

Rotary



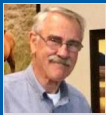
Club of Southwest Eureka

Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
Meets at Via Zoom
Teleconferencing
Members Contact Elan
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Time: Friday at 12:30 PM

Club Leaders



John Vandermolen
President



Elizabeth Ennis
President-Elect



Elan Firpo
Secretary



Vinson Champ
Treasurer



Cynthia Denbo
Public Relations
Chair



Mark McGowan
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Scott Pesch
Membership
Chair



Rick Roberts
Sergeant-at-Arms

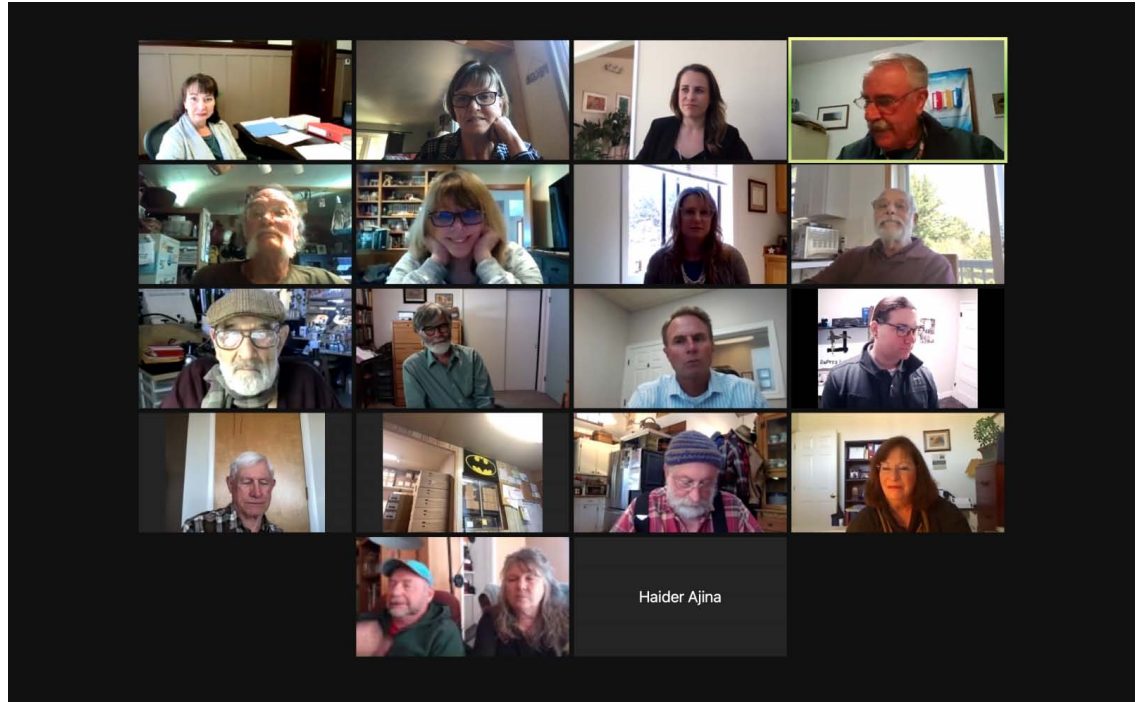


Haider Ajina
Lyme Tap Chair

Daniel Brown
Community
Service Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester March 26, 2021

By Kristin Blair
Photos by Mary Crumely



Our March 26th meeting was called to order at 12:36 by John Vandermolen, our honorable, potato-chopping president.

Pledge and Invocation/Thought for the day by:



Nancy Kay
Club Service
Chair



Martin L. Lay
International
Service Chair



Meghann M
Broadstock
Vocational
Service Chair



Kenneth S
Singleton
iPast President



Mary L. Crumley
Assistant
Governor

Events / Speakers

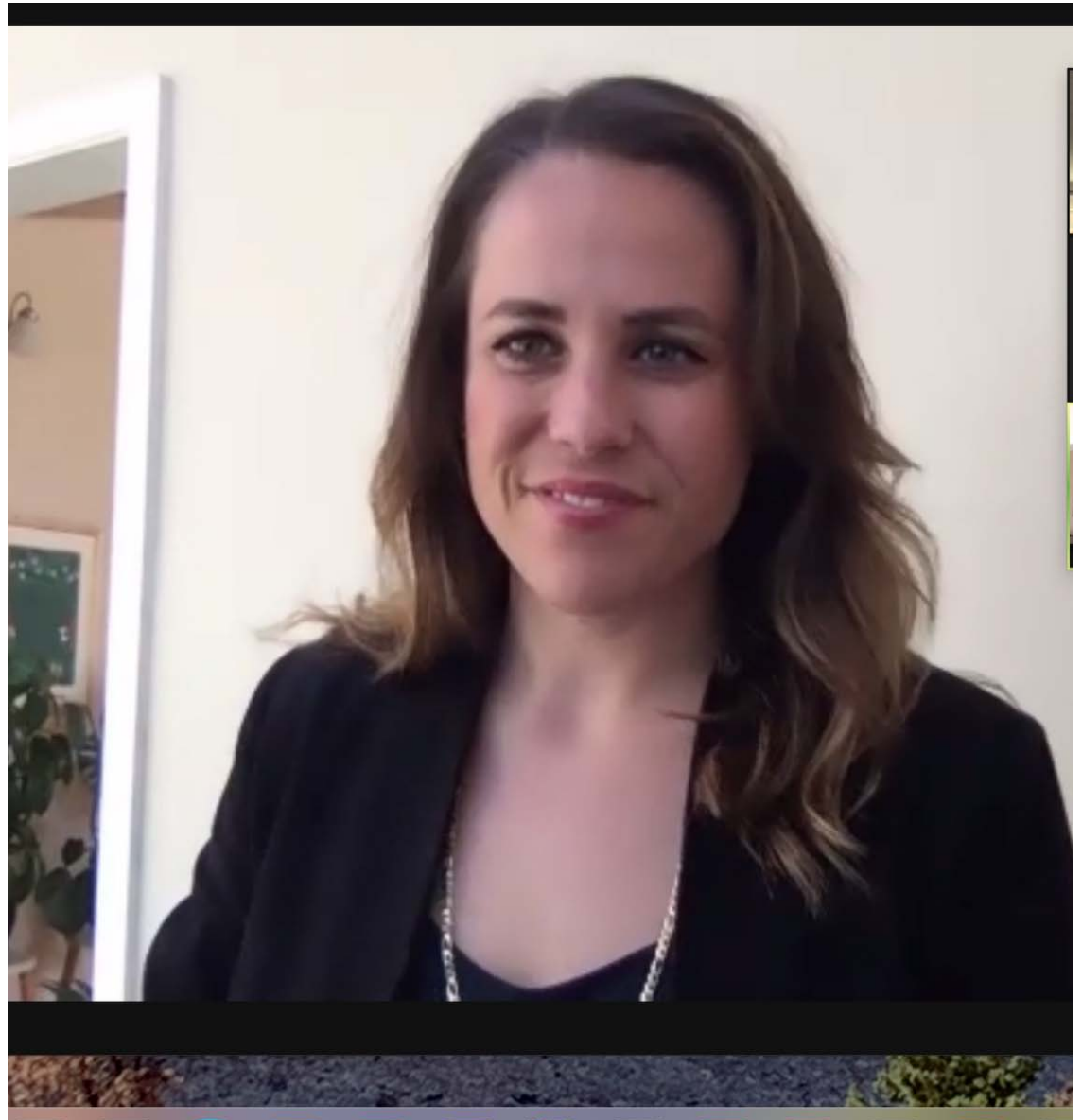
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Birthdays

Carl Willoughby
March 31st

Larry Goldberg
March 31st

Meghann M Broadstock
April 15th



Emily Kirsch led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and shared her appreciation for the club and all the great work our members do. She was able to help out yesterday with both Backpacks for Kids and our Brats Fundraiser Dinner and commented that it was nice to see such well-organized activities and gracious community members. Thanks for the kind words of gratitude and for being such an active member in our club, Emily!



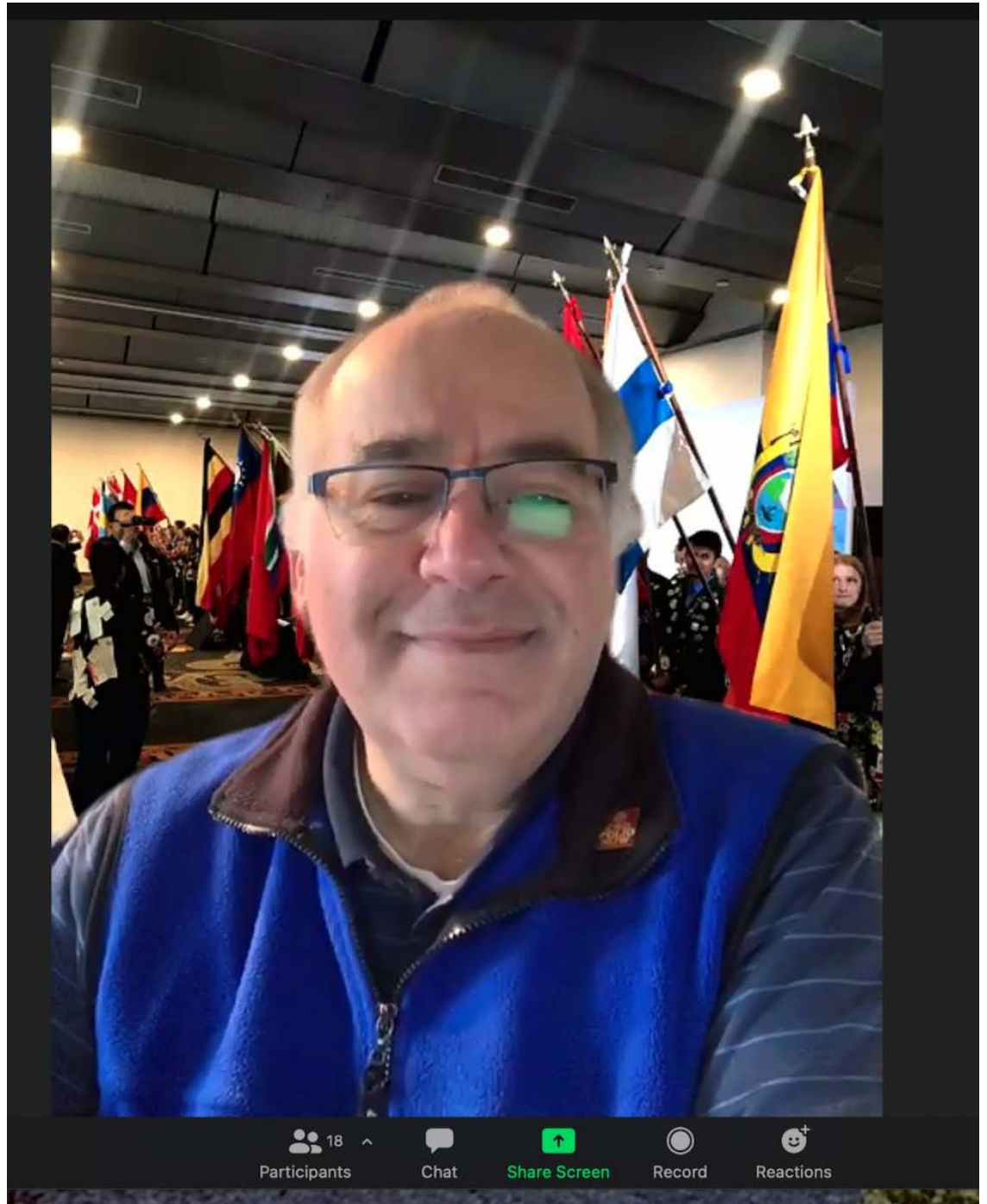
The Rotary Moment was about Rotary's WASH (Water and Sanitation Hygiene) program, which helps to provide access to clean drinking water and sanitary living conditions. John shared an informational video <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water> with the club.

Visitors:

Special welcome to Jerry Rohde, our guest speaker on Humboldt County's rich history.

Announcements:

John covered Backpacks for Kids by sharing gratitude for Elan Firpo, Paul McGinty, Emily Kirsch and Davin Bowerman for helping over the last week and encouraged others to sign-up for future shifts. Please check your email for the sign up genius link and details.



John shared that we sold 424 dinners for the Brat event ♦ huge thank you to Haider Ajina for organizing the event, Cindy Denbo, Marie Liscom and Mary Crumley for handling publicity, Mark for setting up the PayPal account and everyone who helped at the event. In addition, Haider also sent out an email to all of the volunteers, thanking them for their teamwork and asking for feedback on this maiden fundraiser. Lastly, thanks to all of the event sponsors! Check out our website for some pictures from yesterday ♦s great event. www.swrotary.org

John also announced that our second delivery of dictionaries is scheduled for April 1st at Grant School. Volunteers have been requested to help with loading and delivering, even though we can♦t meet with the students directly. Contact Megahann Broadstock for more details.

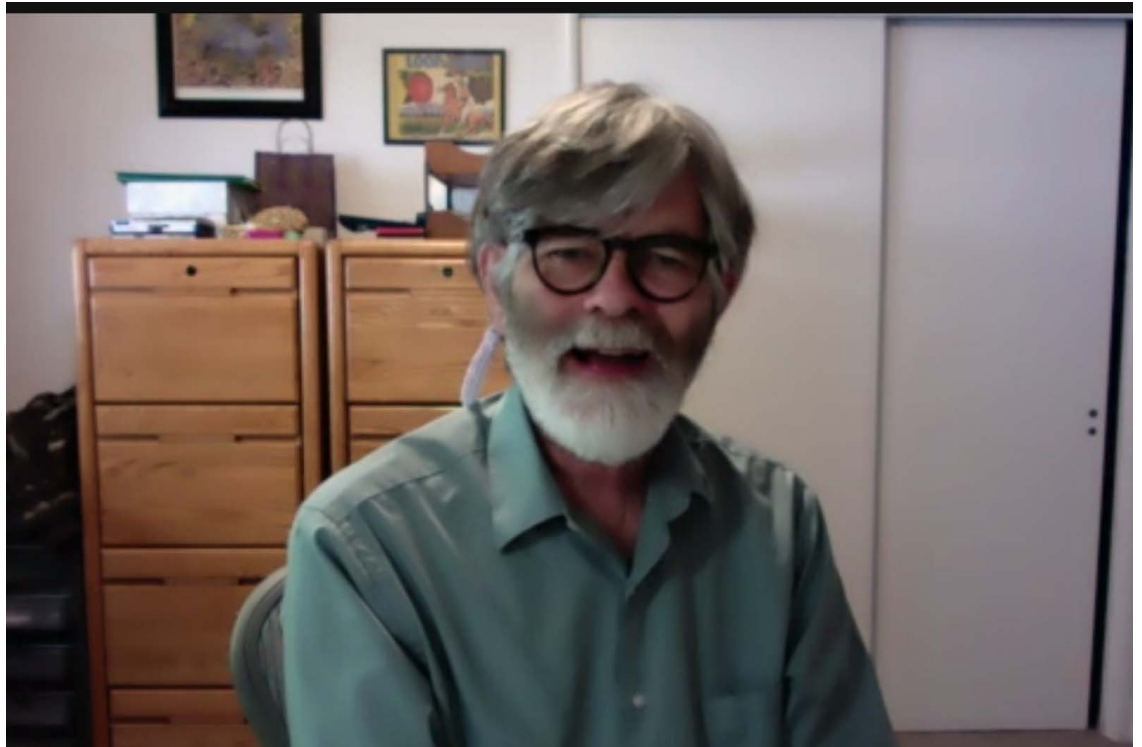


What you don't know about me: John Ennis shared that he just celebrated his 70th birthday and feels like a historical expert. He shared that his father was in the Air Force; in 1954 when he was a very small child, they lived in Munich, Germany right after WWII; in 1955 their family was shipped to Madrid, Spain. Dependents couldn't live on base so the family lived in the cities instead - in a big house that even had a maid, though his father's position was mid-level communications they could still afford these accommodations in these foreign countries. One of John's home had a view of a large crater and band of gypsies who lived there. Lastly, he shared a vivid memory of seeing polio survivors across those countries, pushing themselves around on skateboards. This is why he and Liz are so passionate about supporting Polio Plus.

Recognitions:

Matt Nilsen ♦ happy birthday! Ken Davlin ♦ happy anniversary! Each member was fined \$25 in absentia.

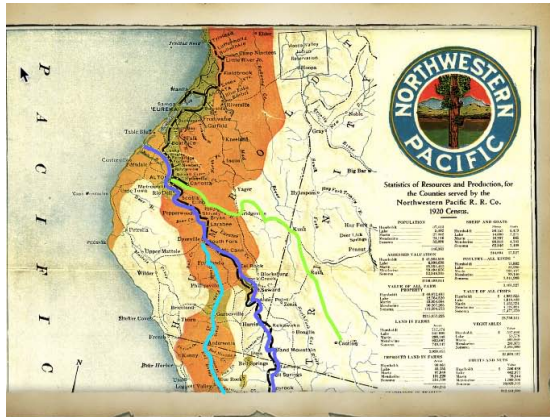
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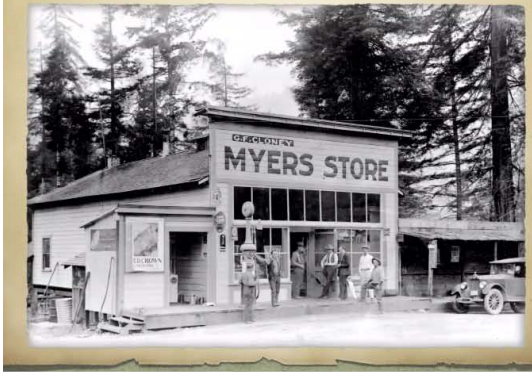
Jerry Rohde moved to Humboldt County in 1979. He has written three guide books to Humboldt County; *Southern Humboldt Hinterlands* is his latest book, which will be released soon. He is a Past President of the Humboldt County Historical Society and spent 19 years as historian at HSU. Jerry attended his first Rotary Meeting at four years of age in 1950 along with his dad ♦ he won his own challenge of who had attended the earliest/oldest Rotary Meeting.

Jerry covered the historical stories of the communities surrounding the three forks of the Eel, with a few notable stories shared here:

- Fort Seward ♦ all that ♦s left is an abandoned Shell gas station
- South Fork ♦ all that ♦s left is an abandoned railcar
- Garberville ♦ supplies used to be transported vis ship to Shelter Cove and then brought to Garberville by pack train
- Myers Flat ♦ the Myers Inn was built off of money earned while gold mining in the Klondike, plus Mr. Myers would pull people over with a fake sheriff ♦s badge, tell them they were speeding and needed to appear in court the following day which would require a stay in his hotel, or pay the \$5 fine immediately ♦ he would then use the money to buy liquor
- Weott ♦ was a booming town until the floods, especially the 1964 flood, with many buildings never being rebuilt; check out the 26 ♦ high marker on the side of the road with the high water mark!
- Bridgeville ♦ was a crossroads between roads to other major areas on the coast and in Trinity County and Southern Humboldt. in 1960 a large fire destroyed the hotel which was never rebuilt
- Carlotta ♦ used to have a covered bridge and a swanky hotel, which also burned).



Busy Day @ Myers Flat



Roadway through Weott



Bridgeville, 1916



Carlotta, 1919



Closing Remarks:

John thanked Jerry for sharing his historical knowledge, built off interviewing many old-timer locals over his 42 years in the county. John also thanked everyone who joined this Zoom meeting, wished everyone a safe week and invited us all to return again next to next week's meeting.