



## Speakers

**August 22, 2018**

[Dan Lindheim, Director, UC Berkeley Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement](#)

**August 29, 2018**

[Cindy Dickerson, Exec. Dir., Ctr. for Early Intervention for Deafness \(CEID\)](#)

The Sky is the Limit:  
Maximizing Communication Potential for Children and Adults who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

**September 05, 2018**

[Speaker provided by President Beth](#)

**September 12, 2018**

[Provided by Team6AliceWaters](#)

## Events

August 22nd

[Communications Committee](#)

August 22nd

[Fund Raising Committee](#)

August 24th

[North Beach by Night by Day Walk](#)

August 24th

[BARSHEEP TGIF - TBD](#)

September 5th

[Membership Committee](#)

September 5th

[Supportive Housing Committee](#)

September 12th

[Social Committee](#)

September 12th

[Peace Committee](#)

## Birthdays

[Marvis Peoples](#)

August 24th

## Russian Culture in the Kensington Hills

By Joan H. Collignon

At our lively Not-So-Silent Auction in May a group of Rotarians made the winning bid on a Russian Dinner offered by Arlin and Chrys Peters. We had NO IDEA of the sumptuous experience we'd enjoy at the Peters' home. Arlin introduced us to the Russian tradition of hearty champagne and vodka toasts followed by bites of zakuski--little appetizers of pickled beets and cucumber, pate and onions, mushrooms and sausage--that were absolutely delicious. Dinner followed, with borscht and black bread, kashka, sturgeon, stroganoff, pie . . . it was amazing. Thank you Arlin and Chrys!



## Disaster Relief Donations

By Tina Etcheverry



Thank you to everyone who has contributed donations towards disaster relief in the fire devastated regions of California. We will continue to "pass the hat" for the next couple of weeks at our Club meetings: cash or checks made out to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment will be accepted.

Our first Rotary donation will head to the Carr Fire in the Shasta-Redding area. In addition, our Board has approved matching funds for these incoming

donations to make sure we have more money to cover the significant needs of Mendocino, Lake and Shasta counties.

Thank you again for being Rotarians of Action!

## Demographics in the U.S. and Abroad

By John Albert Ross

At our club meeting on August 15, Dr. Ronald Lee, a Professor of Demography and Economics at U.C. Berkeley discussed changing demographic trends in the United States and abroad. Dr. Lee

[David Donald Campbell](#)

August 26th

[Mollie Hazen](#)

September 2nd

[Reginald J. Garcia](#)

September 9th

[Joshua Oliver](#)

September 10th

presented a number of dynamic trends at work. The discussion centered around quantitative aspects of populations. Human populations are increased or depleted by factors such as fertility, immigration and mortality.

The human “replacement level” or the birth rate needed to maintain a constant human population is 2.1 births/woman. In the developed world, the birth rate is declining and has been below the replacement level since the last great recession. In fact the birth rate for approximately half the world’s population is below the replacement level. One exception is sub-Saharan Africa where the current level is 5 births/woman.

The U.S. birth rate is now about 1.75, slightly higher than Europe’s. Some of the trends which can be observed today and are expected to continue are: a rising older percentage of the population, a decreasing number of entrants into the labor force, an increasing demand for nursing homes and greater strains on financing of the Social Security system. [Read More](#)

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