



Speakers

September 04, 2019

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

The Rotary Foundation

September 11, 2019

[Ed Church, PhD., ED of the Institute for Environmental Entrepreneurship](#)

"The problem with plastics, and what we can do about it."

September 18, 2019

[Tina Cole Kreitz, Author](#)

"The Last Gift Box, A Present to Those who Follow Me"

October 02, 2019

[TBD](#)

Events

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[Membership Committee Meets](#)

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[Social Committee Meets](#)

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["Casting About" - Open discussion of all things Rotary](#)

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Rotary Hope Scholars

By Irene R. Hegarty



Lulani Sudjian-Lampkin (UC Santa Cruz) and Aracely Medina-Garcia (UC Davis), former teammates on the BHS volleyball team and current Rotary Hope Scholars, catch up at the August 21 Rotary meeting.

Dr. Paul Farmer Chosen as 2019 Peace Grove Honoree

By Frederick C. Collignon

The winner of our 2019 Peace Grove Honors is Dr. Paul Farmer. He had the most votes by the rank-order voting and was also the only candidate to appear on more than 60% of the cast ballots. Thanks to all who submitted votes, and especially those who voted by email when they could not attend a club meeting to submit their vote. Bill and Melinda Gates were the runner-up choice.



Thinking Small

By Arlin R Peters Jr.

Birthdays

[Linda Marlene Cogozzo](#)

September 3rd

[Reginald J. Garcia](#)

September 9th

[Joshua Oliver](#)

September 10th

[Manjul Batra](#)

September 17th

[Eva J. Gero](#)

September 20th

[Antonia B. Sweet](#)

September 24th

[Carroll Burns Williams](#)

September 24th

[Karen Torme Wagner](#)

September 25th

[Schuyler Bailey Jr.](#)

September 28th

[Rowena Tomaneng](#)

September 30th

[Robert Sorenson](#)

October 1st



Jane Anne Staw, a writer, writer coach, and professor, presented her findings on a new way of seeing, a focusing of intense contemplation on small things, at the August 28 meeting. Thinking small does not solve problems, but can alleviate anxiety, depression, and feeling overwhelmed, allowing us to cope so we can remain strong enough to live well and help others.

Staw's discovery occurred in a simple situation. Walking her dog around the neighborhood, she noticed a solitary sycamore leaf on the ground. She stopped, caught up by the beauty of the small leaf, and stayed there for some time. As she walked on, she still felt the joy of contemplating the existence of the small sycamore leaf for one or two minutes.

Over the next year, practicing seeing and thinking small changed Staw's life, allowing her to feel calmer, more connected, and contented. It enabled her to see something small as beautiful and to enjoy and contemplate it, instead on just moving on.

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Why Don't Refugees Fly?

By David Donald Campbell

At our August 21 Rotary meeting we were delighted to hear from Berkeley Professor Emerita Beverly Crawford Ames on her topic: "*Why Don't Refugees Fly? National Borders and the Migration Crisis*". Professor Crawford provided her first-hand account from recent travels to Turkey, Germany, Israel, and the U.S. southwest borderlands.

The media images she shared with us were both disturbing and moving. As we know all too well, the news is filled with horror stories of death at the U.S./Mexican border and beyond, and of inhumane conditions in migrant detention camps at our U.S. border. Professor Crawford asked three perplexing questions: Why is this happening, why now? Why do migrants have to die? And, what can we do to alleviate the suffering of those who risked their lives and the lives of their children to seek refuge while still respecting our national border?

In an effort to find answers to these questions, Professor Crawford traveled to the Tucson Sector of the U.S. border patrol in Southern Arizona. (She recently worked out of Tucson Arizona in a migrant shelter and delivered water to the desert for migrants who are crossing.) There she spoke with border guards, customs and border patrol agents, migrants, aid workers, people living in the Tucson community, and members of an anti-immigration group. Additionally, her talk provided a brief overview of the global migration crisis and changes in migration patterns and immigration policy that have led to the current crisis at our borders. Professor Crawford concluded by suggesting ways to protect both the human rights of forced migrants and the national borders of asylum-granting countries.

As to the question "Why don't refugees fly to the U.S.?" (It would be much safer and far less expensive than paying someone to escort the refugee across the dangerous Mexican desert.) The answer is simple: There are no provisions at U.S. airports to receive refugees seeking asylum; thus they would be in the U.S. illegally and subject to immediate arrest and deportation.

