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Speakers

January 11, 2023

[AJ Fox, Media Relations Manager, BAMPFA](#)

"Behind the Scenes at BAMPFA"

January 18, 2023

[Mayor Jesse Arreguin, City of Berkeley](#)

"The State of the City"

January 25, 2023

[Anthony Jackson, Director, Berkeley Rep School of Theatre](#)

"Berkeley Rep's Educational Programs"

February 01, 2023

[Berkeley Rotary Past Presidents](#)

"Secrets from the Berkeley Rotary Rotary Attic"

Events

January 10th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)
[CANCELED THIS WEEK]

January 12th

[Supportive Housing Hygiene Kit Packing in Person](#)

January 17th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

January 24th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

January 31st

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

February 7th

[Meditation/Mindfulness Class via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, 12:30 PM PT, in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: AJ Fox, Media Relations Manager at UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, will present "Behind the Scenes at BAMPFA." AJ joined BAMPFA in February 2017, bringing to the institution nearly a decade of experience in arts communication. The speaker is provided by Team #6, the BAMPFA Team; Chris Ahoy and Manjul Batra, Captains.

This Week. See the left column for what's happening: Meditation-Mindfulness Class (Jan. 10, canceled), Communications Committee Meeting (Jan. 11), Supportive Housing Committee Hygiene Kit Packing (Jan. 12).

Join the 12th Annual MLK Birthday Celebration online on Jan. 16, 9-10:30 AM. Attendance is free. Berkeley Rotary Club is a sponsor. For more information, click [here](#).

Meet RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchik. The Rotary Club for Global Action welcomes Stephanie as part of their ongoing speaker series on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 9:00 AM PT. Guests and Rotarians from other clubs are welcome to join this special event, which will be moderated by Rotarian Brian Rusch and conducted via Zoom. Advance registration is required: <https://bit.ly/3WDik2V>



Welcome to the Club, Joan McLean!



Joan McLean, our newest Berkeley Rotarian, founded her West Berkeley store, The Stained Glass Garden, in 1976, after teaching in the Oakland schools for 12 years. She moved to Southern California eight years ago, and joined the Laguna Beach Rotary Club, while continuing as president of her firm in Berkeley. An active member of her club, Joan served as secretary for three years and was called "the heart of the club" by current club leaders. During this time, she also enjoyed cooking meals for the homeless and others and organizing fundraisers.

Joan has recently returned to Berkeley to be closer to her family. She has been an active volunteer with the Berkeley Food and Housing project, one of our community partners. As a new Berkeley Rotarian, she immediately enjoys the fellowship of dozens of friends, and looks forward to being a "beaver" working on service projects. Welcome, Joan

[Irene R. Hegarty](#)

January 13th

[Shivani Grover](#)

January 13th

[Steven Beckendorf](#)

January 17th

[Tess Mayer](#)

January 22nd

[Austin Henderson](#)

January 25th

[Jeffrey L. Hunt](#)

February 2nd

McLean!

You Fed the Hungry This Holiday

By Joan Collignon

Thank you, Berkeley Rotary. A last-minute check from Sallie Weissinger at the Jan. 4 meeting pushed us to TWICE our \$1000 goal in the Berkeley Food Network Virtual Food Drive this season. Then a generous donor sent in another \$500—so the Berkeley Food Network was able to source and distribute \$2500 worth of food thanks to donations from Berkeley Rotary. That's money well spent, thanks to all!



Third Thursday Is Back!



After a December break, our Third Thursday gathering returns on Jan. 19, from 5:00-7:00 PM. We'll meet at the Collignons, 2925 Russell St., in Berkeley. Come for beer, wine, and snacks. No agenda, no speeches, just hang out and relax after the work day. Partners/spouses, friends, and children are invited! Note: If weather permits, we'll meet outdoors, but we'll move inside if this current cold and wet pattern continues.

Also: If you're new to Berkeley Rotary, please come early, at 4:00 PM, to **Raising the Bar**. Tina Etcheverry will delve into some of the

Berkeley Rotary lore you may have missed. It's an opportunity for you to ask lots of questions and have a good time too.

Members Brainstorm at BRC Assembly

By Joan Collignon

Happy New Year! A total of 50 Berkeley Rotary members came together at our first meeting of 2023 on Jan. 4 to celebrate the club's accomplishments while recognizing the challenges we face. We identified what we are most proud of about the club and the challenges or obstacles we face and then went on to enumerate all the things we'd like to see happen to overcome those challenges and to increase our accomplishments in the year ahead.



We brainstormed at five tables at the church, and on Zoom as well, with volunteer facilitators leading the discussion and scribes/reporters carefully taking notes. There was high praise for what the club has accomplished . . . the breadth of our projects, both international and local; our sense of camaraderie; our relationship with Rotaractors; our scholarships and grants; and, of course, our excellent weekly programs.

But there are concerns. We don't nurture our new members as we should. Committees remain a mystery to many, new and veteran members alike. Our membership needs to

grow, with younger members and more diversity a priority. Fundraising activities or projects need to involve all club members. We need to raise additional funds to cover our activities.

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How Orientation and Mentorship Function in Our Club

By Frederick C. Collignon

At our Club Assembly last week, it became clear that some members were unaware how the club does orientation and mentoring. So I was asked to provide a review. The key message: We do more than most clubs. BUT don't expect it to be done mainly by others in the club. It's part of your club responsibility as a member to reach out to new members, answer questions, and try to involve them in projects, committees, and social activities.

In the "old days" most potential members began exploring the club with a potential sponsor, who in turn was supposed to be their mentor for their first several years, someone to whom they could ask questions and who had responsibility for making sure they integrated well into the club. Now maybe half our prospects first appear without a club member bringing them. They've heard of us from other non-club Rotarians or contacts, or checked out our website, or been intrigued by the club's and members' social media postings. As a result, the Membership Committee has a bigger role in helping them find a sponsor and in doing orientation.

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