



Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
Meets at Via Zoom
Teleconferencing
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Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders

 **John Vandermolén**
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 **Elizabeth Ennis**
President - Elect

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Public Relations Chair

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Rotary Foundation Chair

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Membership Chair

 **Rick Roberts**
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Lyme Tap Chair

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Community Service
Chair

 **Nancy Kay**
Club Service Chair

 **Martin L. Lay**
International Service
Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester October 2, 2020

By Haider Ajina
Photos by Cindy Denbo and Mary Crumely

On October 2nd president John convened our Zoom meeting around 12:30.



Elan gave the thought of the day and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Elan gave us an excellent thought for the day in the form of the prayer.

John gave us another historical aspect of Rotary for the Rotary minute.

It had to do the historical significance of the number 711. Room number 711, in the Dearborn building, was the birthplace of Rotary in Chicago. This room is now preserved at Rotary headquarters in Evanston Illinois. For more details search under Rotary.org or contact John Vandermolén.

Haider thanked all the volunteers that worked on the fish dinner and emphasized the tremendous team effort of all that made the fish dinner a success. Haider gave a report about the fish dinner with about \$12,700 in revenue and \$2700-\$3000 in cost. 301 tickets were sold and 270 or so served. Everybody had a good time, we all got to meet each other again and see each other after being apart since March. It was a splendid team effort by all. Cindy shared many pictures that she took at the event showing all the

 [Meghann M Broadstock](#)
Vocational Service Chair

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 [Mary L. Crumley](#)
Assistant Governor

participants in action. Thank you, Cindy.



Events / Speakers

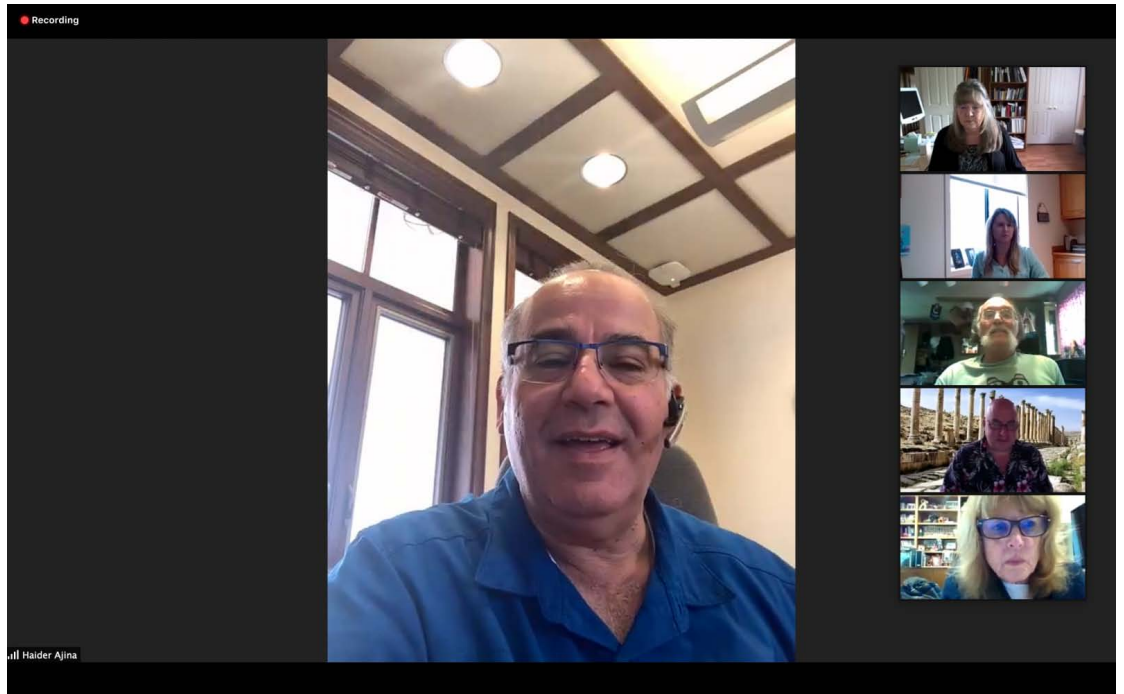
October 9th
Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: League of Women Voters Humboldt County
Subject: November Ballot Measures

October 16th
DG Official Visit - Southwest Eureka

October 23rd
Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Jessie Cretser-Haratenstein
Subject: Media Literacy from Pop Culture to Politics

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



Birthdays

 [Nancy Kay](#)
October 8th

 [James M. Anderson](#)
October 8th

 [John Ayres](#)
October 9th

 [Cynthia Denbo](#)
October 12th

 [Don Chin](#)
October 19th

 [Jack Alderson](#)
October 19th

John recognize Megan for her seventh wedding anniversary. She's looking forward to a good celebration starting this weekend. She contributed \$55 to the club

Mary shared with us that Nancy is looking for bulletin writers for the club. The month of October needs help for bulletin writers. A number of club members stepped up and volunteered to write the bulletin. Thank you all so much for doing that.



John then announced that he is looking for a club secretary. Please contact him if you're interested.

Thank you, Liz, for volunteering to take the minutes at the board meeting if no secretary is found by then.



Eddie Morgan introduced our speaker, Prof. Vicki Sama
Professor Vicki Sama is the Chair of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Humboldt State University. She has been at HSU for 14 years teaching courses in Media Law, Ethics, War Reporting, Sports Journalism, Video Production and Magazine Production. She completed her graduate degree in Media Research at the University of Colorado in Boulder, authoring the paper "Patriotism and the Press: the Red, White and Blue News Coverage of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks."
After Boulder, she moved to Brazil and taught International Journalism courses focusing on U.S. hegemony in international media at Universidade de São Paulo and Cosper Lobero. Her professional journalism career spans more than two decades including her work as a CNN field producer in Latin America covering cocaine cartels, guerrilla wars and violent presidential elections; copy editing documentaries for PBS, writing for *Newsweek* and other magazines; and back in the day, being a grunt production assistant covering events such as USFL football, U.S. Open Golf and the New York City Marathon for ABC Wide World of Sports.

She is the faculty adviser for the Journalism Club, taking her students each year to the nation's news hubs such as New York and Washington, D.C. Last October, she had the pleasure of taking journalism students to the Supreme Court to watch Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in person in one of her last sessions on the bench. The students also visited NPR, CNN's Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, Politico, Washington Post and a host of museums in the week-long trip. Professor Sama is the former long-time adviser of the award-winning student *Osprey* magazine. Outside of class you can find her riding her bicycle, probably in the mud.



Prof. Vicky Sama
Chair, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication
Humboldt State University

Vicki's topic was about challenges that students see throughout the reporting. Especially in today's environment where it's challenging to report the news and not be distracted by the atmosphere surrounding them. She talked about freelance journalist journals that work for an organization and of course the citizen journalist who is anyone of us when we record report and delivered information to the masses. Of course, many of the challenges are that citizen reporters perhaps not present the full story which is something that is emphasized strongly to journalism students. Bad actors and journalism are also reducing the faith and journalism in general which in some cases they're doing on purpose.

Questions were asked of Vicky by a number of members about accurate and non-accurate information that's being disseminated by journalists or citizen journalists. Eddie asked questions about challenges journalists major college students are facing.

HSU teaches a course of media management. In response to Roland's question Vicki pointed out that many of the students at HSU in journalism do get their first steps into their profession locally through local news outlets be it printed electronic or A/V. However, our market is very small and of course many will move on. Also talked about the difference between balance as far as time versus balance as far as context.

There was a conversation about how the news has migrated from being reporting of news to now being short snippets of news and much opinion. Vicki also emphasized not to be beholden to just one media outlet and actually watch other media outlets that are not normally used by you.

John adjourned the meeting at 1:30
