



Speakers

September 19, 2018

[Peace Grove Ceremony - Honoree: German Chancellor Angela Merkel](#)

September 20, 2018

[Dr. Peggy Lemaux and Dr. Rebecca Mackelprang. UC Dept of Plant and Microbiology](#)

September 26, 2018

[Melanie Miksis, Community Outreach & Comm Coordinator, 1951 Coffee Company](#)

Job Training in the Specialty Coffee Industry for Refugees & Asylees

October 03, 2018

[Ruben Canedo, Director, UC Centers for Education Equity and Excellence](#)

October 10, 2018

[Mike Mitchell, ArariFish](#)

Mike Mitchell on the invasive "diablo" fish in southern Mexico and his Acari Fish program.

Events

September 26th

[Communications Committee](#)

September 26th

[Fund Raising Committee](#)

September 28th

[BARSHEEP TGIF - TBD](#)

September 29th

[Rotary Day at Oregon/Cal Football Game](#)

October 3rd

[Membership Committee](#)

October 3rd

[Supportive Housing Committee](#)

October 6th

[Berkeley Community Fund Annual Gala](#)

Our Club/District Virtual Reality Initiative Focused in Rotarian Magazine This Month

By Frederick C. Collignon

In your Rotarian magazine that you got at the end of this week or will be getting this week is a multi-page big article on what Rotary International is doing with the Virtual Reality technology across the world in educating the public on polio eradication, on peace initiatives, and clean water and sanitation. This innovation in Rotary International was launched by our District with our club playing a significant role three years back. Pat yourself on the back for seeing the future and being willing to be innovative with new technology. RI's Secretary about this time last year declared that RI had adopted Virtual Reality as its flight plan for public education for the next several years or more.

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Peace Committee/Maxim Success - Partnership of Rotary with MBB

By Frederick C. Collignon

For several years, past president Maxim Scrogin has led our club's Peace Committee and later the District's Peace Committee in creating an ongoing partnership between Rotary International and Mediators Beyond Borders (MBB). Many who went to the Brazil RI Conference will remember helping staff the booth Maxim set up to familiarize Rotarians around the world with MBB. That continued at Zone and RI conferences in subsequent years. In mid-August, RI released the press release below announcing the partnership was now ongoing.

Congratulations to Maxim and the Peace Committee. You make us proud! [Read More](#)

Satellite meeting this Thursday - Bringing Science Information to the Public

The STEM Satellite is resuming on Third Thursdays, starting this Thursday, Sept. 20. Our satellite meetings resume this Thursday, Sept. 20, at work 6:00 pm, at the same venue as before: the 4th floor conference room at Berkeley City College, 2050 Center Street. The speakers on Sept. 20 are Prof. Peggy Lemaux and postdoc Dr. Rebecca Mackelprang, UC Department of Plant and Microbial Biology. Their topic will be "CLEAR: Reaching the Public about Science." CLEAR is a campus program that

October 10th
[Social Committee](#)

October 10th
[Peace Committee](#)

October 13th
[Courageous Conversations Workshop](#)

Birthdays

[Eva J. Gero](#)

September 20th

[Antonia B. Sweet](#)

September 24th

[Carroll Burns Williams](#)

September 24th

[Philip Schuyler Bailey Jr.](#)

September 28th

[Rowena Tomaneng](#)

September 30th

[Robert Sorenson](#)

October 1st

[Donald L. Alter](#)

October 15th

attempts to improve how scientists and faculty educate and communicate their research and what has been learned in their fields to the general public.

The city parking garage is next door, and it's a block from BART. Get there before 6 pm to get your pizza, salad, and wine, water or soft drink at your place so we can start at 6 pm. The price is the same - \$20 for adults (including wine), \$10 for students (no wine, but food and other drink),



We Care Solar: Providing Light to the World

By Judith Anderson Glass



At the club meeting on September 12, our speaker was Hal Aronson, the co-founder of We Care Solar. We Care Solar created and developed the Solar Suitcase to be used for lighting medical centers across Sub-Saharan Africa. The company started in Berkeley 10 years ago and now has offices in the Brower Center. We Care Solar started when Hal and his wife, Dr. Laura Stachel, saw a problem that needed solving.

Laura is an OB-GYN who started working in Africa doing medical ethnography and found that one of the greatest impediments to people getting adequate care was lack of good lighting. Most of Sub-Saharan Africa - 100 million people - do not have adequate lighting. This leads to many women in Nigeria dying while giving birth. Doctors can only do surgeries during the

daytime because of the lack of light. In the tropics of Sub-Saharan Africa, sun shines most every day of the year, so solar energy is perfect. Most solar systems are large and very expensive to install and maintain, so Hal's company designed the Solar Suitcase - small and easy to transport. The system fits into a suitcase so there would be no hassle going through customs.

Hal's company discovered that working with high school and college students is very empowering as students learn to help others. The We Share Solar program gives students the opportunity to build the high quality solar kits that are manufactured via the We Care Solar program, fulfilling two needs: giving students a life-changing project to participate in and providing much-needed lighting in less developed parts of the world.

As Hal and his team kept working on the Solar Suitcases, they were discovered and given a MacArthur Grant - a very prestigious monetary award given to worthy individuals and causes.
