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Speakers

December 08, 2021

[John Swartzberg, Professor Emeritus, School of Public Health, UC Berkeley](#)

"What Will the New Normal Post-Pandemic Look Like?"

December 15, 2021

[Jan Kesterson](#)

"Trees?" "In Berkeley?"

January 05, 2022

[Mayor Jesse Arreguin](#)

"The State of The City"

Events

December 10th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

December 13th

[Last Day to Reserve Your Spot for the Holiday Party!](#)

December 15th

[Berkeley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

December 16th

[Berkeley Rotary Holiday Gala \(Hopefully Live!\)](#)

Birthdays

[Kathy Huff](#)

December 9th

[Matt Hastings](#)

December 11th

[Larry E. Kinsey](#)

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December 15th

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[Frederick C. Collignon](#)

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[James Ivan Masters](#)

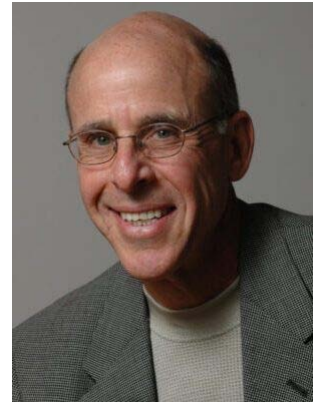
December 19th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 12:30 PM PT, via Zoom. Dr. John Swartzberg, Clinical Professor Emeritus at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health, will discuss "What Will the New Normal Post-Pandemic Look Like?" The speaker is provided by Team #4, the Katherine Johnson Team; Rick Betts and Bobby Gullett, Captains. Note: Due to technical difficulties with Wi-Fi at First Presbyterian Church, this meeting will be held on Zoom only.

Pack toiletry kits with the Supportive Housing Committee at 11 AM on Friday, December 10, at 3115 Eton Ave., Berkeley. This counts toward Blue & Gold! Email Jackie Hammond (jphbooks74@gmail.com) for more information.



Holiday Party Reservations: December 13 is the last day to reserve your spot for the Holiday Party! **Cost:** \$88/person, \$176/couple. Late payments will not be accepted, due to the caterer's deadline. **Two ways to pay:** Mail a check to O'Neil or Marcia Dillion at 891 Regal Rd., Berkeley 94708 or pay via Venmo to @Berkeley-RotaryClub.

At our last meeting, Steve Beckendorf was presented his first Paul Harris Fellow recognition by his wife Anne Pardee, who acknowledged Steve's service throughout his life and to the club, as they celebrated their second wedding anniversary!

The Holiday Gift Faire is Back!

By Elizabeth Roessner

3rd Annual Holiday Gift Fair

The UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave.

Thursday, December 9, 4-7 PM, FREE

The Berkeley Chamber is excited to announce that our 3rd Annual Holiday Gift Fair will be back in person on **Thursday, December 9, 4-7 PM, at The UC Theatre**. Check out 30+ local vendors and pick up gifts for everyone on your list! Bring your mask and proof of vaccination. See you there! This event is FREE to the public!

[Beverly Crawford Ames](#)

December 24th

[Katherine Campbell King](#)

December 24th

[Frederick G. Fassett](#)

December 29th

[Tom Elkema](#)

December 30th

[Shawn Rowles](#)

January 1st

Can't make it to the Gift Fair? Shop from home in the [BerkeleyHolidays](#) Gift Guide!

As in past years, Berkeley Rotary will be providing free gift wrapping services at the fair. Are you interested in volunteering? Contact [Beth](#) or [Jackie](#) and let us know!



Cliff Dochterman's 'Last Speech'

By Frederick C. Collignon

As the word begins to get out around the world about Cliff Dochterman's recent passing, some have referenced the video of his "Last Speech" at the District Conference that our club helped sponsor on the UC Berkeley campus. It describes his getting into our club and other memories, but most importantly, it provides a good sense of how RI works above the club level and insights into some of Rotary's most famous and most typical projects and achievements. Have a listen, but bring a handkerchief to conceal the joy, tears, and laughter. It should leave you with a lot of pride in Rotary, the Rotary Foundation, the Rotary service we do through the club's Endowment, and in the friendships you've had or will be creating in the club - with folks like Cliff. See

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOCXYPuCRXw>

Hosting a Global Scholar in My Berkeley Home

By Tina Etcheverry



Who out there has ever agreed to host a couple of strangers in your house without checking first with your spouse, partner, or significant other? Well... I did, just last month. I agreed to host UC Berkeley student Nora Nicolai (a Rotary Global Grant Scholar) and her boyfriend Raphael Zingen, both from Germany, for one week. I didn't ask my husband since his reply would be that he did not like strangers in our home. But I invited Nora and Rafael anyway, telling them they could have a key, access to the kitchen and their own bedroom and bathroom. To minimize concerns, they could come and go as they wished.

Stay tuned--this story has a happy ending. Nora, a master's student in Sociology studying the placebo effects on pediatric cancer patients, and Raphael, an IT specialist (don't ask me for more on that), were the most charming, engaging visitors we could have hosted. We took them out to dinner, shared our dinner meals in

Berkeley, and sat there enthralled with our conversations. Every topic was refreshing, making connections across generations and nationalities, a true Rotary moment! We benefited so much from this international exchange. In lieu of our travels, a little bit of Germany came to visit us.

What a wonderful program is the Rotary Global Scholar exchange! Our house is now strangely quiet... and boring.

Ins and Outs of Our Club Funds

By Irene R. Hegarty

Where do Berkeley Rotary funds come from and where do they go? At the December 1 meeting Grier Graff and Tina Etcheverry (Secretary and Treasurer of the club's Endowment) presented an overview of the source of our funding and the range of projects that the club supports. Details are posted online at the club's website at BerkeleyRotary.org. *Note:* We had technical problems with the audio at this meeting, some of which are captured in the online video, but the slides are very informative.



In general, funding is provided through individual member donations (annual donations and bell-ringing checks), fundraising events (like our online auction and Zentangle sessions this year), matching contributions from our Rotary district and Rotary International, and income from our investments. We also have sustained funding, usually restricted to specific programs.

And where do our dollars go? Every year the club funds scholarships, local and international projects, and direct grants to community organizations. Some expenditures are ongoing and funded through designated gifts, like our support for the Rotacare clinic in Richmond and our college scholarship program. Some grants are made through annual requests by club members on behalf of community organizations or international projects and reviewed by the Grants Committee three times per year, with recommendations submitted to the Endowment Trustees for approval.

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