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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
January 27, 2020

The January 27, 2020, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 27 persons present. Don Wennerholm of Holmes Security announced Crystal Vargas, Security Lock & Alarm, as a guest.

Correspondence included the following announcements: Fortuna Senior Scene; Gene Lucas Community Center; US Census Bureau; State of the City Breakfast; Norcal SBDC Ribbon Cutting; Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce; American Pickers; Benbow Historic Inn All Counties Mixer; Fortuna Chamber Candidate Forum; and various articles from the Times-Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked C. C. Catering for lunch.

Renee Lindsay announced the upcoming State of the City breakfast on January 30. The Chamber received some very thoughtful award nominations for this year's dinner. The Candidate Forum for 2nd District Supervisor will be on Monday, February 24 at the Monday Club in lieu of the regular lunch. The Forum will feature all five Supervisor candidates and will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. A \$15.00 optional lunch will be available. Please RSVP a seat, especially if you want a lunch. The Chamber recently sent a letter of support for the continuation of obstetrics and pediatric services at Redwood Memorial Hospital through 2026 to California State Attorney General Xavier Becerra. A copy of the Chamber letter is available to any member by request. The next Quarterly Newsletter will be mailed out on February 1.

Mike Johnson gave additional information on the obstetrics and pediatric services and announced that Mayor Sue Long had signed a letter of support for the program at the last City Council meeting.

Sean Swanson announced that River Life has cleaned up 382,000 lbs of trash and helped 156 people and 14 dogs over the last 12 years. He is now partnering with Exotic Flavors to help clear out areas around the old Mill and in the city.

Amy Scolari, Wild Souls Ranch, announced a fundraiser at Old Growth Cellars in Eureka on January 31 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets were \$20 and included a glass of wine. Live music would be provided by Tortoise & The Hen.

Guest Speaker: John Gullam, Director of Donor Resources, Northern CA Community Blood Bank

The Northern California Community Blood Bank is a private non-profit governed by a voluntary Board of Directors. NCCBB does not receive any State or Federal funding. They service Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Their main goal is to make sure that they meet the needs of local patients. They typically have a 10-day supply of inventory that includes plasma, red blood cells, and platelets. Plasma can be stored frozen for up to one year. Red blood cells expire within 56 days. Platelets expire within 5 days. If blood supplies are near expiration, NCCBB will send it out to other area hospitals that need it. This helps bring in revenue and prevents the waste of inventory. NCCBB strives to make sure that community donations go to a patient, even if it's outside of the area. The NCCBB currently has an annual \$5.1M budget with 6 months' operation costs in savings.

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary