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### BERKELEY ROTARY

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### **Speakers**

#### January 30, 2019

Barry Roeder, SF Mayor s
Office of Housing and
Community Development

An open source platform for people seeking supportive housing: development and impact.

#### February 06, 2019

John Ferguson: BRC Past President 2002-2003

#### February 13, 2019

<u>Ian McIntyre, HUMM/Skydeck</u> <u>Startup</u>

Presentation of a wearable neurotech device that improves cognitive performance

#### February 20, 2019

Darren Zook, Professor, Political Science and International & Area Studies, UC B

#### February 21, 2019

Bruce Riordan, Director of the Climate Readiness Institute

#### **Events**

January 30th

<u>Opportunities for "Fun"</u>

<u>Raising Committee</u>

February 6th

**Membership Committee** 

February 6th

**Meeting** 

**Supportive Housing** 

<u>Committee</u>

February 6th
Rotary Night at the

Warriors

February 13th

Social Committee

February 13th

**Peace Committee** 

February 16th

Crab Feed - Rotary Club of Pinole

# Time to Register for the May 17-19th District Conference in Reno



February 20th

Boards of Directors

February 27th

Communications

Committee

### **Birthdays**

Peter D. Campbell February 9th Katy Marie Young February 14th **Marion Hunt** February 15th Sallie Weissinger February 15th Manjul Batra February 17th **Grier Graff** February 19th Grace Manning Orenstein February 19th Mary Wainwright February 22nd Hermann Victor Johnen February 26th

# Lots of Opportunity for Rotary Fun and Service This Past Weekend

There were lots of options for Rotary fun, service, and fund-raising this past weekend, starting Friday night with the monthly BARSHEEP TGIF social which out club hosted. There was a good turnout by our club members and Rotarians from the other BARSHEEP Rotary clubs.

Some Rotarians missed the TGIF due to weekend activities with our partner Middletown Rotary Club. Friday night was a mixer of the Middletown Rotary club with other Rotarians, particularly Berkeley's, coming into town. They had a birthday cake and feted Linnea Graff and Austin Henderson for recent or imminent big days. Saturday included a luncheon and wine tasting for



Middletown Rotarians and visitors at the Vigilance Winery. A lot of cases were hauled back to Berkeley. Saturday night was the big fundraising dinner and auction, which people come to from across the Lake County wine region. The small club of 30 Rotarians raised \$20,000+ for their club scholarships and programs, and another \$15,000+ for the Paradise Rotary Foundation to assist in their rebuilding. Following the dinner, some stay even for hours dancing to the live music. Sunday morning, there was a wonderful breakfast thrown for visitors and Middletown Rotarians at the home of Ladonn Morgan and Reg Garcia.

But some Berkeley Rotarians, especially George Luna, had to return to Berkeley after the dancing Saturday night, because they were managing the Race Track fundraiser Sunday morning for the club. Hopefully, enough Rotarians volunteered and came out to sell beer and hot dogs on Sunday, to make up for the Rotarians still driving home from Middletown. The Race Track is a lot of fun for those who work, as they get to talk to other Rotarians, but it always raises \$1000+ for our club's service projects.

## **Chris Ahoy Rescues Satellite Meeting**

By Frederick C. Collignon



Dr. Chris Ahoy came to the rescue of our satellite meeting on Jan. 24 at City College, by filling in on two days notice, when the previously announced speaker realized he couldn't make it. In fairness, the originally scheduled speaker had had the planned meeting where he was to be the speaker cancelled twice, when City College decided it need to close down because of air quality (Dec) or weather conditions (the prior week in Jan). The original speaker was trying to adjust his schedule barely a week ahead to oblige the club.

Chris adapted the talk he had given as a plenary speaker at a (non-Rotary) international conference in Singapore earlier this year on "Creating a World Class Organization". The talk built on Chris' experience at Iowa State University raised some challenging questions. How does an organization start on the path and find ideas from comparisons or benchmarking of what might be useful changes andimprovements? How does an organization persuade donors, investors, legislators, staff and managers to sustain the funding and effort over the long time frame? How can such organizations anticipate, plan for, or at least adapt to "shocks" in the outside environment beyond its control? Why do organizations that achieve such organizational remolding fail to sustain it over time? Chris had answers from his case, but given the extensive management and organizational experience of Rotarian members, there were many ideas and examples from other types of businesses and organizations. Q&A could have gone on much longer. Read More

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