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Speakers

April 20, 2022

[Natalia Neira Retamal](#),
Executive Director of La Pena
Cultural Center
La Pena Cultural Center

April 27, 2022

[Florida State Senator Dwight
M. Bullard](#)
"DEMOCRACY AT A
CROSSROADS: WHICH PATH
WILL YOU CHOOSE?"

May 04, 2022

[Eti Ben-Simon, PhD](#)
"The Emotional Brain in a
Sleepless World"

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo



Next Meeting. Wednesday, April 20, 12:30 PM PT, **in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom:** Natalia Neira Retamal, Executive Director of La Pena Cultural Center (<https://lapena.org>), will tell us about their programs, events, and initiatives, and how they support the Latin American community in Berkeley and beyond. The speaker presented by Team #5, the Zonia Baber Team; Libby Tyler, Captain.

Ten for Girls. At her visit on March 30, DG Kathy Suvia spoke about Ten for Girls, a project to help keep girls in school by providing them with safe and affordable access to reusable sanitary pads. To donate \$10 (or more), make a check payable to "Rotary District 5160" and send it to 1946 Hackett Dr., Woodland, CA 95776, or visit <https://rotary5160.org>

Events

April 29th
[Mariott Hotel Tour](#)

May 4th
[Berkeley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

May 12th
[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

Birthdays

[Kenneth Renworth](#)
April 20th

[David Hugh Malcolm](#)
April 21st

[Morton H. Orenstein](#)
April 22nd

[Douglas Fielding](#)
April 23rd

[Mac Lingo](#)
April 24th

[Philip R. Henry](#)
April 28th

[John Caner](#)
April 30th

[Pamela M. Doolan](#)
May 3rd

Memorial for George Luna on Saturday, April 23, 12:00 pm

By Grier Graff

Our friend Berkeley Rotarian George Luna passed away suddenly in Mexico on April 2. Please come to a Celebration of Life for George on Saturday, April 23 at noon, at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda in Berkeley. A reception with finger food and beverages will follow. Berkeley Rotarians are invited to bring desserts to share.

Please let Grier Graff (gg@graffarchitects.com) know if you will attend, how many will be in your party, and if you will be bringing food. If you do bring desserts, please deliver them by 11:30.

Please come and share your George Luna stories!



This is International Immunization Week

By Frederick C. Collignon

This week is International Immunization Week. Across the world, countries fighting polio get more volunteers and expand their efforts during this week. Rotary traditionally starts

[John J. Torpey](#)

May 8th

[Adrian Vancamper](#)

May 10th

[Jacqueline Peters Hammond](#)

May 10th

[Kenneth N. Matsumura](#)

May 15th

its spring PolioPlus fundraising drive this week. Last year, at this time, the District launched its PolioPlus Warrior campaign, asking Rotarians to pledge \$100 each year to PolioPlus. Our club led the District clubs in our donations. If you gave \$100 for the current fiscal year in the fall campaign, we'll welcome more donations but won't bug you. If you didn't give last year--you were not yet in the club, or out of town, or fully isolated from the world with Covid--this is a chance to be part of the final drive to eliminate polio. Note: The Gates Foundation is still doing its 2:1 match this year, so each dollar you donate yields \$3 for the international effort.

If you gave last spring, but not yet this year, note that there is a PolioPlus document signed by our club's own Cliff Dochterman and by Dr. Jonas Salk, that will be given by lottery to a Paul Harris Warrior who donated \$100 both last year and this year. It's reported to have been appraised at \$3000+. Cliff donated it before he died. So make sure you give again this year, if you gave last year.

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Join Rita Moreno at RBA Virtual Gala

By Pate D. Thomson



RotaCare Bay Area (RBA) will be hosting its first virtual gala, with special guest Rita Moreno, on April 21, 2022 at 6 pm. Join us for **Many Hands, Many Hearts: Spring into Magic Gala**.

RBA is the parent company for each of the 10 Rotacare free clinics offering many services that enable us to be licensed and operate in California. This free event, with silent and live auctions, is raising money needed for expansion of services and it will honor Rita Moreno for her generous support of our Richmond clinic. The RotaCare story will be told and Rita will make an appearance as she initiates a scholarship program for clinic volunteers who want to pursue a career in health care. And yes, it should be lots of fun with some exciting auction items to bid on. The silent auction is currently open online. The live auction will be held during the event.

We hope to see you there on Thursday, April 21, from 6:00-7:30 PM! Scan the QR code below and it will put you on to the registration page and get you started. Or you can RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/RotaCareBayArea>

BHS Robotics Team Wows Club

By Richard M. Betts

The Berkeley High Robotics Club provided an informative and entertaining presentation at our meeting on April 13, including a demonstration of their current award-winning robot, Squid. Five students gave the presentation, led by James Underwood and Nicola Simon. We were also delighted to have Madelyn Philhower, a reporter for the *Jacket*, the Berkeley High newspaper, come to report on the event.

The Robotics Club is made up of volunteers, although the school has robotics classes, and the instructor is the advisor for the club. Currently, the club has about 40 active members, with an annual budget of \$40,000. (Berkeley Rotary is one of their sponsors.)

One facet of the talk was the many skills students develop by participating in robotics. Some manage the budget, some fund-raise or develop promotional materials, like the

team T-shirts all were wearing, and some work on the electronics, mechanical design, or coding.

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