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## Speakers

**June 30, 2021**

[Celebration of President Chris Ahoy's Term of Service 2020-21](#)

**July 07, 2021**

[President's Program](#)

President's Program - Arlene Carol Marcus, 2021-22  
Berkeley Rotary Club  
President

**July 14, 2021**

[Alison Teeman](#)

"Bubble, Bust, or the New Reality: A Look at the State of the High Demand for Local Real Estate Created by Covid, Millennials, and Cash."

**July 21, 2021**

[Stephen P. Hinshaw, PhD](#)

"Another Kind of Madness"

**July 28, 2021**

[Kimberly Deterline](#)

[Communications Dir for the Alliance for Safety and Justice](#)

"Lessons Learned from 30 Years in Racial Justice"

## Events

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## Birthdays

[Valerie E. Bach](#)

July 5th

[Mary Alice Rathbun](#)

July 7th

[Thomas Franklin Olson](#)

July 8th

[David W Pooock](#)

July 9th

[John Albert Ross](#)

July 11th

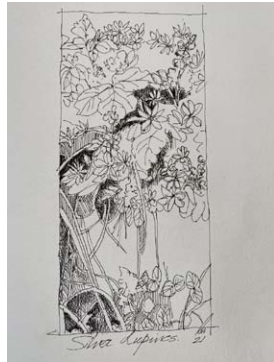
[O'Neil Dillon](#)

July 12th

[Gilbert Page Ferrey](#)

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo



**Wednesday, June 30, 12:30 pm, via Zoom:** We're getting together to celebrate Chris Ahoy's presidency and review a Rotary year like none other!

**Weed at Skyline Gardens** to remove invasive species and allow native species to survive. This activity counts toward Blue & Gold. For more information, email Bob Sorenson at [rsoren@mac.com](mailto:rsoren@mac.com) and visit [www.skylinegardens.org](http://www.skylinegardens.org). **Drawing:** Silver Lupines at Skyline Gardens by Chris Ahoy, 2021.

**The first big Social Event** of the New President's year is an afternoon potluck at Lynne and Austin Henderson's abode. It is on Saturday, July 24th, from 2 to 4 pm with attendees bringing light food to share and your own drink of choice. Parking is limited so you may need to get dropped off, do ride sharing, or park and walk. After the event some groups may want to go out for dinner. Reservations are advised.

**Social Committee Party**  
**Graciously Hosted by**  
**Lynne and Austin Henderson**  
**Saturday, July 24, 2-4 pm**  
**Bring an appetizer to share and your drink of choice**  
**644 Cragmont Ave, Berkeley**

## Thank you, Berkeley Rotary

Dear Rotary Friends,

I'm sending a special thank you and warm thoughts to you all for the open letter of appreciation delivered by Pate Thomson at last week's club meeting. In addition to that surprise at the meeting was the delivery of a beautiful bouquet of flowers to my home prior to the ZOOM meeting. Many of you know and some are just learning that I will be taking a sabbatical leave from my position as club Membership Chair for the 2021 - 2022 Rotary year. However, this does not mean I am taking leave from all club activities. This break is necessary so I can take the necessary time to recover from the trauma and immense personal loss I've experienced in the first few months of this year. In my absence a "Transition Team" of Membership Committee members, Fred Collignon, Pate Thomson, and Eva Gero, will be handling membership committee responsibilities. Hats off to them for stepping up! I know all of you will give them the support needed in this post-pandemic transition to maintain and grow the club membership in new ways that benefit us all as members and the larger community. Thank you again for your kindness and understanding during this challenging and difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Mary Alice Rathbun

July 13th

[Alan P. Fraser](#)

July 14th

[Bruce Hays Willock](#)

July 17th

[Edward F. Church](#)

July 21st

[Jason Draut](#)

July 27th

## With Thanks from President Chris Ahoy

By Christopher K. Ahoy

It has been my honor to serve as the 2020-2021 president of Berkeley Rotary. I am fortunate to have been the first Asian president in our 105-year history, which is a breakthrough for people who look like me. I wish my mother were still alive to witness my presidency. She was my most ardent fan!

There are many people to thank. First, I acknowledge our Board of Directors and the Endowment Board for steering our club on the path of service above self. Next, I appreciate our 24 committee chairpersons for keeping us on course during these challenging pandemic times and our 12 teams for presenting engaging speakers each week. Finally, I thank you ♦one and all♦ for supporting my focus of climate change and the motto *Tikkum Olam* (♦Repair the World♦).

Paul Harris said: ♦Rotary changes us and those we serve. I believe we can change the world one life at a time.♦ You have changed mine.



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## Pres. Chris' Latest Success - Club Raises \$85,000 for Polio Plus

By Frederick C. Collignon



Gov. Mark Roberts and our President Chris Ahoy prioritized Polio Plus as the big District and club effort of the year given the COVID shutdown of new international service projects, and our club responded, raising more than \$85,000 for Polio Plus and the vaccination infrastructure that is also used to address COVID and other pandemics. More than 46 club members (41.7% of club members) donated over \$11,000 in monies which, with the District, anonymous donor, RI, and Gates Foundation matches raised the \$85,000 plus for Polio Plus. In addition to earning the huge match for the first \$100 of their donations in their own names, members honored 14 non-Rotarian family members or deceased Rotarians to

increase the match earned.

The late Dr. Ed Waller, long the club and District leader in Polio Plus, was among club Rotarians so honored. Some 13 members gave well more than the \$100 "ask" but that still earned the Gates Foundation match tripling the money for Polio Plus, just not the 10.5 match. Rotarians will likely not see a match as big as this one again. We all helped save 187 lives by the calculus of the UN and the World Health Organization. Well done, club. And thanks to David Campbell and the Foundation Committee for leading the fundraising effort for Polio Plus and for the Foundation "shares" program each year. Late minute news: The club finished first among the 73 District clubs in our giving!

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## No More Cooking with Gas?

By Joan Collignon

Dan Lieberman from East Bay



Community Energy told us a few weeks ago that EBCE was making electric conduction cooktops available to loan to families so they could test-drive this cleaner energy method of cooking. Now BRC member Kathy Huff of the Berkeley Public Library Foundation tells us that the Berkeley Library Tool Lending Library HAS a couple of those cookers, ready for you to try out. You'll have to put your name on a waiting list, but check one

out! <https://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/locations/tool-lending-library> .

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