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Speakers

July 08, 2020

[Lark Doolan.](#)

[Superintendent/Principal,
Peninsula Union School
District](#)

"LGBTQ Inclusion and
Belonging"

July 15, 2020

[Rob Olshansky.](#)

[Environmental Planner,
Professor Emeritus,
University of Illinois](#)

"Adaptation to Sea Level
Rise"

July 22, 2020

[Professor Dan Kammen, PhD](#)

"Climate Change: Current
Trends/Actions, Policy
Recommendations"

July 29, 2020

[Dr. Alvin C. Bernstine, Pastor,
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist
Church](#)

"Breaking the Silence on
Racism"

Events

July 9th

[Climate Action Committee
Meets](#)

July 15th

[Board of Directors and
Endowment Board Meet](#)

July 21st

[Communication
Committee Meets](#)

July 23rd

[Climate Action Committee
Meets](#)

Birthdays

[Mary Alice Rathbun](#)

July 7th

[Thomas Franklin Olson](#)

A New President, a New Focus for the Club

By Irene R. Hegarty



Over 100 people attended Chris Ahoy's first meeting as Berkeley Rotary President last Wednesday. From Stuttgart to Singapore (I wonder what time it was there?), Chris's family and friends joined Berkeley Rotarians in congratulating Chris.

Chris described his own personal history from his early days as a boy from a Chinese family, born in India during the British Raj. Displaced by border disputes between China and India, Chris landed a fellowship to UC Berkeley and became a US citizen. Beginning his career in the offices of noted architect Joseph Esherick, Chris went on to achieve success as a professional facilities planner and manager in Alaska and Iowa, retiring from Iowa State University as Associate Vice President

before returning to Berkeley.

As a Berkeley Rotarian, Chris has mentored dozens of college students, including several who are the first in their families to attend college.

Using the motto *Tikkun Olam*, a Hebrew phrase meaning Heal the World, Chris announced that climate change would be his primary area of focus for 2020/21. He presented slides of images and data showing the severity of the global warming effects already evident and those projected in the not-so-distant future. He noted that recently supporting the environment was added as one of seven areas of focus by Rotary International.

The club has created a new Climate Action Committee (CAC), led by Ignacio Franco, who spoke briefly to describe the committee's anticipated work. Throughout the year, we will educate ourselves in this issue, inviting experts to address the club. Additionally, we may support climate change initiatives financially or with our volunteer efforts, partner with other interested groups, and launch our own projects. Anyone who would like to join the CAC or learn more may contact Ignacio at Ignacio.franco.m@gmail.com.

Many who spoke after the presentation said they were inspired by it and congratulated Chris for his vision and leadership.

Tikkun Olam and Social Justice

By Joan H. Collignon

All those attending last Wednesday's Berkeley Rotary meeting were intrigued by President Chris Ahoy's inaugural speech, announcing his theme of *Tikkun Olam*--Heal the World. Chris as well as Ignacio Franco spoke to us about the year's focus on Healing the World through combating climate change.

July 8th

[David W Poock](#)

July 9th

[John Albert Ross](#)

July 11th

[O'Neil Dillon](#)

July 12th

[Alan P. Fraser](#)

July 14th

[Bruce Hays Willock](#)

July 17th

[Edward F. Church](#)

July 21st

[Jason Draut](#)

July 27th

[Ignacio Franco](#)

July 30th

[Robert Gullett](#)

August 3rd



Another component of *Tikkun Olam* is social justice. Berkeley Rotarians are consistently involved in righting social

wrongs on the Peace Committee and the Supportive Housing Committee. Our fundraising supports the Rotacare Clinic in Richmond and has supported, through scholarships and mentoring, dozens of first-generation college students.

The year's first team-sponsored meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 8. The Mississippi River Team, chaired by John Ferguson and Rosalyn Chan, will bring us Lark Doolan, Superintendent/Principal of the Peninsula Union School District in Humboldt County, speaking on LGBTQ Inclusion and Belonging. This is an important social justice issue for our time. Please join the Zoom meeting--and invite your friends. Just send their names to Arlin Peters to let us know you'll have a guest, then forward them the Zoom link on Wednesday morning when you receive it. See you there! And if you'd like to get to know Lark ahead of time, click on the link below to a video about Lark.

[Checking in With Peninsula Superintendent Lark Doolan](#)

Come Back to Casting About!

By Arlene Carol Marcus

Reminder: Casting About is starting up again on **Tuesday, July 14, at 4:00 p.m.** and everyone is invited!

What is Casting About? It's an informal, casual meeting where you can learn all the secrets of the Berkeley Rotary Club. It can also be called Everything you always wanted to know about Rotary but were too embarrassed to ask.

This meeting is particularly appropriate for new and newish members, though veteran members frequently show up just to chat. You don't need to RSVP or even show up on time or stay the whole time **JUST APPEAR!**

I will send out a Zoom link to everyone the day before the meeting.

Please note the date and time, and add them to your calendar.
