



Club Meeting

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

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Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester September 25, 2020

By Liz Ennis
Photos by Cindy Denbo

Our weekly Zoom meeting brought to order at 12:34 by Prez John. He welcomed Humboldt County District 3 Supervisor Mike Wilson and Cristin Kenyon, Supervising analyst at North Coast District of the California Coastal Commission, today's program.



Pledge and Thought of the Day were presented by Emily Kirsch. She recognized that this is the 6 month anniversary of our COVID journey. The 6-month mark represents a period of adjustment. The Slump is normal! We are entering the next phase. Clear away less challenging problems. We have already come through a lot. Do not despair. It does not define us! We'll be on the other side in no time.



Meghann M Broadstock
Vocational Service Chair



Kenneth S Singleton
iPast President



Mary L. Crumley
Assistant Governor

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

October 23rd

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Jessie Cretser-Haratenstein

Subject: Media Literacy from Pop Culture to Politics

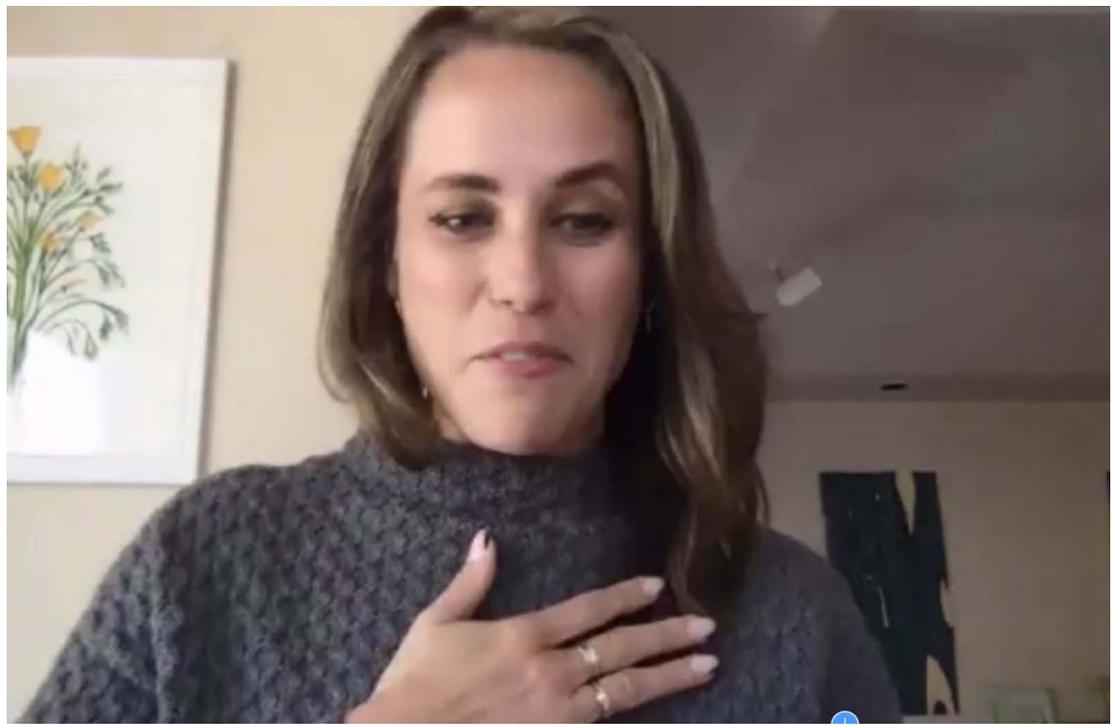
November 27th

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Dark Today

Birthdays

Rory A. Hanson
September 30th



John gave us a Rotary minute, the history of the Rotary foundation. In 1917 Arch Klumpf observed that RI should be accepting endowments. The first endowment was for \$26.50, the balance of the Kansas City Rotary convention account. A decade later the foundation was formally established and grew to \$30K. A new era of Rotary International started. It has now grown to over \$1B.



Our Drive-by Fish Feed is coming up Oct 1. As of this morning over 200 dinners have been sold. Liz Ennis reported on the 21 sponsors supporting our event benefitting Back Packs for Kids, critical at this time for food insecurity being experienced by some of our local children; our annual scholarship awards, and other projects we support during the Rotary Year.

To purchase dinners, click on this link [Buy Fish Feed Tickets Now](#) They are selling quickly!

Lost Coast Outpost PR for our Drive-by Fish Dinner will be filmed today for broadcast on Monday. Please **Share** any emails or Facebook posts you receive to continue to bring in diners and recognize SW Eureka Rotary endeavors in the community. Gary Ogle put out a call for more saut **cooks**. He tried to recruit Cindy Denbo only to result in a lot of shaking heads in the Zoom boxes. Please sign up using the Sign up Genie Emails you are receiving. Click on the link and choose a job! It's fun. The Elks Lodge has established safe kitchen protocols in compliance with the Humboldt County Health Dept. and members will be on hand to shepherd us through the best practices.



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



Mark McGowan, club RI Foundation Chair advised us that there is no foundation dinner this year to recognize donors. He WILL be selling raffle tickets again, so contact him with how many tickets you are purchasing for one of the amazing gift baskets curated by District 5130 North clubs. Your donation will be applied to your Rotary Foundation Account balance. When not managing our Foundation activities, Mark is also building a barn in his spare time.. John advised him to count his fingers morning and night and be sure he comes up with the same number. Mark reports that no digits are missing thus far.



Kevin Heckman has had to step back as club secretary due to his new calling as a home school instructor to his lovely daughter while keeping his consulting business going. Please let Prez John know if you are interested in taking on this most important position in Southwest Eureka Rotary. It requires a lot of plate spinning, but is very rewarding, says your bulletin writer from past experience. Roland nominated Ken Singleton, claiming he is bored in his retirement, but alas, he already has a BOD position, Past President. Not really sure just who's bored in this scenario.



Recognitions: the fine backlog continues to grow as only about 20 of us Zoom on any given Friday. Pres John did recognize Past President Cindy, as this is her Rotary anniversary, 22 years strong. ♦ It's been a dream, ♦ declared our PR guru. John thanks her for all her contributions to the club in work and leadership, prompting Cindy to purchase 5 more fish dinners (for gifting) to celebrate.

Past President Marie Liscom tried to recognize Past President Ken Singleton for his birthday, and he complained that he has been recognized that last 4 meetings. He celebrated his last circle of the sun by having lunch on the Elks lodge deck with 4 other Rotarians. Past President Haider Ajina took Ken shopping at a local grocery store as a birthday treat. What a pal (or brother, I've lost track)! Secretary Kevin Heckman, the only member who can fine the president, decided to weigh in during Fine Time. He reported that Pres John called for tech support last week, not part of secretarial duties. He fined Pres John \$20 for 2 separate tech support calls for attachment issues, er, EMAIL attachment issues.

Speakers:

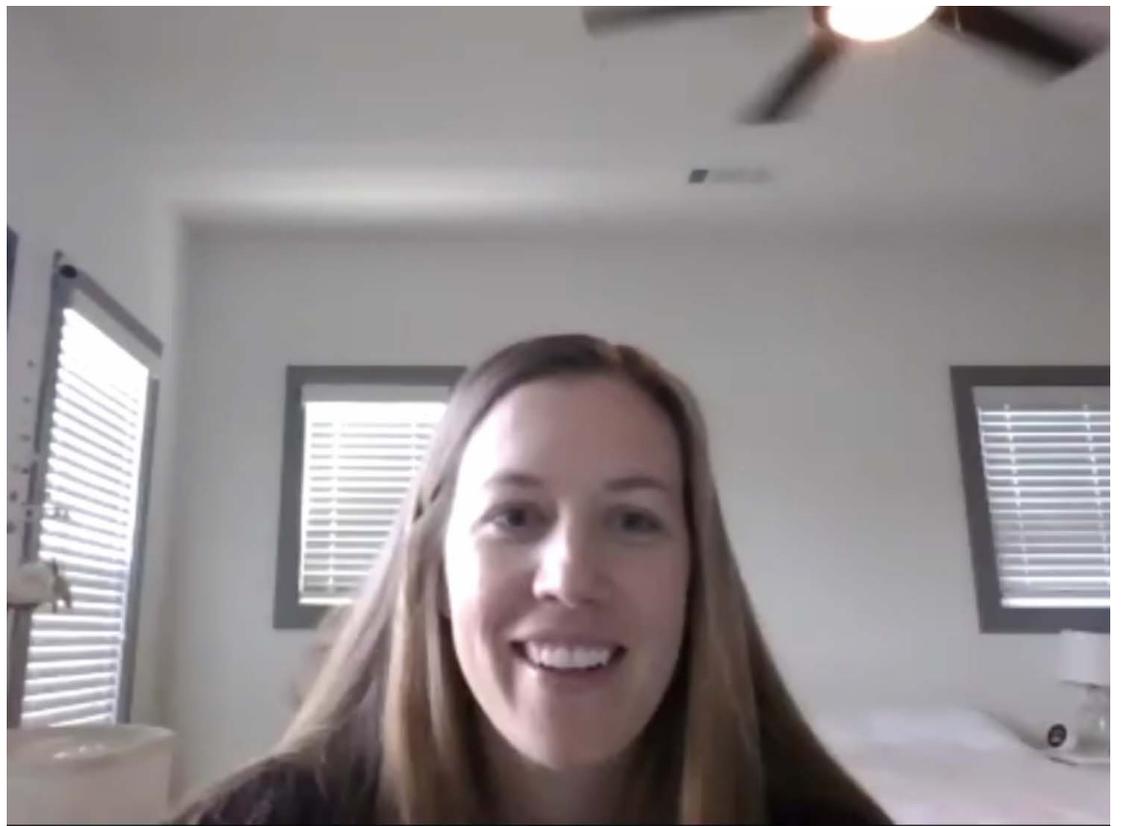
Club Service Coordinator Nancy Kay reintroduced our program speakers Cristin Kenyon of the California Coastal Commission and County Supervisor Mike Wilson, District 3 since 2017. Mike recognized the wonderful Coastal Commission staff, and Cristin serves locally. Some tech issues resulted in a possible additional fine to President John for lack of Zoom host knowledge. Cristin works in the North Coast office which also includes Del Norte and Mendocino Counties. She gave a history of the commission and recommended an Online video Heroes of the Coast. The Mission of the Coastal Act is to protect and enhance the overall quality of the coastal zone for current and future generations for the benefit of all Californians. Though not explicit, the mission is also to serve the public. It includes tidelands and submerged lands. It focuses on a place rather than an issue. There is lots of development demand. Misconception is that it is to stop development. New development is to maximize protection of resources and maximize public access. Access is required of private owners e.g. Target project in Eureka required coastal access to be approved. She went on to identify some specific projects and how they were handled, the areas covered around Humboldt Bay. Sea level rise is a current issue that has given rise to grant funds to deal with this imminent threat. The Immediate area around Humboldt Bay is in the permitting jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission. Nordic Aqua Farms project application is mostly in the County jurisdiction. There are interactive maps online to determine what agency has jurisdiction over a project.

Mike Wilson is one of 6 locally elected officials to the state Coastal Commission. Meetings are being conducted virtually via Zoom at this time. It has made it easier for more northern representatives to attend meetings.

Get involved by attending local commission hearings online and you can email local staff with questions. They rely on local citizens to uphold the coast act. Public participation in issues for our amazing bay is essential.

Mike Wilson took questions and discussed some local projects, and their status. Public comment screens can be accessed on the first page of the coastal commission website and are highly welcome!

Mike went on to discuss policy conflicts between northern and southern coast existing development issues, vast differences in property values, how communities address these impacts on high value resources. Background of most commissioners are attorneys, Mike is the only one with a tech degree on the board. There have been many discussions lately around housing in the coastal zone, gentrification, Accessory Dwelling Units, short term rentals, housing insecurity. Mike says the commission has a great degree of diversity on the voices included. There is great deal of extra coastal access dependent land owned by the City of Eureka and rezoning taking place. We are lucky in California how much coast line is accessible to the public. Lots of valuable and germane information from these Coastal Commission Representatives!



President John adjourned us at 1:35.
Don't forget to sign up to assist at the Fish Dinner!

Next weeks program: HUS Professor Vicky Sama
