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# The Madison, WI Rotary News for December 31, 2020

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## Next Wednesday's Online Rotary Program

### Jan. 6: Panel Discussion: How Pandemic Has Impacted Businesses



Juli Aulik

Ted Ballweg

Jeannie Cullen Schultz

Stacy Nemeth

Jason Ilstrup

Join us next week online on January 6 at noon for a panel discussion on how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected local businesses. The panel will be comprised of the following fellow Rotarians:

**Juli Aulik** is Community relations Director for UW Health and will talk about the pandemic's impact on the health care industry. She joined Rotary in 2003 and served as club president 2010-11.

**Ted Ballweg** owns Savory Accents which produces chili pepper products, and he will talk about how the pandemic has affected the Farm to Table industry. He has been a member of our club since 1997.

**Jeannie Cullen Schultz** is Co-president of JP Cullen and will talk about aspects of how the pandemic has impacted the construction industry. Jeannie joined Rotary in 2015.

**Stacy Nemeth** is Chief Operating Officer for Fiore Companies, Inc. and will talk about the pandemic's effects on the commercial real estate business. She joined our club in 2007.

**Jason Ilstrup**, president of Downtown Madison, Inc., will serve as moderator for the panel discussion. He has been a member of our club since 2016.

**Upcoming Online Rotary Programs**  
(subject to change)

- **January 13**  
**Eleanor Burgess:** Evolution of New York Playwright & Preview of Forward Theater's *The Niceties*
- **January 20**  
**Anne Strainchamps** "How To Be Curious And Why It Matters" -- Lessons in Lifetime Learning from a Veteran Public Radio Host and Producer
- **January 27**  
**Brad Binkowski** American Exchange Project

## Virtual Coffee Connections

**Virtual Coffee Connections are back starting January 6 at 11:30 am!** You can connect with other Rotary members for virtual coffee connections before our Rotary online meeting each Wednesday starting January 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. **If you would like to attend, use the link in the Wednesday morning email.** No reservations required. We hope to see you there!

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## Community Grants Campaign

### Community Grants Campaign Update

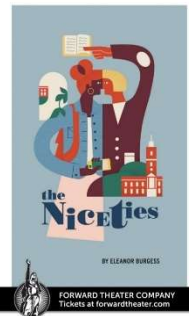
We are in the final week of our annual Community Grants Campaign. **The total raised to date is \$126,287.96.** Please mail your contributions to the Rotary office to be added to our totals for next week.

Options for making contributions to this year's Community Grants Campaign:

- Fill out the [pledge form](#), and send it to the Rotary office at 2 S. Carroll St., Ste. 255, Madison, WI 53703.
- Use our online contribution option to pay via PayPal or your debit or credit card: Click [Online PayPal Option](#).
- Simply call our office at 608-255-9164 to make a contribution using your credit card (Visa or Mastercard).



## Forward Theater's The Niceties



### An Invitation for Club Members from Our Special Events Fellowship

Join fellow Rotarians in virtually "attending" Forward Theater's Production of *The Niceties* written by New York Playwright Eleanor Burgess. The play will be performed by Samantha Newcomb and Sarah Day and directed by Jen Uphoff Gray and Dimonte Henning. This online performance will be available Jan 22 – Feb 7, 2021.

Tickets may be purchased online here: <https://tickets.overture.org/6440/7161?promo=ftcrotarynice>. Cost is \$30/ticket. If you purchase a ticket, you will be invited to the Exclusive for Rotary Members Only: Talkback Session with the Artistic Team on February 4 at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to engage Rotarians in a community discussion about the inequality/opportunity gap.

NOTE: Ticket buyers--including subscribers--will be given access to a virtual lobby. That lobby will also have a talkback link. While it will be the same link for all patrons, Rotary members will know to access it on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



## Members in the News

- **Masood Ahktar** participated in a panel discussion on Muslim Network on December 29 about the bombing in Nashville, Tennessee, on December 25.
- **Dawn Crim** was interviewed in the column "20 Years of 40 Under 40, Where Are They Now?" *In Business Dec.* 17
- **Charlie Berthoud** was quoted in an article, "Sharing their Christmas message: Excerpts of this year's sermons from Madison-area clergy." *WSJ* 12/24
- **Sharyl Kato** was pictured in an article titled, "Remembering the WWOON Holiday Scholarship Fundraiser: The Best Time of the Year." *TCC* 12/14
- **Majid Sarmadi** says of the Pantone colors of yellow and grey announced for the new year, "The colors show that people are cautiously hopeful that we are going to have a much better year." *Spectrum News* 12/28



## Happy Birthday to You!

- **Jan. 3 -- Charlie Berthoud** -- Adm. Date: 7/10/2019 Religion. Covenant Presbyterian Church
- **Jan. 3 -- Doug Dittmann** -- Adm. Date: 10/12/1988 Insurance. Neckerman Insurance Services Director 2008-10 PHF
- **Jan. 4 -- Gary Kuter** -- Adm. Date: 8/4/2010 Financial Institutions. Capitol Bank Formerly Rotarian at Middleton Area Sunrise PHF (2)
- **Jan. 4 -- Brad Mullins** -- Adm. Date: 10/4/2000 Hotels. Park Hotel, Inc. PHF (3)
- **Jan. 6 -- Justin Hart** -- Adm. Date: 7/5/2017 Financial Institutions. Capitol Bank
- **Jan. 7 -- Matt Darga** -- Adm. Date: 4/1/2015 Real Estate. Power 10 Consulting
- **Jan. 8 -- Mark Westover** -- Adm. Date: 1/9/2019 Community Services. YMCA of Dane County Inc.
- **Jan. 8 -- Alex Ysquierdo** -- Adm. Date: 2/5/2020 Financial Institutions. Associated Bank Former member of club 2015-18



**We Look Forward to Seeing You in 2021!**