

# Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



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## Club Meeting

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

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## Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester May 21, 2021

By Gary Ogle

Photos by Cindy Denbo and Mary Crumley



Meeting called to order at 12:35 by Jon Vandermolen President





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Club Service  
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## Events / Speakers

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## Birthdays



[Vinson Champ](#)  
May 24th



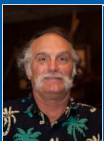
[Nicholas Bertell](#)  
May 29th



[William Speer](#)  
June 5th



[Gary W. Ogle](#)  
June 10th



[Martin L. Lay](#)  
June 10th



[Heather Blair](#)  
June 16th



[Rachael Simon](#)  
June 18th



Carl led us in the pledge of Allegiance and gave us this thought of the day:

- Based on our environmental theme this year
  - My therapist set half a glass of water in front of me and asked If I was an optimist or a pessimist. So, I drank the water and told him I was a problem solver, just what a good Rotarian should be.

**Visitors:**



Daniel Brown  
June 21st



Paul McGinty  
June 21st



Sid Noyes  
June 23rd



- Steve Lafferty RC Eureka Telecom here to audit our set up for Hybrid meetings.
- Jerry Reece RC Eureka Travel, here to audit our set up for Hybrid meetings.



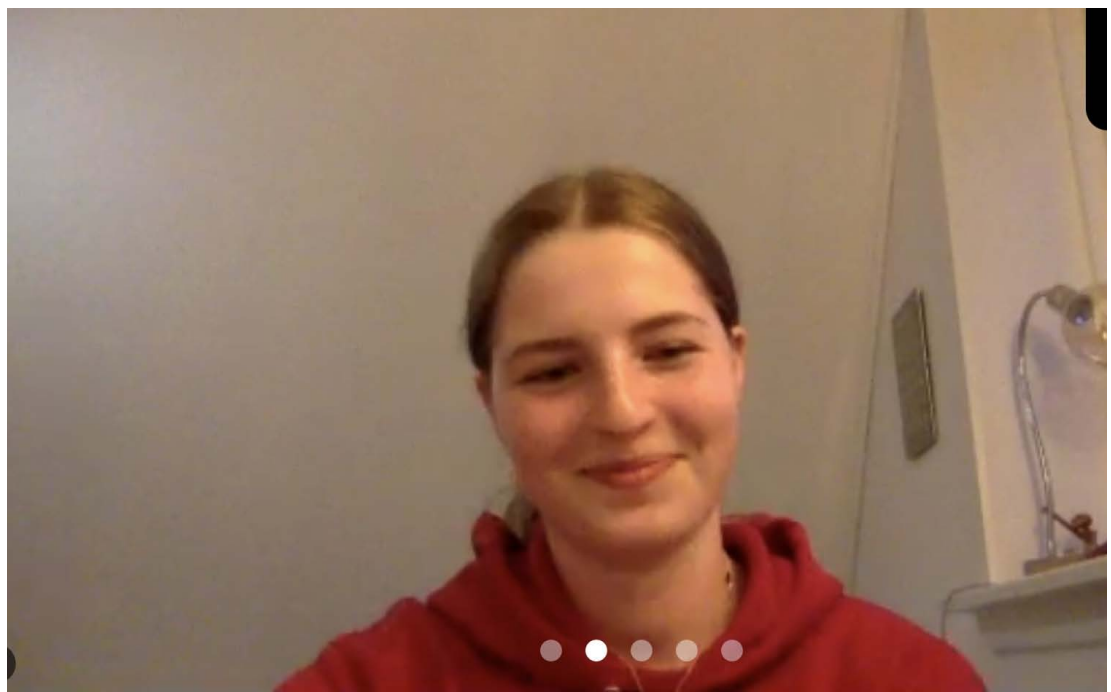
- Kent Falkenstine Guest of our newest member Emily Kirsch.
- Glenn Goldan, former member and current member and guest of David Bowerman.





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- Davin Bowerman, New member joining today.
- Caroline Rasmussen joining via zoom from Denmark, our last year's youth exchange student.

**Announcements:**



1. Caroline Rasmussen gave us a great update on her home life back in Denmark, she misses us and is active in a ton of sports while in school. She stayed all year during Covid with us staying with the Pesch♦s, Davies-Hughes and McGinty♦s.







**1. New Inductees/ Newest Members; Mark served as Past President and gave them the PP's Charge.**

- Emily Kirsh, Marketing with Eddie Alexander
- Chris Duncan, Business Manager Whitchurch Engineering
- David Bowerman, Reprop Financial

3. We will be dark next Friday 5/28 due to the Mem Day holiday

4. Judge Morrison's Memorial meeting will be Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>

5. Backpack 4 kids, ending phase one, Thank You Kevin Heckman for finishing up next 2 weeks.

6. Hybrid Meetings; We are doing well, but we do need to have 30 people having lunch each week for the Elks lodge to break even on lunches. SUGGESTION if you are hitting some but not all meetings just write the club a check for a months worth of lunches until we are fully back in full force. Thank you, Roland and Scott, for funding the current Gap in lunch cost vs lunchers. Also encourage those who have not started coming back to come back and check out our cutting-edge hybrid meetings.

7. Steve Broadhag, annual golf tournament June 11<sup>th</sup> WE WILL BE DARK THAT DAY  
Mark is selling raffle tickets see him to get some and also Details of the event.



8. Michael Davis- Hughes is setting off on his weeklong cross America bike fundraising tour, we wish him a safe ride.

9. Construction is under way for our 2020 project the bird watching station on the waterfront trail, district grant is in place.



**Raffle**  
Scott Pesch won the Raffle.

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**Speaker today:**



Bruce Janigian from the Sonoma club was our focused speaker today. He gave us an update on the Nepal Wash Project Remotely via a zoom. Marty Lay is our District / club point person on this awesome project. See him for more details. It provides Water and sanitation for young girls in 3 schools. Without this focus they would be banished from classes during their menstruation time hindering their education and future. For more details, please see the photos below.





# Financial Contributions

Global Grant #GG2124846

- Make all checks payable to "The Rotary Foundation" with "Annual Fund" and "Sonoma Valley Nepal WASH Project" noted on the memo line
  - ✓ Checks held until Global Grant approved by The Rotary Foundation



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  - ✓ Club contributions earn "Recognition Points" on a 1:1 basis for their Paul Harris Recognition Bank
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Meeting closed by President Jon at 1:30 pm