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Speakers

August 17, 2022

[Ben Tucker, Storyteller](#)

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

August 24, 2022

[Steve Lack, Pleasant Hill Rotary Club](#)

"Beer Time"

Events

August 18th

[Third Thursday Gathering](#)

Birthdays

[Helena Meyer-Knapp](#)

August 14th

[Katherine T. Wei](#)

August 15th

[Jocelyn Pittel](#)

August 25th

[David Donald Campbell](#)

August 26th

[Marta Laupa](#)

August 29th

[Linda Cogozzo](#)

September 3rd

[Reginald J. Garcia](#)

September 9th

[Joshua H. Oliver](#)

September 10th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, August 17, 12:30 PM PT, **in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom:**

Nationally recognized storyteller Ben Tucker (AKA Brother Ben, www.iambentucker.com) specializes in personal stories, historical figures, fairy tales and folk tales. He has performed at the San Francisco and Berkeley Marsh theaters, The Silk Roadhouse, the National Storytellers Network in Kansas City, and was a member of a storytelling delegation to China. Brother Ben is the author of a memoir entitled ***A Good Run*** and recently launched his podcast "Storytelling Time with Brother Ben" on Spotify. The speaker is provided by Team #9, the Shotgun Players Team; Nicky Lindquist and Helen Meyer-Knapp, Captains.

Birthday Deniers Club. If you have a birthday in September or thereabouts, join Maury and Arlene Marcus for lunch on the patio at Zarri's Delicatessen (1224 Solano Ave.) on Friday, September 2, 1:00 PM. Bring friends and relatives. If this works out well, we will do it again on the first Friday in October for those who wish to deny their October birthday. Even if you don't have an upcoming birthday but are in the neighborhood, join us anyway!

Mark Your Calendar: Fall Picnic. The social committee is presenting the first event of the Rotary year. Come to the potluck picnic at Cordornices Park on Sunday, September 18, 12-4:00 PM. A small fee to cover expenses is TBD. Bring your friends, relatives, games, soccer balls, grandchildren, etc.



It's a Tradition!



At our August 10 meeting, Berkeley Rotary President Joan Collignon and Tess Clifton, a Global Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Darwin, exchanged club banners.

It's a Rotary tradition! Read more: <https://bit.ly/3SCc0r7>

Share Your Music with Us

By Sheila Sabine

"Feed the body food and drink, it will survive today. Feed the soul art and music, it will live forever."

This year Berkeley Rotary's President Joan has asked for a focus on the Arts. It would be so great to have live music at our meetings either before, during, or after the formal meeting. I am asking all of you wonderful musicians to step forth and shine. Inspire us with your talents. We would so love to experience your individual magic.

Two weeks ago Judith Glass and I had our team dinner party at my house. At the last minute I found an amazing violinist to share her magic with us; it was an evening long to be remembered because of the music.



Home Prices: Up? Down? It all Depends

By Marta Laupa

On August 3, Rick Betts, local real estate economist and club member, gave us his take on the current real estate market, focusing specifically on single-family homes. To begin with, "home market prices are always cyclical." There have been five cycles since 1989 and many more since 1962, when Rick started working in the field. Prices are cyclical, in part, because interest rates are cyclical.

Further, "home markets are always local." Prices across a nation, state, or county are all averages. One must look at communities for a more accurate evaluation of change. One measure is price; across cities in California, prices have been increasing. For example, home prices are up 6% in Los Angeles and 14% in San Diego. Another measure is days on market; more days on market is indicative of more supply/less demand. In June of this year, days on



market increased by 29 in Los Angeles and by 22 in San Diego. Home market prices are cyclical and local—two things you must remember if you remember nothing else!
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