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## Speakers

**December 15, 2021**

[Ian Kesterson](#)

"Trees? In Berkeley?"

**January 05, 2022**

[Mayor Jesse Arreguin](#)

"The State of The City"

## Events

December 13th

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

December 15th

[Berkeley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

December 16th

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

January 7th

["Let's Chat About Rotary"](#)

## Birthdays

[Larry E. Kinsey](#)

December 15th

[Preston Staley](#)

December 15th

[Larry Chernila](#)

December 16th

[Frederick C. Collignon](#)

December 17th

[James Ivan Masters](#)

December 19th

[Beverly Crawford Ames](#)

December 24th

[Katherine Campbell King](#)

December 24th

[Frederick G. Fassett](#)

December 29th

[Tom Elkema](#)

December 30th

[Shawn Rowles](#)

January 1st

## Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

**Next Meeting.** Wednesday, December 15, 12:30 PM PT, at First Presbyterian Church or via Zoom, according to your comfort level. "Trees? In Berkeley?" City Arborist Ian Kesterson will describe Berkeley's tree planting program, and our Climate Action Team will discuss how the Club will work with the City. The speaker is provided by Team #5, the Zonia Baber Team; Libby Tyler, Captain.



### From President Arlene.

Let's enjoy a little holiday folderol at our December 15 meeting! Wear a spirited hat or sweater or an outrageous outfit for a chance to win a prize. All are welcome to dress the part, but you'll have to be at the in-person meeting to win. To make the meeting even more festive, order a sandwich or salad from The Table Catering at [www.thetablecatering.com](http://www.thetablecatering.com). Don't miss out!

**Shop Local.** In case you missed the 3rd Annual Berkeley Holiday Gift Fair hosted by the Berkeley Chamber, you can shop their Berkeley Holidays Gift Guide from the comfort of home! Visit [berkeleyholidays.com](http://berkeleyholidays.com).

## Reminder: No Meetings 12/22 & 12/29

We will not meet on December 22 and December 29. Plus, e-Rev will take a break until January 3. Happy Holidays!



## Please Submit the Survey!

By Arlene Marcus

The Berkeley Rotary Club would like to understand why so few members have been coming to our in-person meetings, which began at First Presbyterian Church in September. In most cases those who were not coming regularly to Zoom meetings are not coming to the in-person meetings either. And others who have been regular Zoom participants are staying with Zoom. We wonder why. Is it the fear of COVID? Or the hurdles of parking and COVID protocols? Or the lack of lunch? Or is Zoom just too darn easy? Fred Collignon and Tina Etcheverry have designed a survey which you received on Saturday via email. PLEASE fill it out and submit it a two-minute process. Then the Board can devise some strategies for bringing us all together again. Thank you!



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## Where to Send Those End-of-Year Rotary Donations

By Frederick C. Collignon



It's the end of the tax year when Americans are at their most charitable. Multiple members have called or emailed recently about where to send their Rotary donations. Let me remind you where to send your donations and about the club asks.

Checks for the Club Endowment should be make out to the Berkeley Rotary

Endowment and mailed to Tina Etcheverry, Endowment Treasurer, 1471 Greenway Terrace, Berkeley, 94708. Checks for the Rotary Foundation, whether for the Annual Fund (which funnels grants back to clubs) or for Polio Plus, should be made out to the Rotary Foundation, and mailed to Fred Collignon, Foundation Chair, 2925 Russell St., Berkeley 947705. Note on the check if it's for Polio Plus. Alternatively, you can use our website's DONATE button to send money to the Endowment, or the link near the button on the Rotary International website and do your contribution to the Foundation or Polio Plus through your "My Rotary" account.

What's the club ask? Well, 3-2-1 has been the annual club ask for 15 years: \$300 to the club's Endowment, \$200 to the Rotary International Foundation, and at least one service project a year. The minimum ask for the Foundation is \$25/year, which enables the club to achieve the goal of "Every Rotarian Every Year." That's a good minimum goal for Endowment support too, rather than giving nothing. It makes you part of all that Rotary and the club do. As we tell potential members, "Give what you can, but give something." [Read More](#)

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## What Will Be Our 'New Normal' Post Pandemic?

By Richard M. Betts

Last week the Club had the great pleasure of listening to Dr. John Swartzberg, Emeritus Professor of Public Health, Chair of the Editorial Board of The UC Berkeley Health and Wellness Newsletters, and a renowned expert in infectious disease. He gave us a clear, detailed, and understandable review of the pandemic, pointing out the impact of each major virus variant, the clear benefit of vaccination and of booster shots. It is impossible

to convey here the tremendously helpful information he conveyed. A video of his talk has been posted at <https://vimeo.com/654752924> and you are urged to listen to it ♠ I have done so twice and am glad I did!

After listening intently to his talk for 30 minutes, members peppered Dr. Swartzberg with questions for another half an hour. Many were specific to their circumstances--Should we socialize with our grandchildren?--and he answered them thoughtfully and honestly. Of particular interest was his suggestion that we make more use of the now more widely available home rapid COVID tests. These antigen tests take just 15 minutes. Their accuracy rate is highest when there are symptoms, but they are useful even if there are none. The Abbotts BinaxNOW brand is well respected and available online from [walmart.com](https://walmart.com).

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