

# Rotary



# Club of Old Town Eureka

## Over the Coffee Pot

August 9, 2024



### Club Meeting Time

Tuesday at 7:00 AM  
The Rotary Club of Old Town Eureka  
meets at Old Town Coffee &  
Chocolates  
211 F Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

### Club Leaders

- Michael Munson  
President
- Keith Flamer  
President-Elect
- Amanda Moxon  
Secretary
- Marcia Schaefer  
Vice President
- Tom Kingshill  
Treasurer
- Tyson Fisher  
Club Director
- Elishia Hayes  
Club Director
- Barry Pires  
Club Director
- Ted Stewart  
Club Director
- Kenny Carswell  
Sergeant-at-Arms
- Rusty Goodlive  
Rotary Foundation Chair
- Kim Brown  
iPast President

### Calendar

**Tuesday, August 13**

[Old Town Eureka Weekly](#)

[Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Jeremy Campbell

- Executive Director of  
Waterfront Recovery  
Services

**Subject:** Waterfront  
Recovery Services

**Raffle Prizes:** Jill Rice

**Thursday, August 15**

[U.S. Coast Guard Cook-Your-Own-](#)

[Steak Appreciation Night](#)

**Tuesday, August 20**

[Old Town Eureka Weekly Club](#)

[Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Bill Barnum -  
Owner · Barnum Law Office

**Raffle Prizes:** Tyson Fisher

**Monday, August 26**

[Pints for Polio](#)

**Speaker:** Jim O'Grady -  
District Governor 2024-2025

Location: Lost Coast

Brewery Taproom

1600 Sunset; Eureka

Time: 5-7 PM

**Tuesday, August 27**

[DARK - NO Morning Meeting of](#)

[Rotary Club of Old Town Eureka](#)

**Tuesday, September 3**

[DARK - NO Morning Meeting of](#)

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### Birthdays

[Marcia Schaefer](#)

September 3

### Wedding Anniversaries

[Eric Smith](#) [Jon Stocum](#)

August 27      September 6

## Olympic Spirit

A perennial Olympics volunteer finds togetherness at the Games and in Rotary

## Ernie Peterson

Rotary Club of Deland (Breakfast), Florida




**A**s a child in the 1950s, Ernie Peterson remembers watching the Olympics on TV. "I sat there absolutely fascinated and thought, 'You know, it would be nice to attend one day.'" This summer in Paris, Peterson is attending his sixth Olympic Games as a volunteer. He's part of a select group of devotees who volunteer at the Games over and over to do everything from taking tickets to helping spectators find their seats.

Since 2002, Peterson, a retired property appraiser from DeLand, Florida, has helped at the Games in Salt Lake City, Torino, Vancouver, Sochi, and Rio, mostly as a media assistant accompanying athletes to post-event interviews. He's met gold medalists including skier Lindsey Vonn, swimmer Michael Phelps, and snowboarder Shaun White, marveling at "their focus, their intensity."

One of his most memorable moments, though, was seeing two skiers in Sochi, Russia, embrace their mothers after downhill runs, one finishing with a gold medal and the other coming in fourth or fifth, their parents equally proud. "You could not tell from the reaction of the parent which one won gold," he says. "It was just incredibly moving."

This year, Peterson has what might be his sweetest gig yet: working the opening ceremony and at the outdoor beach volleyball matches beside the Eiffel Tower. Another bit of luck "when he couldn't find a place to stay, a fellow Rotarian offered to host him. And this isn't the first time; he's stayed with Rotarians at other Olympics and, in return, has hosted them in Florida.

The Olympics and Rotary, Peterson says, have a lot in



common: cultural exchange, internationality, and a  
"desire to do something good for the world."  
â€” JASON KEYSER