



## Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka  
Meets at Via Zoom  
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Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

## Club Leaders

 [John Vandermolen](#)  
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International Service  
Chair

# Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester

Friday, September 11, 2020

By: **Ken Singleton**  
Photos: **Mary Crumley**

**President John Vandermolen** ♦ **The Master Craftsman** ♦ dropped the invisible hammer and called the meeting to order at 12:31pm.



**Visitors:** He welcomed  
Our Past President **Howard Julien 1995-1996**  
Our honorary member and ♦ **Big Donor** ♦ **Ron Harris**  
**Rusty Goodlive** President of Eureka Old Town Rotary Club  
**Connie Stewart** our speaker for the day.

### Rotary Minute:

Did you know that the very first Rotary Club in 1905 had no dues? Instead, they agreed that all club expenses would be paid from \$.50 fines. In today's dollar, that fine would be just over \$13. By 1915 Rotary International was on the verge of bankruptcy and its then President Frank Mulholland suggested every Rotarian contribute \$1 (just over \$24 today), and hence the concept of annual dues was born. That \$1 raised enough funds to make the organization whole, and thanks to the institution of dues RI has not suffered financially since.

### Announcements:

**President John** urged all club members to purchase at least two tickets for our ♦ **Drive-by Fish-Dinner** ♦ fund raiser benefiting Backpack For Kids. Purchase the tickets for your friends and neighbors if you cannot make it or donate \$40.00 for a good cause.

 [Meghann M Broadstock](#)  
Vocational Service Chair

 [Kenneth S Singleton](#)  
iPast President

 [Mary L. Crumley](#)  
Assistant Governor

## Events / Speakers

September 18th  
[Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** USCG Captain Mark Hiigel

**Subject:** Update on USCG Sector Humboldt Bay

October 1st  
[Drive-By Fish Dinner](#)

October 2nd  
[Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** HSU Professor Vicky Sama

**Subject:** Future opportunities and challenges in journalism

October 9th  
[Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** League of Women Voters Humboldt County

**Subject:** November Ballot Measures

October 16th  
[DG Official Visit - Southwest Eureka](#)

October 23rd  
[Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Jessie Cretser-Haratenstein

**Subject:** Media Literacy from Pop Culture to Politics

November 27th  
[Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Dark Today

## Birthdays

[Melinda Ciarabellini](#)  
September 28th



**Sultan Haider Ajina** was elated how our October 1, Drive-by Fish is progressing. To date 55 dinners have been purchased and that is very encouraging. He thanked Pacific Choice Seafood for donating the fish. A big salute to our **Publicity Chair Cindy Denbo** for doing a bang up with the publicity.

**Mighty On-Call CFO Liz Ennis** informed us that the club has already raised over \$6000.00 because these generous individuals and businesses for sponsoring our **Drive-by-Fish-Dinner** along with \$750.00 of in kind donations.



**Redwood Capital Bank**  
**Coast Central Credit Union**  
**Haider Ajina-Wells Fargo Advisors**  
**Elizabeth Ennis/On-Call-CFO**  
**Marty Lay and Terri Clark**  
**Elan Firpo/Bragg/Manzer/Firpo LLP**  
**Kenneth Singleton, DDS and Ravi Singleton, FNP**

**Coldwell Banker Commercial Pacific Partners**  
**John and Leslie Vandermolen**  
**Gary Ogle Insurance/AFLAC of Northern California**  
**Sidney Noyes, CPA**  
**Whitchurch Engineering**  
**Express Employment Professionals**  
**Champ CPA Group**  
**Rainbow Self Storage**



Rory A. Hanson  
September 30th



James M. Anderson  
October 8th



Nancy Kay  
October 8th



John Ayres  
October 9th



Cynthia Denbo  
October 12th

**Belle Star**  
**David L. Moonie & Co. LLP. Certified Public Accountants**  
**Northwood Chevrolet and Hyundai**  
**Jitterbean Coffee Company**

**In Kind:**

**Safe Handles**  
**Pacific Seafoods**

**Rusty Goodlive** President of Town Rotary Club commended our club for raising for Backpack of Kids during these hard times and that his Club is also doing a fund raiser for Backpack for Kids. His club is selling \$10 raffle for a chance to win \$3100.00.



**Finally, President John** is willing to give the **◆Rare Rotary Presidential Measuring Tape◆** to club member who sells or purchases the greatest number of tickets for **◆Drive-by-Fish Dinner◆**



**Recognitions:**

**Liz Ennis** recently celebrated her birthday on September 1, enjoying delicious pecan pie with family and

graciously shelled out \$68.00 to the club's coffers.

**Ken Singleton** celebrated his 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by going out to the only place open for sit down dinner at Cher-Ae Heights Casino. Ken admitted that he is lucky to have Ravi as his bride. To some Ken gambled with his arranged marriage but for him the payoff was priceless. He gladly shelled out \$200.00 to the club.



#### Program: Connie Stewart

Nancy Kay introduced our speaker **Connie Stewart**, Executive Director of **California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP)**. She talked about the broadband internet. CCRP is part of the Redwood Coast Connect (RCC), a consortium of six organizations whose goal is to make broadband internet available to all residents in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino and Trinity counties. The RCC studies broadband demand, infrastructural challenges and improvements made by diverse connections to the internet.

She talked about different types of Broadband Connections

- Fiber optic
- Cable
- DSL (Digital Subscriber Line)
- Wireless
- Satellite

Fiber optic is the best broadband internet connection and she wants to make sure that our rural counties are not left behind. There is funding available and progress is being to get fiber optic broadband internet in our area. Thank you Connie for a very informative program.

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