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## In the Beginning

**President Chris** called the meeting to order from the KRCN virtual studio in the lounge of the Jonas Community Center at the Indian Valley Campus.

**Jean Brown** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Peian Harness**, back from Taiwan, shared her 'Thoughts for the Day': "The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors."; "Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides."; and "Never in my life would I imagine that my hands would someday consume more alcohol than my mouth."

## Visitors & Guests

**President Chris** introduced the following guests: **Karen Palmer** with **Bruce**; **Vicki McDill** with **Bill**; **John Reuscher** from Sunrise Rotary; **Kathleen Cheek**; **Leroy Piefer**; **Jim Goss**; **Ed Ross**; **Duncan McSevern**; and **Roberta Dunham** with **Alan**.

## Tribute to Joyce Palmer

We held a short tribute to RCN's founding First Lady, **Joyce Palmer**, beginning with Marty's Moment interviewing **Joyce** in 2016. **Bruce** shared that **Joyce's** father was a Rotarian in Michigan with 50 years perfect attendance so she grew up in a Rotary family and just maybe she had an influence on husband **Clark** to organize our Rotary Club.

Go to Valley Memorial Park's website for a complete obituary.



## Announcements

### Sunshine Report

**Marty Wickenheiser** reported that **Kay Jones's** brother recently passed away.

### Non Polenta Feed

**Craig McCurdy** made his last pitch for the Non Polenta Feed. There will be an email auction for **Falzon's Cabin** at Lake Tahoe.

### Recognitions

There wasn't time for recognitions.

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You've read the bulletin! Now's your chance to write it!

## Big Wheel Editors NEEDED

for the Months of  
**March,**  
**April,**  
**May,**  
**June**  
**& July**

**Contact Bill Vespa**

*Support the most interesting  
Rotary Club ever!*

**Help share the meeting with family, friends  
and members unable to attend.**

What are you  
waiting for?



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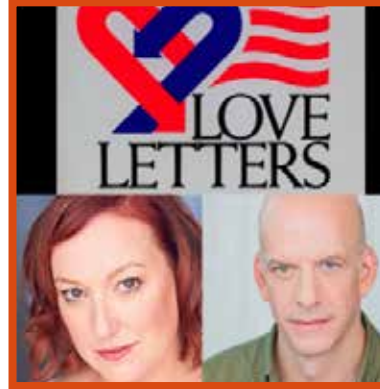
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

## 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/](http://Rotary5150.org/clubs/rotary-club-directory/)



**UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING**  
**February 12**

## Love Letters

This is a program produced by our incoming President Christina Stroeh. Her play LOVE LETTERS by A.R. Gurney will be the program. This is a two person play with Lauren and Blake Montgomery who live and work in Chicago. A short play, lasting 45 minutes, this will be the perfect time as valentines day is just two days away.

Not recommended for children.

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## Upcoming Programs

### February

- Feb. 12 **LOVE LETTERS** by A.R. Gurney and produced by our incoming president **Christina Stroeh**. This is a two person play will be the perfect time as valentines day is just two days away.
- Feb. 19 **Sanja Kulenovic**, Author of the book "Siege of Sarajevo - One Families Story of Struggle and Strength". Sanja will keep you interested in her subject. You might want to read her book before this meeting
- Feb. 26 **Novato Police Sergeant Alan Bates**: Alan will talk about the job that he and his officers do on a daily basis. This is an opportunity to learn about the procedures and how they handle things as such as homelessness, family arguments, and perhaps defunding such a hot topics.

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## Program

**Gary Bramon** introduced our Program Speaker, **Jon Haverman, PhD**, Executive Director of NEED (National Economic Education) who spoke on “The Future of the Automobile.” [www.NEEDelegation.org](http://www.NEEDelegation.org) . 415-336-5705

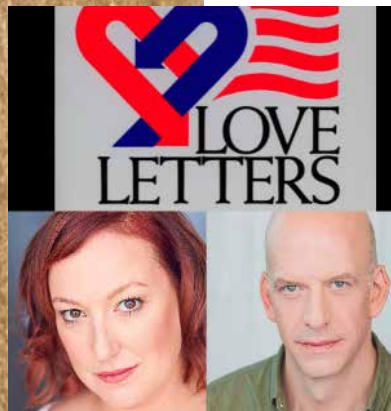
**Jon** discussed how our driving habits will change in the future. With autonomous electric cars, we will just call up for a car and tell it where to go. We may turn our garage into an additional bedroom and parking lots may be turned into parks.

## Next week's Meeting & Program:

The meeting will start at 12:20. The program will be a play titled “Love Letters” performed live on Zoom. Not recommended for children.

## Raffle Winner

**Gary Bramon** was the winner.



*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](http://novatorotary.org) for Zoom info

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# Rotary Photo Album - February 5, 2021

## Tribute to Joyce Palmer



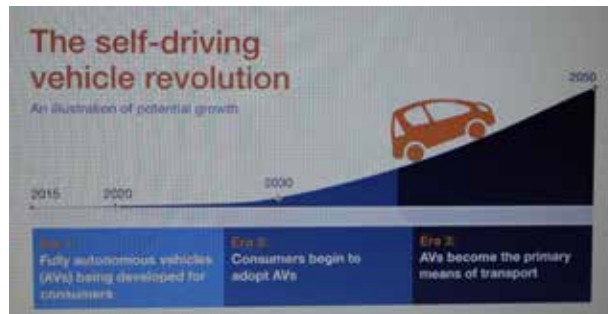
Above: Clark and Joyce Palmer.

Right: Married 60 years - Clark and Joyce Palmer.

Below: Joyce and sons Bruce and Wayne.



Bottom Right: Speaker Dr. Jon Haveman



Progress to autonomous vehicles.

### Who Are We?

- **Honorary Board: 53 members**
  - 2 Fed Chairs: Janet Yellen, Ben Bernanke
  - 6 Chairs Council of Economic Advisers
    - Furman (D), Rosen (R), Bernanke (R), Yellen (D), Tyson (D), Goolsbee (D)
  - 3 Nobel Prize Winners
    - Akerlof, Smith, Maskin
- **Delegates: 585+ members**
  - At all levels of academia and some in government service
  - All have a Ph.D. in economics
  - Crowdfund slide decks
  - Give presentations
- **Global Partners: 45 Ph.D. Economists**
  - Aid in slide deck development.

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