

Rotary



Club of Southwest Eureka

Serving the North Coast Since 1969

Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka Meets at The Elks Lodge at 445 Herrick Ave Eureka CA or Via Zoom Teleconferencing Members Contact Elan Firpo elanfirpo@gmail.com

Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



Elizabeth Ennis
President



Scott Pesch
President-Elect



Elan Firpo
Secretary



Marie Liscom
Treasurer



Cynthia Denbo
Public Relations Chair



Troy D. Vizenor
President-Nominee



Mark McGowan
Rotary Foundation Chair



Rick Roberts
Membership Chair

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Lyme Tap

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester July 9, 2021

By: Carl Willoughby and Mary Crumley
Photos by: Cindy Denbo and Mary Crumley



President **Liz Ennis** Kicked off the new Rotary year in grand style! The meeting was called to order promptly at 12:30 sharp with the help of her granddaughters, Arabella, Julianna and youngest, Victoria, who rang in the official bell!

Carl Willoughby was wearing several hats today ♦ Greeter, Pledge leader and Thought for the Day by orator!
♦ *Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together* ♦
♦ *from My Road to Rotary, Paul Harris*



Chair



Daniel Brown
Community Service Chair



Cassandra Hesseltn
Club Service Chair



Eddie Morgan
Club Service Chair



Gary W. Ogle
Vocational Service Chair



Vinson Champ
Youth Services Chair



John Vandermolen
iPast President



Carly Robbins
Assistant Governor



Events / Speakers

July 16th
Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting Social
Speaker: Off Site Meeting at Humboldt Bay Social Club
Subject: Social Event

July 23rd
Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Liz Ennis
Subject: Club Assembly

August 13th
Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: DG Dustin Littlefield
Subject: District Governors message

August 26th
Coast Guard Dinner
Speaker: USCG



Captain
 August 27th
**Southwest Eureka
 Weekly Club
 Meeting DARK**
 Speaker: Dark Today

Birthdays



Elan Firpo
 July 12th



Lorna J.
 Petersen
 July 20th



Leslie Merrill
 July 20th



Shelley
 Nilsen
 July 25th



Eddie
 Morgan
 July 30th

Carl welcomed visitors, many of which came to support Liz at her first meeting. Guests included:

Eric Smith, Old Town Rotary president

Klark Swan, Eureka Club president.

Marty Lay, now Arcata Sunrise Rotary

Terri Clark, Arcata Sunrise Rotary

Carly Robbins, Assistant 5130 Governor for Eureka Clubs

Mary's husband **Tom Crumley**

Liz and John Ennis's son **Sean Ennis**, Daughter-in-law **Kate Ennis** and granddaughters **Julianna, Arabella, and Victoria**

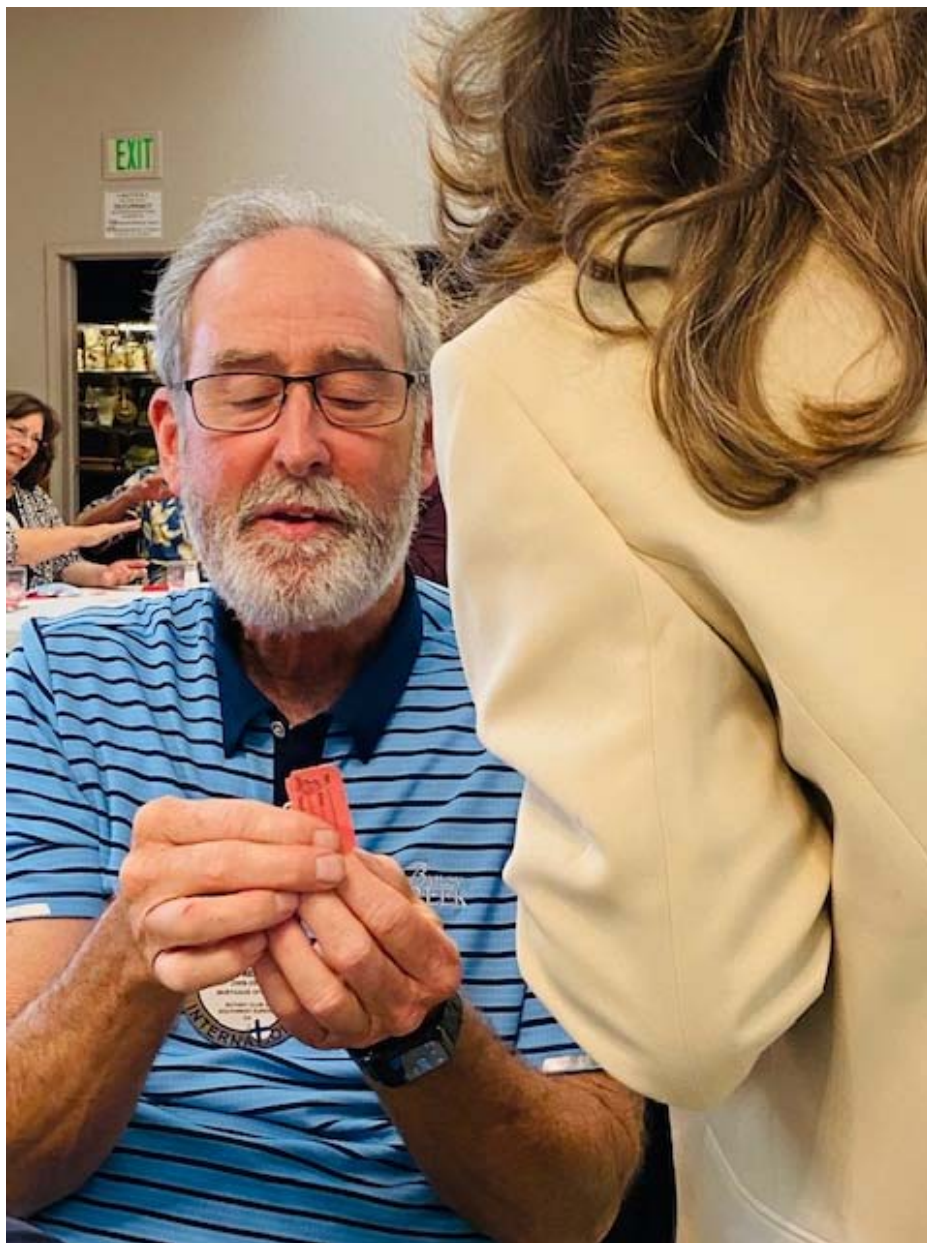


John Vandermolen was called to the podium to make this presidential transfer of power official. Pins were exchanged and John was grinning ear to ear (I wonder why?). The new reign of leadership is now officially in place.

Announcements:



- **Lorna Petersen** greeted our new President Liz with a beautiful jeweled [plastic] tiara fit for a Queen, or a President!



- **Mark McGowan** reported on the very successful golf tournament and held the raffle drawing. The winners included our own **Elan Firpo** (and Jason).
- June 16th is our first club social. We will NOT be meeting at the Elks on the 16th. We will be meeting at Humboldt Bay Social Club in the evening. You will receive more information about this very soon. This will be the first of many socials to come this year.

Here are some dates to put on your calendar:

- July 16th Evening social ♦ no lunch meeting
- July 21st BOD meeting
- July 23rd Club Assembly
- August 13th. District Governor Dustin Littlefield
- August 26th Coast Guard Dinner
- September 3rd Dark for Labor Day
- September 9th or 11th. Best of the Wurst Dinner

Recognitions:



- **Kevin Heckman** recently celebrated a Birthday. While Kevin had mic in hand, he took advantage of the time to toss Ken Singleton under the proverbial bus for not recognizing him during the introduction of guests. Ken, the story goes, started to hand Kevin the mic to introduce himself, before realizing it was our own. There was some muttering from Ken that Kevin had a different haircut or something like that ♦



- **Larry Goldberg** 36th wedding anniversary, tapped out. Congrats Larry!



Liz honored The BOD members and all club officers with some very classy chocolate bars and a photo recognition. Click [here](#) to view a full list of board directors, officers, and committee chairs.

Raffle: won by Eddie Morgan. Congrats Eddie!

Program: **Getting to know your president**

Liz reviewed some of her action items for this year as well as what to expect in the next coming months. We will see community labor-related projects, and more collaboration with the other Eureka clubs. You can also expect more club socials to help us make up for the many months we were unable to get together.

She went on to describe her family and childhood with some fun facts and interesting pictures, but the real surprise was her professional career ♦ Liz worked with ♦Rocket Scientists♦! Her position was, in lay terms, managing the money the scientists required. She managed funding in the millions of dollars.

Needless to say, this was met with some skepticism and even a few hoots & howls. However, Liz actually did work in Aerospace for Rockwell International on several rocket engine projects. So YES, the new President of the Southwest Eureka Rotary Club was a ♦Rocket Scientist♦ accountant!

