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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
March 11, 2019

The March 11, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Vice Chair Seth McGrath with 25 persons present.

Correspondence included announcements from North Coast Otter Art Project, Ridgetop Café & Coffee Barn, Redwood Coast Village, CPR Training by Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department, Hydesville Community Church's DivorceCare and GriefCare, Fortuna Concert Series, CR's free Sign Language Class, The MGC's Intro to Conversational Spanish class, HealthSport Chamber Mixer, Humboldt Wine Festival, Recology's Public Open House, *Times-Standard* clipping of Eel River Empire Masonic Lodge's donation to Wild Souls Ranch, *Fortuna Senior Scene* Newsletter, Cal-Ore Life Flight, 44th Annual Daffodil Show, *Humboldt County Road Show*, and Recology's Public Open House.

Renee Lindsay announced the following events: the March Chamber Mixer would be at HealthSport on March 20th at 5:30 p.m. There would be a ribbon cutting at Bob's Footlongs on Saturday, March 23 at 1:45 p.m. with a Grand Opening celebration immediately following. The 44th Annual Daffodil Show will be March 23rd from 1-5pm and on the 24th from 11am-4pm at the River Lodge. Next week's presenter would be Jeff Black from HSU's Department of Wildlife. He will be discussing the North Coast Otter Art Project.

Renee Lindsay announced the upcoming Chamber breakfast will be held Monday, April 29th at the Monday Club from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and feature guest speaker Maureen Lawlor from the Breast & GYN Health Project. Seth McGrath commented that the reason the Chamber decided to host a breakfast was to reach more member businesses that may not be able to make the noontime lunches.

Sean Swanson from River Life Foundation mentioned that t-shirts designed by Lotus Mountain for the Dennis Wendt Memorial Trail were available for purchase (\$20). Parking at 357 Main Street was available for the Grand Opening of the trail on Saturday, April 20th. Mercer-Fraser will be donating their Caterpillar BBQ for the event. Gravel has been secured for the trail all the way to Fernbridge.

Jennifer Ourique announced the Humboldt Folklife Society's St. Patrick's Day Ceilidh and Barn Dance on Friday, March 15 at the Arcata Veterans Hall.

Guest Speaker: **Haley Davis, Education Coordinator** / SCRAP Humboldt

SCRAP Humboldt is a non-profit located at 101 H Street in Arcata. Their mission is to inspire creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior by providing educational programs and affordable materials to the community. They operate an Educational Studio that also functions as a retail store. Their motto is "What will you make of it?" The idea for SCRAP originally began in 1998 by a group of teachers who wanted to find a home for their leftover classroom materials. They brought these materials to A Teacher's Space, a resource center for Portland Public School teachers, and left them on a table for others to use. In 1999, an innovative teacher named Joan Grimm got together with a handful of her peers and received a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality to open a small creative reuse center for the community. They currently have 6 locations across the U.S. but only one in California. They are open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. They accept donations of carpet samples, wood scraps, metal, fabrics, arts & craft supplies, mat board, jewelry

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making supplies, office supplies, and more. They offer Adult workshops, summer camps (“*Camp Scrap*”), school visits, field trips, and teacher trainings. They also have an annual Rebel Craft Rumble (March 30) and hosts parties of all kinds (kids/adult birthdays, bridal showers, work parties, etc.).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay
Recording Secretary