



Speakers

August 14, 2019

[Lance Knobel, Founder, Berkeleyside](#)

August 21, 2019

[Beverly Crawford, Prof. Emeritus, UC Berkeley](#)

"Why don't Refugees Fly? National Borders and the Migration Crisis"

August 28, 2019

[Jane Anne Staw](#)

"How to think small, to move beyond anxiety, depression and overwhelm in a world overrun with action, screens and media."

September 04, 2019

[Larry Goldenberg & David Campbell - BRC](#)

The Rotary Foundation

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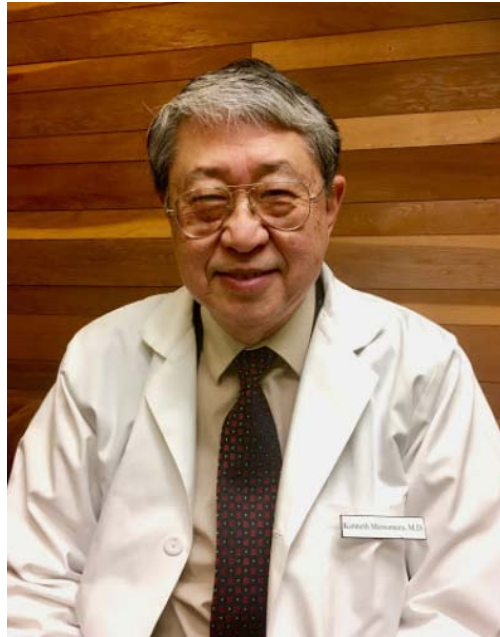
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Welcome Returning Member Ken Matsumura

By Pate D. Thomson



Ken Matsumura joined Berkeley Rotary in 1981 and was an active member until 2011 when he assumed the role of primary care giver for his wife who suffered spinal injury in an auto accident. This required that he step away from active membership. He accepted the offer of honorary membership in Berkeley Rotary in 2011. His wife sadly passed in 2013 and he has remarried and recently decided that he would like to return to active membership.

He was born in Bangkok and at the age of 1, he moved to Japan after WW II and came to the US 10 years later with his family. They settled in Berkeley, and he attended Longfellow Middle School and then Berkeley High, UCB, and UCSF Medical School where he received his MD degree. At Berkeley High, he started Alin research at the age of 16, which enabled him to apply his inventive mind. Alin was incorporated some years later and is

functioning now as one of the oldest biotech companies in the world. In 2001 Time Magazine awarded him the **◆ Inventor of the Year ◆** award for his work with the bio-artificial liver and artificial pancreas. He has worked with Johnson and Johnson and with NASA, losing an important experiment on board the Challenger when it blew up on reentry. He developed a way of treating cancer patients, reducing or eliminating side effects of chemo therapy while enhancing the effectiveness of the chemo treatment. He continues his medical practice in medical oncology in Berkeley.

His interests go beyond medicine, and he and his wife Adele are working to address climate change. Locally he is developing a proposal for financing the restoration and maintenance of the landmark Julia Morgan Berkeley City Club. He has financed his investigative career through profits from land development, which was his father's career and Ken has carried on this enterprise as well.

Ken's mother was a concert pianist and Ken is an accomplished classical piano player. He and his first wife raised a daughter of their own and adopted and raised a Bosnian girl. Ken has been a member of the Berkeley City Club since 1978 and was a founding member of the SF City Club.

To find out much more, welcome Ken back and chat him up.

Needs of Human Trafficking Victims Brought Powerfully to Club

By Frederick C. Collignon

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[Linda Marlene Cogozzo](#)

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[Reginald J. Garcia](#)

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[Joshua Oliver](#)

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Our speakers on July 31 were Regina Evans, the founder of Regina's Door in Oakland, and her daughter Nicia Evans. Both are poets and stage performers. They delivered a powerful program on the experience of the victims of child trafficking. Regina's Door is a hangout, store, and resource for victims (girls and boys), offering them jobs, referrals, counseling, and other help. The speakers did not focus on what needs to be done to end or stop trafficking, but rather on the kinds of help the victims (generally age 15 or younger) need to recover, recognize their human dignity, and move on. Each person in the audience was challenged to become involved and to begin by listening to a victim, ask what they individually need, and respond.



To learn about the most common needs according to the speakers and ways to learn more, itclick below. [Read More](#)
