

Rotary

Club of
Southwest
Eureka



Celebrating
50 Years
of Service

Club Meeting

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

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Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester January 15, 2021

By: Emily Kirsch
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Meeting called to order at 12:36 PM by: President John Vandermolen





Visitors: Larry Oetker, Executive Director for Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, & Conservation District



Nancy Kay led us in the Pledge. Scott Pesch shared his thought for the day, a leftover from last week, from FDR: ♦When your life comes to the end of the rope, tie a knot, and hang on.♦ A chuckle was had by all, as that ♦s what we ♦re doing! Nancy chimed in with a similar sentiment: ♦when you find yourself in a hole, quit digging.♦

Ron Harris got the answer right! The Rotary Minute was a Rotary Question, with the iconic ♦building a better world♦ measuring tape as the prized prize. John spoke about the evolution of the Rotary Wheel in August. Oscar Bjorge, from the Rotary Club of Duluth, MN was annoyed at the consistency of the Rotary symbol and called it an ♦insult to engineering♦. The question for this week was: what was it that lead Mr. Bjorge to make this statement? Answer: lack of the key-way, needed to attach the wheel to the power shaft. A wheel without a key-way is an idler wheel and Oscar ♦s premise for fixing the wheel was that ♦Rotarians are workers. Not idlers.♦ Read more [here](#).



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Events / Speakers

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Birthdays



Gregory Hufford
January 17th



Mike L Newman
January 25th



John J. Gierek
February 4th



John W. Ennis
February 14th



Announcements:

Reminder: Backpacks for Kids. January is covered. Mike Newman will send out a new signup for February. Fair warning ♦ we ♦re doing the actual packing next month, so we need bodies! Because of Food for People and the warehouse not available, the availability for pickup is Wednesday (716 W. Cedar - need a pickup truck with a bed cover, or a van or SUV that ♦s large enough to hold the supplies). Five (or as many as are able) for packing on Thursday, and one of those packers could deliver on Friday to Grant School. Six people will be needed for February and March. Shoutout to Haider who helped Mike put together the Sign Up Genie together. An email will go out next week.

Yahtzee event went great. Comradery and number of people on Zoom was successful. Not many changes to our latest numbers ♦ we grossed over \$18,500, \$2,500 in expenses, and 12,800 will be netted out to the Forgotten Initiative. Overall, sold 378 spots when you count business sponsors, and 158 people played. It went very well. Prize money was handed out, and pictures of the prize winners were snapped.

Recognitions:



Roland Johnson had an anniversary on January 4th. John hit him up last week, but it all happens at the same time! They went down to Toni ♦s and ate in the truck. Roland wanted to recognize another grandson, this time a great-grandson. Altogether, 7 grandsons of different varieties, great and grand, and 10 overall! Roland pledged \$100, half for the club and half for the foundation.



Kristin had a birthday and offered up a fine. December is birthday month at her house. They had great weather for outdoor gatherings, and while different from last year, she was grateful to get family time in. She tapped out for the year and got a second ceremonial Rotary tape measure for her contribution.

Recognized in absentia, and fined \$25: Happy birthday to Haider Ajina (January 4), happy birthday to Ken Davlin (January 10), happy birthday to Scott Hammond (January 2), happy birthday to Mark McGowan (January 11), Paul McGinty anniversary (January 4), Chris Duncan anniversary (January 5)

Program:



Title Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District **Speaker** Larry Oetker, Executive Director

Introduced by Nancy Kay

Larry Oetker is an HSU grad, and has lived in Humboldt since 1989. Wife Leigh, daughter Olivia. Larry is the Executive Director of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District.

The focus of Friday's presentation was on the harbor activities, and not on the fishing, recreation, or conservation programs. The goal is how to re-establish Humboldt Bay as a port of regional and national significance? The bottom line: the port is open for business with active shipping. Another Green Diamond ship will be coming in shortly, and the entrance is in great shape.

Humboldt Bay is the 2nd largest natural bay in California larger than San Diego, but not quite as large as the SF bay. Many agencies are working together to revitalize the Samoa Peninsula and position it as a regional economic hub.

The goal is to build a new, multi-purpose dock. They're falling into the water, and we need a new, modern dock facility so the port can function. Other public infrastructure repairs and modernization include shoreline protection and preparation from sea level rise, energy island design so businesses and residents have reliable power, develop a 12-month port strategy, jetty reconstruction (\$22 million project happening right now, with concentration on the north jetty this year; next year, they'll finish the north jetty and reconstruct the south jetty). Ocean outfall pipe, saltwater intake, wastewater treatment, water distribution, and navigation channel dredging are also on the list of goals.

They've been waiting for the County to revise the coastal plan, but will continue to push projects forward, hoping that the jurisdictions will approve projects. The Town of Samoa has approvals from Coastal Commissions, County of Humboldt, and are in implementation phase with all new infrastructure, updated within the next year. Three-story housing structures are also being built. A planned new dock is being built, along with a planned large cargo tarmac that will allow for cargo shipping.

A brand-new wastewater treatment plan, within the last 2 months, has been constructed on the Samoa Peninsula, and is currently serving the town of Samoa. An EIR is in the Planning Commission so the treatment plant can serve the entire Samoa Peninsula.

The water supply system is being updated - in permitting phase to expand the capacity to draw saltwater. At the Redwood Marine Terminal II, a 1,300 ft. dock, 1.5-mile ocean outfall pipe, saltwater well, bay sea chest, and a trans-pacific optic cable are in the works. There are 18 tenants and over 100 jobs on the property now, including Taylor Seafood, Coast Seafood, and Nordic Aquafarms.

Nordic Aquafarms: if they receive approvals from the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, the plan is to remove the smokestack and other structures by the end of 2021.

All permits are set. There are three types of aquaculture: oysters; subtidal (right behind docks, behind City of the Eureka), which act as the seed stock. We're the primary supplier of oyster seed stock. A normal growing season might be 18 months if we plant oysters in the Arcata Bay when they're the size of a quarter, it speeds up the growing process to one season.

Broadband: in 2017 the Legislature approved a new broadband connection to go down I-5 Corridor to Eureka/Humboldt Bay. Those lines should be installed by July 2021. In Arcata, where Nilsson Feed on 11th was, there will be a small data center constructed. The broadband coming over 299 will connect in Arcata, then all the way to the Pulp Mill. RTI Infrastructure approved four trans-pacific fiber optic cable landings. The world's largest one will go from Singapore to Eureka. The second will be from Taiwan to Eureka. The environmental documents are out for circulation. All permits should be done by April 2021, and do directional boring from Harbor District's Pulp Mill. This is huge for our region and enable industries to come to our area. Direct connection to Asia. Financial, data centers, high tech gaming industry, can come to our region if we do the proper planning.

Offshore Wind: The Bureau of Offshore Energy Management does oil leases and mineral resources off the ocean for the federal government. There are three areas identified, and one is 30 miles off of Humboldt Bay, identified as the premier location to do the assembly and operation and maintenance for the entire west coast offshore wind energy. The projects are 14k jobs from the emerging offshore wind energy, \$20-50B in state GDP, and infrastructure investments in ports and upland areas. When the wind turbines are assembled, they're assembled fully erect. The top of the turbine is 300ft, and the turbine is 600ft. They can't make it through any of California's ports, due to bridges or overhead obstructions. Humboldt Bay is the only port that works. 150-180 acres to do the lay down assembly of the turbines. The floating wind fabrication supply chain would generate new jobs and opportunities for Humboldt County.

Other port opportunities include wood products, aquaculture, broadband, and offshore wind. The offshore wind facility will be the anchor tenant to improve the infrastructure to invite other opportunities to revitalize the Samoa Peninsula, and recreate the Humboldt Bay as a port of regional and national significance. There are a tremendous number of partners helping, but the continued support of the BoS and Planning Commission is essential.

Three cruise ships are scheduled for 2022. The Cruise Ship S/V Golden Horizon is scheduled to come to port in August 7, 2022, a replica of a 1906 ship. It will be a sight to see!

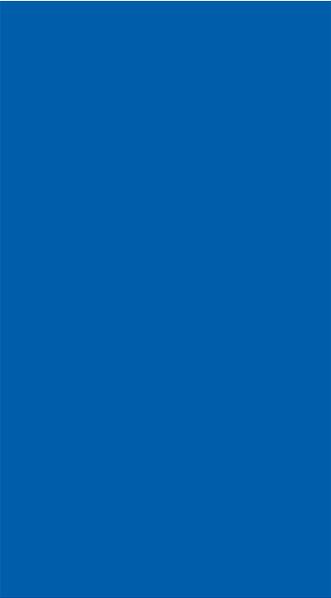
Closing Remarks:

Have a good week and be safe!

Due to not meeting in person to recognize our many Paul Harris Fellows, we are listing them here with the promise of an in-person recognition once we are all able to meet together in person! Thank you and congratulations to all on the list!

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