

# Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



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## Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka  
Meets at The Elks Lodge at 445  
Herrick Ave Eureka CA  
Members Contact Lorna Petersen  
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Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

## Club Leaders



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Lyme Tap Chair

## Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka January 27, 2023

By Larry Goldberg  
Photos by Cindy Denbo

Meeting called to order at 12:20 by: Scott Pesch



**Pledge and Invocation/Thought for the day by:** Carl Willoughby  
It's a Victory when the weapons fall silent, and people speak up. Credit **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**



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February 17th



Jerry Colivas, Jr.  
February 18th



## Events / Speakers

February 15th

### Southwest Eureka Monthly Board Meeting

Speaker: BOD meeting

## Birthdays





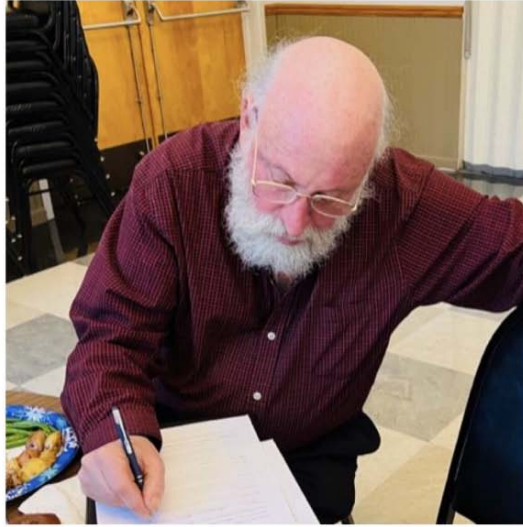
**Visitors:**

- Yana Buchkovska – Ukrainian student now living in Arcata
- Maggie Odell – outbound student ambassador
- Itsuki – Foreign exchange student
- Jennifer – Zoe Barnum teacher who helped prepare lunches.





**Sunshine report:** Mark Diaz said his wife is doing well (foot injury). She's zooming around the house – injury not slowing her down at all.





**Announcements:**

- Itsuki Kitayama (foreign exchange student) said school is going well. He was in a Mountain Bike race and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 3 racers.
- Maggie Odell auctioned off an original art piece and raised \$450
- Mark McGowen gave Maggie her Rotary badge – now she's official!



**Recognitions:**

- Mike Newman – celebrated his 65th birthday and went to a Korean restaurant – ate some spicy food!
- Elan Firpo celebrated her 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by just “hanging out.” She previously went to Egypt to go scuba diving and got certified in Wreck diving & Advanced Scuba. Way to go, Elan!

**Raffle:** Won by John Vandermolen, but no Yahtzee. Better luck next time John.





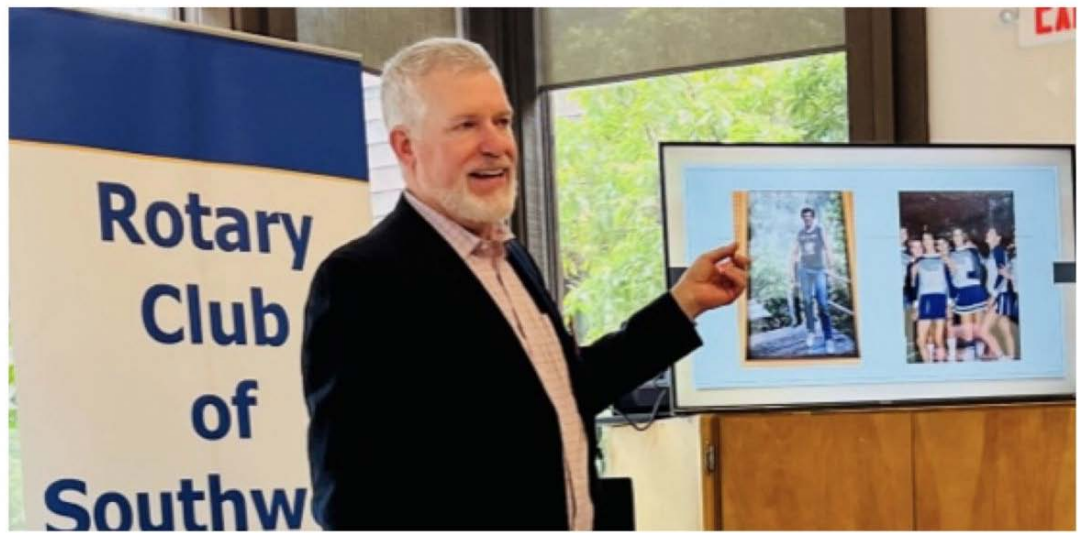
**Program: Life in Ukraine Speaker: Yana Buchkovska Introduced by: Scott Pesch**

**Yana** came to the U.S. two weeks ago. She previously visited & worked here. Her home community in Ukraine is primarily agricultural – exporting sunflower oil & grain crops. The Ukrainian war came by complete surprise to her. Russia bombed railway stations & port – bombed everything. She lived in a 9 story building and everyone was hiding in the basement (not a true bomb shelter). Awful experience. Russians killed, raped and women & girls and ruined cities. She moved to Poland to escape and while there helped with humanitarian aid and raised money to help refugees.

Yana heard about a program that allowed Ukrainians' to come to the U.S., so she moved to Eureka and is being sponsored by Magan Natha (Alpesh), an Arcata businessman. She's living now in Arcata and attending English classes at CR.

She was welcomed by the club and applauded for her presentation.





**Jamie Anderson** gave his Craft talk. He's the son of Jim Anderson. Grew up and went to school in Fortuna. Married to Suzette and they have two children, Brandon & Stephanie, two grandchildren, Carter & Lilly, 2 dogs & 1 cat – a FULL HOUSE! Jamie began his career working at Enterprise Rental which took him to Boise, Id. and later migrated into commercial real estate. Moved back to Eureka in 2019 and found work at Redwood Capital Bank as a commercial lender. Welcome to our club – the best Rotary club in the Universe!

**Closing Remarks:**

*"Success usual comes to those who are too busy looking for it." – Henry David Thoreau*