



### 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



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Past President

### Events / Speakers

## Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka February 2, 2024

Photos by Cindy Denbo

Melinda Ciarbellini was subbing for President Elan, who was under the weather today. **Pledge and thought** of the day, Matt Nilsen. "You have to dream before your dreams can come true" and "as you get older, remember these three things: One, your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two"





February 9th  
**Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Juan Pablo Cervantes  
**Subject:** HumCo Transparency Project

February 10th  
**Yahtzee Tournament with Old Town Eureka Rotary**

February 16th  
**Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Juan Pablo Cervantes  
**Subject:** Craft Talk

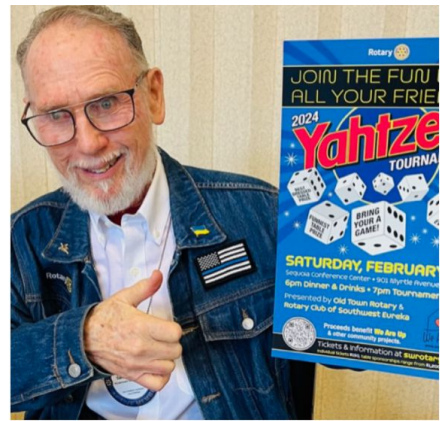
## Birthdays



William F. Honsal  
February 17th



Jerry Colivas Jr.  
February 18th



## Announcements:

Yahtzee! February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sequoia Conference Center. Only one week away! Chair, Bill Gillespie, gave us an update. Only 3 tables are left, so if you are considering buying a ticket, you should buy one now, or contact Bill directly. Buy your tickets or sponsorships a [www.swrotary.org](http://www.swrotary.org). Volunteers are still needed. Contact Willy Bowles, the volunteer wrangler. Cindy updated us on what publicity is in place, and introduced new banners that were made to be put up on city properties â€¦ but will need to wait until next year to be implemented.



**Exchange Student Fundraiser.** February 13<sup>th</sup>! Let's support Juan (Ecuador) at this drive by dinner. Details below.

## DINNER FUNDRAISER



**JUAN ANDRES VITERI** ✈️  
Help me raise money to join my friends on their trip to NYC/Philly/DC

# SPECIAL MENU

## Main dish: SECO DE POLLO



Delicious chicken stew prepared in a traditional Ecuadorian style coming from the coastal region of the country

## Contains:

- Chicken
- Mote (Hominy)
- Rice
- Salad



## Dessert: TORTA DE CHOCOLATE



Chocolate cake prepared using a family recipe

### Contains:

- Milk
- Eggs
- Sugar
- Oil
- Butter

## Drink: CANELAZO



Traditional cocktail from Quito prepared with cinnamon, sugar and pineapple juice

**ORDER HERE!!**

This is a mocktail or it can be made with aquardiente (a traditional sugar cane alcohol) for \$5!

Jamie Jensen

@Jamie-Jensen-26

Each dinner will be \$30 and includes a dessert and non-alcoholic beverage.

Payments can be made in cash or check at pick up or via Venmo.

Meals can be picked up in Eureka on Tuesday, February 13th, 5:00-7:00 pm.  
(707) 499-3324 / 1917 S ST EUREKA CA



**venmo**



**A host family is needed** from March to June for our inbound student, Juan from Ecuador. If you are willing and able, or know someone who might need more information, contact Mark McGowan or Haider Ajina.

Dictionary (not dictionary) project. The board voted unanimously to switch from dictionaries to a National Geographic Kids World Atlas. The books will be distributed at Grant and Alice Birney (3<sup>rd</sup> graders) in March. More details will be available as we get closer.



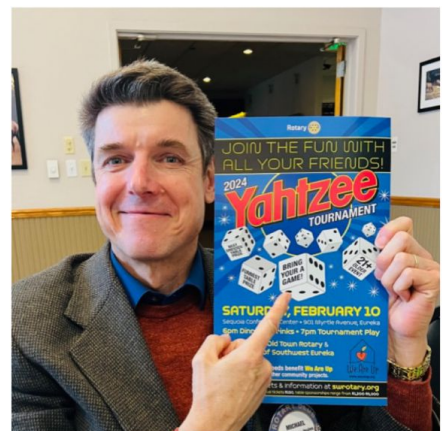
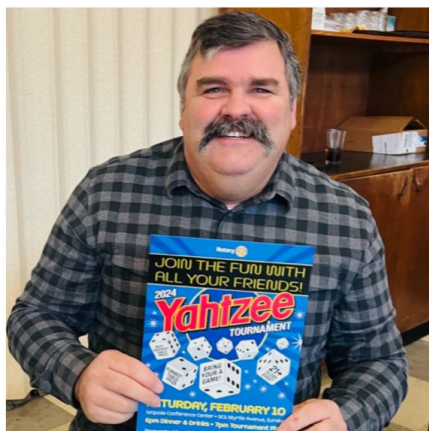




#### Recognition:

We had true confessions this afternoon:

- Matt Nilsen spoke on the joys of spending Christmas in Idaho with his young grandkids and the anticipation of Santa and his reindeer.
- Michael Davies-Hughes spoke of a ribbon cutting for small community libraries that were funded by literacy funds from some of our past events.
- Roland Johnson spoke on the downside of having a birthday in December, followed by his wedding anniversary in January. So, a busy holiday. Their kids took them out for a nice dinner for their anniversary.
- Bill Gillespie commiserated with Roland for being a December baby and having to share birthday / Christmas presentsâ€¦!



**Drawing winner:** Mary correctly named the coffin fish .. not the most attractive of the species.

**Speaker:** Vincent, spoke on Zero Waste Management Humboldt.

