

# 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 November 3, 2023

Photos by Cindy Denbo

President Elan was stuck in court today, doing her lawyer thing. She was missed, but we soldiered on under the leadership of the mighty Melinda Ciarabellini.



Marie Liscom provided the thought of the day, which was a Ukrainian prayer in honor of our Ukrainian guest, Kristina Shetelia. "Look with grace upon those who defend their land ....."



Larry Goldberg  
Youth Services  
Chair



Scott Pesch  
iPast President

## Events / Speakers

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

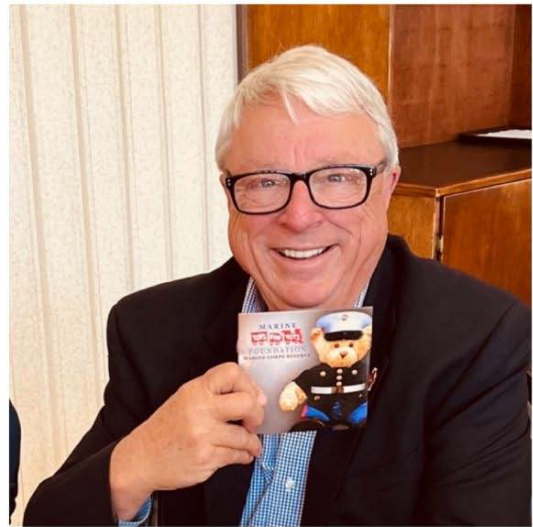
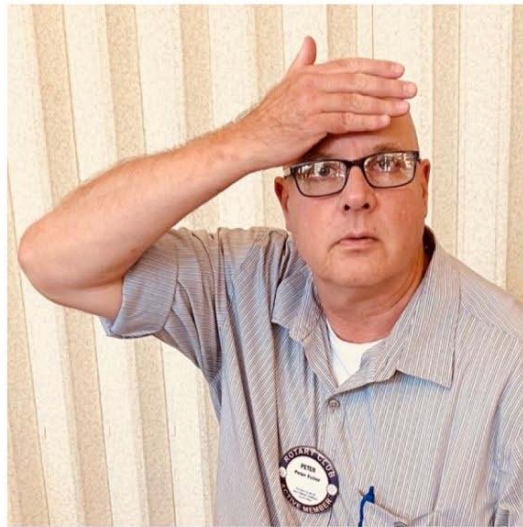
**DARK**

**Speaker:** Dark for Thanksgiving weekend

December 1st  
**Southwest Eureka Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Clara Emery, RWE

**Subject:** Off-shore wind project



## Birthdays



Michael Davies-Hughes  
November 11th



Mark A. Dias  
November 15th



John E. Dalby  
November 17th



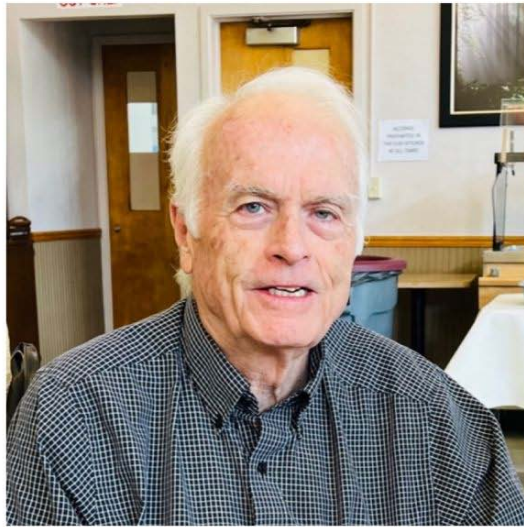
Scott Pesch  
November 28th





**Guests:**

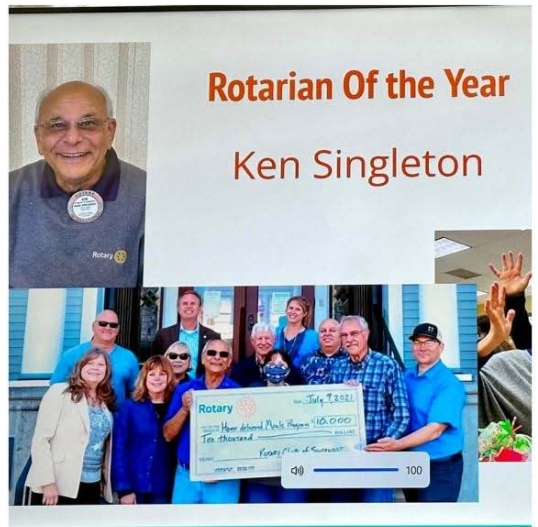
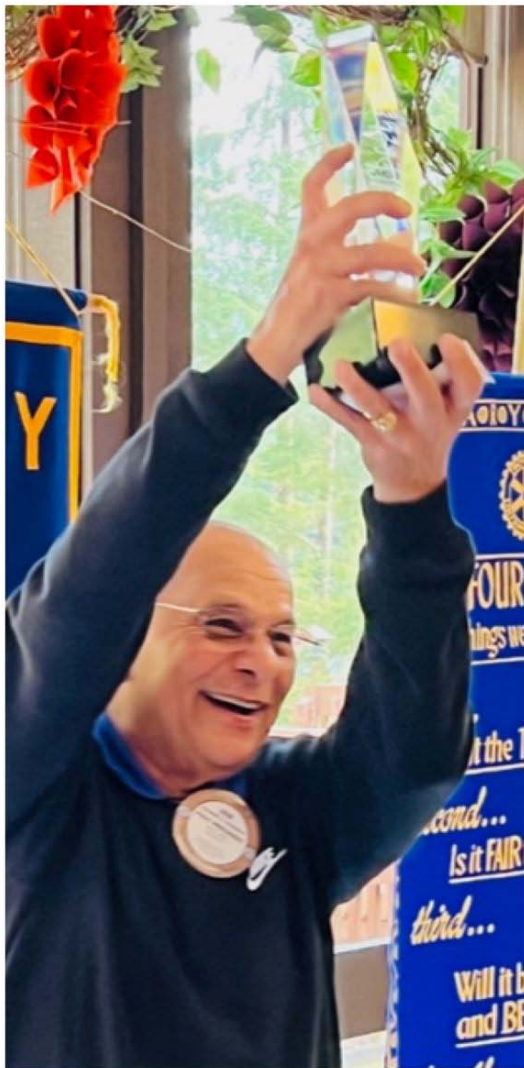
- Pete Ciarabellini, husband of Melinda.
- Tai Massion, proposed member (by Scott).



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**Rotarian of the year 2021-2022**





Liz presented the Rotarian of the Year award for her Rotary year to Ken Singleton! Congratulations Ken! Well deserved.

#### Announcements:

- Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM at the Adorni Center. **We will be DARK on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>**, but please join us at the Adorni Center at 11 o'clock or after to help. Bill is providing Pizza as an added incentive!



- Blood Drive during the month of November. It's a competition, so let's out-donate the other two Eureka clubs!
- Christmas party! The evening of December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Elks. Cook your own steak (or Chicken or veggie). Sign-ups were going around the room. Please let Elan know if you and your significant other can attend. We will have white elephant a gift exchange – so bring a wrapped drink as a gift. More info to follow.

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Cook Your Own  
Steak

Holiday Party

December 1st



## Acknowledgments



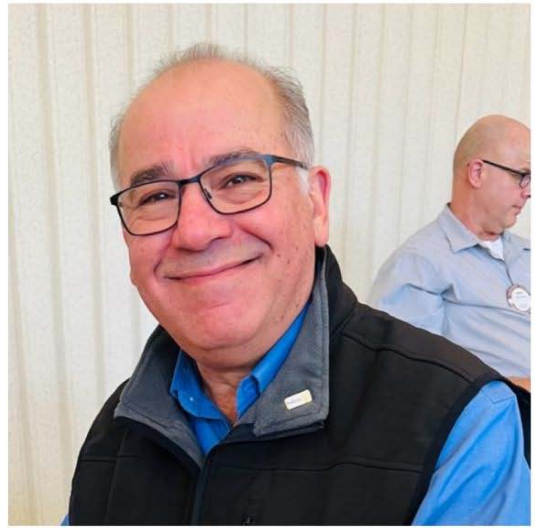
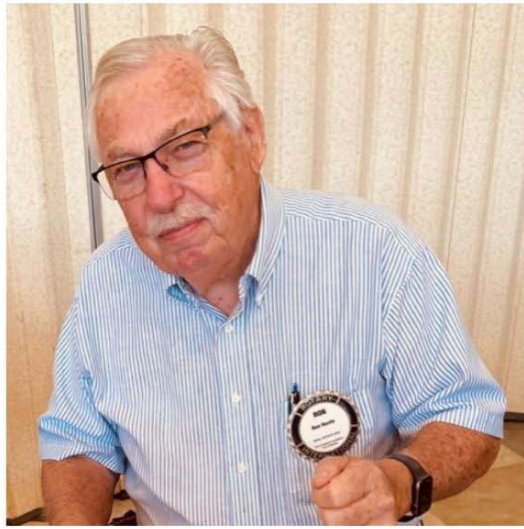
Man goes mad and  
goes back to the  
desert to ride his  
bike for 24 hours

We believe in you! Crush those

### Acknowledgments:

Michael Davies-Hughes is at it again! On Saturday, November 4, Michael rode in the 24-hour World Time Trial Championship. In 2016 and 2022 he managed to eek out 411 miles. His goal this year is 432 miles. If anyone can do this, it's Michael!









Program:



Our speaker was Kristina Shetelia, an exchange student from Ukraine. She will be graduating from Eureka High in June, then attending college in the Czech Republic.

She presented a program about the history of the conflicts Ukraine has endured since the 12<sup>th</sup> century to present. Our club passed the invisible hat, and collected money to help her parents, and 10-year-old brother, fly from Ukraine to see her graduate.