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Speakers

July 27, 2022

[Rick Betts](#)

"Home Prices: Up? Down? Maybe!"

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[Robin Claire, Novelist](#)

"A Path to Writing a Book (and Publication)"

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[Ellen Lake and Mayumi Hamanaka, Co-Directors of Kala Art Institute](#)

"Kala Art Institute: Berkeley's Hidden Treasure"

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[Ben Tucker, Storyteller](#)

"You Don't Have to be Famous to Write"

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Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, July 27, 12:30 PM PT, **in person at First Presbyterian (in room G202) and via Zoom:** Long-time Club member and Past President Rick Betts will speak on "Home Prices: Up? Down? Maybe!" Home prices here have been climbing quite rapidly, a pattern we have seen before. Will this continue? How long? And then what? What drives these patterns? The speaker is presented by Team #3, the La Pena Cultural Center Team; Arlene Marcus and Marta Laupa, Captains.

What Would You Do? On Wednesday, July 27, 2:15-3:30 PM PT, **via Zoom**, the Peace Committee hosts the next in a series of Civil Discourse meetings.

Topic: "After Roe v. Wade: Then What?" You'll receive the Zoom link via email. For more information, email Dan Thomas (dthomas@tc-associates.com).



The Power of Rotary. The District 5160 Conference will take place in Monterey on October 27-30. DG Suzanne Bragdon sent an email (July 17) with a registration link that is specific to you. Check your inbox!

The Best Happy Hour in Berkeley!

By Joan Collignon



Last Thursday was our first Third Thursday—a casual end-of-the-work-day gathering in the Collignon backyard that brought more than a dozen Berkeley Rotarians and 2 dogs out to relax together. Food was not the issue here (except for Michele's ultimate guacamole), but good wine and great conversation were the order of the day. Irene and Michele—who had worked together for the Berkeley schools—had their first face-to-face conversation as Berkeley Rotarians, since Michele had joined during COVID. Several guests joined us—including our French scholar


Maxime—making the evening even livelier.

And it turns out this will be a TRAVELING event . . . stay tuned as we move around to members' homes for our Third Thursday events. Watch eRev for more information.

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The Little Seed Libraries Take Shape

By O'Neil Dillon

We are all familiar with the "Little Libraries" that have sprung up all over Berkeley where you can take a book for yourself or leave a book for someone else. Now Berkeley is installing Little Seed Libraries to facilitate exchanging seeds from pollinator plants, i.e., those that attract bees, butterflies, and birds. 

Peter Campbell has completed two of four little seed libraries that will be installed at Berkeley's pollinator gardens. O'Neil Dillon and John O'Dea are also working on the project. The club gave the pollinator group a grant for the materials and Grier volunteered we would build them.

It has been a lot of fun working with the pollinator group who are totally dedicated to nature, recycling, reuse, and the use of local and organic materials. Thanks, Grier, for volunteering us!

Berkeley Rotary Wins Awards!



Several Berkeley Rotarians trooped up to Rolling Hills Casino in Corning, CA on July 16 for the District 5160 Rotary Round-Up Awards Banquet. Shawn Rowles drove over from his new home in Lake County and stayed to square dance at the party. Joan Collignon was inducted as president of the Berkeley Rotary Club in a very informal and jocular ceremony that included all the new presidents there—including former BRC member Michael Roberts who is leading the San Ramon Club this year. It was fun to mingle with Rotarians from Mt. Shasta and Redding and all the 72 clubs of District 5160.

And we came back with prizes! Pictured is Grier Graff who won an Avenues of Service Award for his International Service with the club. Also honored with Avenue of Service Awards were Jackie Hammond for Community Service and Linda Cogozzo for Club Service. And kudos go to Past President Arlene

Marcus for winning a Presidential Citation for Berkeley Rotary by achieving goals that strengthened the club.

Berkeley's Unique Jazz Conservatory

By Irene R. Hegarty

The Berkeley Jazzschool began in 1997 at a modest storefront on Shattuck Avenue, the former location of the Yellow House Restaurant. Founder Susan Muscarella mortgaged her house to cover the costs, and the school launched with 142 students enrolled in 195 classes. Its initial mission was to provide aspiring jazz musicians of all ages and skill levels with study and performance opportunities, guided by world-class educators and musicians. Twenty-five years later, the Jazzschool has grown, become a nonprofit organization, and developed into the California Jazz Conservatory (CJC), the only private, accredited music conservatory in the United States exclusively dedicated to jazz and related styles of music.



On July 20, Founder and Conservatory President Susan Muscarella discussed the challenges and opportunities that the school faced throughout the years, including the move to the historic Kress Building on Addison Street in 1999 (requiring another mortgage), the shift to nonprofit status, the rigorous process of applying for accreditation, and even a major sewer backup in October 2019, which caused \$250,000 of damage to the school and disrupted its functioning. This was followed by the pandemic in March 2020 and the transition to remote learning and performance. How do jazz musicians play together remotely? It turned out this was not easy and something Zoom and other online platforms were not designed for.

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