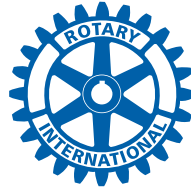


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Father Time



Ready to Enhance your Leadership Skills?

Potential Rotary Leaders Seminars is your leadership development program!

Rotary District 5150's PRLS program offers practical training in professional circumstances that can benefit you on both a personal and professional level.

Saturday, January 16, 2021

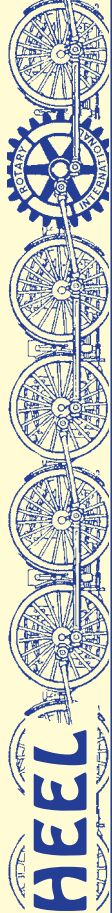
The introductory PRLS program consists of 4½ hours of ZOOM presentations and activities in one morning split among five topics.

- Fundamentals of Leadership
- Leading a Meeting
- Rotary, Your Club and You
- Effective Communication
- Public Speaking Essentials

Registration and Questions:

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"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?"

Where to Make Up
 Contact the Club you wish to attend for dates, time and virtual meeting code. The District website lists the Clubs and websites for contact info at:
Rotary5150.org/clubs/rotary-club-directory/



UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING
January 8
Gary Green, M.D.
Pandemic & Vaccine

Dr Gary Green M.D., infectious disease specialist for Sutter Hospitals will be presenting the latest on the pandemic. He will discuss the status of deliveries of the vaccine and what we should expect. We are expecting a large number of guests from Sutter Hospital in attendance and this is an opportunity to ask questions. Member **Ryan Pocock** and Administrator **Shannon Thomas** will moderate.

Be prepared for questions that you would like to ask about this threat to our society.

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Upcoming Programs

January - Happy New Year!

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| Jan. 15 | <p>Joni De Gabriele will present "Musical Moments", Mrs. D and Friends will entertain you and provide an example of Joni teaching social/emotional skills with music and puppets. Have your CHILDREN and GRANDCHILDREN attend.. This is a day off school, so invite them all and remember Zoom is portable.</p> |

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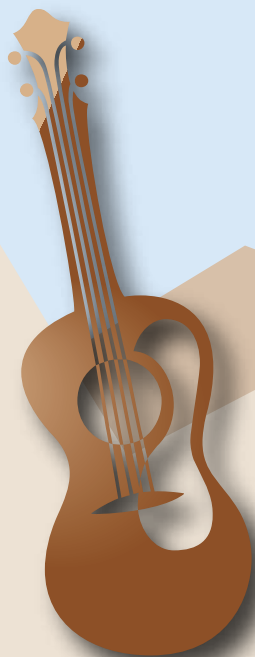
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The Rotary Club of Novato

NON
**Western
Polenta Feed
& Dance**

**Look for your invitation
for the Non-Event!**



Rotary and the U.S. Government support Italy's fight against COVID-19

Article from Rotary International

ROME, Italy (December 4, 2020) — In the face of surging infections in Italy, Rotary and the U.S. Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), are taking action to support the country's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

As part of an 18-month partnership, USAID will provide US\$5 million to The Rotary Foundation – Rotary's philanthropic arm, to support Italy's pandemic response, prepare communities for future outbreaks and address the long-term social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

This partnership is one element of America's commitment to Italy to help save lives and build resilience for the future. To date, the United States has provided \$60 million in assistance to Italy, through USAID and the U.S. military. USAID's work is one part of the overall U.S. Government response to the pandemic in Italy.

“With Rotary's knowledge of local needs, we're now able to target our support to help those most affected by this pandemic, while building stronger and more resilient communities, said USAID Assistant Administrator Brock Bierman. “I am proud to support Rotary because of the organization's enduring commitment to community-led development.”

USAID-Rotary in Italy: Communities Against COVID-19 partnership, Italy's 13 regional Rotary districts can each apply for a minimum of three, \$100,000 grants to support health, education and community development. Eligible activities include providing equipment for medical facilities, educational supplies and equipment to schools, students and families; and resources to help businesses remain open safely during the pandemic.

“As we are part of the communities we serve, Rotary is dedicated to helping Italy and the world recover from this pandemic,” said Rotary project lead Giulio Koch. “Our collaboration with USAID will provide us with valuable resources and expertise to help make our initiatives more impactful and sustainable.”

About USAID

USAID is the U.S. Government's premiere development agency. USAID works in over 100 countries to promote global health, support global stability, provide humanitarian assistance, catalyze innovation and partnership, and empower women and girls.

About Rotary

Rotary unites a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges and creating lasting change. Rotary connects 1.2 million people of action from more than 36,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world. Their service improves lives both locally and internationally, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit Rotary.org.

Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 13th consecutive year

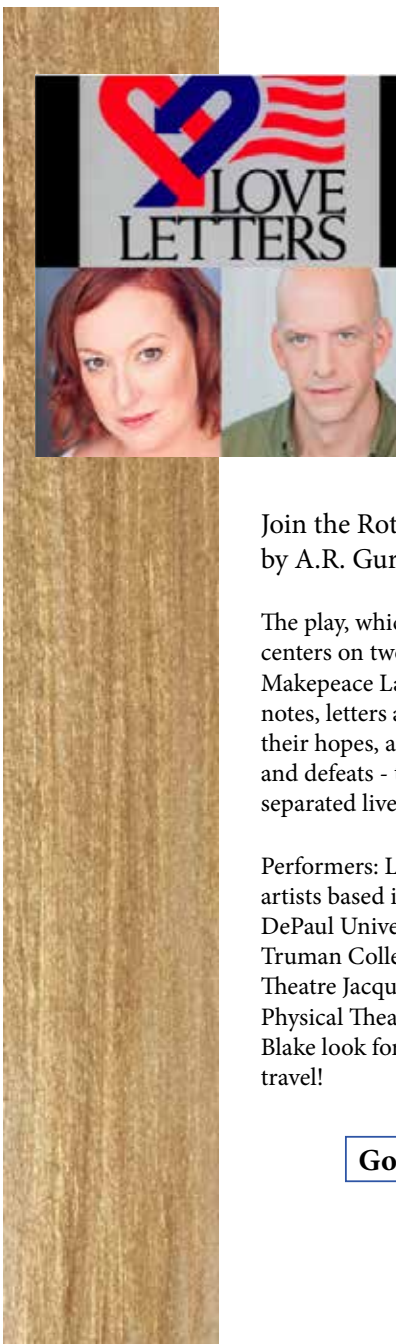
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For the 13th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 13 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

“Your achievement and 4-star rating will enhance your organization’s fundraising and public relations efforts,” says Michael Thatcher, president and chief executive officer of Charity Navigator. “This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”

The rating reflects Charity Navigator’s assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.



Please join us!

LOVE LETTERS

by A.R. Gurney

Presented at the
Rotary Club of Novato's
ZOOM meeting

Friday, February 12, 2021
at 12:30 p.m.

Join the Rotary Club of Novato for **LOVE LETTERS**, by A.R. Gurney on Friday, February 12, 2021.

The play, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, centers on two characters, Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III. They sit side by side at tables and read from notes, letters and cards - in which over nearly 50 years, they discuss their hopes, ambitions, dreams and disappointments, victories and defeats - that have passed between them throughout their separated lives.

Performers: Lauren and Blake Montgomery are married theater artists based in Chicago. Lauren holds an MFA in Acting from DePaul University and teaches theater and public speaking at Truman College. Blake studied at the Ecole Internationale de Theatre Jacques Lecoq and The Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre. Lauren is a native of Marin and both she and Blake look forward to visiting with their baby, when it is safe to travel!

[Go to novatorotary.org for Zoom info](https://novatorotary.org)

