

Rotary



Club of Southwest Eureka

Club Meeting

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

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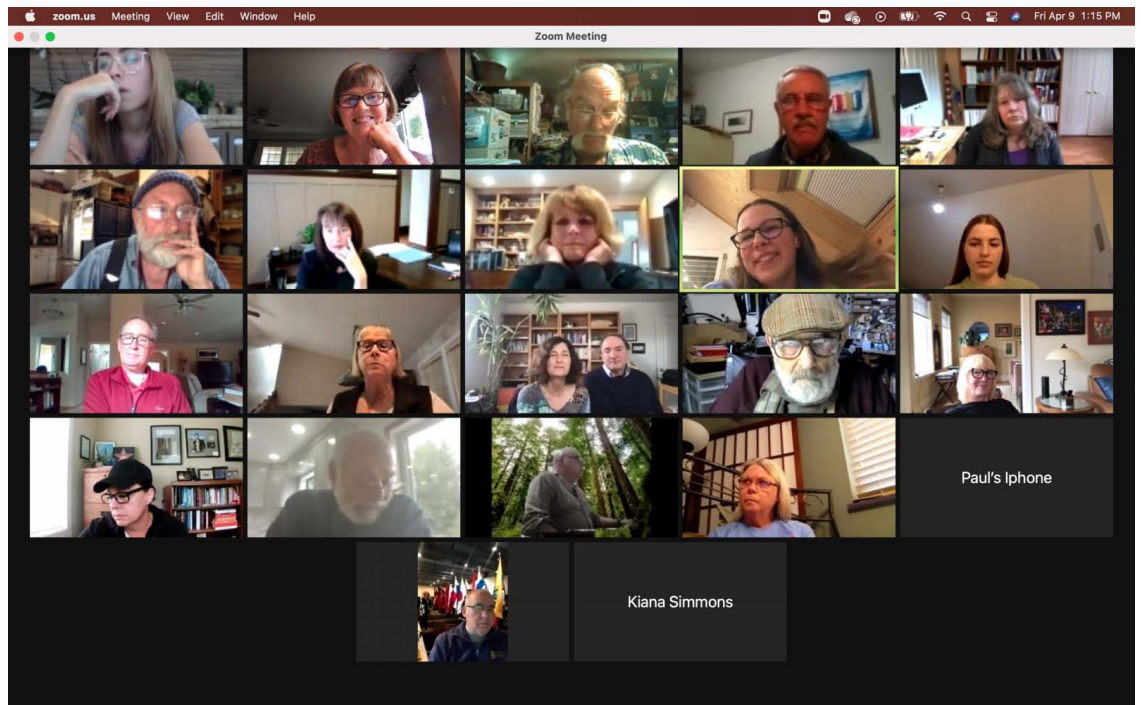
Haider Ajina
Lyme Tap Chair

Daniel Brown
Community
Service Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester April 9, 2021

By: Marty Lay
Photos by: Mary Crumley

President ♦ Johnny Riveter ♦ opened the meeting at 1236 hrs. Mark McGowan led us in the salute to the flag, then gave us some inspiring words of poetry quoted from Theodor Seuss Geisel (us older folks grew up knowing all the Dr. Seuss stories). ♦ Today you are you ♦ ♦ ♦, ♦ Life is a balancing act ♦ ♦ ♦, and more. No offense to anyone!





Nancy Kay
Club Service
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Broadstock
Vocational
Service Chair



Kenneth S
Singleton
iPast President



Mary L. Crumley
Assistant
Governor

Events / Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays

Meghann M Broadstock
April 15th
Troy D. Vizenor
April 27th
Marie Liscom
April 28th
Christopher Duncan
May 6th



Our visitors included former inbound YE ambassadors Ladina Strauss (Switzerland), Bruna Tomazelli (Brazil), Caroline Rassmussen (Denmark), and former outbound student Kiana Simmons. Additionally, host family Jennifer and Mike Finamore.



The Sunshine report was not so bright, as we have lost a great friend and Rotarian of 38 years, Jim Anderson. Please give a thought to his memory, wife Judy, and family. We will be holding an in-club memorial for Jim at a future date...stay tuned.



President John then gave us the Rotary Minute for the week being, the month of April as maternal and child health. Rotary International sponsors many education, health and pre-natal clinics, and programs to assist women and children's health throughout the world. Examples are mobile pre-natal clinics in Haiti, and breast and cervical cancer screening in India.

Announcements:

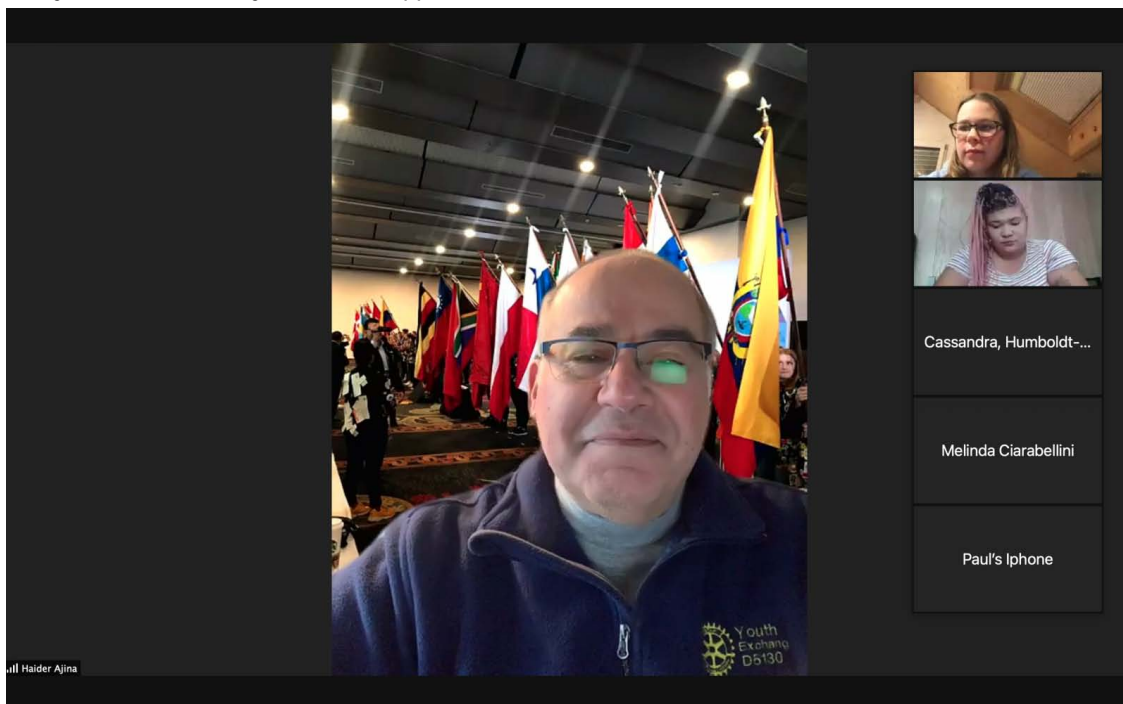
Meghann Broadstock and President John will be reviewing candidates this week for the CR nursing program scholarships. Two \$650 scholarships will be awarded on April 23. Backpacks for Kids is in the show up and bag/deliver mode, and needs some volunteers to pack and deliver to Lafayette school April 15 and 29, and May 6 and 13. See Mike Newman's emails, to sign up for Thursday packings, and delivery on Friday.

Hybrid meetings are on the horizon and rising fast, as President John and Eddy (who da guy?) will do an equipment test tomorrow, and Pres John and Ken Singleton will meet with Kathy Payne at the Elks on Monday to go over cost and number of meals required to have a meeting. Fingers crossed for April 23!



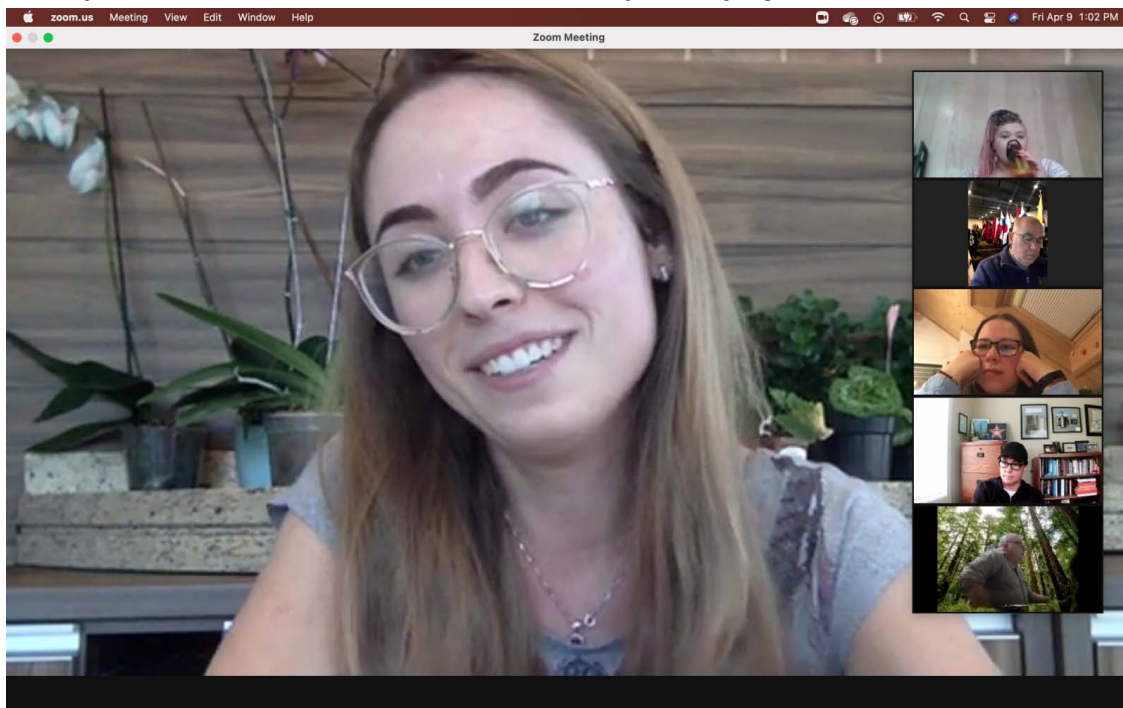
Recognitions for fun and funds were next up, and Larry Goldberg got tapped for a birthday on March 31. Larry said he had 20 vaccinated friends over for a party of music, BBQ/food, and frolic. Additionally, presents were cast on him and he graciously accepted wine, etc., from his friends. He also is proud to be

a 25 year Rotarian this year, so he tapped out.



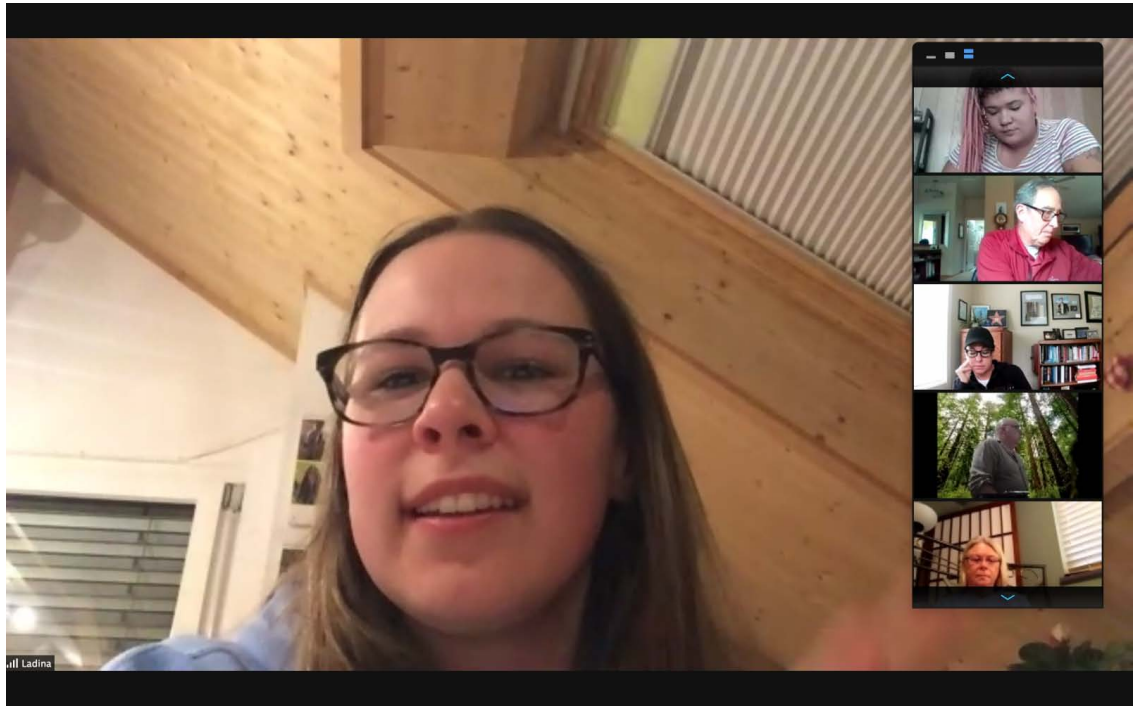
Haider and Claire Ajina celebrated an anniversary on April 6, having tied the knot in 1985, and he rightfully admitted that started the best years of his life. They enjoyed a family dinner with their youngest son, and their daughter came up from down south for the celebration. Congrats to them, and then Haider ponied up \$50 to the club.

What you didn't know about me was cancelled today, as Gary Ogle, the star, was non-virtual.



Mary Crumley then introduced our program speakers, with smiling faces, for the week, being past Youth Exchange ambassadors Bruna Tomazelli from Brazil, 2015-2016, and Ladina Strauss from Switzerland, 2018-2019.

Bruna, now 22, reflected that upon return to Brazil, she was granted high school credit from her stay here and that reduced her time in high school in Brazil. She capitalized on that to study for her SAT entrance exam for college, went on to law school, and is now working as a legal intern for a company, and working and for her father, as well as continuing her legal education. She is very grateful for the YE experience and how it positively changed her life and outlook on the world around her. She likes being able to speak English with her fellow world YE ambassadors and they hope to get a trip together this year, CO VID pending, to tour Europe and catch up on some fun.



Ladina, had two years of high school left when she returned to Switzerland, and is now a senior, graduating this June. She is now on spring break, staying home to study for the finals she needs to pass to exit high school and enter university life. She said that her YE experience opened up her ability to be more outgoing and is making more friends to explore the world. She is going to go to Zurich for University, and is going to study to be a construction engineer (yeah Ladina), as her passion for construction has been in her mind and life since early childhood. Her father is in construction, and a good friend of hers went to Australia for construction. Ladina is doing indoor rock climbing, as her injured knee prevented her from continuing hand ball (like indoor soccer/football). Also, swimming and in orchestra to round out her fun time. Go figure that what a combination. She has been travelling pre-COVID shutdown to Austria and Italy, and skiing in Switzerland to avoid quarantine when returning from other nearby countries. Ladina hopes that her high school graduating class can do the traditional trip together, and they are planning on Spain for a week, if all goes well.

WOW, what a uplifting update from two of our past YE inbound ambassadors. Growing up and taking on the life experiences and activities!

President John then formally adjourned the zoom at 1320 hrs., giving the zoom over to [talk story](#) if anyone wanted to stay around for the close at 1330 hours. Aloha, and see you next week!