



## Speakers

**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**

[Neal Grace](#)  
Author of "Fresh Eyes Upon the World"

**October 16, 2019**

[TBD](#)

**October 23, 2019**

[TBD](#)

## Events

September 29th

[GOLDEN GATES FIELDS FUN RAISER!](#)

October 2nd

[Membership Committee Meets](#)

October 2nd

[Supportive Housing Committee](#)

October 9th

[Social Committee Meets](#)

October 9th

[Peace Committee Meets](#)

October 12th

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

October 16th

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

October 16th

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

October 19th

[Hospital de la Familia - Work Party](#)

October 23rd

## Please Help at Golden Gate Fields Next Sunday

By George Luna

We need volunteers for the booth at Golden Gate Fields, selling hot dogs and beer again this Sunday. This is a fundraiser for the club and is a lot of fun! Come out, enjoy the races and join your fellow Rotarians.

Please respond at

[Superiortack1@hotmail.com](mailto:Superiortack1@hotmail.com)

He needs advanced sign up to assure GG that we will be available.

**Date: Sunday, September 29**

**Sign up for the morning shift:**

**10:00 am to 1:30 pm or**

**afternoon shift: 1:30 pm to 5:00**

**pm**



## Former BRC Member Dave Cutter Obituary

By Edward F. Church



Born in 1929, in Berkeley, Dave passed away August 31, 2019 at the family cabin in South Lake Tahoe. He attended Berkeley High School and went on to graduate from Stanford in 1950 with a degree in Accounting. He obtained his MBA from Stanford and his CPA in 1952. Dave married his childhood sweetheart Nancy Baugh in 1950. She predeceased him in 2017. He is survived by his sons, David Jr. (Barbara) of Idyllwild, CA; Tom (Krista) of Oak Park, IL; Bill (Renee) of Concord, CA; Steve (Gail) of Lafayette, CA; and Mike (Robin) of Penn Valley, CA, along with five granddaughters and three great-granddaughters.

Dave was the retired Chairman and CEO of Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley, a family-owned pharmaceutical company founded by his grandfather. He served on numerous Boards of Directors including Chairman of the Mt. Diablo Council of the Boy Scouts where he was presented the Silver Beaver award, the highest achievement given to a non-Scouter.

Dave was a proud Rotarian for over fifty years and was very active in the Berkeley JayCees in the 1960s. He was a member of the Young Presidents Organization and Chairman of Herrick Hospital where he was instrumental in arranging its merger with Alta Bates Hospital and later served as Chairman of its board.

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## [Communications Committee Meeting](#)

December 4th

## [Membership Committee Meets](#)

## Birthdays

[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

[Donald L. Alter](#)

October 15th

[Helen Walker](#)

October 21st

## Fran Gallati is Growing the Y

By Joan H. Collignon



Fran Gallati, President and CEO of the YMCA of the East Bay, returned to Berkeley Rotary to speak last Wednesday, September 18, telling his former fellow club members the amazing story of the way the little Berkeley YMCA, through mergers and acquisitions, became today's YMCA of the East Bay, encompassing 5 big Wellness Centers and many afterschool and preschool facilities from Hayward to Pleasant Hill to Berkeley to Richmond.

The Berkeley Y operated successfully from 1901 to 2010 when they came to the aid of the beleaguered Mt. Diablo Y, merging with them to form a stronger and more financially stable organization. Within 5 years they had doubled the number of children served and doubled membership. At that point Fran realized how much non-profits could benefit from a strategy of merging: they were able to improve services while staying financially solvent under just one administration. By 2017 they had become the YMCA of the East Bay, bringing in Richmond, Albany, Oakland, and Hayward, as well as Berkeley and Pleasant Hill. The big win for the Y was that now it has a strong presence in low income areas where it's easier to help the families most in need.

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## District Assembly Features Major Headliners and Practical Tips Our Club Needs

By Frederick C. Collignon

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the closest District Assembly in Fairfield will be held. It's not like the Assemblies of recent years, where the District gave attention to RI's major concerns - membership, Foundation and branding - but also added lots of stuff of interest for veterans and new members. The RI concerns are the major focus again, but this year the District has added big-name speakers of the kind you might have to go to a District Conference or Zone institute or RI to see. At Fairfield, the speaker is Vicki Pulitz, just elected as our next Zone Director (all of the West), who then becomes our Director on the Rotary International Board. [Read More](#)

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## So what did we learn in Casting About? Learning about Club finances

By Frederick C. Collignon

Casting About, organized by Arlene Marcus, offers a lot of insights into how the club works, both for new members and for veterans.

Some lessons this past president learned:

- a) Both the club and the Endowment have large reserves equal to a year of club expenses in case we hit bad times.
- b) If you want the club to undertake a new non-service activity or spend more on a current activity, you need to go to the club president (Fred Fassett) or Treasurer (Jackie Hammond) to make the request. There's a little flexibility in the budget in the president's reserve, but the club sticks close to the passed budget so that we don't have to raise annual member dues. There's more flexibility in our Endowment, which is focused on service. But it has a more elaborate budget process, with grant request reviews several times a year.
- c) Our key fundraisers remain the 3-2-1 drive for member contributions and the Kite Festival. But we keep looking for new fundraisers that can raise money from non-

members. The auction last year was a big success, whereas past ones were less successful. Golden Gate Fields beer and hot dog sales have been useful too, although requiring a lot of people for each \$1000 gained. But it has helped bond our members too.

Our teachers for this last session were Tina Etcheverry, the Foundation Treasurer, and Grief Graff, our Projects Chair. Both, of course, are recent past Presidents and Board members.

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