



Club Meeting

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

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Chair

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Welcome

Esteemed President **John Vandermolen** called the 7th meeting of his 2020-2021 Rotary year to order at 12:30PM. **Elan Firpo** led us in the beautifully unsynchronized Pledge of Allegiance and provided our inspirational moment. We had some visiting Rotarians, from distances far away, yet virtually right here in the room with us! Former past president **Howard Julian** from Bremerton Washington, and **Ron Harris** from Maui graced us with their smiling faces. Immediate past president from the Eureka Club, Carly Robbins, joined us as well.



President John introduced his tap out gift, which, as you all know, is customary in our club. Since he comes from a construction background, John selected a Rotary tape measure. Once you have met your financial tap out obligation, you will be handsomely rewarded with this coveted tool!



Rotary Minute

Instead of doing is usual Rotary Minute, President John mixed it up a bit by doing a Rotary Quiz. He challenged us with 5 Rotary trivia questions. Whoever answered correctly would win the above, coveted



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Rotary tape measure! The questions were not all that easy, but **Howard Julian, Liz Ennis and Cindy Denbo** all walked away (virtually) with a prize.

Backpacks for Kids

Carly Robbins gave us an update on Backpacks for Kids. The program is still moving forward despite the challenges the schools are facing during this pandemic. If you would like to buy a square and be a sponsor, it would help offset the cost of this important project. Squares cost \$100, \$300 or \$600. It takes approximately \$300 to sponsor a child for a year. You may have seen this advertised in the Times Standard. They have raised 15K so far with at goal of 25K. This program services about 85 hungry kids.

Drive-By Fish Dinner

Haider Ajina reported on our first fundraiser of the year is coming up on October 1st. We are having our Drive-By Fish Dinner. \$20 a dinner to include fish (steelhead, petrale sole, rock fish and calamari) and coleslaw. Pickup on October 1st between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge at 455 Herrick Avenue in Eureka.

To purchase dinners click on this link [Buy Fish Feed Tickets Now](#) and feel free to forward the link to others to buy dinners.

◆ To benefit backpacks for kids & club scholarships and other projects.

You can also purchase tickets on our website at www.swrotary.org

Liz Ennis has been working hard securing sponsors for this event and has done a remarkable job! \$6000 raised so far, plus \$250 in kind.

Cindy Denbo has been working tirelessly on publicity for the Drive By Fish Dinner event. Next week she will shine the spotlight on our sponsors and thanking them for their support.

Events / Speakers

August 28th

[Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting via Zoom](#)

October 1st

[Drive-By Fish Dinner](#)

October 16th

[DG Official Visit - Southwest Eureka](#)

Birthdays



[Rick Roberts](#)
August 24th



[John Vandermolen](#)
August 28th



[Elizabeth Ennis](#)
September 1st



Sou^Wester Bulletin

The board decided it was time to resurrect our weekly bulletin, so here is your first publication of our 2020-2021 Rotary year on Zoom. We are all hoping to get back to our in-person meetings soon, but in the meantime, at least we get to meet, connect and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to those who volunteered to write future editions, and thanks Nancy Kay for managing this.

The next Board Meeting will be September 16th @ 5:30 on Zoom. All members are invited to attend, but Red Badgers are specifically encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!

Recognition

Gary Ogle received a very prestigious national award from his company, Aflac. The Social Responsibility Award is presented to one individual nation-wide for recognition of their exemplary volunteerism.

Typically, in non-Covid times, the recipient and significant other, are flown back to Georgia for the royal treatment. Gary was interviewed locally, as were others speaking on his behalf, detailing a day in the life of Gary and all the good he does. Aside from Rotary, Gary the president of Breast and GYN Health Project, the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce, Eureka Chamber of Commerce and more.



Marty Lay and **Terri Clark** are celebrating their anniversary today, August 21, of 38 years. Celebratory foods included grits for breakfast and pizza and beer for dinner! With a martini for Terri of course.



Program

Nancy Kay gave a very informative and timely presentation on Ranked Choice Voting ♦ Measure C on the November ballot. She shared how it works, plus a thorough overview of the pros and cons of Ranked Choice Voting.



Next Friday's meeting is HAT DAY!
Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite hat!
