

Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



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Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
Meets at The Elks Lodge at
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Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

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Arms

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Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka April 28, 2023

By Meghann Broadstock
Photos by Cindy Denbo

The Elks Lodge was bursting at the seams with eager Rotarians! It was a big day for our Club, as we were welcoming our District Governor, Jennifer Strong, and inducting two new members. The Zoe Barnum Culinary Class was also in attendance and served us the most delicious lunch.



President Scott rang the bell and got the ball rolling – this is the 35th meeting of the 54th year of the best club in the universe. John Ennis led us in the pledge and gave a thought for the day.



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Michael Davies-Hughes
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Vocational Service Chair



Vinson Tyrone Champ
Youth Services Chair



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iPast President



Carly Robbins
Assistant Governor



Events / Speakers

May 17th
Southwest Eureka
Monthly Board Meeting
Speaker: BOD meeting

Birthdays



Christopher Duncan
May 6th



Vinson Tyrone Champ
May 24th

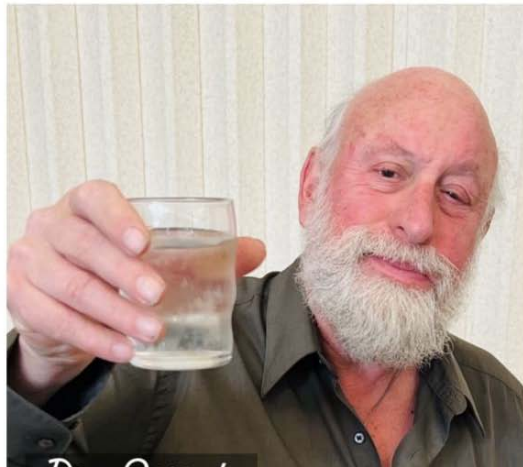


Nicholas Bertell
May 29th



We have some great guests today! Both our outbound and inbound exchange students, along with inductee Doug Brown's wife Tony, and Dan Brown's wife Sheryl. We also have Eureka Chamber Executive Director Nancy Olsen who is delivering our program today. Marty Lay is also here from the Arcata Club! Lastly, we are honored to welcome District Governor Jennifer Strong.





Announcements:

- The Steve Brodhag Golf Tournament is coming up on Friday June 2nd. Matt Nilsen is on the prowl for sponsors – find him if you are interested, dodge him if you aren't!
- Martini's By the Bay is coming up on June 22nd. Thank you to everyone who showed up at Gabriel's for our publicity photo op.



It's Marie Liscom's Birthday! New member Juan Pablo also had a birthday, Happy birthday to you both! Your fines will come in future meetings.





Some sad news, this meeting will be Dan Brown's last, as he and Sheryl are retiring to Tennessee. Dan has been a long-time member of our club and has helped us do amazing things. Dan, you will be missed! Scott presented Dan with some Jack Daniels as a retirement gift.



DG Jennifer Strong spoke about the upcoming district conference at Konocti Resort. Rotarians have been instrumental in helping to get the resort up and running for the conference and have accomplished the impossible. The resort has been closed since 2009, and with the help of Rotary the resort will be functioning for the conference. Jennifer taught us that once Rotary leaves your head and enters your heart, there is nothing that Rotarians can't accomplish together.



Next up, both Doug Brown and Willy Bowles were inducted into our club. Haider made it official giving the President's charge, and Scott made it officially official by making them compete in a crazy egg toss game. Egg rolls, eggs, pickles, donut holes, and whip cream were all items thrown around the room – it was a live rotary food fight! Doug and Willy almost resigned their brand-new membership, but luckily, they chose to stay. Doug and Willy, we are so happy to have you in our club!

Dan Brown won the raffle and rolled a Yahtzee full house. What a way to end your last meeting, Dan!



Nancy Olsen provided our program today and spoke about the Eureka Chamber of Commerce and the many things they are involved in. There are several committees, leadership programs, business mentorship opportunities, and networking that is provided to members. Nancy is also forming a new organization, a 501C3 non-profit that the Chamber can utilize to enhance grant and donation opportunities for the Chamber. If you are interested in becoming a chamber member or getting more involved, don't hesitate to contact Nancy and see what opportunities are available to you.

With that, Scott closed the meeting and announced that there will be a special Cinco De Mayo surprise at next week's meeting. See you then!
