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## Speakers

**January 05, 2022**

[Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin](#)

"The State of The City"

**January 12, 2022**

[Carlos Porrata, Nature Photographer](#)

"Portraits of Wildlife in and around Tomales Bay"

**January 19, 2022**

[Martha Fiehn, Rotary Global Scholar](#)

"Taxation, Inequality, and My Experience in Paris"

**January 26, 2022**

[TBD](#)

## Events

January 13th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

## Birthdays

[Irene R. Hegarty](#)

January 13th

[Steven Beckendorf](#)

January 17th

[Austin Henderson](#)

January 25th

[Jeffrey L. Hunt](#)

February 2nd

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, January 5, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom only. Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin will speak on "The State of the City." The speaker is provided by President Arlene.

**Dochterman Memorial Postponed.** Cliff Dochterman's memorial services have been postponed by the family due to COVID concerns over large gatherings. When the memorial service is mounted, it will be available by Zoom. We'll keep club members informed, when the club learns of the rescheduled event.

**Where's the Zoom Link?** If you can't find it, check your email junk folder. If you didn't receive one or need assistance signing in, call or text Joan Collignon at (510) 207-3793 or Linda Cogozzo at (510) 772-4615. We can't check email once the meeting has started, but have learned to keep our cell phones handy.

**Duplicate Badges.** Did you ever feel that it would be nice to sport a handsome name tag when you visit other Rotary clubs domestically or abroad, or meet BARSHEEP friends or attend RI courses? How about proudly showing that you are a member of BRC when you take part in any hands-on project, dictionary distribution, or Alzheimers walk? The opportunity is here; you can order a second badge that you will own. Please send your order to [ejgero@gmail.com](mailto:ejgero@gmail.com) with your name as you wish it to appear along with your classification (up to 25 characters, each space counts as a character). You will be able to receive your very own badge at an in-person BRC meeting in exchange for paying the to-be-determined price (around \$15-\$20) a rounded-up figure compared to the actual cost. The difference in price supports BRC.



## Pamela Emerson and Jason Russell Honored with Paul Harris Fellowships

By Frederick C. Collignon



Two new first Paul Harris Fellowships were presented at the December 15 meeting, bringing the total so far this year to 5. Pamela Emerson was honored by several members who gifted Harris credits for her leadership and personal efforts each week in assisting the homeless. Jason Russell earned his through his donations, assisted by club matching. He was praised for his work with food banks, his church, and the club's Endowment and Foundation Committees. Other members who had earned additional Paul Harris Fellowships since the last awards were also acknowledged: Irene Hegarty and John O'Dea (PHF+2), Chris Ahoy (PHF+5), Mac Lingo (PHF+7), and Joan Collignon (PHF+8). Using the United Nations' calculations, the new

Paul Harris Fellowship awardees have saved 76 lives around the world, people they'll never know.

The club's Foundation Chair reported that if you added up the donations of all current members, and applied the UN's calculation, the club has saved over 2000 lives. If you made the calculation over the entire history of the club with all members since the start of the Paul Harris Fellowship program, a calculation complicated by inflation over time, the club has minimally saved over 4000 lives.

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## Club Holiday Party a Smash Success!

By Arlene Marcus

We had a great holiday party with about 50 Rotarians and 4 Rotaractors attending, all masked and vaccinated. There was music, magic, great wine and food, a beautifully decorated room, songs, performances, and all around merriment. In spite of COVID Berkeley Rotarians were able to enjoy an evening of good fellowship.

Chris Ahoy was awarded his Past President's pin. Austin Henderson was presented with the Berkeley Rotary Distinguished Service award by a trio of girl singers and the President.



Thank you to the Social Committee for really pulling it off again. I know you all really worked hard, and it paid off.



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## BPD Thanks Club for Holiday Gifts

*The following note was sent to Tina Etcheverry by Berkeley Police Sargeant Veronica Rodrigues:*

I hope you had a wonderful holiday!

I wanted to share pictures of the Toy Drive giveaway that BPD conducted with the Berkeley Yellowjackets Youth Football and Cheer Program on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the McGee Avenue Baptist Church (1640 Stuart Street). The gifts provided to this athletic

program were entirely funded by the Berkeley Rotary Club's generous donation.

To provide some additional background, a few months ago I had a conversation with Yellowjackets Coordinator, Lorenzo Grayson, who informed me that he had 50 children who were participants in their scholarship program. This scholarship fully funded each child's participation in the program either as a football player or cheer member. He mentioned these 50 children could benefit from additional support during the holiday season. He subsequently provided me with a Christmas wish list for each of these children. Through the Rotary Club's substantial donation, officers from the Community Services Bureau were able to purchase gifts and compile an assortment of BPD toys and trinkets, all of which were placed inside of individual BPD cinch bags. These bags were later provided to the 50 children, who were incredibly grateful and excited by the gifts and positive engagement with our police officers.



On behalf of BPD, I wanted to extend my appreciation and profound thanks to you and each member of the Berkeley Rotary Club for the heartfelt generosity you all provided to these children this holiday season.

With gratitude,  
Roni

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## Trees in Berkeley? You Bet!

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler

The December 15 club meeting featured City of Berkeley Planting Arborist Ian Kesterson along with Senior Forestry Supervisor Dan Gallagher. Ian and Dan gave a fact-filled and very informative presentation about the City of Berkeley's Urban Forestry program from both the up-close, tree-hugging perspective to the bird's eye, overall scale and cheerfully answered all kinds of questions from club members.



As you might imagine, Berkeley has a robust urban forestry program boasting over 40,000 trees along its streets and in public parks and open space. The mission of the Berkeley program is to grow a resilient, sustainable, and equitable urban forest. Kesterson presented several maps and graphs showing a very impressive tree canopy in Berkeley. However, there are imbalances in this coverage, with areas in West and South Berkeley showing less than 10% tree coverage, contrasted with

healthy coverage in the residential portions of central Berkeley and up to 50% coverage in the Berkeley Hills.

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