

# Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



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Coast Since 1969

## Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka  
Meets at The Elks Lodge at  
445 Herrick Ave Eureka CA  
455 Herrick Ave  
Eureka, CA 95503  
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

## Club Leaders



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President



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President-Elect



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Crumley  
Secretary



Cynthia Denbo  
Public Relations  
Chair



Matthew Nilsen  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Rick Roberts  
Sergeant-at-  
Arms



Haider Ajina  
Lyme Tap Chair



Michael Davies-  
Hughes  
Community  
Service Chair



Peter Fuller  
Club Service  
Chair

Melinda  
Ciarabellini  
Vocational  
Service Chair

## Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka September 29, 2023

Photos by Cindy Denbo

Madame President Elan rang in the meeting at 12:30, and led us in the flag salute, AND presented the thought of the day. *'You have to grow from the inside out. None can teach you, none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but your own soul.'* (Vivekananda)



Former member, Stu Russell surprised us today as he is visiting Eureka (from Oklahoma). He took the mic to inform us that, as a survivor of the USS Pueblo during the Korean War, he and his fellow crew members are entitled for compensation from the US government. He reported his take will be 22 million!



Larry Goldberg  
Youth Services  
Chair



Scott Pesch  
iPast President



Carly Robbins  
Assistant  
Governor



## Events / Speakers

October 6th

### Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Chief Jarvis  
Eureka PD

October 19th

### Best of the Wurst

October 20th

### DARK: Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** DARK - No  
meeting due to Best of  
the Wurst

## Birthdays



Cynthia Denbo  
October 12th



Don Chin  
October 19th

## Announcements:

- **October 19<sup>th</sup> Best of the Wurst.** Please sign up to help with the event. Signup Genius was sent to all members, plus there were hard copies on the tables. See Peter or Haider (or maybe Hector?) for more information.



Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka presents

# ★ **BEST** of the ★ **WURST** ★

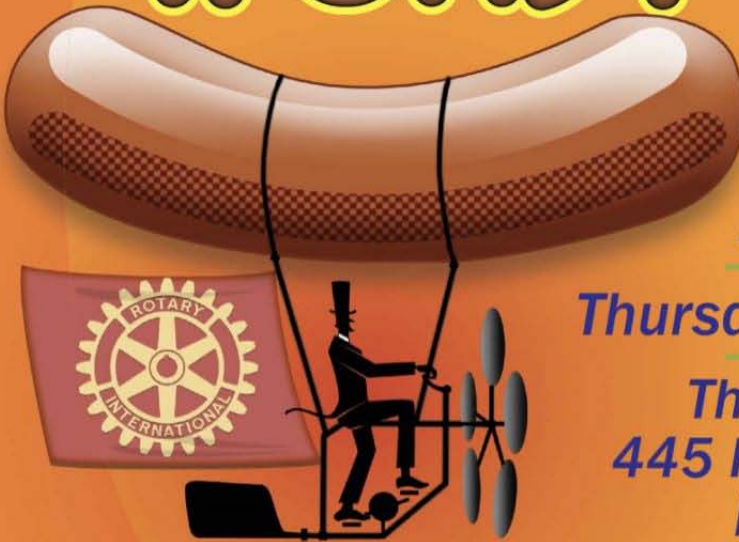
Dine-in  
and  
Drive-Thru  
Bratwurst  
Dinner



**5-7 PM**

**Thursday, Oct 19th**

**The Lodge  
445 Herrick Ave,  
Eureka**



**To Benefit: Redwood Adult & Teen Challenge  
and other community projects**

Pay online or at event with  
debit or credit card

**\$25 until October 12**

**\$30 after October 12**

No Cash Purchase

- **Grilled Bratwurst**
- **German Potato Salad**
- **Sauerkraut & Pretzel**

information and ticket purchase:

**[swrotary.org](http://swrotary.org)**



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- Buy tickets by clicking this link: [Buy Best of the Wurst Tickets here](http://Buy%20Best%20of%20the%20Wurst%20Tickets%20here) or visit [www.swrotary.org](http://www.swrotary.org)
- Best of the Wurst sponsorship opportunities are still available. See Haider if you can help sponsor this event.



## **Best of the Wurst is back on October 19th!**

***~A dine-in and drive-thru grilled bratwurst dinner that will benefit Redwood Adult & Teen Challenge and other Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka projects~***

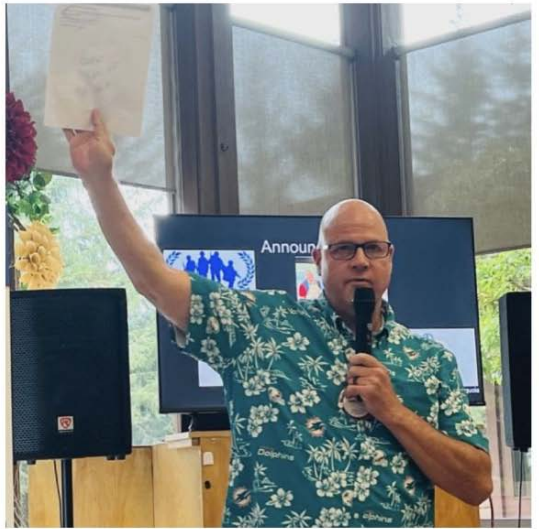
### **Will you please sponsor?**

#### **Gold Sponsor \$500**

- logo and name on Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka website prior to the event
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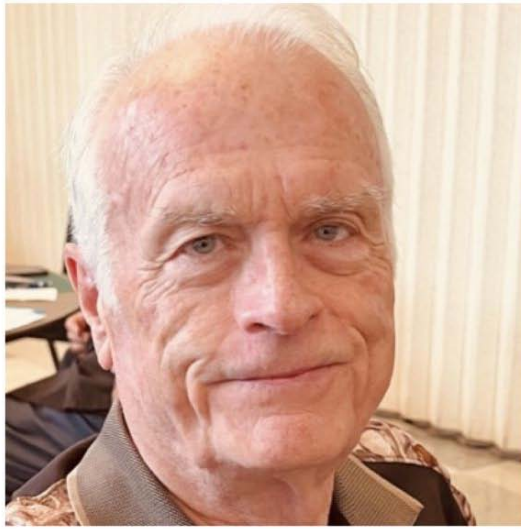
#### **Silver Sponsor \$250**

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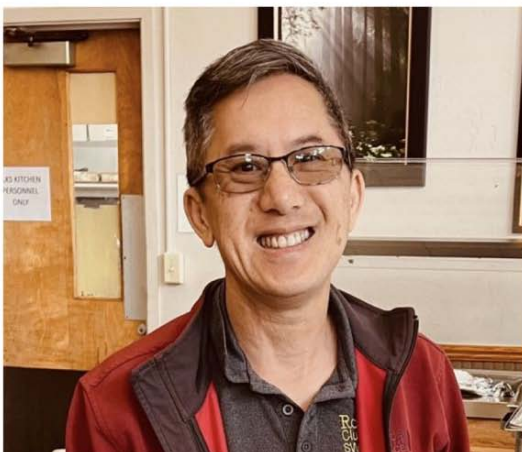


- **October 14<sup>th</sup>** Eureka Club Centennial at the Sequoia Conference Center
- **November 11<sup>th</sup>** Veterans Day. Bill Gillespie and Elan Firpo are co-chairs of this event. We will be dark on the 10<sup>th</sup>, so plan to be at the Adorni to help with setup.





- **November:** Blood drive competitions between the three Eureka area clubs. More info will be forthcoming.
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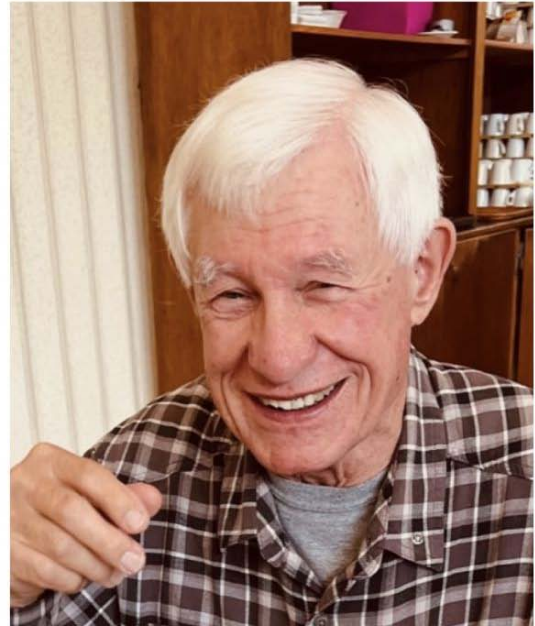
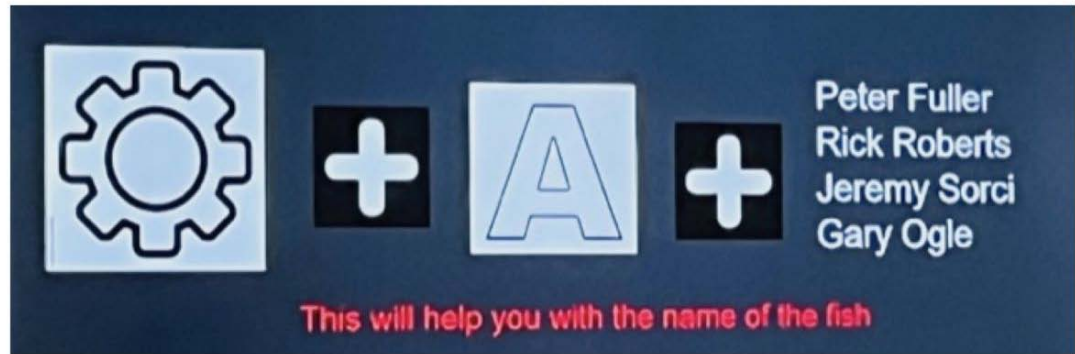




**Acknowledgments:**

Michael Davies-Hughes completed in the Silver State 508 cycling race in Nevada. It took him 35 hours to complete with one 15-minute nap. Just before this race, he placed first in the Tour of the Unknown Coast.

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**Drawing:**

Roland won once again! Time to buy that lottery ticket Roland! He had to guess the California State Fish... after a very clever clue, he came up with the Garibaldi!

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**Speaker:**

Jim Glover, chair of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission, introduced our speaker Tina Taylor. Ms Taylor is herself a victim of human trafficking.

Tina Taylor is the Awareness Director of Anti-Human Trafficking at EPI

Her topic was *The state of human trafficking in and around Humboldt County*.

She gave a great presentation on how human trafficking works, and who is vulnerable. We learned that the average age of young people being trafficked is 13-17 but can be as low as 11. Boy and girls. Often, it starts with a family member or family friend.

Red Flags that someone might be a victim of human trafficking include; kids who come to school angry and or tired; they may be carrying two phones; missing classes, have unique tattoos that the trafficker uses to mark their kids. They may attend fancy parties and wear expensive clothing or jewelry they cannot afford.

Next meeting will be October 6th