

Rotary

Club of
Southwest
Eureka



Celebrating
50 Years
of Service

Club Meeting

Southwest Eureka
Meets at The Elks
Lodge
445 Herrick Ave
Eureka, CA 95503
Time: Friday at 12:00
PM

Club Leaders



Kenneth S. Singleton
President



John Vandermolen
President-Elect



Elizabeth Ennis
Vice President



Marie Liscom
Secretary



John R. Goff
Treasurer



Rick Roberts
Sergeant-at-Arms



Scott Pesch
Club Service Chair



Nancy Kay
Club Service Chair





Meghann M. Broadstock
Community Service Chair

William Morrill
International

Rotary Club of SW Eureka Bulletin For Sept. 13, 2019

by Carl Willoughby / Photos by Liz Ennis

Our meeting called to order precisely at 12:30 p.m. by our very precise President Ken who opened the meeting thus:

In 1969 Richard Nixon was President, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, and Ken Singleton was a  Busboy  working at the Mapes Ambassador Restaurant at the Reno Nevada airport. BEST OF ALL in 1969 the Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka was born. Thanks to you, our 50 year old club continues to serve the local Community and the world.



Gary Ogle was Greeter, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and provided the Thought for the day.



Service Chair



Greg Dale
Vocational
Service Chair



Vinson
Champ
Youth
Services
Chair



John W.
Ennis
Director at
Large



Haider Ajina
Endowment
Chair



Cynthia
Denbo
Public
Relations
Chair



Mark
McGowan
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Eddie
Morgan
iPast
President



Mary L.
Crumley
Assistant
Governor



Visitor: Dr. Evan Buxbaum, today's speaker, was Paul McGinty's guest.

President Ken quizzed Gary about missing the Rafting trip last month. Gary claimed he missed it due to not being Map /GPS savvy. Gary was fined \$50 and he graciously added another \$50 towards the Pau; Harris fund.

Marie Liscom gave us the Sunshine report: Cassandra Hesselstine continues her recovery from her concussion (traumatic brain injury) and is focused on staying positive. After five months she is seeing some improvement.

Announcements:

Larry Goldberg reminded us of the Planet Humboldt event tomorrow (Saturday September 14th) at the Sequoia Conference Center to honor Alexander von Humboldt's 250th Birthday. There will be local and international speakers, an art show, music and food.

Events / Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays



Melinda
Ciarabellini
September
28th



Rory A.
Hanson
September
30th



James M.
Anderson
October 8th



Nancy Kay
October 8th



John Ayres
October 9th



Cynthia Denbo
October 12th



Lee Smith
October 15th



Don Chin
October 19th



Jack Alderson
October 19th



John Ennis announced that plans are under way for the 2019 Veterans Day Event Monday November 11th. John invited all club members interested to helping to join him next Friday for a Veterans Day Planning Committee meeting right after our regular meeting.



Backpacks for Kids Chairman Mike Newman said is getting under way for this school year and volunteers are needed. Watch for a Sign-Up-Genius email that makes signing up quick & easy. For any questions contact Mike at (707 845-7070).



Rotary Youth Exchange was briefly explained by our hard working Haider Ajina. High school age students can apply for this wonderful opportunity to travel, study abroad, become fluent in another language, and develop life-long leadership skills. Applications are due by the end of this month. Information and applications may be found at www.ye5130.org. Phone 707 572-4104.



Recognitions:

Mike Dominick was found ♦guilty♦ by President Ken of having missed all of Ken♦s meetings before today. Mike Tapped-Out to make amends, but then asked for a \$200 fine to go to Scott Pesch & Gary Ogle for misspelling Mike♦s name on the Martinis by the Bay Thank you letter. Mike was a large contributor and we had a big typo! There was plenty of good natured back & forth, but Scott finally accepted the fine challenge.

Larry Goldberg and his lovely wife Kathleen celebrated their wedding anniversary in July. Larry Tapped Out.

Laura Morris and Tyrone Champ were also recognized by President Ken. Laura paid a \$50 fine and Tyrone Tapped-Out.



Carl Willoughby and his lovely wife Erzsi were recognized for their recent 48th wedding anniversary. Carl Tapped-Out to celebrate.



The winning raffle ticket was held by Paul McGinty who drew a Papa Murphy's Gift Certificate from President Ken.

Homeless Families with Children in Humboldt was the topic of our program. The speaker was Dr. Evan Buxbaum, Pediatrician, with St. Joseph Healthcare and offices in Fortuna. He described the difficult and often heartbreaking situations that homeless families face. He is part of the Onyx Coalition which includes local non-profits and government agencies working together. They have already acquired property with a suitable building which has been renovated to provide individual family living space, the Onyx Living Units, for 10 families with children.



Their Vision Statement is: End childhood homelessness in Humboldt County by 2022

Their Mission Statement is: Create low-bar-to-entry, affordable, safe and secure housing for homeless families with children, and support these families by integrating existing County and NGO services through scalable case management.

There followed a lively session of Q & A and Dr. Buxbaum described ways in which individuals could help. Donations of new bedding are urgently needed. Contact Paul McGinty 707 269-4283 paul.mcginty@stjoe.org. Scott Pesch announced that the proceeds from the upcoming Yahtzee Tournament on January 11, 2020 will go towards a new playground at the Onyx Living Units. Our club and the Old Town Rotary Club will join forces once again to help this cause and raise \$20,000.

President Ken closed the meeting saying:

ALWAYS FIND A REASON TO LAUGH
IT MAY NOT ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE
BUT IT WILL SURELY ADD LIFE TO YOUR YEARS
