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Speakers

December 16, 2020

[Ira Glasser](#)

Why the ACLU Continues to Defend the Free Speech Rights of Racists

January 06, 2021

[TBD](#)

January 13, 2021

[Daniel Nevers, Executive](#)

[Director, Berkeley Art Center](#)

"Reimagining the Community Art Center"

Events

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[Board of Directors Meets](#)

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[Climate Action Committee Meets](#)

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[Virtual Holiday Party-](#)

January 6th

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Birthdays

[Preston Staley](#)

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[Larry E. Kinsey](#)

December 15th

[Larry Chernila](#)

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[John Denvir](#)

December 17th

[James Ivan Masters](#)

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[Katherine Campbell King](#)

December 24th

[Beverly Crawford Ames](#)

December 24th

[Frederick G. Fassett](#)

Holiday Greetings from President Chris

By Christopher K. Ahoy



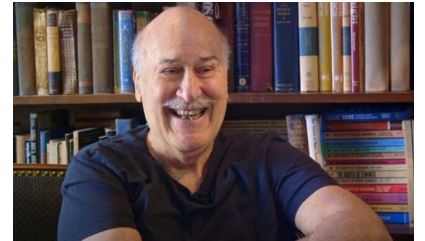
I send you peaceful holiday greetings from my heart and home to yours. Thanks for so many things: your support of Berkeley Rotary, your commitment to Service Above Self, and your willingness to focus on climate action and my theme of *Tikkun Olam* (◆Heal the World◆).

Happy New Year! Please stay safe and may you be of good cheer.

The Growing Problem of Hate Speech in a Free-Speech Country

By Charlene Y Stern

Our speaker this Wednesday will be Ira Glasser, former Executive Director of the ACLU for 34 years that included its biggest, most contentious case defending Nazis◆ right to rally in Skokie, Illinois in 1978, home to the largest population of Holocaust survivors in the U.S. Mr. Glasser is a compelling and deeply knowledgeable defender of the 1st Amendment. His viewpoint on the rise of hate speech in our country and the growing violence that it has sparked versus protecting the 1st Amendment reflects the challenge that plagues our country today. We encourage everyone to view *Mighty Ira*, a newly released documentary about Ira Glasser◆s life, available on Amazon Prime, iTunes, and Google Play prior to this presentation.



Here Comes the Light!



Join us for Berkeley Rotary's Holiday Celebration: Monday, December 21, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

If you were at our Zoom club meeting on December 9, you had the delightful experience of hearing Shawn Rowles announce our December 21st party. Performing with a flawless Minnesota accent (remember "Fargo"?), he exhibited his manly biceps, demonstrating his talents with a cocktail shaker (remember Tom Cruise in "Cocktail"?). It was pure Hollywood, with a splash of Berkeley pizzazz.

So now you're ready to celebrate the coming of the light on December 21st Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, right? You're eager to say farewell to 2020 and welcome in the new year with the promise of sparkling good times to come.

Assuming you raised your hand when Shawn asked if you were planning to sign up, the

December 29th

[Tom Elkema](#)

December 30th

[Shawn Rowles](#)

January 1st

[Khang Minh Tran](#)

January 8th

[Kenneth L. Hickey](#)

January 11th

[Irene R. Hegarty](#)

January 13th

question is: Have you done so?

Let us shed light on what you'll want to do:

- RSVP to Arlene Marcus at arlenebmarcus@comcast.net. We need to know how many will attend, so we can organize the breakout sessions.
- Admission is free, but go on the Berkeley Rotary Club website (berkeleyrotary.org) and click on the DONATE button on the left. Suggested (but optional) donation is \$25 per person.
- Think about what holiday headgear to wear, so you can be as festive or outrageous as possible. Again, it's optional, but why not?
- Send a photo (or photos) of your house and garden lit up for the holidays to Joan Collignon (joancollignon@gmail.com).

Finally, be on the lookout for Shawn's cocktail recipe, as well as the full program of events, in an upcoming email.

For questions, email Arlene or Sallie Weissinger (sallieweissinger@gmail.com).

Remembering Past President James Gallardo

By Edward F. Church



"Jimmy" Gallardo, President of Berkeley Rotary 1981-82, passed away in Kensington on November 21, 2020, just weeks prior to his 95th birthday. This obituary was published in the San Francisco Chronicle. A Bay Area native, Jim was born in Berkeley and was pleased to have spent his entire life living and working in what he considered one of the most beautiful areas in the world.

The son of European immigrants, Jim learned his life-long ability of resourcefulness and creativity as his family weathered the Great Depression while growing the family business, Gallardo Interiors. At the age of 18, Jim enlisted in the Army, and in his first trip outside of California received his basic training in Texas.

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The Perfect Storm in the Arctic: Climate Change and International Conflict

By Tina Etcheverry

The club enjoyed another stimulating and thought-provoking presentation at Berkeley Rotary on Dec 9 by Dr. Beverly Crawford Ames, Professor Emerita of Political Science and Political Economy at UC Berkeley. Her talk covered the causes behind Arctic ice melting and the resulting perfect storm of resource depletion, global trade route competition, and the potential for international conflict.



She started her presentation with great visuals, showing how the Arctic acts as the world's air conditioner. The circulating ocean currents are cooled as they approach the ice flows in the arctic and carry cold water down to the equator. The melting of the

glaciers lead to the dark waters and tundra absorbing the sun rays, hastening the process and reducing the cold water currents. The air conditioner for the earth is no longer functioning properly.

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