

## **Club Meeting**

Southwest Eureka Meets at Via Zoom Teleconferencing Members Contact Kevin Heckman heckmanconsulting@protonmail.com

Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

#### **Club Leaders**



John Vandermolen President



Elizabeth Ennis President-Elect



Kevin Heckman Secretary



<u>Vinson Champ</u> Treasurer



<u>Cynthia Denbo</u> Public Relations Chair



<u>Mark McGowan</u> Rotary Foundation Chair



<u>Scott Pesch</u> Membership Chair



<u>Rick Roberts</u> Sergeant-at-Arms



<u>Haider Ajina</u> Lyme Tap Chair



<u>Daniel Brown</u> Community Service Chair



Nancy Kay
Club Service Chair



Martin L. Lay International Service Chair

# Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester October 30, 2020

By Nancy Kay Photos by Cindy Denbo and Mary Crumley

After President John called the meeting to order and Marty Lay shared a thought-for-the-day about doing good in the world (Rotarians  $\spadesuit$ get out and do it  $\spadesuit$ ), the Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka commenced its COVID-inspired, first *Bring Your Pet to Rotary Day*. It seems, as a club, we like having four-legged friends in our homes. Honorable mentions go to Ken and his pet rock, Eddie and his pet worms, and Lewis and his comfort frog. (Scroll down to view photo gallery).



President John reminded us about the Foundation Raffle. Our club is raffling four bottles of wine. Mark McGowan has sent an email to members with a purchase tickets here link. Price of raffle tickets: \$20 each or six for \$100. If you cannot locate Mark semail, let John know and he will get it to you.





Meghann M Broadstock Vocational Service Chair



Kenneth S Singleton iPast President



<u>Mary L. Crumley</u> Assistant Governor

**Events / Speakers** 

November 27th
Southwest Eureka Weekly
Club Meeting
Speaker: Dark Today

### Birthdays



Michael Davies-Hughes November 11th



Maura Eastman November 12th



Mark A. Dias November 15th



John E. Dalby November 17th

Scott Pesch November 28th Our club is responsible for Backpacks for Kids for Lafayette Elementary School. We need one Rotarian volunteer on each Thursday to pack the 30 bags of food, store them overnight and deliver them to Lafayette school by 11:00 a.m. on Fridays. Mike Newman has sent an email to everyone with a sign-up link.

Cindy reported on the comprehensive outreach for our Club s COVID version of our Veteran s Day celebration, which includes photos of local veterans to be recognized on KIEM s Spirit of the North Coast and Lost Coast Outposts Mondays with Michelle. Great job, thank you, Cindy!

President John reminded us about the upcoming Zone 26 and 27 on-line Rotary leadership training on November 12th through 14th. The quality of the programs is excellent, and John urged us to consider attending.

Mary Crumley said Ken Singleton won an award at District Conference for achieving his goals during his presidency last year. Way to go, Ken!

Donna Wright and Sierra Jenkins of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce provided the program. Donna described the vast areas of interaction and programs provided by the Chamber. The Chamber membership has increased to a record-breaking 494 members. The Chamber has several committees that provide a multitude of services, such as working with our local schools and colleges to identify employer needs and shortfalls, working with local government agencies to improve business conditions, providing video interviews and candidate forums. They have reached out to members about how to reopen their businesses after COVID, and are sharing best practices across the nation. The Chamber has created a new program, called Art Biz, which provides a platform for local artists to auction their art online. They are promoting the slogan: For the Love of Here � Choose Humboldt. Donna reminded us that now, more than ever, we need to support local businesses.





## Bring you pet to Rotary Day photos.

Liz with her pet John









Ken with his pet rocks









Lewis with his comfort frog



District Conference summary for Rotary year 2019-20 PDG Kathy Flamson introduced the clubs that were recognized as she wrapped up her year.



Rotarian of the Year Duane Barnes from RC of Middletown who did great work supporting our District wildfire relief efforts...



Southwest Eureka was one of several clubs to receive this year  $\mbox{\mbox{\@sc op}}$  s Presidential Citation. Congrats to President Ken!



Our own Lee Smith was remembered...



The top photo shows the official designation of Humboldt County  $\spadesuit s$  and Arcata Sunrise  $\spadesuit s$  Dustin Littlefield as the next DG...



Our six Humboldt clubs and their efforts to raise funds for Food for People in the early weeks of the COVID shutdown were recognized pictorially led by our own Scott Pesch (upper right photo).



And♦here we are (photo bottom left)♦People of Action

