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Speakers

July 29, 2020

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

"Breaking the Silence on Racism"

August 05, 2020

[Yavuz Atila, ESRAG Western North America Regional Chapter Leader](#)

"The Environment: Rotary's New 7th Area of Focus"

August 12, 2020

[Marty Nemko, PhD, Career Coach](#)

"Work After Covid-19"

August 19, 2020

[Dr. Ambrose Carroll and Rev. Earl Koteen](#)

"Green the Church, an Environmental Justice Coalition."

August 26, 2020

[Dr. Mark Sapir, MD, MPH](#)

"A Single Payer System for Healthcare"

Events

August 5th

[Supportive Housing Committee Meets](#)

August 6th

[Membership Committee Meets](#)

August 7th

[Rotary Women's Zoom Tea](#)

August 19th

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

Birthdays

[Jason Draut](#)

July 27th

Adaptation to Sea Level Rise

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler

Our yearly focus on climate change was kicked off by Robert B. Olshansky, Ph.D., FAICP, who is a Professor Emeritus from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a world-renowned expert on post-disaster planning and recovery (and coincidentally my husband!). Following a terrific introduction by Fred Collignon (who was one of Rob's professors at Cal), Professor Olshansky gave a thorough and very informative presentation on adaptation to sea level from an urban planning perspective, with a particular focus on the Bay Area.

Professor Olshansky started his presentation with a solid grounding on where we now sit in terms of climate change assessment and what climate change means in terms of hotter heat waves, longer droughts, bigger and more frequent fires, more extreme storms with more flooding, and sea level rise. He made an important distinction in that while other effects of climate change are episodic and already occurring, sea level rise is a very real, existential threat that will happen over time. Current projections for sea level rise in California estimate a likely increase of between one foot and over three feet by the year 2100, which will be devastating for many low-lying areas.

Next, Professor Olshansky talked about how to adapt to these projections, both for new development and for existing development. He noted that adaptation decisions are often made only after an extreme event, like a flood, storm surge, or tsunami. In many cases, these disasters result in the need to consider relocation during reconstruction and as a long-term adaptation. But there are numerous obstacles to relocation and, in some cases, the relocation can actually be riskier to the public than staying put. He and his research partners have travelled throughout the world studying these relocation adaptations to learn from actual cases and to compare efforts.

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Rotary Masks Arrived

By Grier Graff

The Rotary masks that were ordered have arrived and will be mailed this next week.

If you did not order one please contact Grier (gg@graffarchitects.com) if you want one or a few as there were some extras that were ordered.



[Ignacio Franco](#)

July 30th

[Robert Gullett](#)

August 3rd

[Elizabeth Roessner](#)

August 10th

[Larry Goldenberg](#)

August 10th

[Katherine T. Wei](#)

August 15th

[Michael Endlich](#)

August 16th

[Daniel Thomas](#)

August 17th

[Jocelyn Pittel](#)

August 25th

[David Donald Campbell](#)

August 26th

First Successful Fundraiser of the Year!

By Tina Etcheverry



Our first fundraising event of the 2020-21 year was successful and much, much more. Twenty-seven people, both Rotarians and guests, joined together on Zoom to create art, relax, and enjoy each other's company, while raising money for our Supportive Housing group. It was a unique opportunity to bond in a world that has been turned upside-down due to COVID-19.

Our facilitator was Joyce Vives, a trained social therapist from [mindlesslymindful.com](#). She led us through the exercise of discovering our skills and creating artwork. She gave encouragement to our group and helped us recognize that we have more capacity than we realize.

One attendee said "It was a time for each of us to own that moment, keep centered, focus our energies on the art and at the same time support our community. It was a new way to participate in a fundraiser with a gift for ourselves at the end of it."

Thank you to all our donors, participants, and especially our committee of cheerleaders: Jocelyn Pittel, Joanne Dickerson-Harper, and Tina Etcheverry.

Letter from Nice: Daily Life in the Time of Coronavirus

By Preston Staley

As has happened with you, our lives have changed with the pandemic. Wearing masks, restrictions on dining and congregating, social distancing are the same here as in Berkeley. Indeed, it is mandatory to wear a mask whenever you are in a mall, public building, just about any place other than inside your home.

During the lockdown, our daily routine usually involved going out on errands. There was always food to buy, and of course, a bit of exercise never hurt, the necessary 10,000 steps per day. Just so long as we remained within a one-kilometer radius from our home, we were fine. Fortunately, everything that we needed was within the area. There was also a second rule: We could be out for no more than one hour, and each time you went outside you had to carry an **Attestation** which said who you were and where you lived. You also had to give the reason for your excursion and at what time you left your home. This, along with some form of identification, usually sufficed in case the police stopped you. For Romy and me, the identification was our **Titre de Séjour**, a plastic copy of our visa. For identification purposes, it functions much like a driver's license.

Places where people congregated--restaurants, cinemas, theaters, museums and stadiums--remained closed. Strolling on the Promenade also had been forbidden because it too was a place where people tended to congregate for their daily exercise. Fortunately that is no longer the case. The beaches are open, but for awhile only swimming was permitted. Bagging a few rays remained prohibited.

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