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Speakers

August 11, 2021

[Ed McFarlan, Principal, JRVD Urban International](#)
"The Opportunities and Challenges of Building a New Hotel in Downtown Berkeley"

August 18, 2021

[Jennifer Cogley and Jessica Hays](#)
"Bayer Berkeley: Development Plan Update for the Bayer Campus"

August 25, 2021

[Theodore Ellison, Stained Glass Artist](#)
◆Theodore Ellison Designs◆

September 01, 2021

[Sara Weber, Co-Founder of the Berkeley Food Network](#)
"Innovative Ways to Get Food to People in Need"

September 08, 2021

[Charmin Smith, Head Coach, California Golden Bears Women's Basketball Team](#)
TBD

Events

August 12th
[Supportive Housing Committee Hygiene Kits Packing Service Event](#)

Birthdays

[Elizabeth Roessner](#)
August 10th
[Larry Goldenberg](#)
August 10th
[Helena Meyer-Knapp](#)
August 14th
[Katherine T. Wei](#)

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Wednesday, August 11, 12:30 pm, via Zoom: Ed McFarlan, Architect and Director at JRVD Urban International Architecture (<https://jrdv.com>), will speak on ◆The Opportunities and Challenges of Building a New Hotel in Downtown Berkeley.◆ The speaker is provided by Team #4, the Katherine Johnson Team (<https://go.nasa.gov/3A8iRhG>); Rick Betts and Bobby Gullett, Captains.

Saturday, September 18, 9 am-12 noon, via Zoom: Rotary District 5180

(<https://rotary5180.org/>) is hosting a multi-district ◆Depolarizing Within◆ workshop through Braver Angels (<https://braverangels.org>) for the UN International Day of Peace this September 21 (<https://bit.ly/3ioK2ig>). The three-hour workshop teaches interpersonal communication skills and helps people examine their own biases. The program is free. Register: <https://bit.ly/3AgI7IU>.



Remembering Roy Doolan

We heard at the meeting last Wednesday the sad news that Pamela Doolan◆s husband Roy had passed away on August 1. Roy was a fixture at most of our lunch meetings, a stalwart worker on our projects, and was always ready to join in on our social events. In fact, District 5160 Governor Laura Day, in her official visit to the club in 2012, presented Roy with a unique award: a polished rock honoring him as the Berkeley Rotary Spouse of the Year. We send our sympathies out to Pamela and her family. Please see the obituary below.

<https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5160/Club/428/Roy%20Doolan%20Obituary.pdf>

Connection Grant for Berkeley Food Network in Action!

By Douglas Fielding

Berkeley Rotary provided a \$50,000 Connection Grant to the Berkeley Food Network (BFN), which aligns food providers with people and organizations serving the food insecure. BFN serves more than 5,000 people a week in our community through their mobile pantry program, Hub Kitchen, and food redistribution programs. It also has the ability to glean usable food from the food waste pipeline.

August 15th
[Michael Endlich](#)

August 16th

[Daniel Thomas](#)

August 17th

[Jocelyn Pittel](#)

August 25th

[David Donald Campbell](#)

August 26th

[Marta Laupa](#)

August 29th

[Linda Cogozzo](#)

September 3rd

[Lone Hill Elioff](#)

September 8th

The heart of the BFN is shown here: the food warehouse, volunteers, and employees.

The grant will enable BFN to purchase food from local sources, generating jobs, many for immigrants and low-income families, and allowing Berkeley Rotary's money to circulate throughout the local economy. One key element will be to use the funds from Berkeley Rotary to replace some of the canned and frozen foods sourced from Chinese factories and redirect food purchases to local suppliers.

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Brilliant Bling Brunch!

By Sallie Weissinger



On August 7th, Sallie Weissinger and Louise O'Dea hosted a Bring Bling Brunch, with champagne and a variety of delectables. The brunch was a Rotary auction item last spring featuring personal stories about BLING, as in jewelry. Joan Collignon, Tina Etcheverry, Sheila Sabine, LaDonn Morgan-Garcia, and hostesses Louise and Sallie talked about jewelry that was important to them -- pieces from their grandmothers, mothers, or their husbands. They also brought jewelry to exchange. The goodies no one chose will be big sellers at the Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary's

Turnabout Shop, benefiting disadvantaged youth in need of dental and orthodontic treatment.

How to Volunteer in the Berkeley Public Schools

By Charlene Y Stern

Last week's featured speakers, sponsored by President Arlene Marcus, were Valerie Kratzer (Development Coordinator) and Jissel Poblete (Volunteer Programs Manager) from the Berkeley Public Schools Fund. They made a compelling case for the needs of students and teachers for volunteers to mentor and tutor in the classrooms this coming year or help out with one-time tasks.

COVID-19 and distance learning has impacted all public school students, especially those without computer technology, stable internet access, and/or parental supervision. This has been particularly hard for minority students. The Fund's focus and ours is to help increase educational equity in the classrooms from Pre-K through 12th grade in this coming year.

There are two ways to provide essential help:

1. **As a classroom volunteer** helping students in your preferred grades and in your strong subjects. One hour a week is the minimum commitment. You can sign up any time by March 2022 and work through the school year. This program is hugely helpful to

teachers who guide your efforts to the students who need additional tutoring. There may also be a potential need for Zoom volunteers to help students that remain in distance learning.

2. **One-time volunteering** any time during the year when you are available. Help might be requested for gardening, school supply assembly, independent study support, grocery and/or meal delivery to at-home students and their families, plus a whole range of projects that may come up from time to time.

This hands-on project is led by the Social Justice Committee. If you are interested, please send your name to Charlene Stern, Chair of the Committee, who will let you know when and how to fill out the Interest Form for the program. Right now, there is no in-person volunteering. The timing is being worked out within the school district to meet the health and safety of volunteers, students, and teachers. Sign up now and stay tuned for hands-on, fun, and worthy work.



We have a growing number of experienced school mentors and tutors in our Rotary Club. They all agree it was -

◆ *One of the funnest volunteer jobs I ever did!* ◆ Anne Pardee
