

Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



Serving the North
Coast Since 1969

Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
Meets at The Elks Lodge at 445
Herrick Ave Eureka CA or Via
Zoom Teleconferencing
Members Contact Elan Firpo
elanfirpo@gmail.com

Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



Elizabeth Ennis
President



Scott Pesch
President-Elect



Elan Firpo
Secretary



Marie Liscom
Treasurer



Cynthia Denbo
Public Relations Chair



Troy D. Vizenor
President-Nominee



Mark McGowan
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Rick Roberts
Membership Chair

Haider Ajina
Lyme Tap Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester July 23, 2021

By Mary Crumley
Photos by Mary Crumley and Cindy Denbo



Liz Ennis rang the bell to kick off her third week of presidential service to our club!

Ken Singleton was the greeter, pledge-leader, and invocation presenter. No guests were present today.

Announcements:



Daniel Brown
Community Service
Chair



Cassandra Hesselstine
Club Service Chair



Eddie Morgan
Club Service Chair



Gary W. Ogle
Vocational Service
Chair



Vinson Champ
Youth Services Chair



John Vandermolen
iPast President



Carly Robbins
Assistant Governor

Events / Speakers

July 30th

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: jennifer

Subject: Big Brothers Big Sisters

August 13th

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: DG Dustin Littlefield

Subject: District Governors
message

August 20th

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Michael Davies-Hughes

Subject: 2021 Race Across
America

August 26th

Coast Guard Dinner

Speaker: USCG Captain

August 27th

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

September 3rd

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting DARK

Speaker: Dark Today

Subject: Dark due to Labor Day

September 9th

Best of the Worst

September 10th





Humboldt Senior Resource Center

Supporting seniors in maintaining health, dignity and self-determination.

June 3, 2021

John VanderMolen, President
Haider Ajina, Event Coordinator
Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka
c/o Cindy Denbo
3203 K Street
Eureka, CA 95503



Dear John and Haider,

Our thanks to you and all the hard-working, good-hearted Rotarians who helped put on the wildly successful Best of the Wurst brat-fest. Congratulations on serving 423 dinners and selling out! That's very impressive.

We are honored and delighted to have the Home Delivered Meals program chosen as the beneficiary of your fundraising. Your grant of \$10,000 will help us deliver 2000 nutritious meals, friendly visits, and informal safety checks! And that is only the beginning of your gift's impact.

Hunger makes people sick. Nutrition is preventative medicine. Your donation has a significant impact on our community. By combating senior hunger and promoting nutrition, the Rotarians of Southwest Eureka are helping to reduce overall healthcare expenses, as well as emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and placements in long-term care.

You are helping frail elders, who cannot cook or shop for themselves, be healthy and independent enough to age in their homes with dignity. That's a wonderful gift.

With warm regards,

Melissa Hooven
Chief Executive Officer

Tasha Romo
Director of Nutrition & Activities

*Thank you so very
much for everything that
you do for us and our
community.*

Humboldt Senior Resource Center is a 501(c)(3) organization, tax ID# 94-2261434. No goods or services were provided by Humboldt Senior Resource Center in consideration of this gift.
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- John VanderMolen read a touching letter from the Senior Resource Center, thanking our club for our generosity. They were the beneficiary of the Best of the Wurst fundraiser that was held last March. Our contribution, that was the result of selling 423 dinners, resulted in over 2000 home-delivered meals.

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting DARK

Speaker: Dark Today

Subject: Day after Best of the Wurst

Birthdays



Shelley Nilsen
July 25th



Eddie Morgan
July 30th



Sector Humboldt
Bay
US Coast Guard
Month



Coast Guard
Cook Your Own
Steak Dinner
August 26

- Melinda Ciarabellini discussed the upcoming Coast Guard dinner that will be an in-person event this year! Mark your calendar for Thursday August 26th. There was a signup sheet going around asking if you were coming and if you would be willing to sponsor a Coastie and their plus one. If you missed the meeting, please contact Melinda and let her know.



- Cindy Denbo reminded us about the North Coast Ethics in Business award nominations. To nominate a business (please do) go to www.northcoastethics.com. That's *ethics*, not *esthetics* Mr. VanderMolen💎

Recognitions:



- Lorna Peterson celebrated her birthday, and, for the first time, she didn't have to buy her own cake! Husband John came through and surprised her with one!



- Scott Pesch celebrated his 20th anniversary with his family in Cabo San Lucas. He claims to have missed us while lounging in Mexico, but we all have our doubts.



- John Ennis celebrated his Rotary Anniversary July 13th ! John has been a Rotarian since 1985.

Mike Newman won the raffle and donated the funds back to the club to help offset the meal minimum.

Club Assembly

Liz led the club in an informal, productive assembly as she spoke of her plans for this upcoming year.

And more...

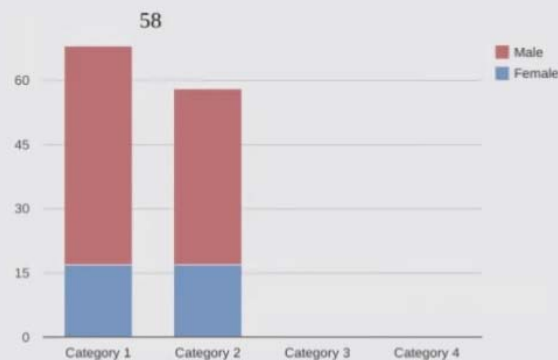
- Final 2020/21 Fines and Balances Statements
- Dues Billing Forthcoming
- August 13 District Governor Visit
- Aug 14 Member Recruiting @ Suffragette Celebration F St. Plaza
- Aug 26 Coast Guard Dinner

And still more...

- Dark Sept 3rd Labor Day Weekend
- Best of the Wurst Saturday
Sept 11- Backpacks 4 Kids
- Eureka Rotary Olympics Blind Pool
Fundraiser \$5/square
armyking@gmail.com

She reviewed some member statistics and reemphasized that we must focus on new member recruitment this year. Rick Roberts is our membership chair.

SW Eureka Rotary Club Statistics



A member survey was sent out a few weeks ago, and we had a 39% response rate. The different topics of the survey were discussed. Here are some to the responses:

Program Suggestions (10 responses)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Environment• Local Economy• Cannabis Industry• Last Chance Grade• Chocolate Making• The Arts, Theater• Law Enforcement Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Heavies, 2 Fluffies/month• Affordable Housing• Fiber Optic Line from Singapore• Dave Silverbrand• Veterans Hall Rehab• Club Members |
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Offsite Meeting and Socials Suggestions (12 responses)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wine tasting, brewery• Beach BBQ/Picnic• House Gathering /Pot Luck• CR Vocational Training• HSU Center Activities Eureka | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoo• Evening Socials• Eureka Theater Movie Night• Madaket• Arts Alive Meet up• Local Business Tours: Dick Taylor, Nordic Aqua Farms, Veterans Bldg |
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