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Submit Your Questions for the May 20 Housing Panel

By Frederick C. Collignon

Akin to the panel on mental health in January, where club members had the chance to submit questions in advance which the panelists sought to answer, on May 20 a panel of experienced professionals will address the problem of housing availability and affordability in the Bay Area and address your previously submitted questions. How did the problem arise and evolve? What can be done to alleviate it? Submit your questions to fcollig@berkeley.edu. The panelists that day will have decades of experience in designing, implementing, evaluating and researching housing projects, programs, policy and legislation, and will have sat through several hundred public hearings on specific housing proposals both in California and other states.

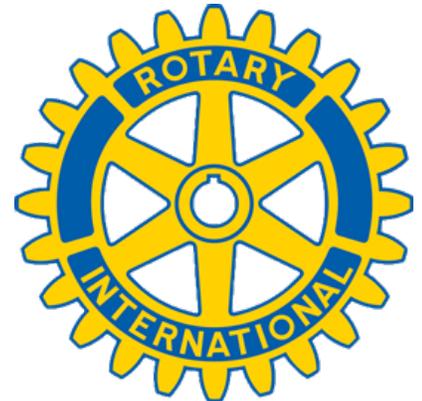
Our Endowment Thanks You!

By Tina Etcheverry

April 2020 Treasurer's Report

Good news - The Berkeley Rotary Endowment is in good financial shape, mainly because all the money for on-going expenses is held in cash and not affected by the downturn in the stock market. We will be able to pay for our 16 scholarship students this year, continue supporting Housing, Solo Mio, YEAH, RotaCare, and many local projects and families in Chacala.

The Corpus (held in securities) is down 2% from last June 30, 2019 at \$600,000. But we expect the market to recover and so no changes are being made in how we hold these funds. [Read More](#)



Would You Like to be a Citizen Scientist?

By Arlene Carol Marcus

Would you like to help science uncover the mysteries behind why we get COVID-19? Who gets COVID-19? How we can prevent future outbreaks and transmission of these new diseases? Research doctors at UCSF are embarking on a huge study to explore these questions. They are hoping to enroll thousands of citizen scientists who would be willing to take a minute a day to answer a few questions. The effort on our part is minimal; the rewards for humanity could be great. As of mid-April over 17,000 people have signed on.

It's VERY easy to participate. Go to <https://eureka.app.link/rotary> and you'll be directed to download an app onto your smartphone. You'll be asked to take a 10-

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minute survey on your demographics and your health—nothing invasive; these are easy questions about lifestyle and health status. Then every day you’ll be sent a VERY short questionnaire asking how you’re feeling and what your activities have been. Every few days you’ll have a few more questions, which will take a few more minutes. This is very, very easy.

Rotarians are particularly encouraged to share this opportunity—and this link—with friends from other Rotary clubs, as well as from your own community of friends. It’s one small thing we can do to ultimately help others.

Note: if you already have the Eureka app because you were enrolled in a previous UCSF study, you will need to delete that app from your smartphone and reinstall it.

Washington Post Article About Polio and COVID-19

By John M. Ferguson

The following is an excerpt from a Washington Post opinion piece about polio and COVID-19. The full article can be found here: [Full WP article](#)

The decades-long quest to eradicate polio, which came close to success, is now being paused to fight the coronavirus. The oversight board of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative says that its resources and assets are being turned to fight the pandemic, and it has recommended that all countries planning vaccination campaigns suspend them until the second half of the year. It makes no sense for polio vaccine campaigners to go door-to-door at the time of a pandemic, and the polio campaign does have significant experience with case detection, contact tracing, laboratory testing and community education. Let’s hope the polio campaigns can return later this year.

In the meantime, more children will suffer. The number of cases in the last two remaining countries where wild polio virus is endemic, Afghanistan and Pakistan, was down to 33 in 2018, then climbed to 175 in 2019. With the vaccination campaign suspended, wild polio cases will grow and may spread to other countries. On top of that, polio fighters were struggling with outbreaks of a form of the poliovirus that can emerge in under-immunized populations.

In rare cases, the use of the oral polio vaccine, which uses a mixture of live, weakened strains, can revert and spread, causing circulating vaccine-derived polio virus, or cVDPV, which occurred in a number of countries in Africa and Asia last year. A high-level World Health Organization panel warned recently that the risk of new outbreaks in new countries is considered extremely high, even probable.

A New Vision for People's Park

By Irene R. Hegarty



After more than 50 years of controversy, political protest, indecision and neglect, the south campus site known as People’s Park is moving toward a new vision. At last Wednesday’s meeting, Peter Gorman, UC Project Manager for Student Housing, presented an overview of the plans for the 2.8 acre site, which include (1) 700-1000 beds of student housing in a residence hall on the

northeast section (bordering Haste Street), (2) a low-rise building on the east end that will provide space for academic and student support services, (3) landscaped open space in the central and southern areas of the park, and (4) 75-125 supportive housing units for low-income residents and formerly homeless. Some kind of memorial will honor the

history and legacy of People's Park.

Gorman stated that the project's vision is to "Improve the lives of our students and vulnerable members of the community through a value-driven project that builds critically needed housing, revitalizes open green space, and creates a safe and welcoming place for everyone."

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