

# Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



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## Club Meeting

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

## Club Leaders



John Vandermolen  
President



Elizabeth Ennis  
President-Elect



Elan Firpo  
Secretary



Vinson Champ  
Treasurer



Cynthia Denbo  
Public Relations  
Chair



Mark McGowan  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Scott Pesch  
Membership  
Chair



Rick Roberts  
Sergeant-at-  
Arms

Haider Ajina  
Lyme Tap Chair

## Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester May 7, 2021

By Greg Dale

Photos by Cindy Denbo and Mary Crumley

President John brought the meeting to order at precisely 1230, or thereabouts, with a ring of the bell. We had a pretty decent size crowd for our 3<sup>rd</sup> in person meeting of his year.

Elan Firpo led us in the pledge and let Larry Goldberg give us a thought for the day.

President John started out with taking care of some club business.



Apparently Past President Ken Singleton finally found our coveted president pin, probably still stuck in the lapel of one of his infinite Thai suits, and presented Pres John with the pin. Which, if you don't know is the pin that our first president, Ed Nilsen, wore and then every president since. It is quite an honor and daunting responsibility to wear that pin, especially if you lose Rotary pins as frequently as this author. In return, Pres John returned the favor by presenting Past President Ken with his PP pin, with a flashy diamond in it. PP Ken was thrilled.





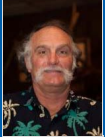
**Daniel Brown**  
Community  
Service Chair



**Nancy Kay**  
Club Service  
Chair



**Martin L. Lay**  
International  
Service Chair



**Meghann M.  
Broadstock**  
Vocational  
Service Chair



**Kenneth S.  
Singleton**  
iPast President



**Mary L. Crumley**  
Assistant  
Governor

## Events / Speakers

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## Birthdays



**Emily Kirsch**  
May 14th



**Vinson Champ**  
May 24th



**Nicholas Bertell**  
May 29th



**William Speer**  
June 5th



Greg Hufford helped lower the average age (once again) of our membership by bringing his girlfriend and daughters.



Pres then spent some time talking about Rotary's commitment to youth leadership development. The three Rotary youth programs he described are:

1. Interact, an ongoing club generally associated with leadership training and community service in a High school for ages 12-18. The Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka sponsors an interact club at Zoe Barnum. Tyron Champ is the champion of that club and they are involved in a great deal around the school and community.
2. RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a Rotary sponsored seminar/camp/workshop teaching leadership skills to youth 14-30 from around the district and beyond. It encourages networking and development of diverse friendships.
3. Rotary youth exchange, a program for 15-19-year-old to spend a year abroad being hosted by Rotarians in other countries.



The president had the unfortunate duty to inform us of yet another member passing away. Judge John Morrison who was our last founding member passed away last month. PP John was our president in 1981-1982. He was a wonderful Rotarian, husband, father and friend. It was always a challenge to verbally spar with him as president and his quick wit and no-nonsense comments quickly got many a president in trouble. He will be greatly missed, God Speed John Morrison.

Back Packs for Kids sign ups are still available for the next 2 weeks. We need members to pick up roughly 30 sacks Thursday afternoon at Old Growth Cellars and deliver to Lafayette Elementary on Friday. See our website for info.





Speaking of old growth, Larry Goldberg was tagged to tell us something about him that we don't know. I for one am never surprised when hearing of Larry's exploits. He is a man of the world and today we found out quickly, maybe too quickly for the author, he was an office boy in Queens, NYC cabbie, lived in Wisconsin, became a pirate in the west indies by getting an earring. At this point he started having internet breakups so not to clear on what I heard. Plus, I had Marty and Ken talking but I think he came to Humboldt as a hippie, got an MBA while working as a bartender at Fat Alberts then onto RCAA and somehow got mixed up with Solar Hookers in Mexico. Coulda been Solar hackers or something else, I couldn't make it out and my two table mates were zero help. Love hearing from Larry and can't wait until we can all be together again.



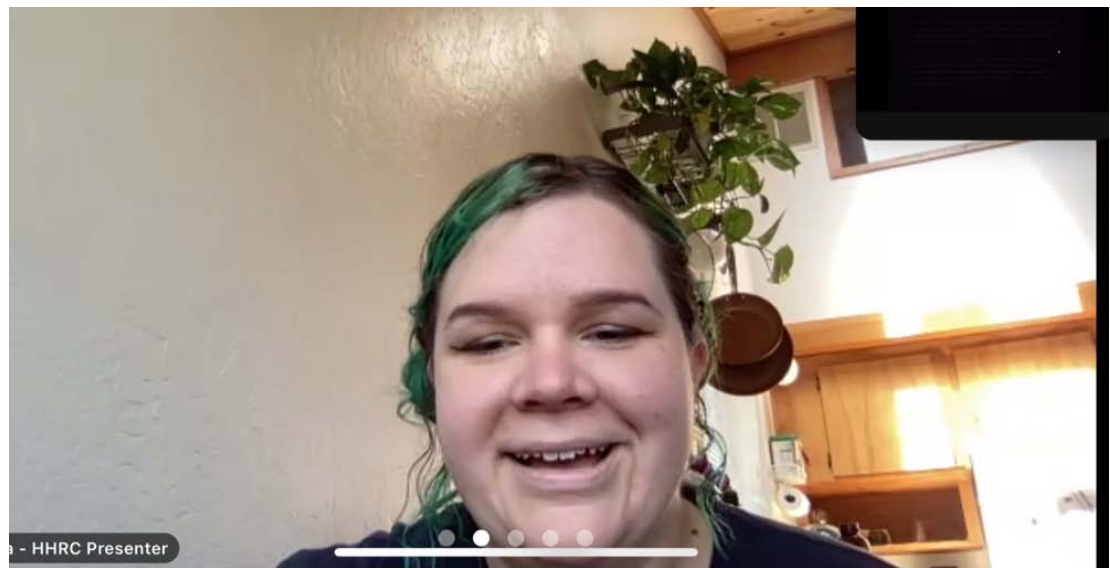
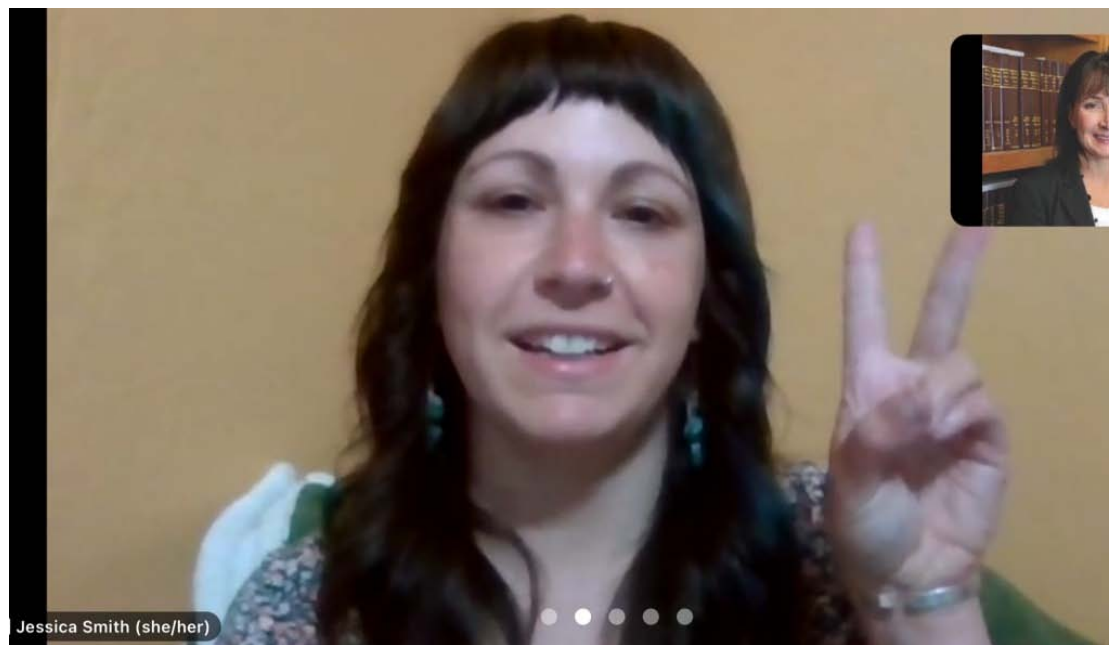
Troy Vizenor spent his birthday, I think 50<sup>th</sup>, watching Baseball in Hoopa. His team won. But next week his team plays PE Scott Pesch's team, and it will be a battle. Certainly, the winner should pay a fine next week.



Mark Dias brought his bother Bob and son Kevin to lunch. Mark's mom fell and spent a couple days in the







Jessica Smith and Jasmin Guerra from National and Humboldt County Harm Reduction informed us on what they are doing in our community to reduce harm from various substance abuse. Housing, counseling and education are tools they use. There is a general lack of understanding regarding what harm reduction is. They used several analogies to help us understand. A seat belt or helmet is a form of harm reduction that we all utilize. They also relayed that we experience significant deaths due to substance abuse and if anyone is interested in participating, they would be happy to train and help get us involved and to identify our bias. President John closed the meeting wishing us a good weekend and prosperous next week. Tuh?n? a??rav?da, for our immediate PP Ken.