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Speakers

April 27, 2022

[Florida State Senator Dwight M. Bullard](#)

"Democracy at a Crossroads: Which Path Will You Choose?"

May 04, 2022

[Eti Ben-Simon, Ph.D.](#)

"The Emotional Brain in a Sleepless World"

May 11, 2022

[TBD](#)

May 18, 2022

[Nicky Lindquist](#)

"Oasis for Haiti's Children: A Photographic Journal"

Events

April 29th

[Mariott Hotel Tour](#)

May 4th

[Berkeley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

May 12th

[Supportive Housing Toiletries Packing Day](#)

Birthdays

[Philip R. Henry](#)

April 28th

[John Caner](#)

April 30th

[Pamela M. Doolan](#)

May 3rd

[John J. Torpey](#)

May 8th

[Adrian Vancamper](#)

May 10th

[Jacqueline Peters Hammond](#)

May 10th

[Kenneth N. Matsumura](#)

May 15th

[Anne Pardee](#)

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo

Next Meeting. Wednesday, April 27, 12:30 PM PT, **in person at First Presbyterian and via Zoom:**

Florida State Senator Dwight M. Bullard will speak on "Democracy at a Crossroads: Which Path Will You Choose?" In 2012, he was elected to the Florida Senate, where he served as Vice Chair of the Transportation and Agriculture committees, and sponsored legislation aimed at preventing cyberbullying. At present, Senator Bullard is the political director of the New Florida Majority (<https://newfloridamajority.org>). He is also a member of several organizations, including the NAACP, 100 Black Men of South Florida, and Camillus House. The speaker is presented by Team #6, the Kizzmekia Corbett Team; Steve Beckendorf and Nicky Lindquist, Captains.



Blue & Gold. If you're working on your B&G, here are opportunities to cross tasks off your list!

- **Watch this video** to learn about BRC history: <https://bit.ly/3k8wmrW>
- **Weed at Skyline Gardens** (<https://bit.ly/3vaDjPC>) to remove invasive species and allow native ones to survive. Email Bob Sorenson (rsorenson@mac.com) to arrange a time.

Ever New Polio Plus Incentives

By Frederick C. Collignon



New incentives keep coming in for this spring's PolioPlus campaign. First, the Gates Foundation offered a match of two dollars for each dollar you donate. In the last two weeks, we learned of a lottery for all donating at least \$100 last year and this year as PolioPlus Warriors to get a document signed by Dr. Jonas Salk and Cliff Dochterman, valued, the District says, at \$3000. Today, I received word that the head of the Rotary International Foundation, former RI President John Germ, has promised to phone his thanks personally to each donor giving \$1000 or more. Our club had several at that level last spring, but Germ's promise is only for donations this year.

I think the reason to give is not a document or phone call, but what your money delivers in impact. John Germ says it well: "\$1,000 will save over 1,000 children from ever contracting polio (this happens when the Gates matching funds becomes a \$3,000 contribution)." [Read More](#)

Viva La Peña!

By Elizabeth Holl Tyler

At its April 20 meeting, the Berkeley Rotary Club was treated to an inspirational and informative presentation by Natalia Neira Retamal, Executive Director of La Peña Cultural Center. Located at 3105 Shattuck Avenue, La Peña has a long and rich history as a non-profit cultural center serving the Latin American and Caribbean diasporan communities with a

platform for cultural exchange, celebration, and education. Founded in 1975, La Peña is one of the oldest, continuously operating such organizations in the country. Its formation was in direct response to the horrors of the 1973 military coup in Chile and was inspired by the *peñas* of Chile which are community gatherings centered around music, food, drink, and culture.



Still going strong in its 46th year, La Peña offers a rich variety of cultural programming, including music, dance, food, and the arts in all its forms. Popular programs include community jams, live music, poetry slams, dance lessons, educational events, and immersive experiences.

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