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[Robert Birgeneau, Chancellor Emeritus, UC Berkeley](#)
Undocumented Graduate Students: A Forgotten National Resource

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"

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[Martin Bourque, Exec Director, Ecology Center](#)

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Birthdays

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[Pamela M. Doolan](#)
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[John J. Torpey](#)
May 8th

Welcome New Member Karen Wagner

By John Denvir



Some of you have seen Karen Wagner at our lunches over the last few months. You may remember that she works two blocks away as a real estate attorney at a law firm nearby. You may recall that she lives with her family in Novato. What sparked her interest in joining Rotary was her son, Lorin.

Karen's son Lorin was born in Romania and adopted by Karen and her husband Chris when he was a year old. Their daughter Elena joined their family in the same way. When Lorin was five, he asked his friends who

were coming to his birthday party to bring donations to his former children's home instead of gifts. When Lorin was in 8th grade, the family attended a dance concert by Children of Uganda. The dancers, many of whom lost their parents to war or AIDS, lived in a children's home in Uganda. They performed native songs and dances to raise money for their home. Lorin wrote about the kids and their director, another orphan named Peter. His teacher entered his essay in a Rotary writing competition.

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Notes from the Board Meeting April 15

By Grier Graff

Rotary Board Meeting Highlights

- Treasurer reported we are doing OK financially.
- The Lobster Boil has been postponed to be revisited in the fall.
- Satellite evening venue is suspended until fall. A new format will be considered.
- Maxim will investigate how Berkeley Rotary can be involved in the planned development of Peoples Park. He is forming a small committee. This may be a substitute Centennial Project.
- The club's Camp Venture scholarship will go to a BARSHEEP Interactor.
- **District 4-Way Fest Conference is coming up May 17- 19.**



[Monica Marie Fox](#)

May 11th

[Celeste Brooks](#)

May 16th

[Anne Pardee](#)

May 24th

[Jacqueline Peters Hammond](#)

May 26th

[Rebecca Phuong](#)

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[Matthew Hermann](#)

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[Christopher K. Ahoy](#)

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[Rosemary Mann](#)

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- Dues for 2019-2020 were set at \$270; reduced dues at \$130 (Senior inactive, Rotaractors, & Leave of Absence). Prorated dues for new members are adjusted quarterly.
- Peace Grove celebration scheduled for September.

What the Hell is Happening to Telegraph Avenue?

By Irene R. Hegarty



This was the topic of discussion at the April 17 meeting as Stuart Baker, Executive Director of the Telegraph Business Improvement District (TBID), reviewed recent changes and proposed developments to the Telegraph area. With colorful slides, he highlighted the many housing and mixed-use projects planned or recently completed by private developers and by the university. Student housing is a key focus as the student population has increased by about 46% in Telegraph-adjacent census tracts. An additional 4,000 UC students are expected in the next four years.

Baker is responsible for bringing together a wide range of stakeholders in building consensus for a shared vision to improve the area. Some of the persistent challenges facing Telegraph include public realm conditions, safety and sidewalk behavior, competition with online outlets and other retail districts, evolving student tastes and preferences, and inadequate tenant mix. Baker showed examples of modest streetscape

improvements, including decorated trash receptacles and **◆corrals◆** for multiple bins, murals on construction site fencing, banners and sculptures, which enhance the appearance of the Avenue. The daily work of the Telegraph Guides, funded by the TBID, help keep sidewalks clean and orderly.

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Cal Rotaract's Interact Weekend a Success

By Frederick C. Collignon

This past weekend, Cal Rotaract threw what is usually one of their largest service projects of the year each year: Interact weekend at Cal. Interactors apply from all over the state to come, and spaces are limited each year. This year approximately 60 Interactors spent the weekend in Berkeley, hearing panels on what college is like, getting inside tips from past Interact leaders on how to be successful in their home Interact clubs, doing a service project, and having fun getting to know people of such diversity across the state. Rotaract asks all of its members to come on board to help out in the weekend--cooking meals, planning logistics, sharing dorm rooms, sgt-at-arms roles, and the like--sort of like our Kite Festival project in that work is needed from all members. They also thank those Rotarians who provided housing for many of the visitors. [Read More](#)

Interact Says: 'Wow, that's fantastic!'

By Frederick C. Collignon

Elsa Frantz, one of the Interact organizers of the autism service project, used the phrase

in the headline to express her appreciation for the generosity of club members last Wednesday in donating money for their fundraising project. We collected more than \$430 passing the cowboy hat and at least \$40 was additionally contributed by club members buying on-line tickets to the rock concert. Our donations put them over the top of their fund-raising goal. Thanks to all who contributed!
