



## Speakers

**December 05, 2018**

[Janiele Maffei, Chief Mitigation Officer for the California Earthquake Authority](#)

Earthquake history and readiness

**December 12, 2018**

[Dennis and Jenny Hacker](#)  
Our Year in Africa

**December 19, 2018**

[Skylar Barton, Pace Pathways Counselor at BCC](#)

"Preparing Under-Represented Students for Success: Lessons Learned"

**December 20, 2018**

[Satellite Club: TBD](#)

## Events

December 5th

[Membership Committee](#)

December 5th

[Supportive Housing Committee](#)

December 12th

[Social Committee](#)

December 12th

[Peace Committee](#)

December 13th

[Holiday Party](#)

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[Communications Committee](#)

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[Boards of Directors](#)

## Birthdays

[Sheila Sabine](#)

December 3rd

[Arlene Carol Marcus](#)

December 3rd

[Kathy Huff](#)

December 9th

[Larry E. Kinsey](#)

## Welcome New Member Libby Tyler

By Pate D. Thomson



Elizabeth "Libby" Tyler is a consulting planner with over 35 years of experience in community, land use, and environmental planning. She recently retired as the Community Development Services Director for the City of Urbana, Illinois, where she oversaw programs in planning and zoning, economic development, affordable housing, and building safety. Libby also served for several years as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she taught a class in Local Government, Planning, and Law. She is now working as an independent planning consultant serving clients in both Illinois and California.

Libby holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Conservation from the University of Colorado, a Master's degree in Environmental Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in Regional Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A Charter Member of the American Planning Association, Libby was the first female planner in Illinois to be recognized as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Libby was born in Pittsburgh, PA and grew up in New Haven, Conn, the youngest of five girls and one boy. Libby met her husband Rob Olshansky in 1980 when they were both enrolled in graduate programs in planning at Cal. Libby recalls that she couldn't easily ignore Rob as he was in 4 out of her 5 classes, including her Modern Dance class! The couple wed in 1985 on the same day that Sean Penn and Madonna tied the knot. Guess which union lasted? The couple welcomed their first son Alex, born at Alta Bates in 1988.

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## Rope In Your Guests for the Holiday Party

By Sallie Weissinger

At our November 28 meeting, two Oscar-worthy performances were in full view when Jason Draut and Leslie Levy sang (and, in some cases, "talk sang") snippets from Cole Porter's song, "Don't Fence Me In."

Digging deep into thespian talents Club members didn't know he possessed, Jason presented himself as a hunky "aw shucks" cowboy, in inimitable Roy Rogers style. But this cowpoke, in violation of the Four Way Test (he was NOT speaking the truth; he was NOT building



December 15th

[Preston Staley](#)

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[Larry Chernila](#)

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[John Denvir](#)

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[Frederick C. Collignon](#)

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[James Ivan Masters](#)

December 19th

[Katherine Campbell](#)

December 24th

[Frederick G. Fassett](#)

December 29th

[Tom Eelkema](#)

December 30th

[Shawn Rowles](#)

January 1st

[Senobia Ellis](#)

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goodwill and better friendships), trash-talked our upcoming holiday party, disparaging the delicious food and wine, elegant surroundings, and stellar vocal entertainment that await the rest of us. In lieu of attending the festivities, he made clear his plan to spend the evening riding through the wide open country, under starry skies, on his trusty cayuse (aka horse).

Jason's refusal to attend our event, "It's De-Lovely, an Evening with Cole Porter," raised the ire of devoted sweetheart Leslie Levy, who angrily roped him in, with his assistance, and dragged him off to buy tickets (\$70 per person). Yes, unleashing her full range of theatrical passion and charm, she fenced him in.

The deadline is December 5th. Reservations are a requirement, since we must provide a final count to the caterers. To sign up, go to the Berkeley Rotary website, which contains further party details, or contact Arlene Marcus.

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## California Climate Policies

By John Pardee



On November 28, Prof. Severin Borenstein, the current Faculty Director of the Energy Institute at Haas, discussed California's climate policies, both what was going well and what is not working so well. His main point was that, while it is important for California to reduce its own carbon footprint, our bigger "mission" is to act as a leader and a catalyst for technologies that can work in a cost-effective manner in the wider world, as our own carbon footprint is now less than 1% of the world's total.

One area in which California is clearly the world's leader is in integrating renewable, intermittent energy sources into our electric grid. This has application world-wide. He thought our emphasis on rooftop solar is misguided, however, and only works here because our electricity is so expensive. Exporting rooftop solar to the developing world does not make sense as it is too expensive. We should really focus more on large "industrial" installations of solar energy, and we have plenty of space to do that. He went through some other possible energy sources and indicated the ones that he felt would be cost-effective or not (Prof. Borenstein emphasized that he is an economist, not a technical expert). One example he mentioned was current nuclear technology, which is simply too expensive to make a difference to the climate problem.

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