

Finally, Fred told the audience that we large II have to decide for ourselves whether or not the idea of wealth inequality in the U.S. is a problem and what we should do about it. Fred gave multiple pros and multiple cons for using a wealth tax or taxes to address this problem.