



Speakers

October 24, 2018

[Jonathan Dwyer](#)
DG Official Visit

October 31, 2018

[Peter Ralston, M.D., UCSF, Neuroscientist](#)
Pain: Treatment and Addiction

November 07, 2018

[Grier Graff, Kurt Hauch, Tina Etcheverry](#)

Events

October 24th

[Scholarship Committee](#)

October 26th

[BARSHEEP TGIF - Hosted by The Rotary Club of San Pablo](#)

October 26th

[Vintage or Vinegar? - Rotacare Fundraiser with Rita Moreno](#)

October 31st

[Communications Committee](#)

October 31st

[Opportunities for Fun \(Fund Raising\) Committee](#)

November 7th

[Membership Committee](#)

November 7th

[Supportive Housing Committee](#)

November 14th

[Social Committee](#)

November 14th

[Boards of Directors](#)

November 14th

[Peace Committee](#)

December 13th

[Holiday Party](#)

Birthdays

Exploring California Nature and Oakland Foodtrucks

Pork belly buns, crab rolls, noodles, barbecued brisket, Mac n' cheese-- These are just a few of the fabulous food truck specialties Berkeley Rotarians and their families munched on at the Oakland Museum of California on Friday.

There were 32 of us--including children and grandchildren--who explored the Natural Sciences Gallery (the kids had their own special tour), went out to browse the food trucks on Tenth and Oak Streets, then gathered in the sunny garden with beer and wine to eat our picnic supper. Some of us went on to tour other galleries, or dance to the live band in front of the museum. Others (pictured here!) enjoyed the summer evening and the fellowship.



Fall Assembly Training Useful



On Saturday, Oct. 20, eight club members attended the Fall training seminar in Fairfield to get the latest ideas and best practices in club foundation, membership, and other areas of our work. The training traditionally is designed for new Rotarians, for the club President's team and the incoming PE, and for members working on the club committees for membership recruitment and retention and foundation fundraising and grants.

This fall, Gov. Jon Dwyer decided to have some plenary session training for all on those topics, with breakouts on other topics relevant to most clubs. Examples included working with Interact and Youth Exchange, doing international projects, local club and District work on peace initiatives (including Courageous Conversations), social media communication, and public relations. Our Mexico projects were singled out as exemplars, and Grier Graff did a great job in drawing lessons from our 15-year experience to help other clubs in finding, designing, funding, and carrying out international projects. And of course, there was an ABCs of Rotary breakout for newer Rotarians.

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State of the City: Mayor Arreguin Speaks to Club

By Edward F. Church

Our Honorary Rotarian, Mayor Jesse Arreguin, spoke to the Club about several current issues of interest. These included homelessness,

[Joanne Juliette Dickerson-Harper](#)

October 29th

[Joan H. Collignon](#)

November 3rd

[Pate D. Thomson](#)

November 5th

[John M. Ferguson](#)

November 11th

[Dennis V. Hacker](#)

November 14th

[Luc Ibata](#)

November 18th

[Maurice Gene Marcus](#)

November 19th

[Carol Neil](#)

November 20th

cooperation with UC Berkeley on building student housing at People's Park, and planning housing development at Berkeley's BART stations.

He began by thanking Rotarians for our hands-on work in setting up the homeless Pathways Project.

The Mayor spoke at length about the opening in June of the STAIR Center for homeless persons to live temporarily and navigate their way to permanent housing. He also thanked Rotarians for helping to set that up. The Center turned an empty city block into an oasis where homeless people can get off the harsh streets and get a path to housing. He reported that the Center has a capacity of 45, but in only a few short months of operation had already moved 20 people into permanent housing. The City expects to house as many as 150 people annually. Recently, the City's Homeless Outreach Team had visited a major homeless encampment in West Berkeley and engaged with over 100 individuals.

Homelessness is the #1 issue that comes up in his meetings with the public, and, although much more needs to be done, he is proud of the continuing efforts by the City and citizens. The issue is regional, and he and other Bay Area mayors are exploring the creation of a Joint Powers Agreement to develop regional solutions.

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Extreme Enzymes Yield Large Savings and Many NonRotarian Visitors

By Frederick C. Collignon



Our STEM satellite meeting on Oct. 17 featured another great presentation and, for the first time, turned out lots of non-Rotarians. Only a third of the 22 who came for some portion of the meeting were current members or spouses. There were almost as many non-student visitors as there were Rotarians.

The star of the day was Dr. Jill Fuss, the founder of CinderBio, who presented on "Amazing Microbes and Extreme Enzymes" and whose firm's laboratory is local. A Cal PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology, she first described her personal "STEM journey"

through schooling and summer work experiences to a career in research and entrepreneurial startups. While she and her partner had completed the research on extreme enzymes and on the technology for cultivating them in the laboratory for sale, their firm has taken off as part of the "Cyclotron Road" that Cal and the Tech Laboratory have created for fostering the conversion of new scientific discovery into large impact products and technologies. As an example, it provided her access to a graduate Business School marketing class, where the students went out as part of the class and interviewed some hundred commercial firms probing their potential benefits from extreme enzymes. It helped the firm determine where to focus the initial marketing efforts -- using extreme enzymes in the cleaning process in milk and food processing, and biotechnology. [Read More](#)

