



**Club Meeting**

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

**Club Leaders**



Scott Pesch  
President



Elan Firpo  
President-Elect



Mary L. Crumley  
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Cynthia Denbo  
Public Relations Chair



William Gillespie  
President-Nominee



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Rotary Foundation Chair



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Membership Chair



Kenneth S Singleton  
Sergeant-at-Arms

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**Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka May 5, 2023**

By Bill Gillespie  
Photos by Cindy Denbo

The May 5, 2023, meeting of the Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka was called to order at 12:18 PM by President Scott Pesch. Happy Cinco de Mayo!



Troy Vizenor led us in the Pledge and provided this thought for the day:  
"If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." Michael Jordan



Lyme Tap Chair

Our guests included: Our program presenter, Sheri Woo.  
No Sunshine Report



Michael Davies-Hughes  
Community Service Chair



Eddie Alexander Morgan  
Club Service Chair



Melinda Ciarabellini  
Vocational Service Chair



Vinson Tyrone Champ  
Youth Services Chair



Elizabeth Ennis  
iPast President



Carly Robbins  
Assistant Governor



## Events / Speakers

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

## Birthdays



Vinson Tyrone Champ  
May 24th



Nicholas Bertell  
May 29th

### Announcements:

- Juan Pablo Cervantes announced the upcoming Humboldt Del Norte Counties Central Labor Dinner May 31<sup>st</sup>. Social 5:30, dinner 6:00 PM.
- Thursday-Sunday, May 4-7 – District Conference in Clear Lake at Konocti Harbor Resort. Some members thought Haider might be in attendance...
- President Pesch announced the Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was an off-site meeting. It's actually a BBQ Celebration at Carson Park. It is a three Rotary Club event, and is celebrating the new restrooms built by the College of the Redwoods Building Trades Class. Show up and eat!
- President Pesch shared that Larry Goldberg had attended a field trip with the Zoe Barnum Interact Club to Sue-Meg State Park on May 4<sup>th</sup>.



- The Steve Brodhag Golf Tournament will occur on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark McGowan reported that an event email was out. Mark spoke of some of the sponsors. Event starts at 1 PM.
- Martini's By The Bay on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cindi reported that we now have a graphic artist to help with the event, and she likes what she has seen. Members of the committee are solidifying the establishments and cocktails that will be presented this year.



Recognitions:

- Troy Vizenor had a birthday on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and an anniversary on April 19<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion on this, as it had been previously reported that Troy's anniversary was on April 4<sup>th</sup>...which could be challenging if you weren't on top of the date, or your significant other discovered the wrong date. It will be corrected! Troy said that he enjoyed some Brick & Fire as celebration. He tapped out!
- Juan Pablo Cervantes was recognized for his birthday on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. He turned 39. He went to Larrupins for some really great brisket. He said that he gets married in 6-7 weeks. Juan said that he felt bad, as he became a new member, then missed meetings due to conferences and training requirements at work. He paid \$100.
- President Pesch mentioned Elan Firpo, who he wanted to recognize as the April Rotarian of the Month. Unfortunately, Elan was not able to attend, so she will have to be recognized next time.



• The raffle was won by Mark Dias. No Yahtzee this day, but he rolled a full house, and donated the winnings back to the club!



This week's program was by Sheri Woo, who shared the Eureka Chinatown Project that Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity (HAPI) were working on. She shared a history of the expulsion of the Chinese from Eureka in 1885. Chinatown in Eureka is recognized as the area primarily in the block of 4<sup>th</sup> St. and 5<sup>th</sup> St., and E St. to F St. Mrs. Woo shared the efforts underway to recognize the history of the Eureka Chinatown. She explained the mural "Fowl" by Dave Kim, and what it represented. Included within the mural is a portrait of Ben Chin in his military uniform. Ben Chin came to Eureka in 1954 and started the Canton Café, and is credited with being the first Chinese person to reside in Eureka in over 70 years. Mrs. Woo also talked about the dedication of Charlie Moon Way, the alley that runs east-west between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. She shared information about the interpretive Chinatown signs that have been placed in the Chinatown block, the walking tours that begin at the Clarke Museum, and plans to develop a monument at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and E Streets. The conceptual design of the monument will feature a winding path with various monuments representing the Chinese population at key times in Eureka history. Mrs. Woo provided a very interesting presentation!

Up for next week:

- Three Club Collaboration with CR Trades Class and BBQ at Carson Park -- Noon

President Pesch's parting thought: Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM.