



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
[Supportive Housing Committee](#)

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?**



It's 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
 - o Go to Club website: BerkeleyRotary.org;
 - o Click on the tab **Grants & Scholarships**, then **Grants**, and
 - o 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's 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 all 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.

