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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

April 22, 2019

The April 22, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Melissa Collins with 30 persons present.

Correspondence included announcements from the Chamber regarding upcoming speakers; Fortuna Senior Center *Golf Ball Fundraiser*, Ridgetop Café & Coffee Barn dinner menu; Fortuna Concert Series; The MGC's April Calendar of Events; CR's free Sign Language Class; Times-Standard news clippings on River Life Foundation: "*Memorial Trail Opens with a Ribbon Cutting*," Rohner Community Recreation & Park District: "*Pool Feasibility Study Underway*," Mandi Ross Agency: "*New Farmers Insurance All in the Family*," and Riverbar Pharms B&B: "*Bed-and-Breakfast Offers Pot-Friendly Stay*"; Fortuna Downtown Business Association Citywide Yard Sale Application; HSU Music Department April Calendar; CR's *Annual Plant Sale*; Rohner Community Recreation & Park District *Community Forum*; Wild Souls Ranch *Sip of Summer*; HumCo Beekeepers' *6th Annual Bee Fest*; Mother's Day Market; Avenue of the Giants Marathon; North Coast Journal Press Release on *North Coast Tickets*; Fortuna *Senior Scene* Newsletter; and *The Whistle Punk* Newsletter.

Melissa Collins thanked Moonlight Catering for lunch.

Melissa Collins reminded everyone about the proposed changes to the Chamber By-laws. The proposed changes will be voted on at the May 6th regular Monday Club meeting.

Renee Lindsay supplied copies of the new Fortuna Visitor Guide and Insider Magazine. She announced there were still seats available at the Chamber Communications Workshop on Thursday, April 25th from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. And reminded everyone that the Chamber would be holding a breakfast meeting on April 29th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. with special guest Breast & GYN Health Project and catering provided by C.C. Catering.

Demetrius DiStefano from Ferndale Tech made an impassioned plea to everyone running Windows 7 on their computers to upgrade to Windows 10 as soon as possible as Microsoft would be eliminating this operating system on January 27, 2020. If you continue to run Windows 7 after this date, your computer will not receive updates, security patches, or be safe from viruses and malware.

Val Vosburg from the Fortuna Senior Center announced their annual Golf Ball Fundraiser. Tickets were \$20.00 for one ball. Balls will be dropped from a cherry picker provided by Redi-Rents. Prizes include \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. You do not need to be present to win. Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Kevin Bradley from Allstate announced that he recently passed his security license and will now be able to provide financial services such as annuities.

Cindy Hicks from Coast Central Credit Union announced a parking lot sale benefiting Miranda's Rescue, Fortuna's Safe & Sober, and River Life Foundation would take place on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They were asking for a \$10.00 donation at the event.

Sean Swanson thanked everyone for coming out to the Ribbon Cutting for the Dennis Wendt Memorial Trail on Saturday, April 20th. He thanked Rex Bohn for picking up the BBQ, cooking, and then returning the BBQ to Mercer-Fraser. He also mentioned he would have a booth of t-shirts at the Coast Central parking lot sale and a picture board of the progress made at the trail.

Guest Speaker: Special Agent Stephen Soli, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SA Stephen Soli joined the FBI in 2004, spending 4 years in D.C. and 9 years in Louisiana before transferring to the Fortuna office. There are currently 4 agents assigned to the area. The organization has 35,000 employees with roughly 14,000 employed as special agents. The remaining employees are support staff, administrative, and analysts. There are 56 field offices and 350 satellite offices. The Fortuna office supports the San Francisco Division field office and covers Del Norte and Humboldt counties. The Criminal Justice Information Services (“CJIS”) Division, which oversees the National Crime Information Center (“NCIC”), collects and shares criminal justice information with law enforcement agencies across the country. They handle fingerprint analysis, instant criminal background checks for firearms purchases, the National Data Exchange which shares sensitive information across jurisdictional boundaries, and LEO (Law Enforcement Online) a secure network launched in 1995 that gave law enforcement access to sensitive but not classified information. He also talked about the FBI lab’s DNA, fingerprint, and shoeprint analysis capabilities, Hogan’s Alley, and internet scams targeting older citizens. He can be reached by email at sjsoli@fbi.gov.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary