



Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
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Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

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Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester December 18, 2020

By: Kristin Blair
Photos by: Mary Crumley

Welcome:

Our December 18th meeting (*final meeting of 2020* ♦ *good riddance!*) was called to order at 12:34 by John Vandermolen, our esteemed president during the second half of this crazy COVID year.



Pledge and Invocation/Thought for the day by:

Ken Singleton led the choppy Zoom version of the Pledge of Allegiance and shared a brief recap of Jeffrey Kluger's article from Time Magazine for our thought of the day. *Keep in mind the comforts of our pandemic compared to what folks went through during past pandemics, such as Polio in 1916!*



Meghann M. Broadstock
Vocational
Service Chair



Kenneth S. Singleton
iPast President



Mary L. Crumley
Assistant
Governor

Events / Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays



Lewis Quinby
December 19th



Songmi Sweet
December 20th



Roland Johnson
December 20th



William Gillespie
December 22nd



Greg Dale
December 27th



Kristin Blair
December 29th



Scott Hammond
January 2nd



Roger Lorenzetti
January 3rd



Haider Ajina
January 4th

John R. Goff
January 8th

Perspective ♦ check. Be thankful for the timely COVID-19 vaccine and stay safe!

John shared info about RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) for our Rotary minute. The RYLA program began in 1959 in Australia and has continued as summer camps throughout the world, focusing on youth leadership, cultural and educational experiences. More details here <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/rotary-youth-leadership-awards>.

Visitors:

Special welcome to Bob Rogers from Sebastopol (our guest speaker on Polio Plus)!

Sunshine report:

None. ?

Announcements:

John covered Backpacks for Kids by sharing gratitude shared for Mike Newman, Kristin Blair, Eddie Morgan and Matt Nilsen for their volunteerism in December and January. There are still two slots left in January. (PS ♦ this bulletin writer brought her teenage son and he was a huge help ♦ I highly recommend bringing kiddos too). Please check your email for the sign up genius link and details.

John also reminded us of our holiday social cocktail hour, tonight (Friday 12/18) at 5:30. Please join if you can ♦ Zoom invite sent via email. In addition, we are dark 12/25 and 1/1 ♦ mark your calendars and see you again next year on January 8th! Here ♦s to a fabulous 2021!



Scott Hammond joined our meeting and acknowledged David Prendergast as our veteran of the month through the Humboldt Hero Program. Watch for email to come with more details and opportunities to contribute to this fabulous program. Also, more info here <https://www.facebook.com/watch/Humboldtheroes/>.



Kenneth G. Davlin
January 10th



Mark McGowan
January 11th



Gregory Hufford
January 17th



Scott Pesch provided updates on the virtual Yahtzee Tournament ♦ January 9th from 6-8! The beneficiary of this fundraiser is The Forgotten Initiative, providing ♦ journey bags♦ to children in the foster youth program. Check out our SW Rotary website <http://swrotary.org/> for more details.

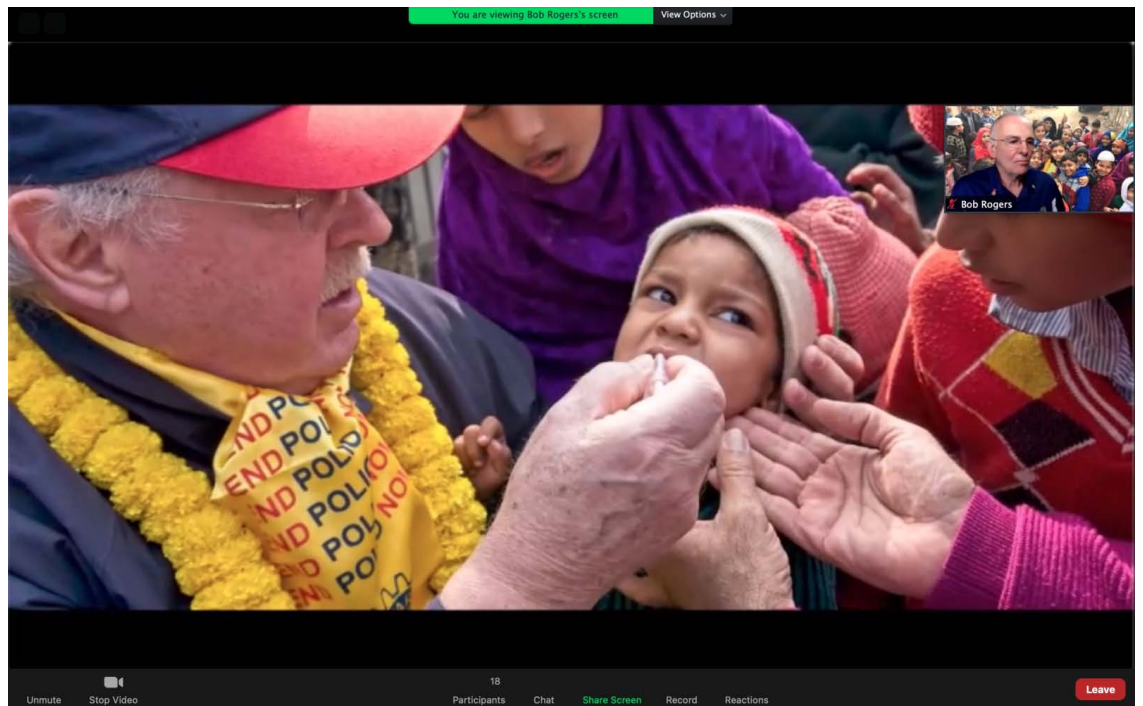
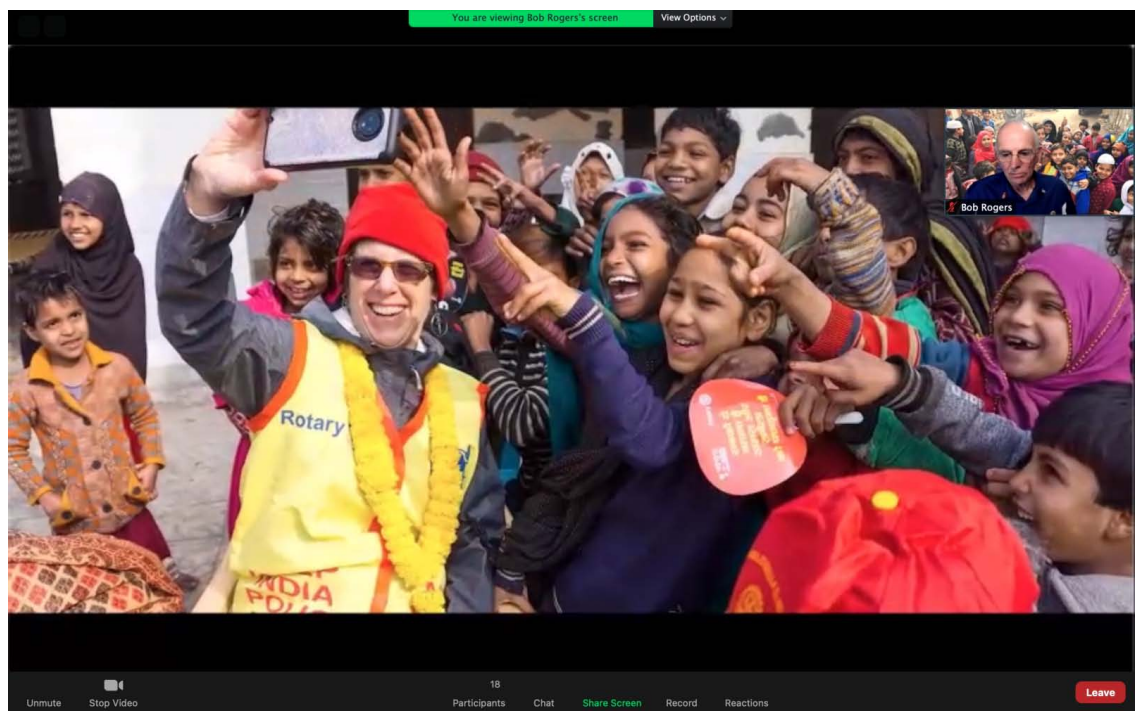
Recognitions:

None. ?



Program:

John V. introduced our speaker, Bob Roger from the Sebastopol Rotary Club, which he joined in 2007. He was previously a pilot and how considers Rotary his ♦ career.♦ Bob is a polio survivor (thanks for sharing your personal story!), past rookie and Rotarian of the year, president of club, assistant and district governor ♦ wow! He also helped create Pedal for Polio, which was a biking fundraiser for Polio and raised \$140,000. Bob shared their current efforts, which include world travel in support of polio vaccinations through National Immunization Days. The ♦Two Drops♦ video was very inspiring ♦ thanks for sharing! More info can be found here <https://www.rotary.org/en/plus-polioplus>.



Closing Remarks:

John invited everyone to our holiday cocktail social tonight, or in 2021! Stay safe and have a great holiday season.

Photos from our **Holiday Social**. We shared what was going on in our lives and had a lot of good laughs! Thank you President John for hosting!



