

Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



Serving the North Coast Since 1969

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



William Gillespie
President



Larry Goldberg
President-Elect



Mary L. Crumley
Secretary



Elan Firpo
iPast President
Treasurer



Cynthia Denbo
Public Relations
Chair



Matthew Nilsen
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Rick Roberts
Sergeant-at-Arms



Haider Ajina
Lyme Tap Chair



Michael Davies-Hughes
Community
Service Chair

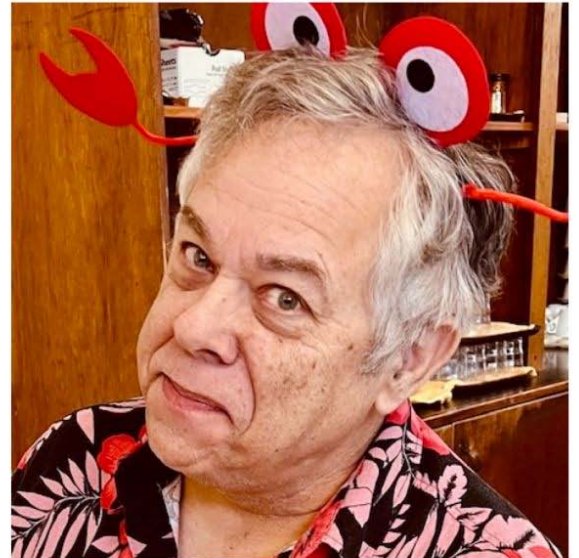
Peter Fuller
Club Service
Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka January 17, 2025

Photos by Cindy Denbo

President Bill launched the meeting right on time and welcomed us all. Greg Dale led the pledge and off we go...

Visitors:





Scott Pesch
Past President
Club Service
Chair



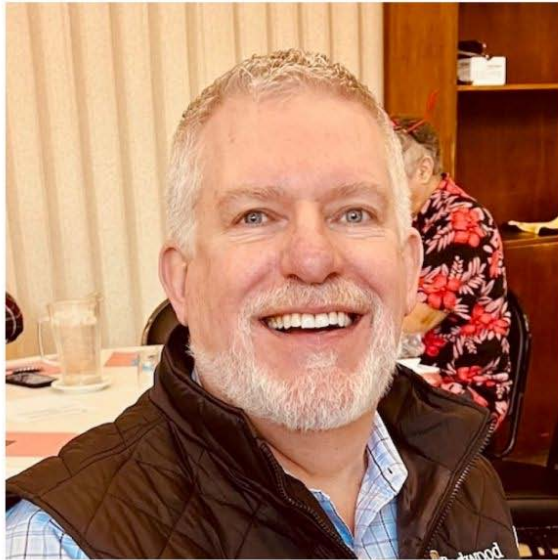
Jamie Anderson
International
Service Chair



Kristin
Kuxhausen
Vocational
Service Chair



Willy Bowles
Youth Services
Chair



Events / Speakers

January 24th
Club Evening Social
Speaker: No meeting
today

January 31st
**Southwest Eureka
Weekly Club Meeting**
Speaker: Cynthia
Sutcliffe/Lisa McWaters
Subject: Community
Schools at Eureka City
Schools & Family First
Prevention Services

Birthdays



Mike L. Newman
January 25th



John W. Ennis
February 14th

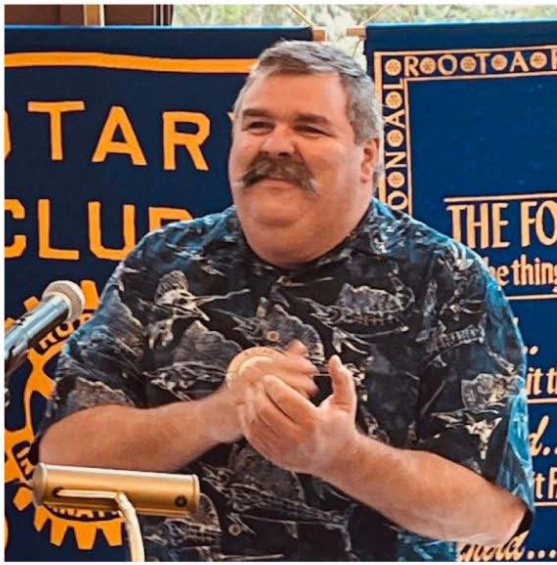


William F.
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February 17th



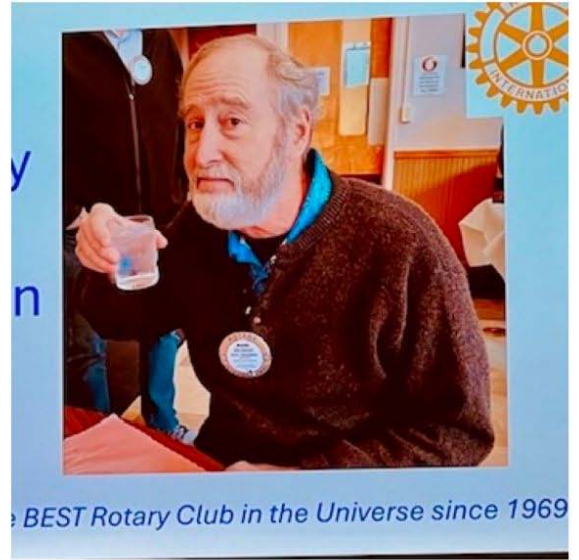
Jerry Colivas Jr.
February 18th

- Rotarians from other clubs included: Lucky Syphanthong, Dale Warmuth, Brian Payton and Liz Link, all from the Eureka Club.
- Meghann introduced her guest, Michelle O'Brien.
- Maggie Odell, former outbound exchange student, introduced her parents, Brenda and Errin Odell.



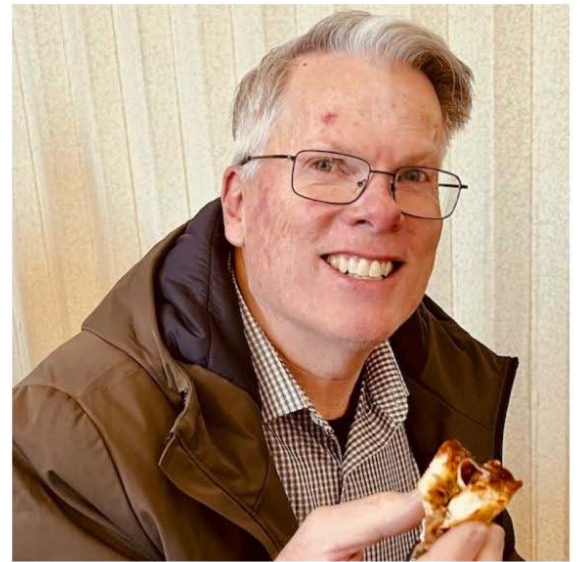
Sunshine Report:

Continue to keep Peter Fuller and Melinda's brother Chris in your thoughts and prayers. Rumor has it that Peter is back home! We are anxious to have him back at a meeting as soon as he is able. Melinda's brother Chris is healing after a triple bypass plus a pacemaker.



Mark McGowan celebrated a birthday on January 11th. Instead of attending the Yahtzee tournament, he and his son spent the day on his houseboat fixing leaks.

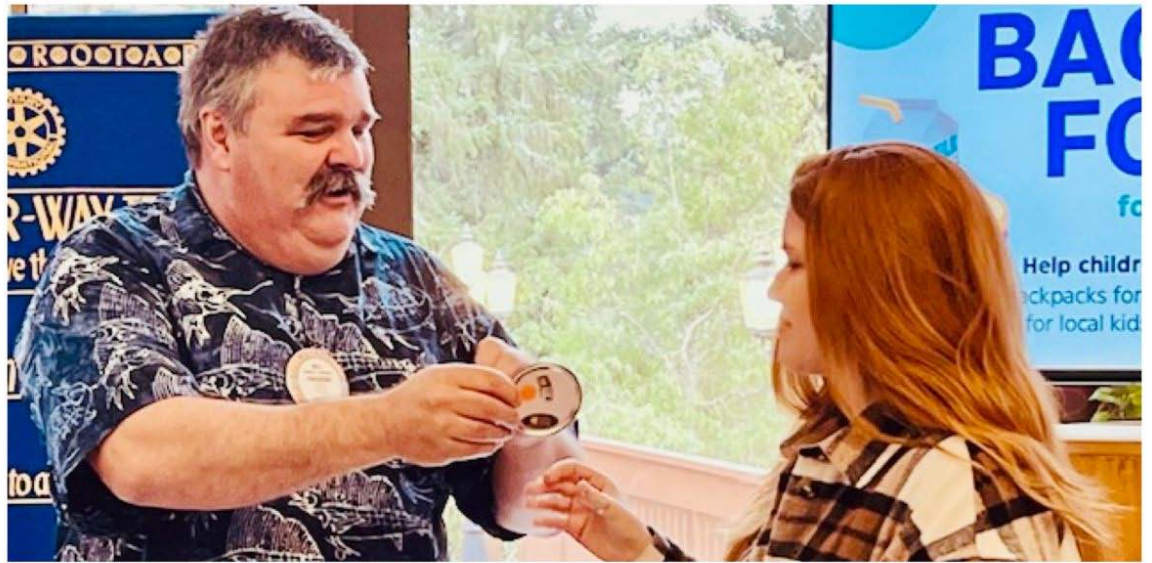
Paul Harris Fellows:



Foundation Chair Matt Nilsen awarded two Paul Harris Fellows today.


- Maggie Odell was honored for her outstanding job as a youth ambassador when on exchange in Ecuador.
- Marie Liscom was awarded her PHF +5.

Blue Badge:



Carli Creech was the proud recipient of her well-earned blue badge!

Announcements:



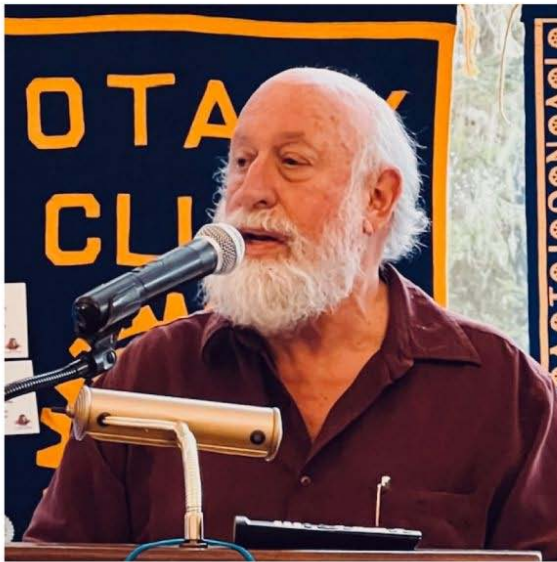
**We Will Be Dark on Friday, Jan. 24th For
A Noon Meeting,
But Holding A Social Dinner
Opportunity At
Chapala Upstairs
6:30 PM**

Upcoming District 5130 Events

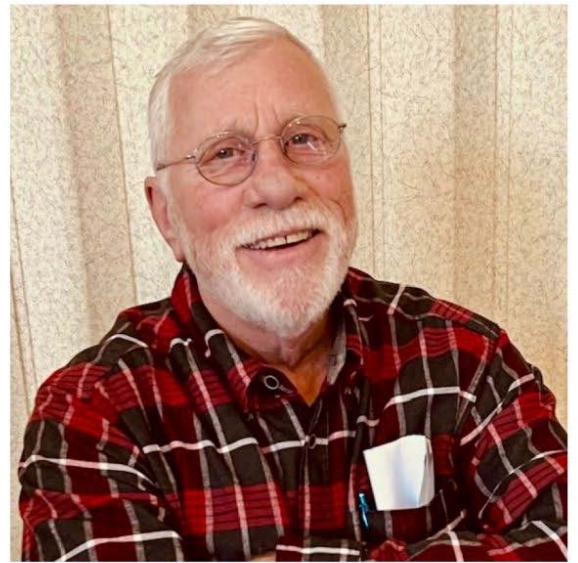
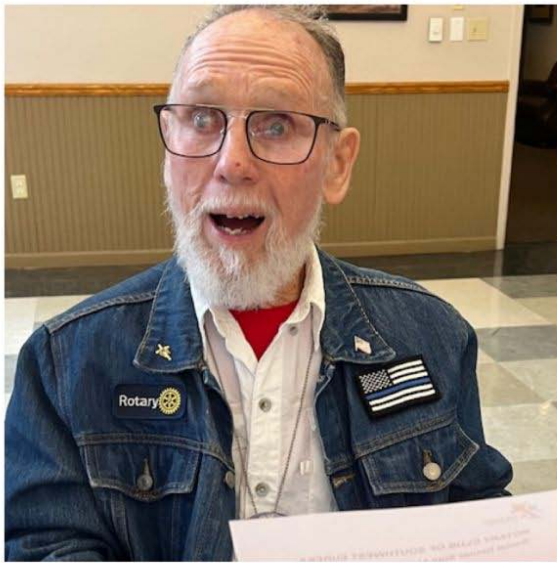


- **Rotary World Peace Conference (Rohnert Park) January 24th-26th, 2025**
- **FarWest PETS Training, San Jose, March 7-9, 2025**
- **2025 District Training in Ukiah, CA April 5, 2025**
- **District 5130 Conference in Fortuna May 2nd-3rd, 2025**
- **Rotary International Convention, June 21-25, Calgary**
- **District 5130 Social in Calgary, June 22, 5:30 PM, at Craft Beer Market**

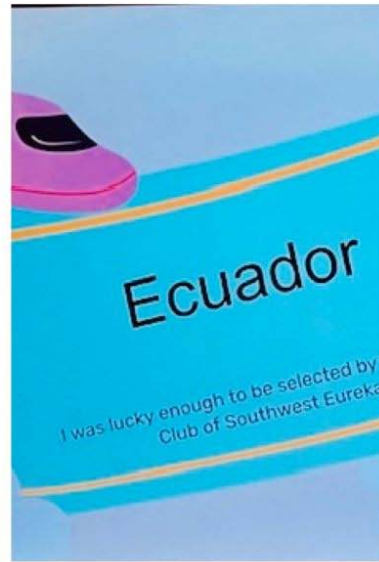
- Bill recapped the successful Yahtzee fundraiser. Our club partnered with the Old Town Eureka club. It was VERY successful! Bill thanked the many people who helped make it happen.
- Backpacks for kids! Please look for Marie's sign-up email and join the fun.
- Ron Harris gave a quick update on the vocational grants, plus won (?) the drawing for "Bills Stupid Beer Pong"
- Mardi Gras Masked Gala on March 1st. Larry Goldberg introduced the upcoming Mardi Gras event. A few key points:
 - It's a masked ball with a costume contest at the Sequoia Conf Center. Tickets are \$75.
 - Our club is partnering with the Eureka Club.
 - There will be live music, dancing, entertainment and finger food provided by Brett Shuler's Fine Catering.







Program ~ Maggie Odell:



Maggie provided an excellent program on her exchange to Ecuador last year. She made many close friends, survived a civil war, and grew expediently as a person throughout the entire experience. Great job Maggie! You make our club proud.
