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Speakers

June 16, 2021

[Dan Lieberman, Marketing Director, East Bay Community Energy](#)

"EBCE's First Three Years: Producing, Sourcing and Collaborating to Achieve East Bay Renewable Energy and to Fight Global Warming"

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[Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Council Member](#)

"Berkeley: Looking Back, Looking Forward"

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[Year in Review and Thank-you to President Chris](#)

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[Maxim Schrogin](#)

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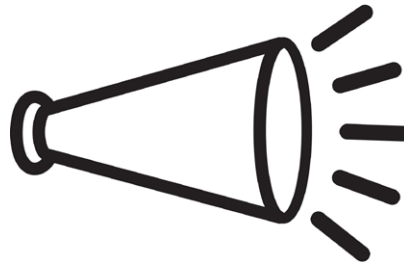
July 12th

[Alan P. Fraser](#)

July 14th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo



Wednesday, June 16, 12:30 pm, via Zoom: Dan Lieberman, Marketing Director of East Bay Community Energy (<https://ebce.org>), will speak on EBCE's First Three Years: Producing, Sourcing, and Collaborating to Achieve East Bay Renewable Energy and to Fight Global Warming. East Bay Community Energy is a nonprofit public agency providing power to 11 cities in Alameda County. They buy clean power from wind, solar, and hydropower sources and sell it to

customers at lower rates, with PG&E handling the delivery. EBCE exists to provide more renewable energy at competitive rates to their customers. The speaker is provided by Team #11 Suchiate River (Grier Graff, Team Captain).

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

♦ **Watch this video** to learn about Berkeley Rotary history: <https://berkeleyrotary.org/documentary-video.php>

♦ **Weed at Skyline Gardens** to remove invasive species and allow native species to survive. For more info, email Bob Sorenson at rsoren@mac.com and visit <https://www.skylinegardens.org>.

New Member Spotlight: Helena Meyer-Knapp

By Mac Lingo

On June 9, 2021, Helena Meyer-Knapp was inducted to the Berkeley Rotary Club. Helena is a first-generation American, an immigrant from the UK, though few people think immigrant when they meet her, given that English is her native language. In 1972, she and her family moved to Olympia, WA, where she combined young parenthood with national leadership in a Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign. She spent the next 30 years as a college professor at The Evergreen State College in Olympia. To this day Helena remains active in research and writing, primarily focusing on international peacemaking. For the last 20 years, issues in NE Asia (particularly Japan) have been at the center of this work. The key topics include the means by which conflicts get passed from generation to generation, and also the tensions and misunderstandings that too easily arise when attempting to repair past wrongs or to express remorse. Such issues also reverberate



as a result of our own US history and generate some of the public tensions pressing in on this country today. Her mother was a WWII refugee, which puts some personal experience behind her professional work.

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Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: the story of the Cohen Bray House

By David W Pooch



At our June 9 meeting Patty Donald, the President of the Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland (VPCO) gave an entertaining and informative presentation on the story of the Cohen Bray House. She took us on a journey from Gold Rush times to the future of one of the unique historical houses in the Bay Area. Patty used her family history in the house to show how we have all changed over the years. We were also given a brief look at the beautiful interiors of the public rooms in the Cohen Bray House.

A wedding present to Alfred Cohen and Emma Bray, the house typifies the Stick-Eastlake style popular in the 1870s and 80s. It is remarkable for its intact interiors which remain appointed with original furniture in the Aesthetic style. One of the few surviving examples of Victorian Aesthetic interiors in the United States and England, it offers visitors a rare opportunity to see wallpaper, woodwork, carpeting and wedding gifts as they were in 1884. In addition to its status as an intact house, it is still maintained by descendants of Emma and Alfred. Located at 1440 29th Street, the Cohen Bray House was designated an Oakland Landmark in 1975 and is in the National Register of Historic Places.

The house is much more than just an example of Victorian architecture. The VPCO offers tours to the public and school groups of its interior spaces and collections. The house is also available for neighborhood and community events and as part of a network of other historic houses. As to be expected with most historical houses, the Cohen Bray House needs a lot of TLC. Through memberships, grants, donations, and volunteer efforts the house can be preserved for future generations to look at the past and imagine their future.

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Polio Plus match raised by donor - your \$100 yields \$1050

By Frederick C. Collignon

Mike Crosby, the District Polio Plus campaign leader, has negotiated that if Polio Plus donations get to Rotary Foundation by June 20 - NOT June 15 - it will still count for the District match. BUT we also learned this Thursday that an anonymous donor has increased the District match from 9:1 to 10.5:1 for the first \$100 donation to Polio Plus for donors becoming Polio Plus Society members with the intent of doing that donation annually in future years. So your \$100 will yield \$1050 for Polio Plus! If you have yet to donate to the big Polio Plus appeal, please do so NOW. Send your check so that it reaches our foundation Chair David Campell before June 20. His address is 743 Oakland Avenue #6, Oakland, CA, 94611. Make the check to Rotary Foundation, and note that it's for Polio Plus. Thanks to the many members who have already donated. Please join them and help end polio worldwide. It will be only the second disease eliminated by human action in history.

June is Fellowships Month across Rotary - have you tried one?

By Frederick C. Collignon

During COVID stay-at-home restrictions, one way to have fun was to meet periodically with one of the various Rotary international Fellowships. For me, it was fun talking to beer lovers across the world about the favorite styles in their countries, all on Zoom, and usually taking only an hour. There are so many Fellowships now established around vocations and hobbies. Most of them have meetings during the upcoming virtual RI convention, and then every few months independently, but you have to preregister for the Fellowship meetings. They are distinct from Rotary Action Groups (RAGs), though they also do a lot of education about their focus issue. If you have liked the Environmental RAG or the Peace RAG, you may similarly find a lot to enjoy in one of the Fellowships. You don't need to limit yourself to only one (between Joan and me, our household belongs to at least five RAGs and maybe six Fellowships). Nor do you have to attend all (or any) events if not interested. [Read More](#)
