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Speakers

January 20, 2021

[Denaya Shorter, Community Engagement Program Officer, Ecology Center](#)

"The Berkeley Climate Action Coalition and the Zero Waste Education Project."

January 27, 2021

[Josh Costello, Artistic Director of the Aurora Theater](#)

"Running a Theater During the Pandemic"

February 03, 2021

[Past Presidents' History Presentation](#)

February 10, 2021

[Fred Collignon, UCB Prof Emeritus, Harvard PhD Economics, and long-time teacher](#)

"Is Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) the secret to financing the Green New Deal and Economic Recovery?"

February 17, 2021

[Tina Etcheverry, Biotech Consultant](#)

"Vaccines and the Immune Response"

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Birthdays

[Austin Henderson](#)

January 25th

[Jeffrey L. Hunt](#)

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[Marion Hunt](#)

February 15th

Club Announcements

By Linda Marlene Cogozzo

Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 12:30 p.m. (PST): Denaya Shorter, Community Engagement Program Officer at the Ecology Center (<https://ecologycenter.org>), will speak on **◆**The Berkeley Climate Action Coalition and the Zero Waste Education Project. **◆**

The speaker is presented by Team #7, Sacramento River (Anne Pardee and Arlene Marcus, Team Leaders) and the Rotary Climate Action Team (Ignacio Franco, Chairperson).

Yea or Nay? On Wednesday, January 20, 2021, we will ask the membership to vote on the **concept** of using up to \$100,000, for a two-year period, to support a unique grant. Please attend this meeting so we can get your vote.

◆Does the membership agree with the **concept** of a Connections Grant, a pilot program to use up to \$100,000 of Endowment Spendable Reserve, for a two-year period, to meet an unmet need in the community, while enhancing connections with a funding partner, attracting younger members, and promoting Berkeley Rotary service projects? **◆**

Questions can be directed to Tina Etcheverry at etcheverrytina@yahoo.com.

The Berkeley Art Center Now and Then

By Joan Collignon



It was a lively morning at Berkeley Rotary last Wednesday. At 12:00 the past presidents met for a group photo featuring old friends like Jeff Leiter, Barbara D◆Anneo, and Steve Oliver who have moved on from Berkeley. Then Steve and Josh Oliver began our featured presentation on the Berkeley Art Center with memories of what it was like to work on that big project, culminating in the BAC◆s gem of a building in Live Oak Park in 1967. The current generation took over the meeting at 1:00 as Daniel Nevers, Executive Director of the BAC since 2018, painted a picture of where they are today◆◆Reimagining the Community Art Center◆. Shawn HibmaCronan, the Vice President

of the BAC Board, joined Daniel.

Neither a museum nor strictly a gallery, the Berkeley Art Center is really a hub for artistic exploration and community building and is very much a Berkeley institution. Its mission is to make contemporary art approachable and to serve our diverse communities. A favorite event every other year is The Young Artists Biennial, a collaboration with teachers from the BUSD presenting art works created by K-8 students. BAC champions Bay Area artists, and Daniel showed us slides of works by major local figures like Chiura Obata and Carrie Mae Weems, who were also important in the larger art world. Like

[Sallie Weissinger](#)
February 15th

most museums and galleries, its doors are closed for the moment, but the BAC looks forward to resuming a full schedule of exhibitions, workshops, and explorations when it's safe. Even while closed the BAC mounted a moving display of banners featuring words spoken by and about those crossing the border from Mexico. (See photo.)

Daniel and Shawn stayed after the meeting for an informal chat, and when someone asked if we could visit Shawn's studio (he creates major metal sculptures) at the Alameda Naval Air Station he was very enthusiastic once things open up. In fact, a field trip to Shawn's studio followed by wine tasting or craft beer tasting at one of the new Naval Air Station breweries will be just the ticket once our lockdown is over. Stay tuned!
