



## Club Meeting

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

## Club Leaders

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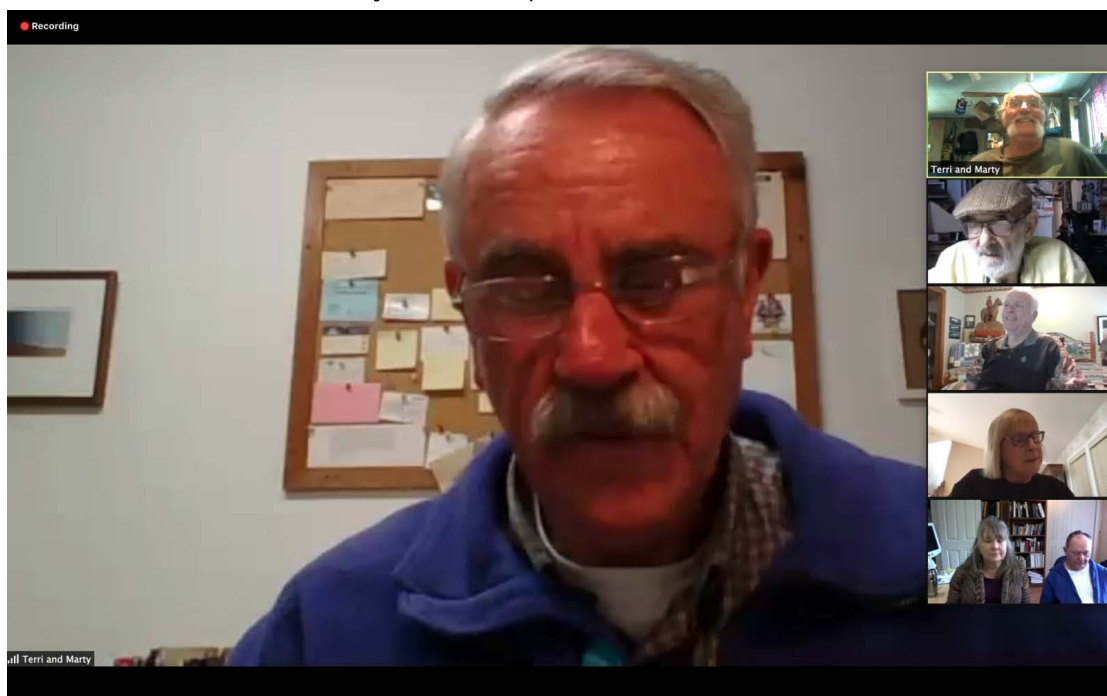
# Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester September 18, 2020

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Photos by Mary Crumley

President John Vanderمولen greeted all members attending via Zoom and welcomed our speaker Captain Mark Hiigel, Commander of Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay.



**Rotary Minute:** Featured the origin of the Four-Way Test. It was written by Herbert Taylor in 1932 as a code of ethics for his company, Club Aluminum. It was a great motivator for his employees and was credited for helping the company overcome the effects of the Great Depression. Rotary adopted the moral code in 1943 and Herbert Taylor served as president of RI in 1954. Who knew?!



**Announcements:** The Drive-By Fish Feed is coming up Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Members unable to attend are asked to make an in-kind donation of \$40. We've sold 70 tickets thus far. Our 21 sponsors will be recognized on flyers placed in each meal and banners at the Elks. Volunteers are still needed. Promotion is continuing with TV, Lost Coast Outpost and social media. We will also be promoting to other clubs.

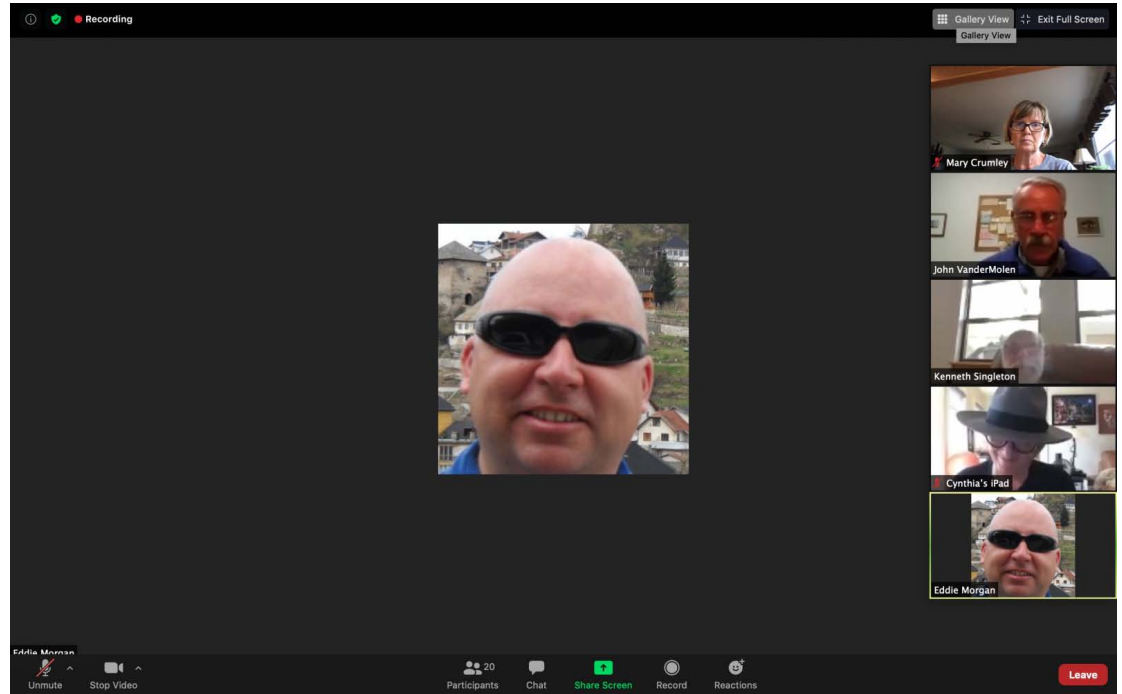
 [Meghann M Broadstock](#)  
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Assistant Governor

District Grant reapplication has been made for the bird watching station on the Hikshari Trail, with costs modified for the current year.

Hybrid meetings are being discussed. Some members said they would attend an in-person meeting. President John and Eddie Morgan will do a trial run.



**Recognitions:** Eddie thought Ken Singleton was being a distraction by wildly moving around in his chair with his mic on! A slew of fines followed with Ken matching them. It was very confusing. Fines of over \$200 were levied. Ken, Roland, John Goff, Eddie, Haider, Marie, Elan and Cindy were some of the members fined. The bulletin writer apologizes if anyone was omitted here.



## Events / Speakers

October 1st  
**Drive-By Fish Dinner**

October 2nd  
**Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** HSU Professor Vicky Sama

**Subject:** Future opportunities and challenges in journalism

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**

## Birthdays

 [Melinda Ciarabellini](#)  
September 28th

 [Rory A. Hanson](#)  
September 30th

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

 [Nancy Kay](#)  
October 8th

 [John Ayres](#)  
October 9th

 [Cynthia Denbo](#)  
October 12th

 [Don Chin](#)  
October 19th

[Jack Alderson](#)  
October 19th





**Program:** Melinda Ciarabellini introduced our speaker for the day.



Captain Mark Hiigel grew up in rural Oregon and spent time along the coast where he saw the Coast Guard in action. This inspired him to choose the Coast Guard as a career. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management in 1995. After graduation, he reported to USCGC STEADFAST in Astoria, OR where he served as First Lieutenant. In 1997, CAPT Hiigel reported to Naval Flight training, Pensacola, FL where he earned his wings.

Following flight training, he served his first aviation tour flying the HH-65A at Air Station Port Angeles, WA. There he was the Housing Officer, Communications Officer, and became designated as Aircraft Commander in the HH-65A. In 2002, CAPT Hiigel transferred to Air Station Borinquen in Guadilla, PR, where he became qualified as an HH-65B Flight Instructor and Flight Examiner while performing the duties of Air Operations Officer and MWR Officer. He was then assigned to the Aviation Training Center (ATC) Mobile, AL as the H65 Assistant Branch Chief in 2005. While there, he played a critical role in the H65 community as the airframe transitioned from HH-65B to HH-65C to MH-65C. He was also one of many pilots who flew during Hurricane Katrina.

From 2009 to 2012, CAPT Hiigel served as part of Force Readiness Command in Alameda, CA. While there he helped transition ATC Mobile to a new command structure and served as Operations Training Branch Chief reviewing and approving all CG operations curriculum. In 2012, he served as the Response Officer at Air Station North Bend, OR during the transition from Group North Bend to Sector North Bend.

In 2015, he flected up to Deputy Commander of Sector North Bend (XO).

In 2016, CAPT Hiigel assumed command of Air Station/SFO Port Angeles, WA, where he served as the unit's 41st Commanding Officer.

From 2018 to 2020, he served as Chief of Incident Management at Coast Guard District One in Boston, MA where he coordinated and oversaw all SAR and response actions from the NJ/NY State Border up to the US/Canadian Border between Maine & New Brunswick.

CAPT Hiigel has a Master's of Science degree in Aviation Operations from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

His military decorations include three Meritorious Service Medals, one Air Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, one Coast Guard Achievement Medal, two National Defense Service Medals and two Humanitarian Service Medals.

Captain Hiigel explained that the USCG mission is part humanitarian, part law enforcement and part search and rescue. There are 225 personnel serving locally and they are an integral part of our community.

The Captain answered many questions such as a helicopter's fuel and distance ranges. The answer is the fuel range is 2-1/2 hours and distance range 250 miles. He also was asked why the public gets in trouble and he said it is a mix of poor decisions and inexperience.



Thank you Captain Hiigel for a great program. See you next year at ♦Cook Your Own Steak Night♦!