

Rotary

Club of Southwest Eureka



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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

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Lyme Tap Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka Sou'wester August 19, 2022

By Mike Newman and Mary Crumley
Photos by Cindy Denbo



After filling our bellies with pulled pork and chicken sandwiches provided by Humboldt Smokehouse, Scott enthusiastically rang in the meeting. It was probably around 12:15.



Mary L. Crumley
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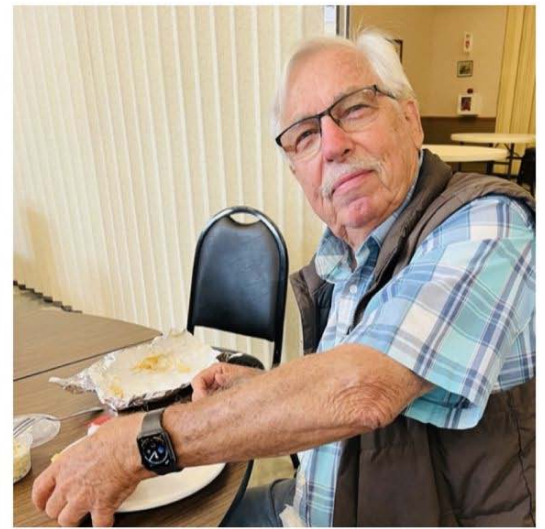
John Vandermolen
August 28th



Elizabeth Ennis
September 1st



Kim Bauriedel
September 6th



Ron Harris led us in the pledge and provided our Friday inspirational quote. Something about goal setting, and the value in doing so. We had many visitors today, and Scott took the lead on introductions. The energy was lively and fun!

Announcements:

- **Martinis by the Bay** was a big success! Our unofficial, yet slightly official net income from Martinis is \$10,750. Most of this, of course, will benefit the Humboldt County Search and Rescue canine force. Thanks to Gary Ogle and Meghann Broadstock who were excellent co-chairs.

Events / Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays



- **The Coast Guard** Cook-Your-Own-Steak dinner was another success! The Coasties in attendance, and back on the base, felt truly appreciated. Back-to-back events were an excellent opportunity to get back in action as a club. Thanks, Melinda Ciairabellini, for organizing this incredible event!



- **Josh Mahle**, the Eureka High shot putter gave us an update as to his great trip to South Carolina to attend the Junior Olympics. This trip was made possible due to the genericity of club members who helped fund this once in a lifetime experience for Josh.



- **Backpacks for kids** will be gearing up soon, as the new school year is starting. Be on the lookout for an email from Mike Newman, and please sign up to help pack food.
- **Fish Feed!?** Scott has a successful fishing adventure when he went to Alaska (although according to Greg Dale, he didn't *really* go to Alaska). All that aside, Scott caught enough salmon and halibut, plus other tasty sea creatures, to put on a fish feed for our club members. Date and location to be determined.
- **Tour of the Unknown Coast.** Haider was looking for volunteers for this upcoming cycling event on September 17th. All positions were filled today. Thanks to Liz Ennis, Mary Crumley, Eddie Morgan, Peter Fuller, and his wife Leah!



- **Jamie Anderson**, son of our late, beloved member Jim Anderson, will be transferring to our club from Arcata Sunrise Rotary. Jamie is a commercial lender for Redwood Capital Bank. Welcome, Jamie!



- **Itsuki** (pronounced *ItsSkī*) our new exchange student from Japan was introduced by Mark McGowan. Itsuki will be attending Eureka High and wants to play soccer. Welcome Itsuki!



New Members:

Two new members were inducted today! **Peter Fuller and Josh Sorci.**

Josh: Eddie introduced Josh, a financial planner. Josh also has his FFA license to fly his drone and is a drummer, among other things... He has drummed the drums since the age of 2 and has played in many local rock and roll bands (as an adult assumably.)

Peter: Scott introduced Peter. Scott met Peter while showing properties and they 'hit it off'. Peter is the executive director for Humboldt Waste Management Authority. He is new to the area, having started his new job in November 2021. Peter was a water polo goalie and plays rag-time jazz on the piano. Not at the same time, although that would be quite impressive!

To earn their red badges, both men needed to test their skills. Josh had to fly a paper airplane a specified distance and Peter had to act as a goalie as Scott tossed a baseball. Whether they passed their tests was irrelevant and red badges were handed out just the same. Plus it was quite entertaining to watch.

In true Cindy form, Cindy Denbo provided the eloquently informative president's charge!



The raffle! Yahtzee! Les Merrill had the lucky ticket and rolled a 4 of a kind, earning him \$25! Les donated this back to Itsuki.

Our speaker, Robert Ward, spoke to us about Point in Time Count Summary – Homelessness in Humboldt County. Robert shared some staggering figures regarding the number of homeless individuals in the county. Humboldt County has the largest percent of homelessness in the state. In 2022, our count is 1656 people. 498 in the city of Eureka alone. These numbers are a rough guess, as many of our homeless prefer to hide and are unwilling to share their living situation.

Next week our speaker will be Miles Slattery – City of Eureka City Manager.
