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## Speakers

**July 19, 2023**

[Elizabeth Echols, Ward 1 Board Member, East Bay Regional Park District](#)

"The Future of the East Bay Regional Park District: Addressing Climate Impacts and Equitable Access"

**July 26, 2023**

[Ignacio F. Bunster-Osso](#)

"ALFIE: EARTH'S LAST HOPE - An epic eco-science fiction tale"

**August 02, 2023**

[Janet Byron & Robert Johnson, authors "Berkeley Walks"](#)

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**August 09, 2023**

[Janice Chinn - Berkeley Public Health](#)

"Public Health Issues and Programs in the City of Berkeley"

**August 16, 2023**

[TBA](#)

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## Events

July 20th

[Third Thursday](#)

August 1st

[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

## Birthdays

[Bruce Hays Willock](#)

July 17th

[Edward F. Church](#)

July 21st

[Jason Draut](#)

July 27th

[Robert Gullett](#)

August 3rd

## Club Announcements

**Next meeting.** July 19, 12:30 PM PT, at First Presbyterian and via Zoom: Elizabeth Echols, Ward 1 Board Member, East Bay Regional Park District, will present "**The Future of the East Bay Regional Park District: Addressing Climate Impacts and Equitable Access.**"

The speaker is provided by Team #2, the Strawberry Creek Team, Fred Tabsharani Captain.



## Two Service Opportunities



The **Front Row Arts Festival** is coming to Downtown Berkeley on Saturday, July 22, from 11 AM to 7 PM. Please come out and join Berkeley Rotary members to help staff the DBA booth at BART Plaza. They are looking for more volunteers in the afternoon, from 2:30 7:00. You'll get to hear the musicians—including those from the Berkeley Symphony!—playing on the stage there, and greet some of the folks who will flock to this

FREE festival. Please contact Tina Etcheverry at [etcheverrytina@yahoo.com](mailto:etcheverrytina@yahoo.com).

And another! Please join other Berkeley Rotarians at the **Berkeley Food Network** warehouse on 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Berkeley on Tuesday afternoon, July 25, from 1:00 to 3:00. We'll be bagging groceries that will then be delivered to area families who can't get to the local pantries. Please contact Joan Collignon for further information. [joancollignon@gmail.com](mailto:joancollignon@gmail.com).



## PolioPlus Success 2022/23

By Frederick C. Collignon



At the District awards banquet last week, Grier Graff was cited for his generous and consistent financial support of Rotary's PolioPlus work, Rotary's largest humanitarian effort each year. Give him your thanks.

We were both thanked and a bit chided for our club efforts this past year. We donated close to \$6000; with the Gates Foundation match, that means \$18,000 for PolioPlus. Some 25 members continued

[Elizabeth Roessner](#)

August 10th

[Larry Goldenberg](#)

August 10th

[Helena Meyer-Knapp](#)

August 14th

their \$100 or more donations as part of their annual pledge to the District's PolioPlus Warriors drive, but that was a drop of half the prior club donors at that level. There are District clubs where all members donate as Warriors each year. Many more club members donated something to the campaign, of course, and any amount earns that match.

So how is the campaign doing?

- **Overall funding.** Funding in 2022-23 rose to \$175 million to End Polio from \$152 million the year prior. That's vaccinating children in the many millions.
- **Wild polio cases**, our historic focus. As of July 7, there were only 6 cases worldwide (5 in Afghanistan and 1 in Pakistan), compared to 13 last year.
- **Vaccine-derived cases** are decreasing, given the many millions of vaccinations each year as well as the new vaccines, but are increasingly a major focus of the campaign. To date, there have been 136 vaccine-derived cases this year, compared to 164 last year.

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## Bringing Clean, Renewable Energy to Conservation Projects Around the World

By John J. O'Dea

JG Collomb and Stephen Gold of Wildlife Conservation Network (WCN) are working to bring clean, renewable energy to conservation projects around the world. They believe that clean energy is essential to protecting wildlife and wild places, and they are working to make it more accessible to conservation organizations. Dr. Jean-Gael "JG" is Chief Executive Officer and Steve Gold is Volunteer Solar and Sustainability Manager.

WCN's efforts focus on three main areas:

(1) Providing technical assistance: WCN helps conservation organizations assess their energy needs and develop plans to switch to clean energy. They also provide technical assistance on the installation and maintenance of clean energy systems.

(2) Funding: WCN provides grants to conservation organizations to help them cover the costs of switching to clean energy. They also work with donors to raise funds for clean energy projects.

(3) Advocacy: WCN advocates for policies that support the use of clean energy in conservation. They work with governments and other organizations to promote the adoption of clean energy standards and regulations.

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