

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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Lyme Tap Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka February 3, 2023

By: Bill Gillespie
Photos by Don Chin

The February 3, 2023, meeting of the Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka was called to order at 12:19 PM by President Scott Pesch.





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Chair



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Assistant Governor



William Honsal
February 17th



Jerry Colivas, Jr.
February 18th



The first order of business was the unveiling of the new United States Space Force flag that had been previously ordered. It will be added to the collection of military branch flags used for the annual Veterans Day tribute. Thank you to Eddie Morgan for securing the flag. Based on the design of the flag, Spock would be proud!



Troy Viznor was the Greeter. He led us in the Pledge and provided our thought of day. Yours truly did not get the thought copied down, but trust that it was nice!

Events / Speakers

February 15th

Southwest Eureka Monthly Board Meeting

Speaker: BOD meeting

Birthdays



Our guests included Matty Tittmann from Greenwired Renewable Energy (also our presenter); Juan Pablo Cervantes, Humboldt County Clerk, Recorder & Registrar of Voters (and prospective new member); Andy Barnett from the Garberville Rotary Club; and Doug Brown of Brown Designs.



About this time, President Scott Pesch's phone began ringing, and he paid \$5. Haider Ajina again showed the Rotary garments and reminded the members that this would be the final call for the order he was submitting, and to sign up if interested in a polo or ¼ zip fleece.



Mike Newman was recognized as the Rotarian of the Month for his ongoing work coordinating, loading, and delivering Backpacks for Kids.





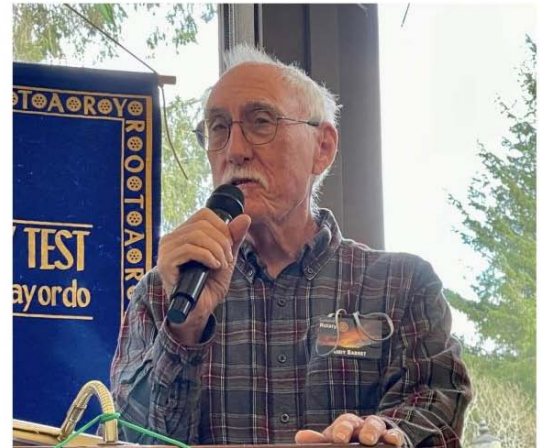
Andy Barnett spoke about clubs developing an Environmental Committee component, especially focused toward rivers and waterways. He also spoke of an upcoming friendship exchange project involving clubs from the US and Mexico, with representatives from Mexico who have worked on past water and environmental issues. We will see representatives from Mexico in our local area.





President Pesch called upon Nick Bertell who was with us at the meeting. The President and Nick bantered back and forth. Nick shared that he has been very busy with the Humboldt Masonic Lodge, and with his family. The day of our meeting was Nick's son's birthday (14), and his daughter is 9. Nick tapped out based upon his anniversary in August and May 29th birthday, then doubled his tap out, requesting the excess go to the Foundation. Great to see you, Nick!





Our program was a tag team of Matty Tittmann and Larry Goldberg who talked about big changes coming with solar rates related to power to the grid. Matty talked about residential solar. He said that the current Net Energy Metering (NEM) 2.0 rate will be ending April 15, 2023. Current owners of solar systems and contracts won't see a rate change for power transferred back to the grid, but those installing new solar or enlarging systems will fall under the NEM 3.0 structure. Under NEM 2.0, a typical residential system will pay for itself in 6-8 years, but under 3.0 it will take 12-14 years to see the same payoff. If you plan solar, you can get a contract submitted prior to April 15 and fall under 2.0 and have up to three years for installation. Ideally a system should be installed with panels and battery backup, typically a 5-7-kilowatt system to allow nighttime grid stability. Larry talked of similar changes between NEM 2.0 and 3.0 with commercial systems. He showed how commercial installations could go much larger and used a large 94-kilowatt installation that has the potential to see payback on that system in just three years. Under NEM 3.0 the payback would take much longer. Larry also spoke to AB2143, and its impacts to increase prevailing wage jobs in solar installation at the end of 2023. Bottom line, if you are planning a solar installation, talk with a solar company ASAP to be able to get your contract submitted to lock in under the NEM 2.0 rates. Matty and Larry were presented with the coveted Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka coffee mug. OOOOOOHHHHHH!!!!

The raffle was won by Don Chin. No Yahtzee, but Don won \$5.

"Don't count the days, make the days count." Muhammad Ali

Meeting adjourned.