

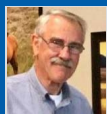


## Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka  
Meets at Via Zoom  
Teleconferencing  
Members Contact Kevin Heckman  
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Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

## Club Leaders



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International Service  
Chair

# Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester November 6, 2020

By: Marty Lay  
Photos by Cindy Denbo and Mary Crumley

After a bit of technical difficulty, President ♦Johnny Riveter♦ opened the meeting at 1236 hrs.



Cindy led us in the salute to the flag, then gave us some inspiring words of offering thanks to all the poll workers and candidates who stepped up for Democracy in action. But wait, you ask, is there more? Yes with Cindy, and she gave us some quotes on Democracy that I could not keep up with, but listened intently.

Cindy also updated us on Veteran's Day. Since we are unable to hold our traditional in-person tribute to our veterans at the Adorni center, Cindy has coordinated two virtual salutes to the men and women who serve, and have served our country. One will be running on KIEM this week, and the second, Monday's with Michael on Lost Coast Outpost, will run on Monday, November 9th. Be sure to check them out!  
[Veterans Day ad](#)



Meghann M. Broadstock  
Vocational Service Chair



Kenneth S. Singleton  
iPast President



Mary L. Crumley  
Assistant Governor

## Events / Speakers

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

## Birthdays



Michael Davies-Hughes  
November 11th



Maura Eastman  
November 12th



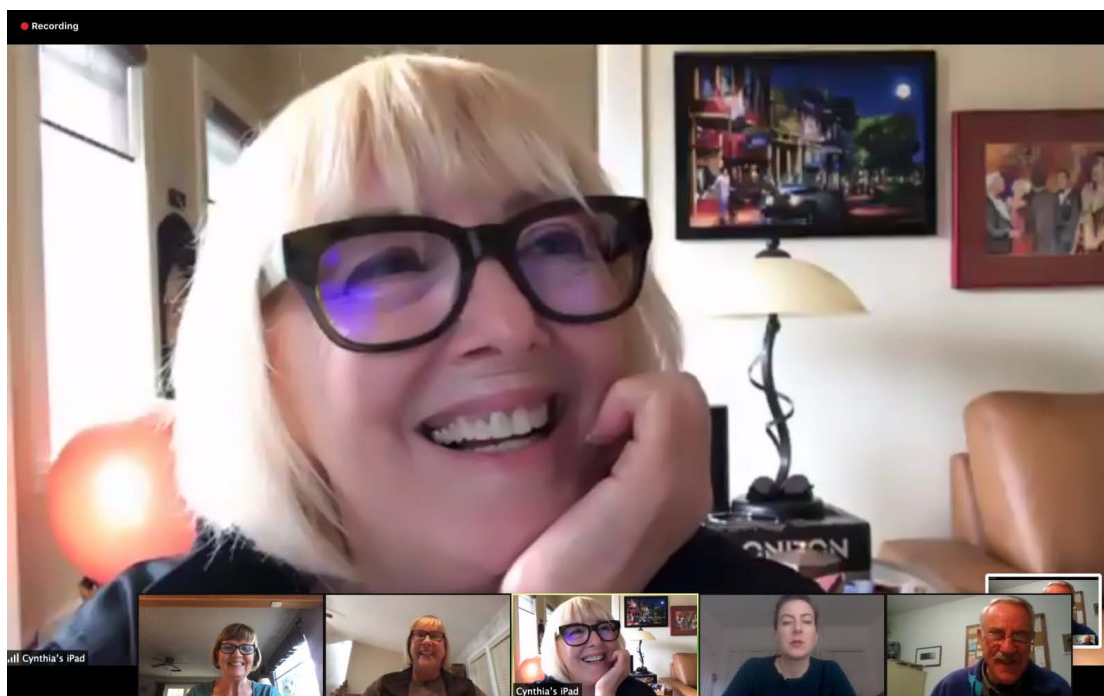
Mark A. Dias  
November 15th



John E. Dalby  
November 17th



Scott Pesch  
November 28th



Our visitors included Heather Edwards, Development Director for Project Amigo (program), and a graduate student of Project Amigo, Gerardo De Jesus Blas Magana.





President John then gave us the Rotary Moment quiz for the week being, when and where was the first Rotary Youth exchange? No one correctly answered, so no one got a coveted pocket tape, but the answer was Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1921, seeing American youth crossing the Atlantic.

No Sunshine report, so I hope all is well with all of our members.

Announcements:

Rotary foundation raffle tickets available from Mark McGowan for \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Raffle will be as soon as next week, so get some tickets to help the Foundation do its work in the world and locally.

Backpacks for Kids is in full swing and needs some volunteers to pack and deliver to Lafayette school.

See Mike Newman's emails, to sign up for Thursday packings, and delivery on Friday.

Rotary Zone 26/27 Institute is November 12-14, and you can sign up at [RotaryZone2627.org](http://RotaryZone2627.org), for a fee of \$49 covering the whole process. Much good information about our areas work with local and international projects, as well as Rotary business and information breakout sessions.

Nancy asks for bulletin writers and gets Liz, Marie, Kristen, and Ken to go through the end of the year 2020.



Recognitions started slowly, as Riveter Johnny could not find people on his list he needed to encourage to donate. So, stepping into the fray were: Lorna proposing Mary Crumley for her fog bow photo shown on the Monday weather, for which Mary did not know about, but graciously paid \$30. President John was fined by Nancy Kay for his wedding anniversary, which John said was a nice time and dinner at home, paying \$50. Then Ken put Kristen on the spot for a large diamond ring she showed us at the Veterans Day Rotary spot (to be on Lost Coast with Michaela). Kristen reported that Justin is retiring from the Coast Guard after 22 years of service, and she and Justin have been together for 7 years and 7 months, so it was time for the wedding to happen (in future). She paid \$770 for the privilege to show her ring to all on zoom.



Not to be held back, Mary Crumley stepped in again and tapped out for her and Tom's September 4 anniversary that was missed by our Pres.

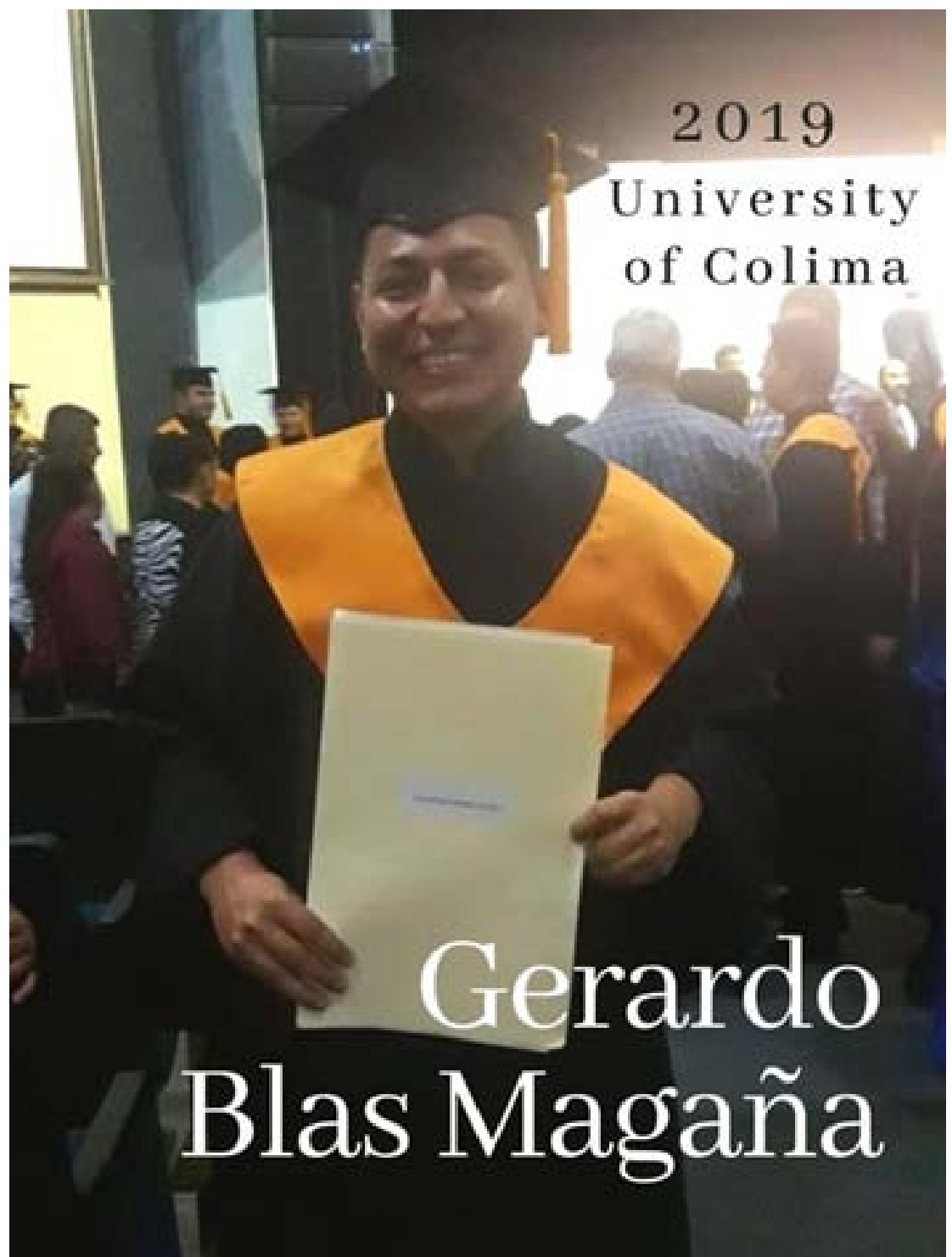


Marty then introduced Heather Edwards, a 2014 Rotary GSE participant, to talk to us about the history and meaning of Project Amigo, in the Mexican state of Colima, and headquartered in the rural, mountain agricultural village of Cofradia. She noted that the project started as a way to present gifts to the children of the area for Christmas (Navidad, Fiesta week), went on to have vision and dental clinics, and has blossomed into a full on Rotary Areas of Focus for education and literacy, as well as community involvement in various local holiday activities throughout the year in the state of Colima. The non-profit organization has work weeks for volunteer people interested in assisting the local people with learning English, preparing for means to learn trades, and getting supplies of food to feed the students at the school set up to bring primary and secondary education opportunities to a very poor area. Gerardo then spoke of his opportunity to be the first in his family to go through secondary education and on to the University level for education in IT, with his passion for GPS communications to rural areas. He is working at a bank in the city of Guadalajara, Jalisco State, and very thankful for his opportunity for education. His younger brother is now also participating in the schooling process. The project is sustained by donations and participation of volunteers and you can learn more at [www.projectamigo.org](http://www.projectamigo.org). I think you will be impressed by what is being done there. Thanks to Heather and Gerardo for an eye opening program.









President John then adjourned the zoom at 1333 hrs. See you next week!

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