



Speakers

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](#)

UC Berkeley Basic Needs: Economic, Food, and Housing Justice

October 10, 2018

[Mike Mitchell, AcariFish.com](#)

Reinventing the Devil Fish in Southern Mexico

October 17, 2018

[Mayor Jesse Arreguin, City of Berkeley](#)

State of the City

October 18, 2018

[Satellite Club: TBD](#)

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[DG Jon Dwyer Leadership meeting with DG Visit - Jon Dwyer](#)

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DG Official Visit

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Events

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[Fund Raising Committee](#)

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[BARSHEEP TGIF - Hosted by El Cerrito Rotary](#)

Peace Grove Tree Dedication

By Maxim Schrogin

The 2018 Peace Grove Tree Dedication Ceremony, organized with amazing competence by our Peace Committee, was an unqualified success. This year's awardee is Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, so, in accord with recent tradition, we created a German atmosphere, with food by Gaumenkitzel, a local German restaurant, and singing of German lieder by Gwendolyn Kuhlmann, sent to us by the Western Service Worker's Association, a local community-organizing group. Gwen's personal testimony about the success in Germany of Syrian immigrants was an especially moving, on-the-ground corroboration of the award, which was given primarily to acknowledge Chancellor Merkel's brave acceptance of Syrian immigrants.



Accepting the award on the Chancellor's behalf was Han-Ulrich Suedbeck, the Consul-General in San Francisco. Herr Suedbeck gave an eloquent, articulate, and moving talk about the challenges facing Chancellor Merkel, Europe, and the United States in these difficult times. He also acknowledged the admirable work of Rotary in helping the needy around the world. He says that, now that he has been introduced to Tilden Park and the Peace Grove, he will take his family back to view the monument that has been placed there.

Yesterday's memorable event was the product of the Peace Committee and others in our club working together. All went smoothly (except coordination with the Park; a whole other story). That our Club can put on such successful events, involving the public and publicizing what Rotary is and does, is remarkable testimony to the strength of our organization.



STEM Talk - Courageous Conversations on Science Issues

By Frederick C. Collignon

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

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October 3rd
[Supportive Housing
Committee](#)

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[Berkeley Community
Fund Annual Gala](#)

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[Social Committee](#)

October 10th
[Peace Committee](#)

October 17th
[Boards of Directors](#)

October 24th
[Scholarship Committee](#)

Birthdays

[Philip Schuyler Bailey Jr.](#)
September 28th

[Rowena Tomaneng](#)
September 30th

[Robert Sorenson](#)
October 1st

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

[Helen Walker](#)
October 21st



The presenters at the Sept 20 satellite meeting talked about "Students Reaching Out to the Public about Science," but the themes and lessons so closely paralleled the club's Courageous Conversations training that one might think it was a Peace Committee-sponsored club talk, and not part of our STEM series. Nevertheless, the STEM focus was very evident, as the issues were those of science policy: global change, genetically engineered plants, health vaccinations, etc.

The presenters were Prof. Peggy Lemaux of UCB's Dept. of Plant and Microbial Biology, and her post-doc Dr. Becky Mackelpranz. They are the leader and staff of Cal's CLEAR program (Communication, Literacy and Education for Agricultural Research), which trains graduate students in how to talk about science to the public, to students in the classroom, and to legislators

to help them better understand the research, the issues, and how to think scientifically. The program currently involves 40 doctoral students who volunteer for training. Last year they reached 600 students in high school classrooms in the Bay Area and Los Angeles. Program participation by Cal students increased from 15 to 40 following the 2016 election because of their experience of "fake news" and misrepresentations of science in the campaigns.

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