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**MINUTES**  
**FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
March 4, 2019

The March 4, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Previous Past Chair Cara Knostman with 27 persons present. Heidi Collingwood from Visiting Angels introduced Deborah Leathers, Care Coordinator for the Fortuna Area, as a guest. Jennifer Ourique from the McLean Foundation introduced Alysia Hegg, a new intern for the Gene Lucas Center. John Dillion from the Northern California Community Blood Bank introduced himself as a guest.

Correspondence included announcements from Ferndale Repertory Theatre's 2018-19 schedule, CPR Training by Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department, *Friends of the Fortuna Library* Library Day, Hydesville Community Church's DivorceCare and GriefCare, Fortuna Concert Series, CR's free Sign Language Class, The MGC's Intro to Conversational Spanish class, *All Chamber Mixer* at Benbow Historic Inn, HealthSport Chamber Mixer, Humboldt Wine Festival, Recology's Public Open House, *Times-Standard* clipping of new Fortuna Police Officer Josh Rosenfeld, *Fortuna Senior Scene* Newsletter, Cal-Ore Life Flight, and the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Daffodil Show.

Renee Lindsay announced Library Day at the Veterans Memorial Building on Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 to 5:00 p.m. with an optional chicken dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Becky Giacomini announced the HealthSport Chamber Mixer would be on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Becky Giacomini announced an Ambassador lunch meeting would be held at Redwood Empire Golf & County Club on Wednesday, March 6. Anyone interested in becoming an Ambassador was welcome to attend.

Becky Giacomini announced the 4-H spaghetti feed would be on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets were available.

Dianna Rios announced the Fortuna Concert Series would be Saturday, March 9 with *Artu Duo* performing. She reported that an upgrade for the Steinway piano would cost approximately \$65,000. It would repair both the inside and outside.

Merritt Perry announced the upcoming City Council meeting on March 4. On the agenda was the retirement of the City Attorney and consideration of an interim City Attorney and the adoption of a needle and syringe exchange ordinance. (Agenda attached.)

Danny Kelley announced the creation of a new construction company that would supply ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) to private homeowners.

Sean Swanson showed off the t-shirts that Lotus Mountain designed for the Dennis Wendt Memorial Trail. The Grand Opening of the trail will be Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon. Sean is looking for sponsorships to help pay for the shirts and will be adding larger sizes. He reported on AT&T clearing trees and more encampments being removed.

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Guest Speaker: **JoAnn Schuch** / Redwood Coast Village

Redwood Coast Village is a membership organization that began in 2017 as a grassroots organization which helps seniors (50 & older) stay active and independent by providing basic services. These services are handled by 120 volunteers and there are over 250 villages across the United States (60 in California). They currently have 130 members that pay an annual fee (\$420 per year/single; \$630 per year/couple). They help low-income individuals through a Trillium Fund. They currently work out the MGC offices on the first Monday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are expanding to Fortuna and the Eel River Valley and looking for new volunteers for this area that can help with rides to medical appointments in Eureka as well as other services. They have a central dispatch office in Eureka that coordinates personalized assistance within their database of volunteers. RCV also offers referrals to other agencies (e.g., Fortuna Senior Center, Visiting Angels). Anyone interested in volunteering should contact JoAnn at 442-3763.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay  
Recording Secretary