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[Joanna Pfaelzer, Artistic Director, Berkeley Repertory Theater](#)

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[Mike & Marsha Crosby](#)
An Update on Rotary's Polio Plus Program

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[Russell Kassoff](#)
Stories and Music from a Master Musician and Composer

May 20, 2020

[Panel Discussion: California's Housing Shortage](#)

Panel Discussion: "How the California Housing Shortage Developed and What Can be Done About It"

May 27, 2020

[TBD](#)

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Berkeley Schools Fund Offers Support During Pandemic Crisis

By John Albert Ross

Erin Rhoades, Executive Director of the Berkeley Public Schools Fund since 2013, was scheduled to speak to our club on Wednesday, April 22, but unfortunately her computer failed and wouldn't allow her to access Zoom. However, Fund Founder and former Executive Director Mary Friedman, joined by Rotarians Irene Hegarty (former board member) and Oscar Luna (current board member), stepped in and did an excellent job of filling in for Erin.

The Berkeley Public Schools Fund is a multi-faceted organization that provides a wide variety of services to Berkeley public schools, teachers, and students. Today, the Fund's support is more needed than ever, as it helps to provide students with school supplies and distance learning equipment such as earbuds, personal computer hotspots, Chromebooks, and cables.

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A Message from Erin Rhoades

Dear Berkeley Rotary Members,

I've had a 6-week run of smooth sailing working from home while sheltering in place and today it came to an end! I'm so sorry I wasn't able to share the exciting work we're doing with you all in person via Zoom today. Thank you for understanding. I look forward to when we can reschedule.

I wanted to share a few highlights with you:

Here is a [video](#) of our Berkeley Schools Volunteers distributing Chromebooks at Berkeley High.

Today, Berkeleyside published an [article](#) about the Ed Hub we're running in partnership with the District.

Here is a great [video](#) of one of "Hearts and Souls" honorees, Tito Aquino. He's the Family Engagement Specialist at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

I hope we can reschedule and by then I will have more good news to share. In the meantime, please, everyone join us for the Spring Luncheon on May 8! You will find the [link](#) on this page on May 6.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have about our COVID-19 Campaign.

Extending my apologies again and thank you all for everything you do!

As Tito says: "We are the front line to give kids all they need."

Birthdays

[Philip R. Henry](#)

April 28th

[John Caner](#)

April 30th

[Robert G. Randall](#)

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[Pamela M. Doolan](#)

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[John J. Torpey](#)

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[Monica Marie Fox](#)

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[Kenneth N. Matsumura](#)

May 15th

[Anne Pardee](#)

May 24th

[Rebecca Phuong](#)

May 26th

[Jacqueline Peters Hammond](#)

May 26th

[Matthew Hermann](#)

May 26th

Best,
Erin



Berkeley Rotary Provides Supplies For Covid19 Temporary Trailer Housing For Homeless

When the City of Berkeley asked our club for help to supply the trailers, located at 1279 University Ave., the Supportive Housing Committee responded. Maxim Schrogin enjoyed shopping for the goods at COSTCO. Members of the Club contributed generously to the over \$1,000 cost of supplies. Pictured here are what we provided: pillows, sheets and pillow covers, blankets, towels, dishes and silverware, and miscellaneous sanitary supplies. The City has expressed its thanks for this work.



Submit Your Questions for 5/20 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. Questions submitted so far are below:

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