

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

Club Meeting

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

Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



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Rick Roberts Sergeant-at-Arms

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Mike Newman led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then he provided us with some thoughts about *•* where will it all end? *•* Ultimately, Mike explains, it seems all of efforts will lead to what you value.





Daniel Brown Community Service Chair



Nancy Kay Club Service Chair Martin L.



Lay International Service Chair

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President



Service Chair Kenneth S **Singleton** iPast



Mary L. Crumley Assistant Governor

Events / Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays



Ronald J. <u>Harris</u> March 18th



Marty Lay provided us with a Rotary Minute about the evolution of the Festival of Brotherhood. In 1988 our own Lewis Quinby, sitting in a cantina in Mexico, met a fellow Rotarian who told Lew about the medical needs of his district in Mexico. Several hospital beds, wheelchairs, linens, and even ambulances later, the first Festival of Brotherhood was launched in 1997.

Announcements:

- Backpacks for Kids (Mike Newman): Many thanks to Scott Pesch, Marie Liscom, Emily Kirsch, and Ken Singleton for the volunteering. We need one more person for next week, and we are
 ♦ thin on March sign-ups,
 ♦ according to Mike. Please respond to his email requesting volunteers.
- Best of the Wurst (Haider Ajina): We have a beautiful poster for the event. It is now time to volunteer to help. Haider has sent a Sign-up Genius email to the members. We have an outstanding \$8,000 in sponsorships already!! Remember, this event is a fund raiser to benefit the Humboldt Senior Resource Center shome meal delivery program.

Recognitions:



• Bill Morrill spent his birthday working on his 1972 Chevelle, which he was able to show us with his camera on Zoom. (He also showed us his garage.) Bill tapped out.



• Cassandra Hesseltine s birthday plans were dramatically altered by the closure of Hwy 101. She had wonderful spa plans, but resorted to a more sedate Plan B. Cassandra tapped out.



 John Ennis (our Valentine s Day baby) celebrated his 70th birthday with his family with a crab feed dinner. He is mostly celebrating walking again, since his back surgery is behind him, and recovery is before him.



Program: Local, independent, project manager for Nordic Aquafarms, Lynette Mullen, joined Marianne Naess, the Commercial Executive Vice President in the US for Nordic Aquafarms, to speak to us about the new facility planned in Eureka.

Ms. Naess explained that Nordic Aquafarms is a Norwegian company which branched into the US with a facility in Maine. They wanted their second US location to be on the west coast, and Humboldt Bay was selected. Nordic Aquafarms identified the US as the second largest market for fish consumption, and it imports 90 percent of it.

In the permitting process right now, the plan is to have an all-indoor, multi-phase fishery. Our west coast area was selected because we have the salt water and the fresh water, and we have discharge pipe placed in the ocean already. Nordic Aquafarms considered our local colleges to be of importance, since the company can work with them to train the skilled work force that they can use.

Marianne Naess described the aquafarm campus, including the plans to ensure that their fish, which would be all female and would be harvested before they were sexually mature, would not be able to comingle with our local species, even in the case of earthquake or tsunami. She said that their facility would have a low impact on the environment.

If permitted and the investors decide to proceed, the fishery would create several jobs during construction and when completed. There will be no packaging of fish for retail sales by Nordic Aquafarms. At this point the most likely fish farmed would be Atlantic salmon.



