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Speakers

July 15, 2020

[Rob Olshansky, PhD.](#)
Environmental Planner, Prof Emeritus, University of Illinois
"Adaptation to Sea Level Rise"

July 22, 2020

[Professor Dan Kammen, PhD.](#)
[Prof. of Energy, UC Berkeley](#)
"Climate Change: Current Trends/Actions, Policy Recommendations"

July 29, 2020

[Dr. Alvin C. Bernstine, Pastor.](#)
[Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church](#)
"Breaking the Silence on Racism"

Events

July 15th
[Board of Directors and Endowment Board Meet](#)

July 21st
[Communication Committee Meets](#)

July 23rd
[Climate Action Committee Meets](#)

August 5th
[Supportive Housing Committee Meets](#)

August 6th
[Membership Committee Meets](#)

Birthdays

[Alan P. Fraser](#)

July 14th

[Bruce Hays Willock](#)

July 17th

[Edward F. Church](#)

July 21st

[Jason Draut](#)

LGBTQ+ Inclusion and Belonging

By Pamela M. Doolan

Lark Doolan, Superintendent/Principal of Peninsula Union School District in Humboldt County, spoke to our club on the topic of inclusion and belonging for the LGBTQ+ community. He shared vocabulary for talking about sexual orientation and gender identity so that we have access to a common language for discussing LGBTQ+ topics. Lark used an intersectionality lens to address systemic privilege and diversity within the LGBTQ+ community. The presentation concluded with practical steps for *Tikkun Olam* as it pertains to making the world a safer, more inclusive space for those who are not heterosexual or cisgender.



Lark also encourages us to share our pronouns--how we would like to be addressed--on nametags, email signature lines, and when meeting new people. He stressed the importance of honoring the pronouns other people share with us and suggested practicing as much as we need to if we are struggling to get a person's pronouns right.

While there have been positive steps towards a more inclusive world for LGBTQ+ people, systems of discrimination are alive and well. This raises the question, if we are not proactively standing against homophobia and transphobia, are we tacitly contributing to ongoing systems of oppression? Those interested can sign up for the MTV bias cleanse at:

<http://www.lookdifferent.org/what-can-i-do/bias-cleanse> .This is a quick and user-friendly way to unpack internalized, unconscious biases towards women, LGBTQ+ people, and people of color.

Lark can be reached at teachlove@gmail.com

Finally, John Ferguson, from his motor home travels, shared the following adapted song:

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California, to the New York Island
From the Redwood forest
To the Gulf Stream waters
This land is made for you and me

It's not just my land
No man's an Island
Till all have dignity
There'll be no unity

My friends in Rotary
Embrace diversity

July 27th

[Ignacio Franco](#)

July 30th

[Robert Gullett](#)

August 3rd

[Elizabeth Roessner](#)

August 10th

[Larry Goldenberg](#)

August 10th

This club is made for all you see!

Come Back to Casting About!

By Arlene Carol Marcus

Reminder: Casting About is starting up again on **Tuesday, July 14, at 4:00 p.m.** and everyone is invited!

What is Casting About? It's an informal, casual meeting where you can learn all the secrets of the Berkeley Rotary Club. It can also be called Everything you always wanted to know about Rotary but were too embarrassed to ask.

This meeting is particularly appropriate for new and newish members, though veteran members frequently show up just to chat. You don't need to RSVP or even show up on time or stay the whole time **JUST APPEAR!**

I will send out a Zoom link to everyone the day before the meeting.

Please note the date and time, and add them to your calendar.
