

Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



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Coast Since 1969

Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
Meets at The Elks Lodge at 445
Herrick Ave Eureka CA or Via
Zoom Teleconferencing
Members Contact Elan Firpo
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Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



Scott Pesch
President



Elan Firpo
President-Elect



Lorna J. Petersen
Secretary



Marie Liscom
Treasurer



Cynthia Denbo
Public Relations Chair



Cassandra Hesseltn
President-Nominee



Mark McGowan
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Rick Roberts
Membership Chair



Kenneth S. Singleton
Sergeant-at-Arms

Haider Ajina
Lyme Tap Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester July 8, 2022

By Mary Crumley
Photos by Cindy Denbo

Introducing our new Rotary President for 2022-23, **Scott Pesch!**



It was a full house today! Every table was filled, and more tables needed to be added. The positive energy was contagious as Scott took the podium.



Mary L. Crumley
Webmaster



Michael Davies-Hughes
Community Service
Chair



Eddie Alexander
Morgan
Club Service Chair



Wendy Starr
International Service
Chair



Melinda Ciarabellini
Vocational Service
Chair



Vinson Champ
Youth Services Chair



Elizabeth Ennis
iPast President



Chris Brannan
Assistant Governor



Elvis Presley (AKA Bubba ... AKA Andy Parker) was there himself to bring in our new club leader! It's true... Elvis lives!

Events / Speakers

July 20th

Southwest Eureka Monthly Board Meeting

Speaker: BOD meeting

July 24th

Rotary Day at Crab's Baseball

August 5th

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: DG Jennifer Strong

Subject: DG Visit

Birthdays



Elan Firpo
July 12th



Lorna J. Petersen
July 20th

Shelley Nilsen
July 25th



Eddie Alexander Morgan
July 30th



Marie Liscom led us in the pledge and the thought of the day.. a quote (sort of) by Paul Harris about the importance of Rotary changing with the times – or something like that.



Sabrina Francis Gasdik sang a beautiful rendition the national anthem The stage was set.

Scott introduced our special guests and dignitaries. There were so many, but he managed to recognize his wife Rachel, and kids Ethan, Ellie and Emily. Father Clooney, former member was in attendance. Father Clooney preformed the marriage ceremony for Scott and Rachel 21 years ago this month. Additionally, he thanked Jennifer Johnson, Jeff Pauly, Rory Hansen along with dignitaries; County Supervisor Rex Bohn, Humboldt County Sheriff Billy Honsel, City Manager Miles Slattery, Humboldt County Superintendent Michael Davies Hughes. There were many other visitors, but there was not enough time to name them all...

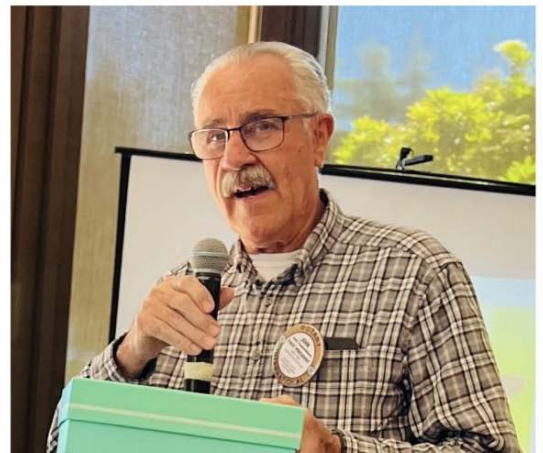


Sunshine report: John Dalby is back home and doing very well! **Ken Davlin's** wife is having some medical problems currently.

Announcements:

Scott announced that his year of service is being dedicated to former member **Steve Broadhag** (cue the spinning plates around the room). Steve was a very active member who left us way too soon. In 2010, Scott learned was unable to keep his commitment to be president in 2011, due to a great job opportunity with HSU, Steve didn't hesitate to step in and be president in Scott's place. Steve was a stand-up guy!

Liz Ennis was given her past president's pen by President Scott and thanked for an outstanding service in 2021-22.



President Scott received the official president's pen! This pen is the original pen from our charter year in 1969. No one has lost it yet... hold on to it tight Scott.

John VanderMolen (president 2020-21) presented past president Liz with the coveted beanie that has been passed down since our club was chartered in 1969.



Mary Crumley asked people to let her know if there were any changes to their **contact information**. Phone, email, physical address, etc. If so, please let her know by emailing her at maryjpgr@suddenlink.net



Martinis by the Bay fundraiser August 11th. **Meghann Broadstock** and **Gary Ogle** are co-chairs and Gary gave us a quick update. It will be held inside and outside at the Warfinger. Sponsors have already contributed over \$7000 with a goal of \$10,000. Can we hit \$12,000? Yep! Nine martini providers have already committed to participate so far. More should be signing up soon. **Cindy Denbo** is our bar liaison and publicist extraordinaire. **Marie Liscom** and **Mary Crumley** are managing the tickets. Each member will be expected to sell or buy at least two tickets. Tickets will be available to purchase on our website.



Coast Guard Dinner August 18th The City of Eureka deems August as Coast Guard Appreciation Month, as we are a designated Coast Guard city. Our club, along with the two other Eureka area clubs and the Elks lodge have honored our Coasties with a Cook-Your-Own-Steak dinner each year since 2015 (not counting the pandemic years). Event chair, **Melinda Ciarabellini**, event coordinator, is the liaison between the three Eureka clubs and the Elks lodge. Of course, funds this takes funding. We invite all local Coasties and their guests. Scott convinced Elvis to sing us a song by Al Green if we could get the funds raised today, at the meeting! AND Scott promised a handheld Yahtzee game for all that donated \$100! Hands were raised immediately, with many offering to donate \$100 to help offset this need, and Elvis did himself proud by entertaining us with Al Green's '*I'm still in love with you*'. I think this is a SW Rotary first! Thanks to the many Rotarians and guests who ponied up and helped us narrow this gap.



Recognitions:

Les Merrill is always the first to tap-out each year and has been doing so since 1988. Thanks Les!

Rory Hanson for this 50th wedding anniversary and his recent retirement also tapped out.

Greg Dale for his anniversary May 21st to Sandra, plus is new granddaughter Juliana. Greg tapped out as well.

Hand-help Yahtzee games for all those who tap-out!



Club Goals:

1. Have FUN!
2. Raise \$50K Five fundraisers; Martinis in August, Best of the Wurst in October, Yahtzee in January, Martinis again in May, Golf in June
3. 10 new members!

Raffle winner and game time! As part of the new tradition, raffle winners get to play Yahtzee! The best score in three rolls determines their prize. The luck winner was Scott's son, Ethan Pesch. Ethan rolled a four-of-a-kind and walked away with \$20.



Scott adjourned the meeting at 1:20ish with this inspiration:
"Good things come to those who wait, but better things come to those who go out and get them!"
