

# 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



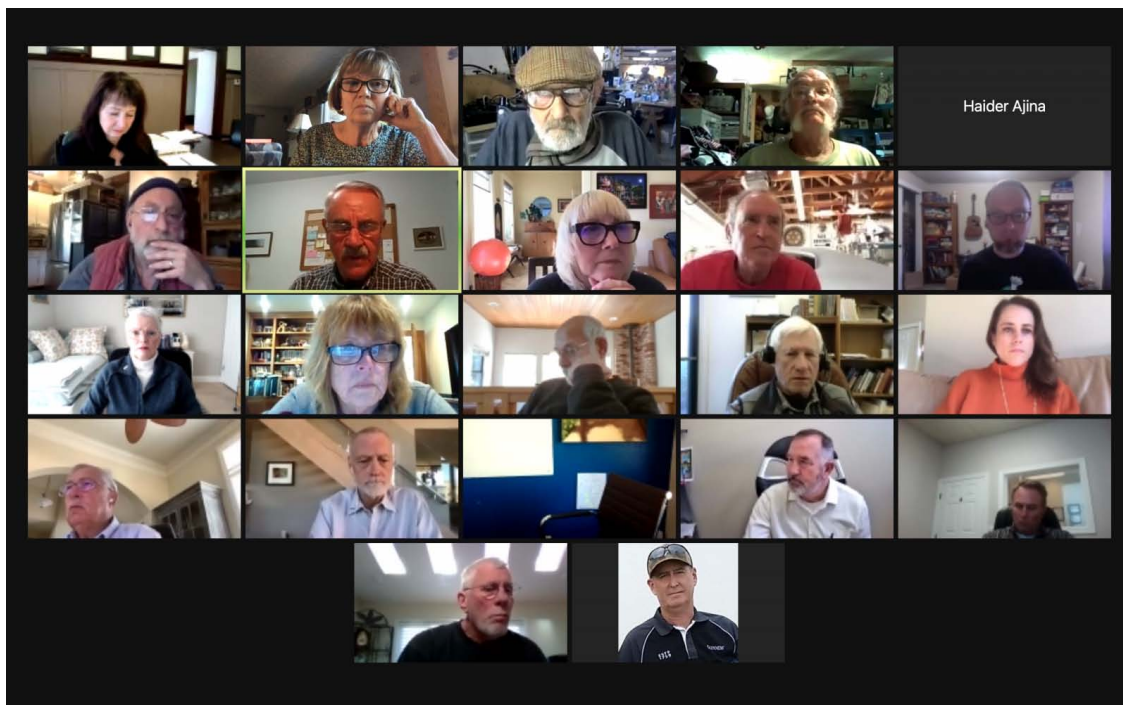
Rick Roberts  
Sergeant-at-Arms

Haider Ajina  
Lyme Tap Chair

### Rotary Club of SW Eureka Souwester Feb.5, 2021

By Mary Crumley  
Photos by Mary Crumley

President John called the meeting to order promptly at 12:34. He graciously welcomed our guests; Past District Governor Barb Spangler, and our presenter David Simmer who hails from the Rotary Club of Sedona Arizona.





**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

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## Birthdays



**John W. Ennis**  
February 14th

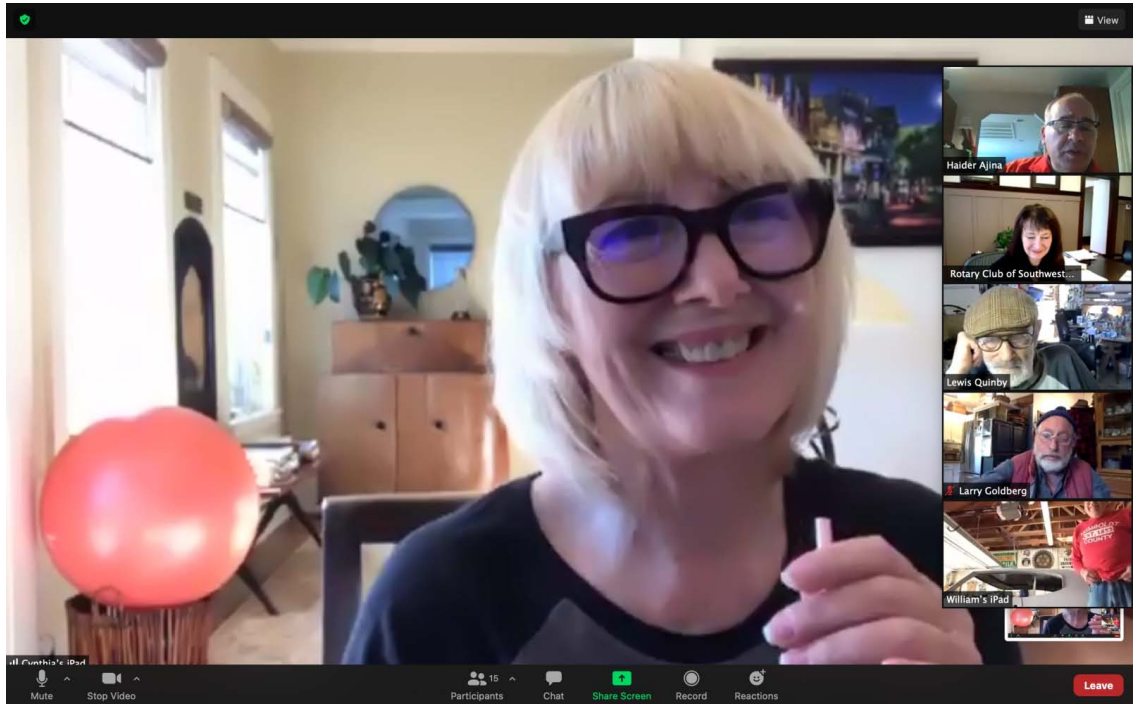


**William Morrill**  
February 15th



**Cassandra  
Hesseltine**  
February 15th

**William Honsal**  
February 17th



Greeter Cindy Denbo lead us in the pledge and shared her thought(s) for the day! These quotes, by the way, are connected by ♦absolutely nothing♦! So, don♦ try to connect the dots.

#1 Watch your thoughts, as they become words; watch your words as they become actions; watch your actions as they become habits; watch our habits as they become character; watch your character as it becomes your destiny. Credit: Laozi, ancient Chinese philosophe from the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> century

#2 When I was 5 years old my mother always told me happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, I was asked what I wanted to be when I grow up. I said ♦happy♦. They told me I did not understand the assignment. I told them they did not understand life. Credit: John Lennon.

#3 The way I see it, if you want a rainbow, you got to put up with the rain. Credit: Dolly Parton.



### Rotary Minute buy John Vandermolen

August 1, 1912, the Rotary Club of London was chartered as the first Rotary Club in Europe. Prior to this, In April of this year, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Canada was chartered. Making London the first intercontinental Rotary club.

Up until this point, Rotary Clubs were exclusively in the United States. This is when the organization changed its title from National Association of Rotary Clubs, to International Association of Rotary Clubs. Now, between Great Brittan and the USA, there were 50 Rotary clubs. In 1921, a club was chartered in Spain, and so it began!

### Announcements:





Jerry Colivas, Jr.  
February 18th



Laura Morris  
February 19th



Mike Newman thanked those who participated in Backpacks for Kids on Thursday. Elan Firpo, Matt Nielson; Emily Kirsch and our newest prospect, Davin Bowerman all jumped in and got the job done! Davin loaded up the backpack cargo and delivered it to Pine Hill school by 4:30. Great teamwork!



Haider Ajina updated us on The Best of the Wursth fundraiser to be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be a drive-by German dinner including bratwurst, warm German potato salad and red cabbage. But will there be pretzels? The jury is still out on that one.

Haider reported that we already have \$5750 in sponsors! Thanks to Scott Pesch, John Vandermolen, Gary Ogle with Aflac, Redwood Capital Bank, Coast Central Credit Union, Haider Ajina, North Coast Chevrolet (Mark is requesting a Dodge or Ford be represented on the logo) Elan Firpo, Tyron Champ, John Goff, Ron Harris, Greg Hufford and Ken Singleton.

President John announced that the beneficiary for this event will be the Humboldt Senior Recourse Center Home Delivered Meals.

#### **Covid Vaccine information:**

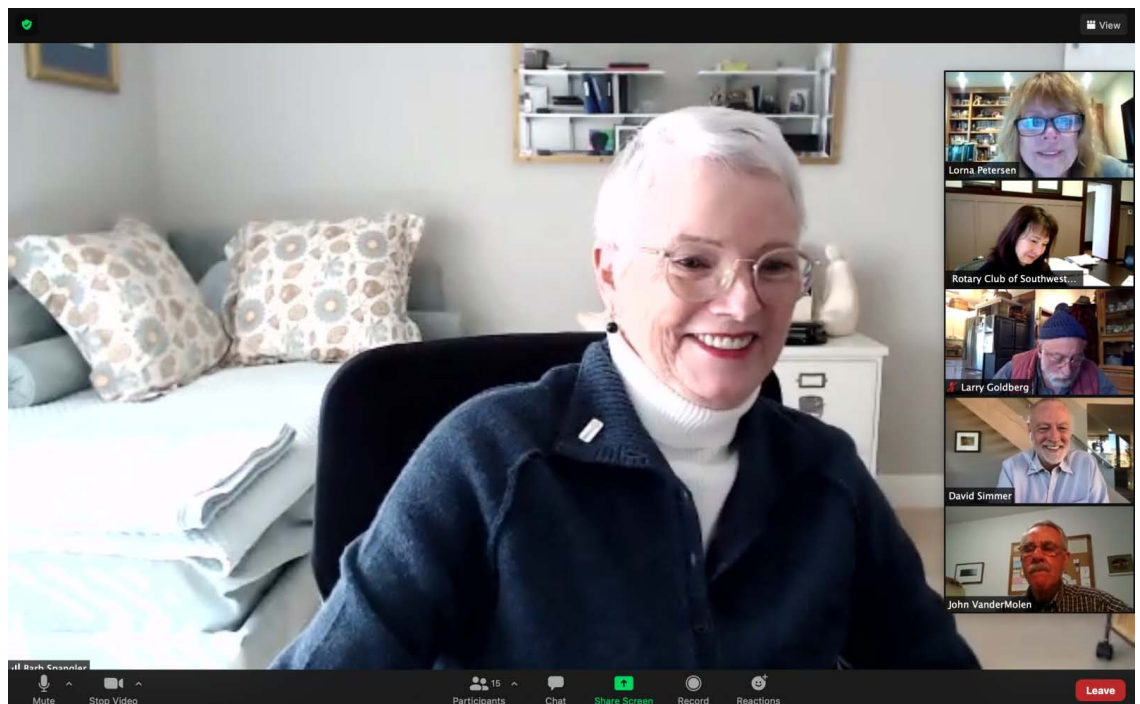
I case you are not aware; Humboldt County Public Health is asking those interested in receiving a Covid-19 vaccine to fill out an interest form. Click the link [here](#) for access to the form. You can also call 441-5000. This is what Humboldt County Public Health say about this process: *This COVID-19 Vaccine Interest form is for individuals interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Filling out the COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form for Individuals does not book an appointment for vaccination, but the information submitted will be used to help connect people to vaccination clinics when vaccine is available for their tier.*

#### **Lost Coast Outpost Video**

Cindy is encouraging those interested to show up on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in old town at Coast Guard Plaza to take part in the filming of a short (very short) video. We will be sharing some Valentine's Day good cheer with the community. It will be aired on Lost Coast Outpost Monday's with Michela. The entire process should take about 20 minutes. Contact Cindy Denbo if you have any question.

### Shameless Self Promotion:

Ken was quick to bring to the president's attention that Haider had some big news to share. Haider made it a point, when teaching his children how to drive, to teach them to drive a stick shift as well as automatic transmission. This teaching paid off for his daughter Alia when applying for a job within her field of study, environmental science. The gentlemen interviewing her asked if she knew how to drive a stick shift. She replied that she did, AND she could double clutch too! She landed the job! Perhaps not just because she could drive a stick, but for her many other talents as well. She now drives a 1.5-ton water truck. Nice job Alia!







### Program

Marty introduced our speakers today, David Simmer and PDG Barb Spangler. They presented a dynamic, eye-opening program about a water project in the Navajo Nation. Yes, there are people right here in the US without access to clean water.

The Navajo Nation is about the size of West Virginia and has a population of approximately 175,000. Unemployment is 50%, and 44% of the children live in poverty. About 40%, or 70,000 live without indoor running hot and cold water and utilize about 7 gallons of water a day. This compares with the average American who utilizes approximately 100,000 gallons a day.

In order for the Navajo to get their water, they must drive miles to the water source and cart back what they can carry in assorted barrels and buckets in their vehicle. The water is then stored outside and covered with blankets to protect it from dust and animals.

The DeepDig solution: Navajo homeowners can apply for a water storage system that holds 1200 gallons through DeepDig. DeepDig, founded in 2012, is a non-profit organization partnering with Rotary and other supporters. The cost of the water storage system costs \$4500 with includes transport trucks to routinely refill the storage systems every 3-4 weeks. Recipients of the water storage units, if able, as asked to aid in installation of future water storage units. Rotary has provided 25% of the funding. Rotary will continue to support DeepDig through global grants. If clubs are interested in participating, they can make a reservation while awaiting the global grant approval.

This was a very impactful program. We think of water projects as being needed in developing countries. This concern with the Navajo nation is right here in our own backyard. Thank you, David and Barb, for a well delivered presentation.

## Navajo Water Project

**Navajo Nation at a Glance:**

- Geography: Area the size of West Virginia
- Population: ~175,000
- Unemployment hovers around 50%
- 44% of the children live in poverty

## Navajo Water Project

### Navajo Nation Water Poverty:

- 70K (i.e. 40% of the Navajo) live without “indoor” hot and cold running water and/or toilet
- The avg. American family consumes/utilizes 100 gallons of water per day
- The average Navajo family consumes/utilizes 7 gallons of water per day



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## Navajo Water Project



### Navajo access to clean water:

- United Nations: traditional *hub and spoke* water systems not economically feasible in Navajo Nation
- The Challenges:
  - Weather dictates underground piping to protect from freezing
  - Caliche — virtually impenetrable calcium carbonate rock
  - Sacred lands; Very difficult terrain
  - Clan-based communities — remote homes

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## Navajo Water Project Dilkon

### The DigDeep solution:

- Homeowners need to apply for systems
- Home-based installations
- 1200 gallon water tank installed underground at the home
- Solar panels installed for pump and hot water
- Homes are often already plumbed (prefabricated homes or trailers) but not connected....until now
- Residual electricity from the solar panels in many cases is first electricity to the family



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John rang the closing bell at 1:03