



Speakers

September 18, 2019

[Fran Gallati, CEO of the Berkeley Y](#)

"Trends and New Programs initiated by the Berkeley Y"

September 25, 2019

[2019 Berkeley Rotary Club Peace Award presentation to Dr. Paul Farmer](#)

October 02, 2019

[Steve Beckendorf, Orchid Conservation Alliance](#)

"Creating Orchid Reserves in the Andes"

October 09, 2019

[Speaker: TBD](#)

Events

September 18th

[Communications Committee Meeting](#)

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

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[Supportive Housing Committee](#)

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[Social Committee Meets](#)

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[Peace Committee Meets](#)

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[Historical Tour of Haight-Ashbury, SF](#)

December 4th

[Membership Committee Meets](#)

Birthdays

Casting About: Club Finances 101 with Tina

By Arlene Carol Marcus

This month's Casting About meeting will feature our Endowment treasurer, Tina Etcheverry, giving info about how our club finances work. If you want to learn more about this topic, please attend our September 18 meeting at 11 AM.



The problem with plastics and what we can do about it

By Leslie A. Levy



At our September 11 Club meeting, our own Ed Church gave an illuminating and disturbing presentation on plastics in our environment. He used extensive slides to illustrate the findings from climate scientists on how plastic is made, spreads in the environment, and is disposed of -- but does not go away. Its "carbon footprint" is immense, contributing greatly to global warming.

Ed received his Ph.D. in Sociology at Cal, and offered how behavioral changes can positively affect the environment, especially related to the reduction of plastic pollution. One take-away from his presentation was the suggestion that we think of our lives on Earth as an extended camping trip: What do we need, what do we take, how do we carry it and how do we dispose of it when we are finished? (Hint: there is no Away, there is only Somewhere Else.)

He also raised the question of our ability as a Rotary Club to reduce the use of single-use plastics, particularly in our work staffing the booth at Golden Gate Fields Dollar Days. We give away plastic beer cups, mimosa flutes, and water bottles hundreds of times a day. How can we persuade Golden Gate Fields to limit the distribution of single-use plastics?

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Zone Institute: A new and closer, LARGE Rotary experience

By Frederick C. Collignon

The 2019 Rotary Zone Institute in Denver this past week became open for the first time to any Rotarian wanting to go. In prior, years you had to be a current, future, or past

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[Donald L. Alter](#)
October 15th

Governor, or one of 2 or so people that the District hoped would think about applying to be a Governor. This year we had well more than a dozen District Rotarians go on their own. Those who went to the Hamburg RI international conference often said the speakers at the Zone meeting were even better, and they had a lot more interaction with Rotarians in very different political cultures than they had found at Hamburg.

The problem is that that such encounters are harder to pull off with Rotarians not having English as a first language. Next year, the Zone Institute is even closer in San Diego. So consider going if you can't do the RI conference in Hawaii next year. There is nothing like the RI conference House of Friendship and having 20,000+ Rotarians with you through a conference; RI takes over the city. But the Zone Institute is now a distant 2nd best, maybe with more guaranteed substantive "meat", since so many you meet will have been senior Rotary leaders in their districts.

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