

Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



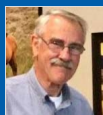
Celebrating
50 Years
of Service

Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
Meets at Via Zoom
Teleconferencing
Members Contact Elan Firpo
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Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



John Vandermolen
President



Elizabeth Ennis
President - Elect



Elan Firpo
Secretary



Vinson Champ
Treasurer



Cynthia Denbo
Public Relations
Chair



Mark McGowan
Rotary
Foundation Chair



Scott Pesch
Membership
Chair



Rick Roberts
Sergeant-at-Arms

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Lyme Tap Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester January 8, 2021

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Photos by: Mary Crumley

Welcome and Happy New Year:

President John Vandermolen called his first meeting of the year 2021 to order and wished all the members a Happy New Year and hoped everybody had wonderful holidays with family during this pandemic.



Pledge and Invocation/Thought for the day by



[Daniel Brown](#)
Community
Service Chair



[Nancy Kay](#)
Club Service
Chair



[Martin L. Lay](#)
International
Service Chair



[Meghann M. Broadstock](#)
Vocational
Service Chair



[Kenneth S. Singleton](#)
iPast President



[Mary L. Crumley](#)
Assistant
Governor

Events / Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays



[Kenneth G. Davlin](#)
January 10th



[Mark McGowan](#)
January 11th



[Gregory Hufford](#)
January 17th

[Mike L. Newman](#)
January 25th



Scott Pesch gallantly led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and for thought of the day he quoted the **Founder of Rotary International Paul Harris:**

◆Let us keep our hearts strong, enthusiasm fresh and hopes high.
As long as we keep imbued with this spirit, Rotary can never die.◆

Rotary Minute

For his weekly Rotary Minute **President John** saluted some the famous and notable Rotarians of the world:

Warren G. Harding (former U.S. President)
Woodrow Wilson (former U.S. President and Nobel Prize Laureate in peace)
John F. Kennedy (former U.S. President)
Richard Nixon (former U.S. President)
Gerald R. Ford (former U.S. President)
Ronald Reagan (former U.S. President)
George W. Bush (former U.S. President)
Franklin D. Roosevelt (former U.S. President)
Konrad Adenauer (former German Chancellor)
Neil Armstrong (American Astronaut)
Buzz Aldrin (American Astronaut who planted the ◆four-way test◆ pin on the moon)
Angela Merkel (German Chancellor)
Nicolas Sarkozy (French President)
Winston Churchill Sir, (former British Prime Minister)
Margaret Thatcher (former British Prime Minister better known as ◆Iron Lady◆)
Walt Disney (American film producer)
Bill Gates (American software entrepreneur)
Rainier III (Prince of Monaco)
J.C. Penney (founder Penney Stores)
Pope Francis
Edmund Hillary Sir, (the first man to reach the summit of mount Everest)
Luciano Pavarotti (Opera Singer)

Thank you, **Scott Pesch and President John**, for your inspiring thought of the day and the Rotary Minute respectively. It gave us all a sense of pride to be a Rotarian.

Announcements



John J. Gierke
February 4th



President John thanked Eddie Morgan, Kristin Blair, Emily Kirsch and Mike Newman for helping with **Backpacks for Kids**. Please kindly sign up to help when called upon by Mike Newman.

Scott Pesch announced that virtual live **Yahtzee Tournament Championship** is set to begin tomorrow, Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 6pm-8pm. The link to sign up and instruction to play have been and were sent to members that did not have it during the meeting.

Over \$18,000.00 have been raised for **Forgotten Initiative for Foster Children and other Rotary Community Projects**. More than 352 players have signed up and urged members to sign up to play if they have not done so. Thank you to all the sponsors and participants for supporting this event. A **big shout out to Cindy Denbo** for all the publicity in promoting this event and **of course to the fundraiser King of our Club**

Scott Pesch we all thank you.



President John announced that our **Vocational Scholarship** for the College of Redwoods Police Academy was awarded to **Julian Aguilera** and thanked **Meghan Broadstock** for coordinating the award.

Recognitions

Let us give a big round of applause to these fine Rotarians who were recognized during the meeting.



Melinda Ciarabellini beamed with delight that she is going to be a grandmother again this coming July. Her son Jeremy and his bride Emily of Seattle are expecting their second child. For this wonderful news Melinda donated \$50.00 to the Foundation.



Roland Johnson celebrated his birthday on December 20. Still donning a full head of hair, this **silver fox** is 76 years old was showered with love by children and relatives remotely. Happy birthday wishes from the club cost Roland \$50.00

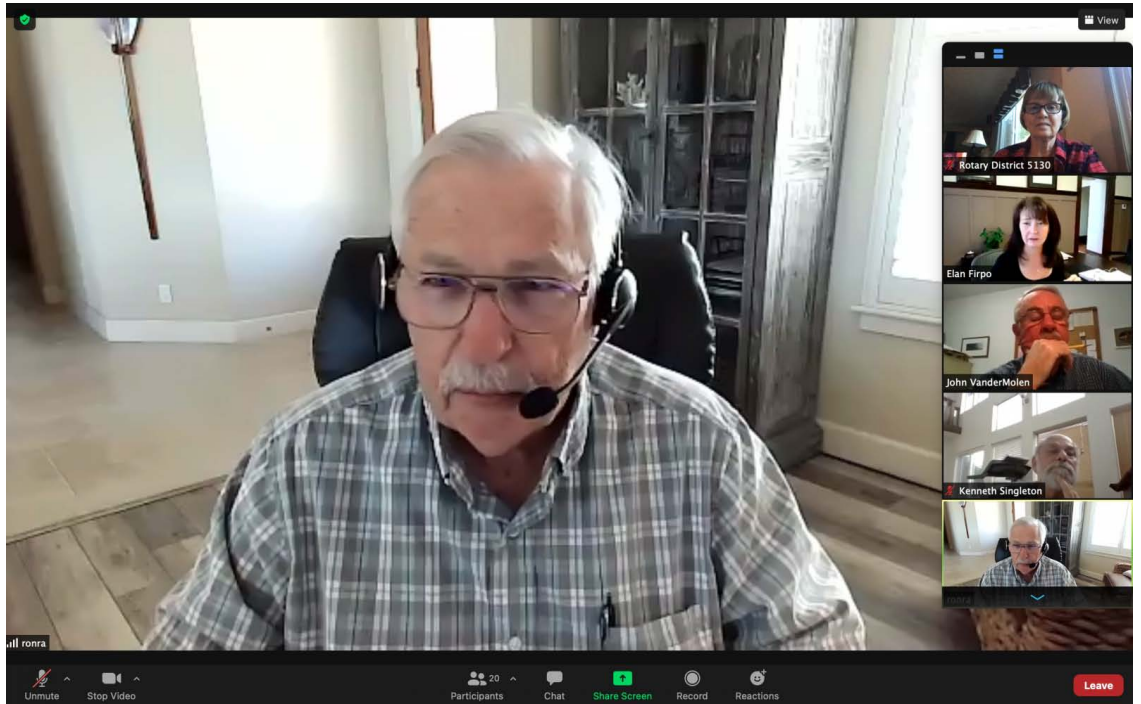


Eddie Morgan celebrated his anniversary on December 27 by cooking a gourmet meal for his beautiful bride Sue. Eddie proudly let us know that during the shelter in place due to pandemic he has vastly improved his culinary skills. For 24 years of their wedded bliss Eddie gave the club \$24.00.



John Goff the January 8 birthday boy did not have to pay any fine for his birthday since it fell on our club's meeting day. He was so happy that he turned 74 and was and is still full of life. He broke the rule and gifted \$100.00 to the club.

Program



Nancy Kay introduced our former member a man of many talents Ron Harris. He was long time member of our club. He was born and raised in Eureka. He worked at the Fire Department for 20 years. He was real estate broker, a contractor and now a very successful businessman.

Ron is currently a member of the Canby Rotary Club in Oregon. He talked about the project that his club completed recently by building 100 students' desks to help ease the strain of distance learning.

It was felt that some student was oftentimes working from the kitchen table or their bunk bed or anywhere they can find to do their schoolwork.

Ron Harris developed the design for a simple, compact, folding and sturdy desk that can be easily moved and assembled and invited small groups of club members to his wood shop to produce them.

With cad cam design all the pieces of wood were precisely cut for 100 and 1 prototype desk. Different jigs for different parts of the desk were created to assemble the desks. It was done like an assembly line process.

Every piece was hand cut, assembled and shrink-wrapped Rotarian. One hundred and one (101) desk were donated, and the estimated cost was around \$3000.00

The outreach has been so successful that other Rotary clubs have reached out to Canby for their design and instruction.

Thank you, Ron, for an excellent program and for all your past generosity to our club and please do visit often.

