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Speakers

December 13, 2023

[Councilmember Kate Harrison, City of Berkeley](#)

"Berkeley's Infrastructure Challenge"

December 20, 2023

NO MEETING

Happy Holidays!

December 27, 2023

NO MEETING

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January 03, 2024

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

"The State of the City"

Club Announcements

Next Meeting. December 13, 12:30 PM PT (at First Pres and on Zoom). Berkeley Councilmember (and club member) Kate Harrison will present "**Berkeley's Infrastructure Challenge.**" The speaker is provided by Team #8, the Fall River Team; Arlene Marcus, Captain.



Wrap Up the Year! Whether you're at First Pres or on Zoom, don your zippiest holiday threads for our last club meeting of 2023. Dress like an elf (Jason Russell?), wear a blinking-lights necklace, sport an antler headband, or—if you must—resort to an ugly holiday sweater. Caveat: There's no such thing as being overdressed. Zoomers: Put up a festive virtual

background too. Here are a few ideas: <https://elite.luxvt.com/holiday-themed-zoom-backgrounds>.



Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Matt Hastings
December 11th
Larry E. Kinsey
December 15th
Preston Staley
December 15th
Frederick C. Collignon
December 17th
Lauren Dela Rosa
December 18th
James Ivan Masters
December 19th
Beverly Crawford Ames
December 24th
Katherine Campbell King
December 24th
Frederick G. Fassett
December 29th
Tom Eekema
December 30th
Carol T Christ
January 1st

May Your Days Be Merry and Bright. There will not be Wednesday club meetings on December 20 and December 27, and we will not be publishing eRev those weeks.



Last Call for the Virtual Food Drive



THANK YOU to everyone who donated a turkey or fresh vegetables or other nourishing food to the Virtual Food Drive for the Berkeley Food Network. This was President Libby's chosen Berkeley Rotary holiday fundraiser, and we surpassed our goal! There's still time to contribute if you like.

Simply click on this link and choose your "virtual" protein or basket of produce: <https://berkeleyfoodnetwork.fenly.org/drive/berkeley-rotary-holiday-food-drive23/> As the folks at the

Berkeley Food Network remind us, every extra dollar we donate provides even more meals for our hungry neighbors. (Photo: BRC members sorting produce at the BFN warehouse last spring.)

Be Festive Next Saturday!

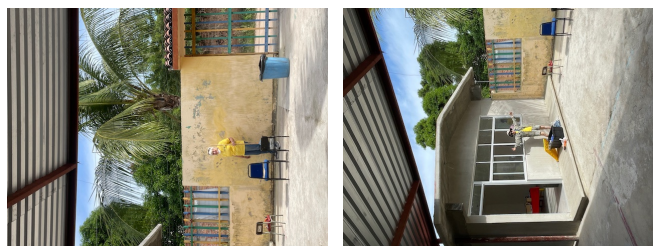
You don't have to come in costume this year (as Dave Pook and Patty Donald did last year), but DO dress up for the **Berkeley Rotary Holiday Party** on Saturday, December 16.

It's at The Northbrae Community Church from 6 to 9. And late-breaking news: We'll enjoy entertainment by Trivia Café® hosted by Howard Rachelson, The Bay Areas Master of Trivia!



News from Los Ayala

More than a dozen Berkeley Rotarians and friends are in Los Ayala, Mexico, right now, refurbishing a kindergarten in partnership with the La Penita Rotary Club. District 5160 Past District Governor Suzanne Bragdon sent us this photo of Jayla, one of the children who will be enjoying the new furniture, newly painted walls, and structural improvements. Marcia Dillon and Anne Pardee show off the walls they prepped before the painting began last week. We'll have a full report and more pictures in January, after the project is completed.



Data-Driven Policing

By Tina Etcheverry



At last week's club meeting, Lieutenant Matt McGee and Data Policy Analyst Arlo Malmberg from the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) provided us with a rich understanding of the Transparency Hub and BPD's efforts to bring crime data to the community. While society experienced the pandemic and lockdowns, the BPD was working to increase its capacity to be "data-driven" in its safety strategies and to increase police efficiency. Post-pandemic, they are using data to be more transparent with the community and to inform the work officers do to reduce victimization.

As part of the Police Department's commitment to transparency in policing, members of the community can access the data by going to Berkeley Police Transparency Hub. Our speakers demonstrated that on this website you can view a snapshot of total crime over long time periods or focus on the granularity of an individual block number by crime types. How is your neighborhood doing? The website allows you to follow daily incidents of crimes of interest, such as catalytic converter thefts, auto theft, assault or vandalism using variable time periods, such as years or month to month. Is crime up or down? It depends on what is being compared.

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