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## Speakers

**July 06, 2022**

[Susie Medak, Managing Director, Berkeley Repertory Theatre](#)

Celebrating the Arts in Berkeley!

**July 13, 2022**

[Jeremy Geffen, Executive and Artistic director of Cal Performances](#)

"A Personal Relationship"

**July 20, 2022**

[Susan Muscarella, Founding President, California Jazz Conservancy](#)

The California Jazz Conservatory – celebrating 25 years!

**July 27, 2022**

[Rick Betts](#)

Home Prices: Up? Down? Maybe!

## Events

July 13th

[Supportive Housing Expo](#)

July 14th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

## Birthdays

[Valerie E. Bach](#)

July 5th

[Mary Alice Rathbun](#)

July 7th

[Thomas Franklin Olson](#)

July 8th

[David W Pooch](#)

July 9th

[Michele Lawrence](#)

July 11th

[O'Neil Dillon](#)

July 12th

[Gilbert Page Ferrey](#)

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, July 6, 12:30 PM PT, **in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom:** Susie Medak, Managing Director of Berkeley Repertory Theatre, presents "Celebrating the Arts in Berkeley!" Incoming Berkeley Rotary President Joan Collignon has chosen **Celebrating the Arts in Berkeley** as her theme for 2022-23. Our kick-off speaker is Susie Medak, who will be leaving Berkeley Rep this summer after 30 years. She'll give us her take on why the arts are so important to the life of the City of Berkeley.



**New Year, New Jobs!** As Joan Collignon moves on to being Berkeley Rotary President, Libby Tyler joins Linda Cogozzo as Program Co-Chair. Meetings will continue in the hybrid format for the foreseeable future, and Libby will email the Zoom link on Wednesday morning. Look for it in your inbox!

## Celebrating the Arts and a New President!

By Irene R. Hegarty



On Wednesday, July 6, Berkeley Rotary Club will welcome Joan Collignon as its 107th president. After a career spent in volunteer management—most recently as Docent Coordinator at the Oakland Museum of California—Joan is excited to be leading this group of over 100 very different people who believe, as she does, that it's important to do some good in the world.

While strongly supportive of Rotary's international service, Joan's immediate service goal this year is supporting the Berkeley community. Berkeley Rotary jumped in to help the city as soon as COVID spread, raising money for the city's fund to keep Berkeley businesses, employees, and arts organizations going during lockdown. Unfortunately, COVID is still with us, and her work as a museum administrator has made her aware of the continuing needs of our local arts organizations.

The arts have the power to sustain us. Berkeley Rotarians work hard to right the wrongs in the world, through our efforts towards peace, polio eradication, and the environment, but in the meantime the arts are woven into the cultural fabric of our daily lives, and we need to support those institutions that give us hope for the future. So the Berkeley Rotary theme for 2022-23 is **Celebrate the Arts in Berkeley!**

Each of our 11 program teams bears the name of a local arts organization, and just as

July 13th

[Alan P. Fraser](#)

July 14th

[Bruce Hays Willock](#)

July 17th

[Edward F. Church](#)

July 21st

[Jason Draut](#)

July 27th

[Robert Gullett](#)

August 3rd

we heard about climate issues during Chris' year, and unsung women scientists from Arlene, we'll hear something about LaPeña or Shotgun Players or their cohorts every once in a while, but **not every week**. Teams will still provide the wonderful diversity of speakers that we have always enjoyed.

As Joan suggests: "Let's renew our Berkeley Rep subscriptions! Check out the latest exhibition at the Berkeley Art Center! See who's playing at Freight and Salvage this week! And then come to our BRC meetings on Wednesdays at 12:30—in person or on Zoom—and talk about what's happening in our world and how we might make it a better place."

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## A July Service Project: Feed the RotaCare Volunteers

By Joan Collignon



Once a week throughout the year a BARSHEEP club brings dinner to the hungry volunteers who staff the Richmond RotaCare clinic. It's Berkeley's turn this month, so please pick a Thursday in July, call a friend to help you prepare or buy a simple meal to feed 10 people, and deliver it to the clinic at 5:00 pm. The dates are July 7, 14, 21, and 28. Please contact me at [joancollignon@gmail.com](mailto:joancollignon@gmail.com) if you would like to help. I'll give you the simple instructions.

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## Foundation Chair Role Passes to Jason Russell

By Frederick C. Collignon

On July 1, most offices in Rotary--at the club, District, zone, and RI level--turn over. Jason Russell is the new club Foundation Chair, taking over from Fred Collignon. So henceforth if you're not using your My Rotary account to make online donations directly to RI, please send your Rotary Foundation donations to Jason Russell

1329 Brewster Dr.  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

He'll take your check; fill out the paperwork for Foundation headquarters with your Rotary ID, club and District ID and your contact info; and send them to Evanston. If you've set up your My Rotary account with RI, that account automatically provides that information with your donation so you get credit for it. Jason is now also the one to call when you run into problems with your online donations; he can phone the Rotary Support Center in Evanston to start helping you fix them.

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## A Toast!

The Berkeley Rotary year ended with a bang last Wednesday as members gathered to toast the club's accomplishments and celebrate outgoing President Arlene Marcus. Narrators took us through the story of the year's happenings, punctuated by a frantic Marcia Dillon who ran back and forth crying "The Variants are Coming! The Variants are Coming!"—an apt theme for the year. Slides captured highlights of our service and our socializing and memorialized those who passed

away this year.

Members had been asked to dress to reflect Arlene's favorite activities, and fishing vests and party clothes were worn, sometimes in combination. Arlene was bedecked with bling at the end as we raised our champagne glasses on high to toast her; she loved every minute of the fun. Her final act was to pass her tiara on to next year's President Joan Collignon before she rang her final bell.

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