

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
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Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



Elizabeth Ennis
President



Scott Pesch
President-Elect



Elan Firpo
Secretary



Nancy Kay
Treasurer



Marie Liscom
Treasurer



Cynthia Denbo
Public Relations Chair



Troy D. Vizenor
President-Nominee



Mark McGowan
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Rick Roberts
Membership Chair

Haider Ajina

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester September 10, 2021

By John ValderMolen
Photos by Mary Crumley

Written by John VanderMolen, who scrambled for pen and paper after he was graciously reminded that this was his week to write the bulletin by Eddie Morgan.





Lyme Tap Chair



Daniel Brown
Community Service
Chair



Cassandra Hesseltn
Club Service Chair



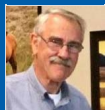
Eddie Alexander
Morgan
Club Service Chair



Gary W. Ogle
Vocational Service
Chair



Vinson Champ
Youth Services Chair



John Vandermolen
iPast President

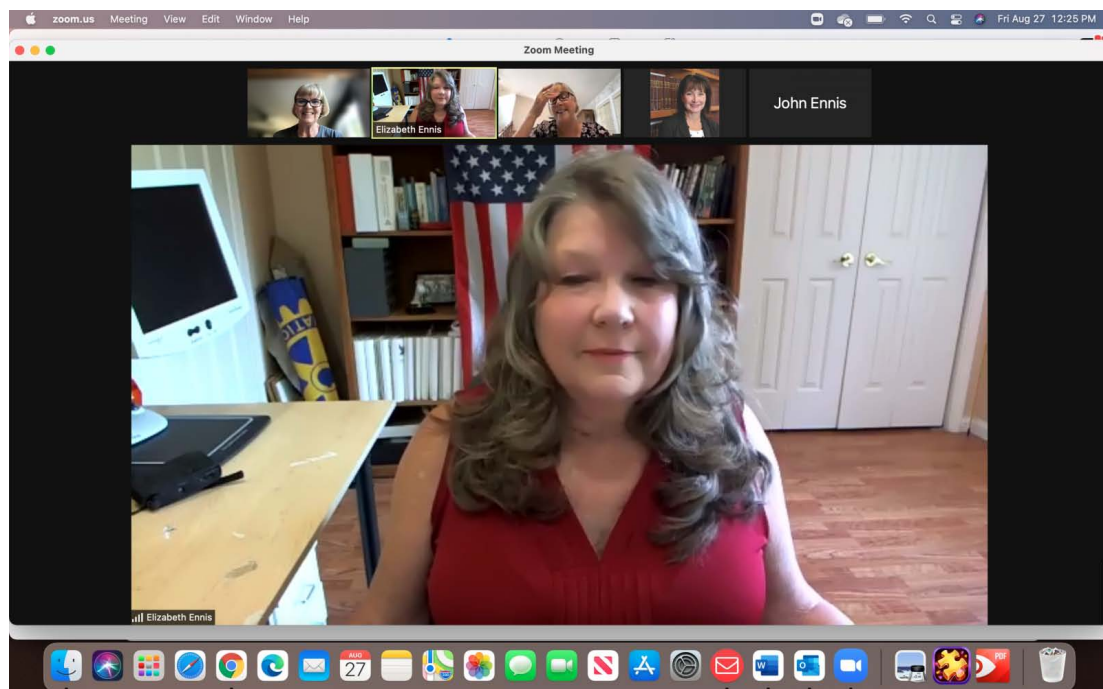


Carly Robbins
Assistant Governor

Events / Speakers

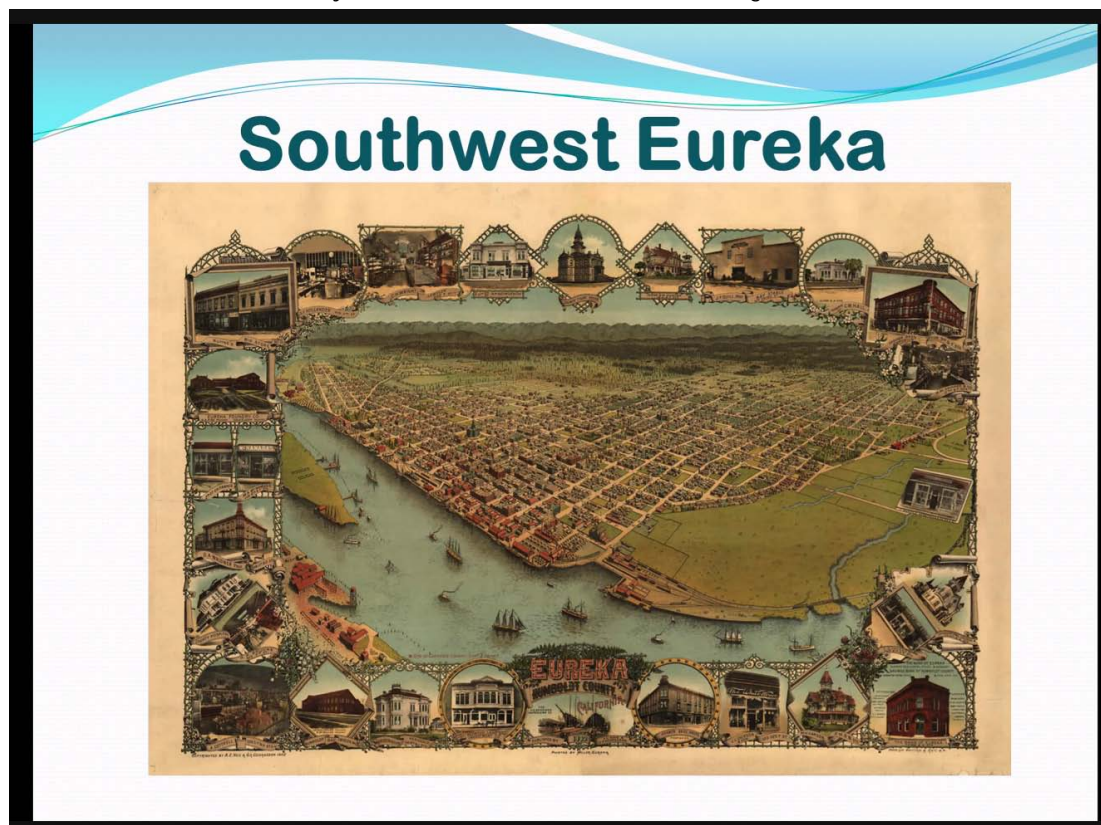
September 17th
**Southwest Eureka Weekly
Club Meeting**
Speaker: Kate Witthaus
Subject: Sheriff Posse Search
and Rescue

September 24th
**Southwest Eureka Weekly
Club Meeting**
Speaker: Dr. Evan Buxbaus and
Lorey Keele



President Liz Ennis rang the Rotary bell at 12:35 to begin our first zoom meeting in September; following last week's being dark due to the Labor Day Holiday. A welcome was extended to today's guest and former club member John Gullam, followed by the Pledge which was led by Eddie Morgan. Eddie also presented the thought for the day which was: ♦Issue respect to elders, entertainment to friends, and wish well for future generations♦.

Liz then proceeded with a presentation of some California history pertinent to the month of September, club calendar events, and Rotary miscellanea that included the following:



1. California was admitted to the union as a state on Sept. 9, 1850 as a free labor state.
2. Sept. 6-8 is the celebration of the Jewish New Year festival and begins the ten days of penitence culminating in Yom Kippur.
3. Polio Plus Update: No new cases of polio reported for 31 weeks in a row!

Subject: Onyx House and our Playground Equipment

Birthdays



Melinda Ciarabellini
September 28th



Rory A. Hanson
September 30th



Nancy Kay
October 8th

Eureka Rotary Club Challenge

ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE

Join us! Sept. 25th
8am-3pm

Give Blood. Save a life.
Get a snack!

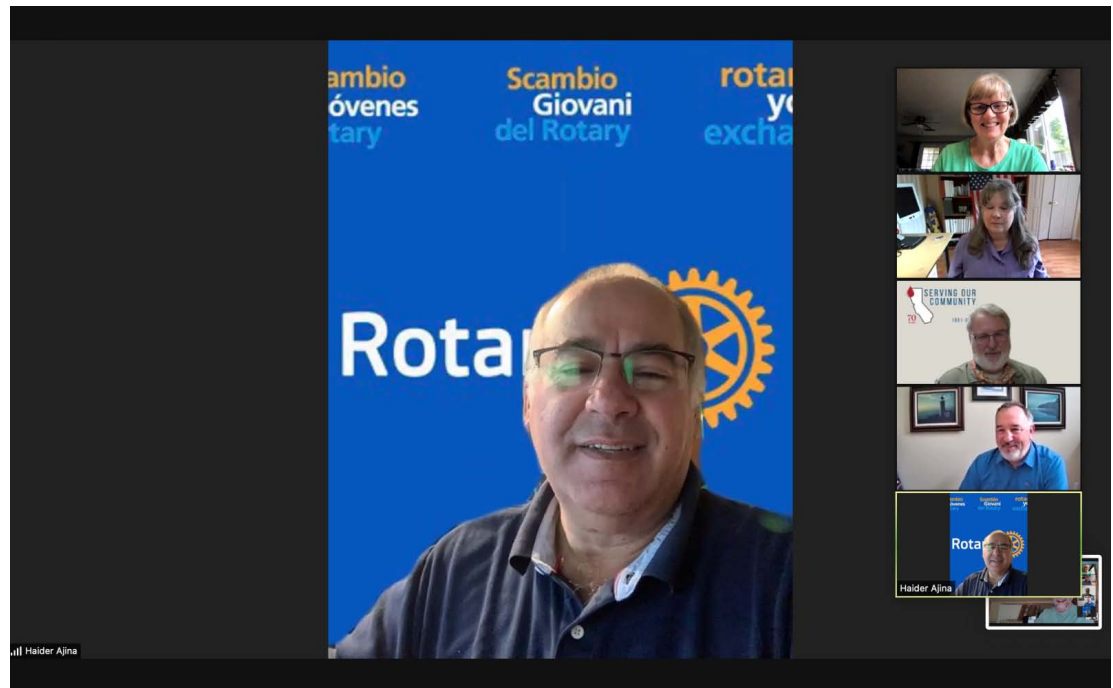
ENTER TO WIN ME!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

Rotary
Club of Eureka

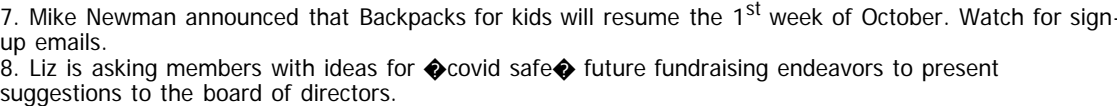
2524 HARRISON AVE

4. The Eureka Rotary Club is issuing a blood drive challenge on Sept. 25th, 8am to 3pm at the Blood Bank (2524 Harrison Ave.)



5. Haider Ajina was called upon to give an update on the Rotary Youth Exchange Golf Tournament fundraiser to be held on Sept. 25. Twelve teams have signed up to date, participation and sponsorship is encouraged.

6. This month's Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15th, all members are welcome to attend, especially red badgers working to convert to blue badgers.



**Check your Email dated August 13
From Past DG Doug Johnson**

North Coast Ethics in Business Awards Luncheon

- Friday October 7 @ District Conference
- Finalists announced this morning

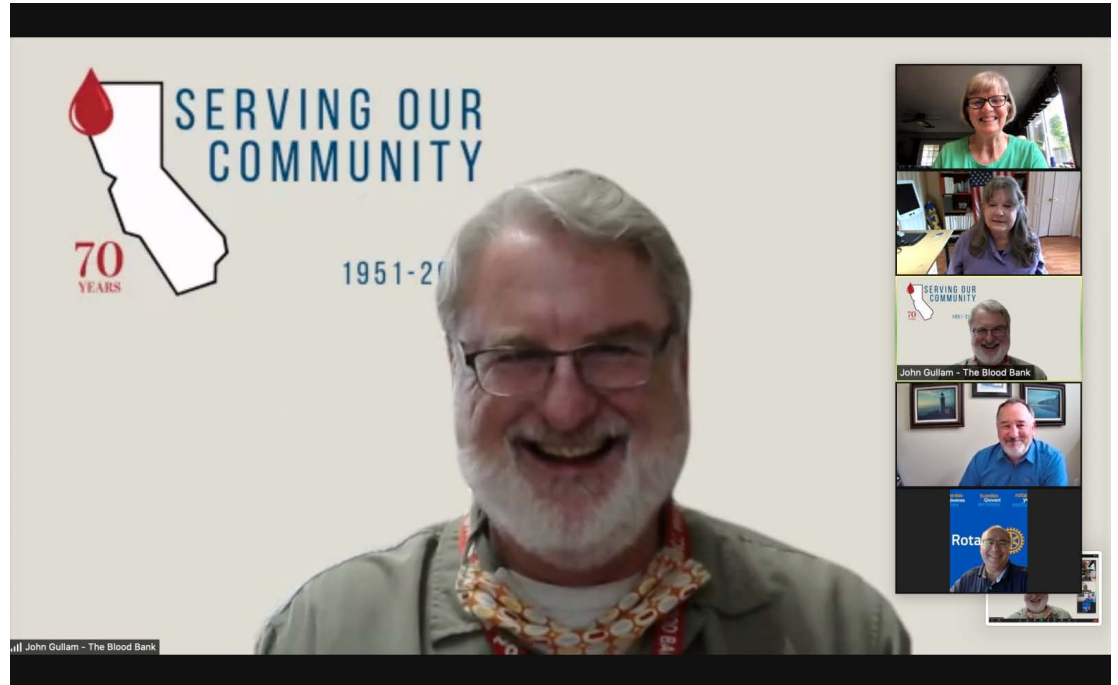
9. District Conference is Oct. 7 & 8 in Rohnert Park at the Doubletree Hotel. Business Ethics awards will be presented and the foundation dinner will be held.

10. Lastly, be sure to obtain a copy of the new club directory. They are available for pick up at Scott Pesch's office at 1036 5th Street.

SCHEDULE as of TODAY



- Sept 10 Zoom Meeting Speaker
John Gullum Blood Bank
- Sept 11 **Best of the Wurst Fundraiser**
POSTPONED INDEFINITELY
- Sept 15 5:30 Board of Directors Meeting **ZOOM**
- **Sept 17 District Governor Dustin Littlefield ZOOM**
- Sept 24 Dr. Evan Buxbaum and Lorey Keele
Onyx House Update
- **Oct 1 Return to Live meetings at Elks Lodge????**
- Oct 8 Greg Dale- Humboldt Bay and Harbor Update
- Oct 15 Natalie Arroyo – City of Eureka Status
- Oct 22 Connie Stewart and Lauren Lynch
HSU Cal Poly



Today's program was presented by former club member John Gullam from the Northern California Blood Bank. The blood bank is a non-profit that is not part of any hospital or part of the Red Cross. It is a local organization incorporated by a group of local doctors in 1951. The blood bank currently has 3 blood mobiles that work 6 days a week at various county locations. Over 10 thousand whole blood donations were collected this year at 2 thousand blood drives. Blood is given on a first priority basis to local patients, with reserves passed on to other jurisdictions for use to ensure that all donations are used prior to expiration. Donors are encouraged to donate 3-4 times a year.

What we need to accomplish

- Maintain an inventory of varying outdate products
- Ensure that the products drawn are used
- Control costs to remain financially stable
- 50-60 Whole Blood donations per day
- 3,000 1st time donors per year 🧝
- Maintain stable, well trained and committed staff
- Have a partnership with the community that supports our mission

President Liz closed the meeting with the ringing of the bell at 1:30.



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Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

ANONYMOUS
