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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
February 3, 2020

The February 3, 2020, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 25 persons present. Renee Lindsay announced Crystal Vargas, Security Lock & Alarm, as a new member.

Correspondence included the following announcements: Fortuna Senior Scene; Gene Lucas Community Center; American Pickers; Compass Community Credit Union press release; City of Fortuna press release; Fortuna Fabrics class calendar; Ferndale Jewelers ad; Garcia's Florist ad; Ridgetop Café; Norcal SBDC Ribbon Cutting; Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce; Fortuna Library; Benbow Historic Inn All Counties Mixer; Fortuna Concert Series; Fortuna PD; Fortuna Chamber Candidate Forum; and various articles from the Times-Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked Ridgetop Cafe for lunch.

Renee Lindsay announced that the State of the City breakfast was well attended. The new Quarterly Newsletter was out and will be mailed to all Fortuna addresses. Annual Dinner tickets were on sale and could be purchased at the Chamber office or online.

Sean Swanson announced that River Life has cleaned up 383,000 lbs of trash. River Life did 5 clean ups in January. Sean reminded everyone that folks meet for a walk on the trail on Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Guest Speakers: Darla McGrath & Catherine Culver, Daughters of the American Revolution

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was originally founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. In 2019, DAR surpassed 1,000,000 members since their founding in 1890. The Eel River Valley Chapter was organized on October 12, 1991. They currently have 40 members. Members recently helped review records and code grave sites at local cemeteries. Some of their other activities include preserving genealogy records, volunteering to help vets, celebrating Constitution Week (9/17-9/23), and promoting flying the flag. The Chapter honors residents who fly the flag with a certificate of appreciation. They sponsor an American History Essay and give out Good Citizenship Awards. DAR celebrates October 11 as a National Day of Service. Members are encouraged to participate in special volunteer service projects. The Bronze Eagle Lectern located in Washington, D.C., has been used during inaugural lunches by former presidents including George W. Bush and Barack Obama. Anyone interested in joining or researching their genealogy can contact Darla McGrath at 601-7564 or dmcDAR19@aol.com.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary