

Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



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Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
Meets at The Elks Lodge at 445
Herrick Ave Eureka CA
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Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

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Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester August 25, 2022

By Mary Crumley
Photos by Cindy Denbo



President Scott Pesch rang in the meeting at the usual time. **Elan Firpo**, back from her polar expedition, led us in the pledge and a polar-related thought of the day. She quoted Ernest Shackleton's ad in 1910 for a hazardous expedition ..."a safe return doubtful"! We had a few guests and visiting Rotarians including Jamie Anderson, who will be joining us soon as a transfer from Arcata Sunrise Rotary.



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Carly Robbins
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Events / Speakers

September 21st
**Southwest Eureka Monthly
Board Meeting**
Speaker: BOD meeting

Birthdays



John Vandermolen
August 28th



Elizabeth Ennis
September 1st

Kim Bauriedel



New members **Jeremy Sorci** and **Peter Fuller** received their duct-tape free red badges!





September 6th

Please keep member Ken Davlin's wife in your thoughts and prayers as she is ill.

Announcements:

Greg Dale was looking for volunteers to take care of the Jim Gupton annual veggie auction at the Humboldt County Fair on Saturday (like tomorrow). It was kind of last minute, Greg, to be fair, and it seemed that no one was available at such short notice. Greg was hoping to recruit Shelley, but she was not in attendance today. Hopefully he was successful.



Haider Ajina is looking for two more people to work the Tour of the Unknown Coast bike race on September 17th. Please refer to the Sign-up Genius or contact Haider directly if you can help.

The Best of the Wurst is back! Scott will be chairing the event being held October 6th. This will be dine-in or take-out. More details will follow.

Club Picnic and Pickleball fun! September 11th at Scott's place in Hawkins Bar. More details are sure to follow, so stay tuned.

Recognition:

Chris Duncan's last meeting was today. We will miss Chris! Since Mark Dias wouldn't give him a hot deal on a new Corvette, Chris decided to join the Navy. He will be entering the Naval Office Intelligence school as he moves into life's next adventure. Scott honored Chris by presenting him with his coveted medal he earned in Carlsbad while running a 5K.



Kristin (no-longer-Blair) Kuxhausen "what a summer" recap. Amid an array of baseball games with her boys traveling all over the north state, she managed to have an amazing bachelorette party in Nashville, which, of course, cumulated with a beautiful wedding! Congrats Kristin!

Mark Dias spent time in Reno with his 5 grandkids which included memorable a day with just him and his 3-year-old granddaughter.



Troy Vizenor was back today after a year+ long hiatus. It was great to see Troy again. He gave us a brief update as to his life over the last year. His oldest son will be attending Oklahoma as a poly-sci major, and his youngest son will be attending Pennsylvania prep school playing basketball. All good stuff. Troy tapped out for last year and will tap out again this year as the year progresses.



Peter Fuller had the lucky ticket today, and Kristin took charge of the Yahtzee cup on his behalf, rolling 3 of a kind... Earning Peter a big \$5.



Program

Our program was presented early in the meeting, just to switch things up a bit. Our program today was Eureka City Manager, Miles Slattery.

Miles gave us a State of Eureka report covering a myriad of topics, including city properties for housing, and the state of the current city financials. Some city improvements include the rebuilding of Food for People, England Marine (near the Wharfinger), a new hotel on Broadway (old Chamber of Commerce space), and the Carson Park improvement project (in conjunction with Eureka Rotary Clubs). Eureka city's financials are looking good.