



Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka Meets at Via Zoom Teleconferencing Members Contact Elan Firpo elanfirpo@gmail.com

Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

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Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester June 25, 2021

By Meghann Broadstock
Photos by Cindy Denbo and Mary Crumley



The last meeting of John's presidential year was called to order by Mr. President himself at 12:35 pm.



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Incoming President, Liz Ennis led us in the pledge and gave us our thought of the day, which was a quote from Jimmy Hendrix. According to Jimmy, the power of love is greater than the love of power. If we can all adopt this belief the world will find peace. Thank you, Liz!

We had one visitor today, and that was Carly Robbins, past president of the Eureka club. Carly is also the incoming Assistant District Governor for our region. Congratulations & Welcome, Carly!
A few announcements today:

Events / Speakers

July 2nd
**Southwest Eureka
Weekly Club
Meeting DARK**
Speaker: Dark Today

July 9th
**Southwest Eureka
Weekly Club
Meeting**
Speaker: Liz Ennis
Subject: Getting to
know your new
president.

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

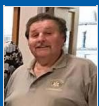
Birthdays



[Elan Firpo](#)
July 12th



[Lorna J. Petersen](#)
July 20th



[Leslie Merrill](#)
July 20th



[Shelley Nilsen](#)
July 25th



- Our hands on project of the bird watching station on the Hikshari trail was recently completed. Thank you to Davin Bowerman, Mike Newman, Dan Brown, Marty Lay, and Ken Singleton for their hard work on this.



- Carly Robbins thanked Mike Newman for his continued coordination of the Backpacks for Kids program. In addition to her Rotary service, Carly is also the Development Director of Food for People, the organization which oversees Backpacks for Kids. Please consider sponsoring a child into the Backpacks club. You can sponsor a child for an entire



year for \$300.00.

- Cindy Denbo promoted the Business Ethics awards and encourages all members to nominate Humboldt County businesses! Nominations are open until July 30th, and you can apply at northcoastethics.com. Thank you, Cindy for your continued work on this!



- Michael Davis-Hughes is currently racing across America! Carl Willoughby gave us an update, and said Michael is through Ohio and about 75% complete. You can continue to donate at michaelsraam.com or purchase a t shirt. (UPDATE: as of the day this bulletin is being written, Michael has completed his journey and is coming home! **Huge congratulations**, we can't wait to hear all about it!)

- REMINDER: We are dark next week for the 4th of July. The following Friday, 7/16, will be Liz's first day at the podium. Please join us at the meeting to support the start of her Presidential year!



We had several Paul Harris recognitions today as well. Both Tyrone Champ and Greg Hufford (not present) received their Paul Harris Fellow pin, presented by Greg Dale. Rick Roberts also received his Paul Harris +7 and +8, phenomenal Rick! Being the last meeting of the year, there was fining to be done:





- Gary Ogle recently celebrated his birthday on June 10th.
- Ken Singleton was fined for some reason ♦ it wasn't really clear.
- Marty Lay had a birthday on June 10th, he donated \$50.00 to the club.
- Greg Dale celebrated his anniversary on May 23rd. He also announced shamelessly that he is no longer an Oyster farmer and is now selling real estate.
- John Goff celebrated his 48th wedding anniversary.
- Dan Brown had a recent birthday as well.
- Tyrone Champ celebrated his birthday on May 24th. He also recently purchased a new house, Congratulations! He also offered to contribute funds to underwrite the cost of our lunches at the Elks. Thank you!
- Rick Roberts is celebrating the birth of his fourth grandchild, a granddaughter named Navie Day. Navie was born on Father's Day. Congratulations!
- Matt Nilsen had a birthday in March that we skipped over apparently ♦.
- Lewis Quinby celebrated his anniversary on June 19th.



Marty Lay gave an update on his status in our club. Marty spoke about the reasons he is so passionate about service, and it all started when he was a young boy living in San Francisco and the Rotary Club of San Francisco would sponsor him to attend soccer camp each year. He also watched his parents volunteer endlessly. Marty shared with the club that he is leaving our club to join his wife Terry in the Arcata Sunrise Club, but that he has so enjoyed being part of Southwest Eureka. Marty, thank you for your endless contributions to our club, we will miss you tremendously.



Our program today was done by Dr. Ann Lindsay who presented on Life Care Humboldt. Life Care Humboldt is a nonprofit that has been formed to plan, build, and support a mixed-income Life Plan Community in Humboldt County. They aim to create a resident-led, aging in place community providing secure, accessible homes and environmentally responsible setting that supports independence, socialization, personal growth, community involvement, and intellectual stimulation. How does it work? Life plan fee structures vary, but people join these communities by paying an entry fee along with monthly

payments. When two people share a space, there is a small increase. Up to 80% of the entry fee is refundable once a resident is no longer living in the community.

You can find out more information about Life Care Humboldt and donate to their cause at www.lifecarehumboldt.org.



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- Complete the design survey, register your preferences
- Tell your friends, host a house party
- Volunteer
- **DONATE!**

Thank you

Diana Martin

In closing, congratulations to President John on an outstanding year, even with extraordinary circumstances. Thank you to the Board and fundraiser chairs that assisted John in navigating a new normal for our meetings and changing the structure of our fundraisers to continue our mission of service before self, even during a pandemic.
