

Speakers

December 04, 2019

[Susun Kim, ED of the Family Justice Ctr of CCC & Dana Filkowski Deputy DA of CCC](#)

Human Trafficking, the problem next door: approaches being taken in Contra Costa County

December 11, 2019

[Annie Kim, Director of Oakland's Family Education and Resource Center](#)

"The **S** Word **S** Stigma. Why We Don't Talk About Mental Health and Why We Should."

December 18, 2019

[Tina Cole Kreitz, Author](#)

"The Last Gift Box, a Present to Those Who Follow Me."

December 25, 2019

[No Meeting - Christmas Holiday](#)

Lights! Camera! Action!

The stars of stage and screen have graced the Berkeley Rotary main stage this month as celebrity newshounds Sallie Weissinger and Sheila Sabine introduced us to Hollywood's Heroes and Heroines of the Silver Screen.

Robert Redford (not pictured), Oprah Winfrey, and Sallie Fields all made cameo appearances, urging club members to come to the Berkeley Rotary Holiday Party on December 12 at Northbrae Community Church.

Tickets may be purchased at the Dec. 4 meeting or online through DacDB. See you there!



Events

December 4th

[Membership Committee Meets](#)

December 4th

[Supportive Housing Committee Meets](#)

December 11th

[Social Committee Meets](#)

December 11th

[Peace Committee \(May\) Meet](#)

December 12th

[Holiday Party](#)

December 18th

[Communication Committee Meets](#)

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[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

March 4th

[Membership Committee Meets](#)

Two Thanksgiving Basket Projects

By Frederick C. Collignon

Club members had two different opportunities this past week to pack Thanksgiving baskets of food for those more disadvantaged. The first was organized by Rotarian Joanne Dickerson-Harper at her church. The second was organized by the Police Department and by Rotarian Jonathan DeYoe's firm. Both were announced at our last club lunch meeting before the Thanksgiving break, and President Fred sent out an email reminder about the latter event. Various club members came out for each, some bringing their children and grandchildren to help. We don't know the total number of baskets that were delivered to homes, but it was more than 750. And of course, other Rotarians participated in the preparation of various community meals for the poor and homeless at



Birthdays

[John Pardee](#)

December 2nd

[Arlene Carol Marcus](#)

December 3rd

[Sheila Sabine](#)

December 3rd

[Rosalyn Chan](#)

December 5th

[Kathy Huff](#)

December 9th

[Preston Staley](#)

December 15th

[Larry E. Kinsey](#)

December 15th

[Larry Chernila](#)

December 16th

[Frederick C. Collignon](#)

December 17th

[John Denvir](#)

December 17th

[James Ivan Masters](#)

December 19th

[Katherine Campbell King](#)

December 24th

[Frederick G. Fassett](#)

December 29th

[Tom Felkema](#)

December 30th

[Senobia Ellis](#)

January 1st

[Shawn Rowles](#)

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leadership.

their churches and other venues, even if not in the name of Rotary. We hope all had great Thanksgiving meals with their families too. And club thanks to Joanne and Jonathan for their

Divided America: The Politics of Culture

By John Pardee

Dr. Nadesan Permaul, Professor of Rhetoric and Political Science at UC Berkeley, spoke to the Club on November 20 about the current divisions and polarization within our society. Although the intensity of these divisions has increased in recent years, as evidenced by the 2016 election and its aftermath, Dr. Permaul pointed out that the roots of our division go back to the founding of our country and arise primarily from the treatment of groups based on race. This zero-sum division of society into haves and have-nots, winners and losers, was reflected and maintained for decades by a founding mythology of extreme individualism, white men and women conquering nature, dominating or eliminating other groups, and forging a new race of people constituting American exceptionalism. This ethos found its expression particularly in the works of James Fennimore Cooper in the 19th century and is identified by Dr. Permaul as modernism.

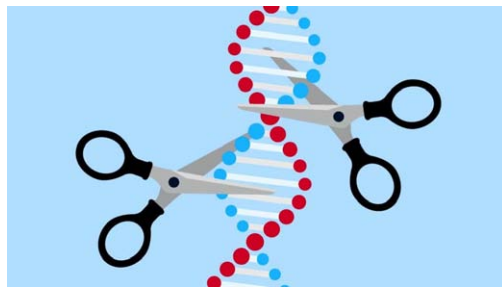
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The Implications of CRISPR

By Mac Lingo

Dr. Arvin Gouw spoke to the club on November 13 about The CRISPR Gene Editing revolution.



How interesting to have a talk by a man who is both a scientist talking about gene modification with CRISPR and a theologian who is at the same time trying to understand the implications of the science that he is working with.

I can't say that I really understand the way CRISPR works. I am overwhelmed by how this new technology works and then being able to use it to develop a gene to be inserted into a mouse or cure an individual's cancer. I also have to confess to having been educated with fruit flies while now trying to imagine the science that understands our genomic process.

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