

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



Elan Firpo
President



William Gillespie
President-Elect



Mary L. Crumley
Secretary



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

Melinda Ciarabellini
Vocational Service
Chair

Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka October 27, 2023

Photos by Mary Crumley



President Elan rang in the meeting right on time! After the pledge, Elan shared her thought of the day ... If the biggest aim of the captain is to protect the ship, it would never leave port." It was a lively group!



Larry Goldberg
Youth Services Chair



Scott Pesch
iPast President



Carly Robbins
Assistant Governor

Events / Speakers

November 3rd

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Alida Niklas

Subject: Redwood Coast Energy Authority

November 10th

DARK - Veterans Day Setup

November 11th

Veterans Day Remembrance

Speaker: TBD

Subject: Veterans Day at the Adorn Center

November 17th

Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Jan Friedrichson and

Maya Conrad HCS&R K-9 team

Subject: Check presentation - MBTB

November 24th

DARK

Speaker: Dark for Thanksgiving weekend

Birthdays



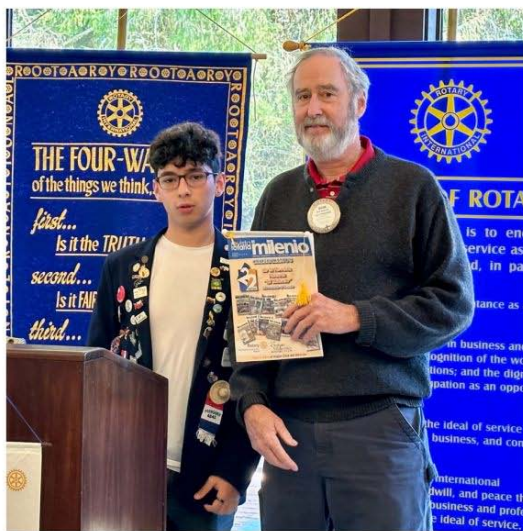
Michael Davies-Hughes
November 11th



Mark A. Dias
November 15th

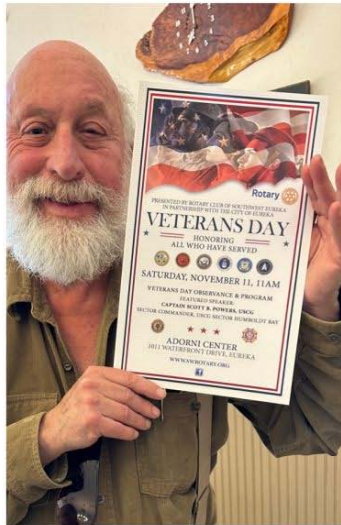
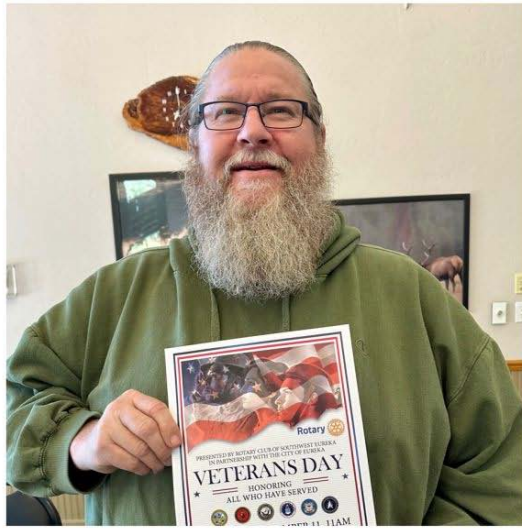


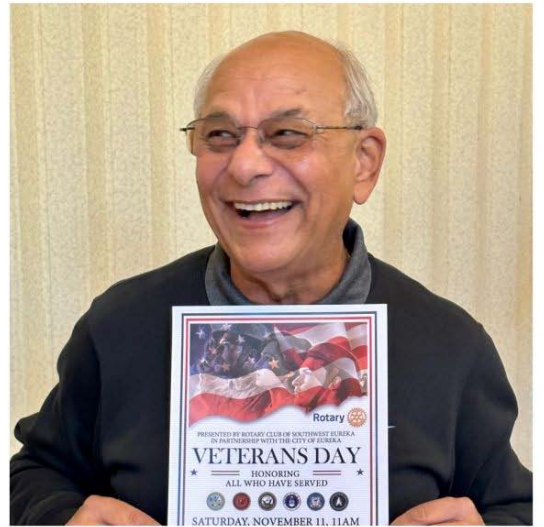
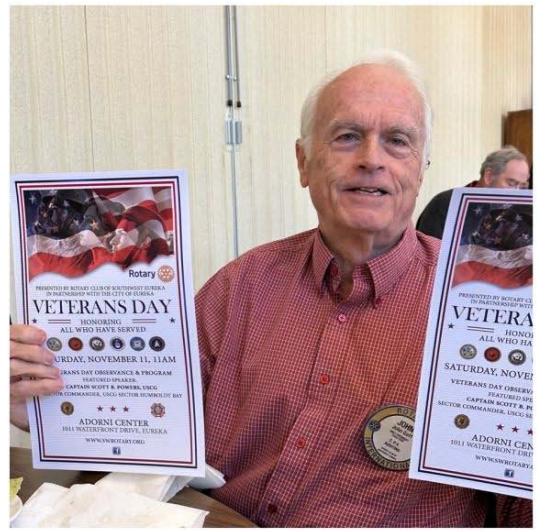
John E. Dalby
November 17th



Our guests today include Tai Madson, Humboldt Bay Fire Chief Bill Reynolds, Gregg, and Kathy Gardiner, plus our exchange students Juan (Southwest Rotary) and Henry (Eureka Rotary).







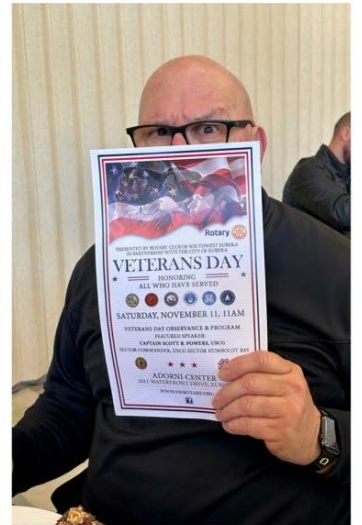
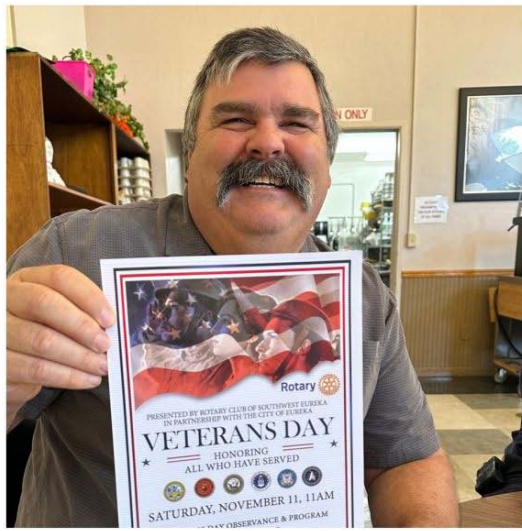


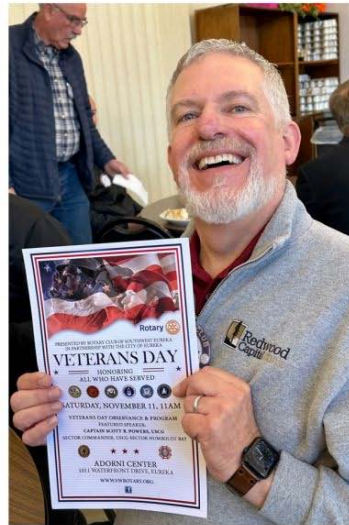
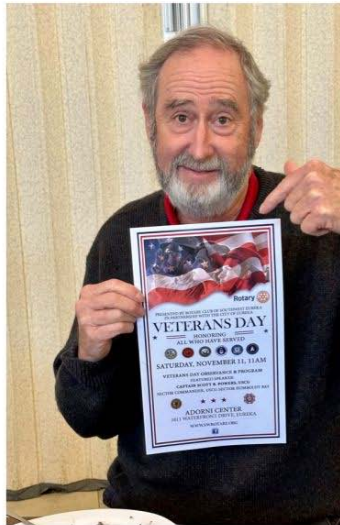
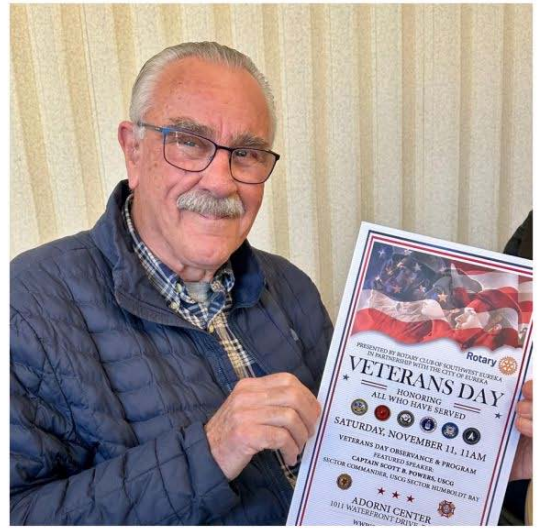
Announcements:

- November 11th Veterans Day. We will be dark on November 10th, as we should all be at the Adorni Center helping set up for Saturday's event. Bill Gillespie is doing a great job organizing the event and can still use help.
- Month of November - Blood Drive Competition between the three Eureka clubs. Donate blood during the month of November and ask them to credit our club. Ask friends and family to do the same. The club with the most pints (per capita) will be treated to lunch from the losing clubs!
- Environmental Grant. Larry Goldberg is working with Zoe Barnum students, providing tools, soil, labor and \$400! If you would like to help --- see Larry.

Acknowledgments:

Bill Gillespie celebrated 26 years of marriage to his lovely wife Jan.







Fish Drawing:
Rick was the lucky winner - he guessed the Goblin Shark!



Program:

Chief Bill Reynolds gave us a great overview of what is happening with Humboldt Bay Fire. He mentioned that it is difficult finding and retaining firefighters. The biggest hurdle is wage. We are not competitive with compensation. (IE North Bay firefighters starting salary is \$130K vs. Eureka at \$50.). They are also struggling to fill the uppermost positions. They will go to the city next month and ask for a benefit assessment. Upgrades are needed for aging equipment.



Next Week we will hear from Kristina, the Ukrainian exchange student. She has a heartfelt story you won't want to miss!