



## Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka  
Meets at The Elks Lodge  
at 445 Herrick Ave Eureka  
CA  
455 Herrick Ave  
Eureka, CA 95503  
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

## Club Leaders



Elan Firpo  
President



William Gillespie  
President-Elect



Mary L. Crumley  
Secretary



Cynthia Denbo  
Public Relations  
Chair



Matthew Nilsen  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Rick Roberts  
Sergeant-at-  
Arms



Haider Ajina  
Lyme Tap Chair



Michael Davies-  
Hughes  
Community  
Service Chair



Peter Fuller  
Club Service  
Chair



Melinda  
Clarabellini  
Vocational  
Service Chair



Larry Goldberg  
Youth Services  
Chair



Scott Pesch  
iPast President

## Events / Speakers

## Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka December 15, 2023

Photos by Cindy Denbo & Mary Crumley

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



Our meeting was ushered in by our substitute teacher (president) Bill Gillespie. The spitballs and paper airplane started pummeling the podium! The thought of the day, presented by I can't recall, was "we make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Wise words whoever said them. Our two guests were Jackson Cunningham, Katie's boyfriend, and proposed member Tai Massion. Tai will fit in just fine as she was noticed scavenging the tables to snatch chocolate to help feed Cindy's need for chocolate at this very moment.





December 22nd  
**DARK for Christmas**  
**Southwest Eureka**  
**Weekly Club Meeting**  
 December 29th  
**DARK for New Years**  
**Southwest Eureka**  
**Weekly Club Meeting**

## Birthdays



Songmi Sweet  
 December 20th



William Gillespie  
 December 22nd



Greg Dale  
 December 27th



Kristin Kuxhausen  
 December 29th



Haider Ajina  
 January 4th



Kenneth G. Davlin  
 January 10th



Mark McGowan  
 January 11th



Gregory Hufford  
 January 17th

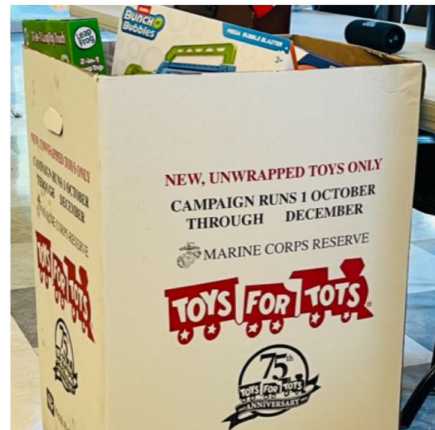


Davin Bowerman  
 January 18th



## Announcements:

- Gregg Gardiner spoke about the mega-Grinch who attempted to steal a semi-truck full of Toys for Tots toys last week. Seventeen law enforcement officers worked together to catch this very bad man. Only a small portion of the toys were recovered, but community members stepped up to help the cause.



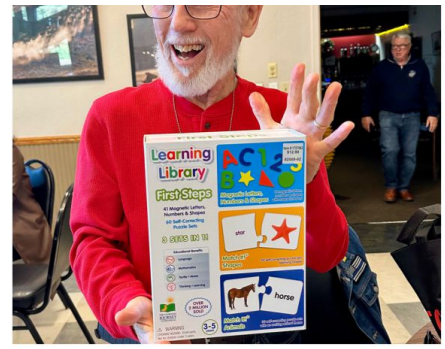
## Announcements



- Members contributed to Toys for Tots also, by donating toys this month. Thank you!







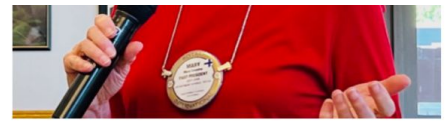
- Cindy and Bill, along with Billy Honsel, attended the cadet graduation at College of the Redwoods. There Bill presented our club's semi-annual John Morrison award to the cadet who was voted by her peers to demonstrate service above self.



#### Acknowledgments:

- Mary Crumley reported back on her birthday celebration on December 9<sup>th</sup>, where she ended up staying home sick, watching sappy movies.





- Don Chin also reported on the anniversary of the same day, December 9<sup>th</sup>. He and Laura stayed in as well.
- Peter and Leah celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, at which time Leah celebrated her birthday – all on a beautiful cruise vacation!



#### NEW MEMBER proposal:

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Permission to Publish - Proposed Member	
Name	<u>Tai Massion</u>
Classification	<u>Real Estate</u>
I authorize the Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka to publish my name to its members as a prospective member, and to hold the club harmless for this notification of prospective membership and for the ultimate disposition of the proposal.	
Signature	<u><i>Tai Massion</i></u>
Date	<u>12/15/2023</u>





**Program:**

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA). Mike Bishop and Alida Nicklas, the presenters, informed us of the services they offer to help us save on our electricity bills. In a nutshell, RCEA is a government agency. They procure energy on the power market and build an electric supply for their customers. You can get a no-cost assessment on ways to save, including any possible rebates you may qualify for. They are donating \$100 to Food for People with every free assessment, and providing a free energy efficiency kit, valued at \$75 as well. Call them for more information at (707) 269-1700

**Our next meeting will be January 5, 2024**

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