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Speakers

February 03, 2021

[Past Presidents' History Presentation](#)

February 10, 2021

[Fred Collignon, UCB Prof Emeritus, Harvard PhD Economics, and long-time teacher](#)

"Is Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) the secret to financing the Green New Deal and Economic Recovery?"

February 17, 2021

[Tina Etcheverry, Biotech Consultant](#)

"Vaccines and the Immune Response"

February 24, 2021

[TBD](#)

Events

February 21st

[Zentangle Fund Raiser](#)

Birthdays

[Jeffrey L. Hunt](#)

February 2nd

[Peter D. Campbell](#)

February 9th

[Katy Marie Young](#)

February 14th

[Marion Hunt](#)

February 15th

[Sallie Weissinger](#)

February 15th

[Grace Manning Orenstein](#)

February 19th

[Mary Wainwright](#)

February 22nd

[Grier Graff](#)

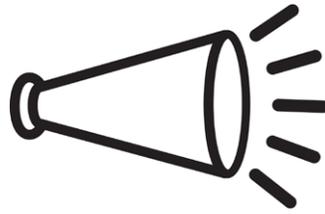
February 27th

[Richard M. Betts](#)

March 1st

Club Announcements

By Linda Marlene Cogozzo



Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 12:30 p.m. (PST): Join us for the Past Presidents History Program. Be prepared to be entertained and enlightened with a lively quiz show about our Club history, a la *Jeopardy*. And be amazed and astounded by old-time and new-time photos of Club history. Everything you were afraid to ask about the history of our Club will be revealed! Ed Church, chairperson; speaker provided by President Chris Ahoy.

FYI: The 2021 Rotary International Convention will be held virtually. For more information, visit <https://on.rotary.org/3r5uYYB>.

Casting About is happening in February! We will meet via Zoom on Friday, February 5, at 5:00 p.m. Grab a glass of wine or brew and come to a casual social hour where you can learn all the secrets of the Berkeley Rotary Club. It could also be called "everything you always wanted to know about Rotary but were too embarrassed to ask." This gathering is particularly appropriate for new and newish members, though veteran members frequently show up too. No need to RSVP; just appear! But you'll want to come on time, as the Zoom link will self-destruct after 40 minutes. Arlene will send out a Zoom link to everyone the day before the meeting. Contact Arlene Marcus if you'd like more information: arlenebmarcus@comcast.net

Wishful Recycling and More from the Ecology Center

By Arlene Carol Marcus

I ♡ve been doing it all wrong!! Turns out that the plastic blueberry clamshells can't be recycled after all.

At the January 20 meeting, Denya Shorter, Community Engagement Program Director for the Ecology Center, explained all the activities that the Center engages in. What an eye-opening talk! The Ecology Center is a 50-year-old non-profit organization that organizes all the curbside pickups in Berkeley. Currently they are in discussion with the city to maintain this relationship.

Their many activities are all informed by the idea of Equity, Justice and Community Engagement. They support: community gardening, 3 weekly farmers markets, an Environmental Academy that employs youths, education regarding electrification, and much more.

One of their main goals is to educate companies not to use packing materials that can't



be recycled and to use fewer packing materials completely.

As for our own personal recycling, Ms. Shorter informed us that few of the plastic packing materials in our everyday groceries are recyclable. Only plastic bottles, tubs, and jugs really are. Anything smaller than your fist has to be put in the landfill, which includes so many of our everyday purchases. The Ecology Center has a term for it--wished recyclable--but that doesn't make it so and into the landfill it goes. I wish it weren't so.

Cal Rotaract Continues as Club of Action - Online!

By John Pardee



Service projects, Fellowship, Recruitment and Leadership - Cal Rotaract has continued being a highly active club through virtual contacts and innovation during this time of remote learning for most college students. Four Cal

Rotaractors--Lauren Dela Rosa, Shuka Park, Nick Melamed and Karthik Sreedhar--gave our club an information-packed report on their club's activities at our last meeting.

Cal Rotaract's service activities are built around 4 committees: International Committee, Local Committee, Interact and Rotary. The International Committee promotes awareness of international issues and acts to promote global welfare; the Local Committee promotes awareness of local issues and participates in hands-on service projects; the Interact Committee pairs Rotaractors as mentors to local Interactors and puts on an overnight stayover (which will be virtual this year); and the Rotary Committee connects Rotaractors with Rotarians for professional development, mentoring, fellowship, and service projects.

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