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Speakers

December 02, 2020
[Tina Etcheverry & Grier Graff](#)
"Where Does our Money Go?"

December 09, 2020
[Professor Emerita Beverly Crawford](#)
"Perfect Storm in the Arctic: Climate Change, Resource Depletion, Politics and International Relations"

December 16, 2020
[Ira Glasser](#)
Why the ACLU Continues to Defend the Free Speech Rights of Racists

Events

November 24th
[Social Justice Committee Meeting](#)

December 3rd
[Membership Committee Meets](#)

December 3rd
[Climate Action Committee Meets](#)

December 8th
[Near Normal Man Film Screening](#)

Birthdays

[John J. O'Dea](#)
November 27th

[Judith Anderson Glass](#)
November 29th

[John Pardee](#)
December 2nd

[Arlene Carol Marcus](#)
December 3rd

[Sheila Sabine](#)
December 3rd

[Preston Staley](#)
December 15th

Holiday Party: Here Comes the Light!



SAVE THE DATE: Monday, December 21, 5:30 -7:00 pm

The winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, is the ideal time for Rotarians to celebrate what will follow: longer and lighter days to come. Your Social Committee is planning a holiday party that promises to be a lighthearted, light-infused event.

More details to come shortly!
For information, contact Arlene Marcus or Sallie Weissinger

Thank You Berkeley Rotary

By Joan Collignon
Thank you Berkeley Rotary for keeping us connected this year. Even meeting virtually we do get to SEE one another each week.

Don't forget that we're taking off a week so there will be no Berkeley Rotary Meeting on Wednesday, November 25.

See you in December!



Member Spotlight: Ignacio Franco

By Linda Marlene Cogozzo
In November 2020, Ignacio Franco was introduced to Piedmont's City Council as the new Planning Technician. This is a tremendous opportunity to work on climate action initiatives like the green reach codes [that aim to reduce city carbon emissions], he told the *Piedmont Post*. A Berkeley Rotarian since 2019, Ignacio is no stranger to climate concerns. He leads our Rotary Climate Action Team (RCAT).

Ignacio grew up in the Iron Triangle of Richmond, CA, where he saw the worst aspects of life firsthand. While attending Berkeley High School, he turned his attention from skateboarding and roaming Richmond to classwork and writing poetry about the neighborhood. He was accepted to UC Berkeley and earned a Berkeley Rotary Scholarship. In Spring 2019, Ignacio graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies. Ignacio says, "It's great to see my face in the city's newspaper! We think so too!"

Larry E. Kinsey
December 15th

[Larry Chernila](#)
December 16th

[Frederick C. Collignon](#)
December 17th

[John Denvir](#)
December 17th

[James Ivan Masters](#)
December 19th

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LOCAL ITEMS

City welcomes new planning technician

By Allyson Aleksey



Ignacio Franco has joined the Piedmont Planning Department as a Planning Technician. Planning Director Kevin Jackson made the announcement at an October 19 City Council meeting. "He joined our staff in March, just as the pandemic began affecting city services," said Jackson of the delayed announcement. "Despite these circumstances, Ignacio has demonstrated an interest in public service and the Piedmont community."

Francisco received his Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from UC Berkeley last year, 2019, and served as Chair of the Berkeley Rotary Club's Climate Action Committee. While working with the Rotary Club, he helped a group of specialized surgeons to conduct eye surgeries for people in Nuevo Progreso, Guatemala.

In his role as Planning Technician in Piedmont, he will assist the community at the front counter and on the phone, answering questions and providing information regarding zoning, development standards and approved development proposals. He will also help with investigating complaints and recommending corrective action as necessary to resolve complaints concerning Planning Department functions.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to work here in Piedmont and to work on climate actions initiatives like the electric vehicle program and the ordinances for reach codes," Franco said. "I'm very grateful and happy to be here, and am looking forward to the next few years."

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November 4 - 8

Wednesday, November 4

- 6 a.m., 2 p.m. Oct. 28 School Board meeting
- 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2 City Council mtg.
- 12 p.m. Oct. 21 Recreation Commission meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Park Commission meeting - Live

Thursday - Sunday, November 5 - 8

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THE QUESTION MAN

By Jay Russell

Question: Are you considering moving to another state or if your candidate does not win? Where sounds nice?

Asked at Mulberry's on election day Nov. 3.



JON FISH, Bonita Avenue
I don't think my candidate is going to lose. That's what they call a hypothesis. I don't answer hypotheticals. I would be a good politician.



TAD MERRILL, Oakland Avenue
I am moving to Portland, Oregon pretty soon, regardless of what happens today.



CLAUDIA, Oakland Avenue
Moving to another state would be a difference. I'm not sure leaving to try to change this country is a good idea.

Art Making for the Greater Good: How the Arts Catalyze Social Change

By Edward F. Church



Becky Jaffe, an accomplished photographer and educator, spoke last week about [Art Making for the Greater Good: How the Arts Catalyze Social Change](#). Her work may be seen at beckyjaffephotography.com.

Ms Jaffe began her talk by showing a poster celebrating the 30th anniversary of women's entry into Rotary in 1987, to connect Rotarians to the social change theme. Prior to that, women were a kind of "outsiders," participating in Rotary only through their husbands. Ms Jaffe stated that she makes art to uplift the community and to show people who are not usually seen. She was pleased to be speaking at Rotary now that women are seen, heard, and in leadership.

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