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[Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Councilmember](#)

"Berkeley: Looking Back, Looking Forward"

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President's Program - Arlene Marcus, Berkeley Rotary Club President 2021-22

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[Alison Teeman](#)

"Bubble, Bust, or the New Reality: A Look at the State of the High Demand for Local Real Estate Created by Covid, Millennials, and Cash."

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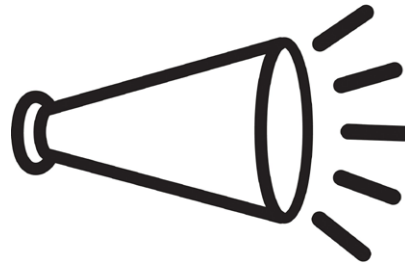
July 13th

[Alan P. Fraser](#)

July 14th

Club Announcements

By Linda Cogozzo



Tuesdays, 2:00 pm, via Zoom: Lynne Henderson hosts a weekly meditation class. Open to all members, this class is a nurturing way to connect with yourself and others especially in these pandemic times. Email Lynne: lhenderson@rivcons.com

Wednesday, June 23, 12:30 pm, via Zoom:

Berkeley City Councilmember Sophie Hahn (<https://www.sophiehahn.com/>) will speak on

"Berkeley: Looking Back, Looking Forward." The speaker is provided by Team #12 Russian River (Beth Roessner, Captain).

Thursday, July 8, 11 am & 2 pm (2 shifts): Pack hygiene kits, a Berkeley Rotary Supportive Housing service project. (FYI: This counts toward Blue & Gold.) Email Jackie Hammond: jphbooks74@gmail.com

Climate Minute: At our June 16 meeting, we shared a video on behalf of our Rotary Climate Action Team (RCAT). If you missed "The Story of Plastic," or want to watch it again, visit <https://vimeo.com/564222840>.

A Groovy Day by the Bay

By Irene R. Hegarty



Last Friday the temperatures were hot everywhere in the Bay Area, but warm and perfect at Pt. Molate, where Joan Collignon led a small group of us on a discovery tour. We walked along a bayside trail, viewed the historic winery buildings and site of former Navy housing, gawked at nests of ospreys through our binoculars, and ended up with lunch at the funky (and delicious) Black Star Pirate Barbecue. Then we walked around looking at houseboats and at the impressive sculptures that were transported there from Burning Man. I've lived in Berkeley for more than 50 years but never knew about the attractions of Pt. Molate. Thanks Joan!

East Bay Community Energy: What is it; How Does it Work?

By Ignacio Franco

[Bruce Hays Willock](#)

July 17th

[Edward F. Church](#)

July 21st

Last Wednesday Dan Lieberman, Director of Marketing at East Bay Community Energy (ebce.org), gave an EBCE Update to the Berkeley Rotary Club. His presentation was provided by Lewis Ames and the Climate Action Team.



Dan began with a brief description of what East Bay Community Energy is for those that were unfamiliar. EBCE is a public non-profit agency that provides renewable energy solutions to several cities in Alameda County. After a 2015 feasibility study was done in Alameda County, EBCE created a Joint Power Agency, which then launched the service in 2018. It has become the default energy provider for Alameda County residents, and has held an impressive 95% retention rate on its product. Being that its energy service costs the same as a regular PG&E bill, EBCE has successfully saved customers over \$26 million on their PGE bills since 2018. Not only does it provide customers with 100% renewable energy, but it also offers periodic programs and incentives that can help customers electrify their homes and become even more efficient, including new solar and home battery incentives in Alameda County, induction cooking tutorials, grants from Bay Area Air Quality Management District for critical city facilities, and converting brownfields into mass charging stations for electric vehicles.

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Come Tour the Cohen Bray House

By John J. O'Dea

Patty Donald presented an intriguing picture of the Cohen Bray House in her talk to us two weeks ago; now Rotarians are invited to see this Victorian slice of Oakland history in person on a special tour—a grand post-COVID reopening for this Fruitvale District landmark.

What: A Tour of the Cohen Bray House, 1440 29th Avenue near International Blvd. in Oakland

When: Thursday, July 8, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Details:

- We will gather in the garden for a brown bag lunch at noon, followed by a tour of the house at 12:45.
- This 1884 dwelling is not wheelchair accessible: there are 6 steps into the house, and two staircases within.
- A maximum of 15 people can be accommodated on the tour, but Patty will bring in another guide if needed.
- A \$20 donation per person will be collected at the event.

Further details will be sent to participants once they have responded. Please contact John O'Dea, odeajj@gmail.com by July 1 to book your place on the tour.



District Matching is Over for Polio Plus, but Gates Foundation 3:1 Match Continues

By Frederick C. Collignon

The big District matching campaign for Polio Plus donations is now over. But the Gates Foundation match continues for two more years. So any monies belatedly received and any donations over the first \$100 given previously will still receive the 3:1 Gates Foundation match. Thanks to all the club members who donated to the 10.5:1 District matching drive. It applied to the first \$100 of any Polio Plus donation during the fiscal year through June 20, with the understanding donors would try to give at least \$100 annually in the future. Almost a third of the club contributed at least \$100, and some members hundreds or thousands more. The new wild polio cases remain at two to date during 2021, vaccine-derived cases are down 90% from last year due to the new vaccine, and the infrastructure developed for Polio Plus is being used for COVID vaccinations across the world. Congratulations, Rotarians!

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