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FORTUNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
October 14, 2019***

The October 14, 2019, meeting of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Chair Seth McGrath with 18 persons present.

Correspondence included the following announcements: North Coast Growers' Association Farmers' Markets; Fortuna Senior Scene; Leadership Fortuna application; FBID; Gene Lucas Community Center; North Coast Otter Art Project; Fortuna Chamber Ribbon Cuttings; Highway 36 Dinner; Kiwanis 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business Women's Luncheon; City of Fortuna Press Release; EDD Sexual Harassment Training; River Life Foundation; North Coast Small Business Development Center; Fortuna High Career Day; Rotary International; Redwood Village Merchants Association; HSU Music Department; and various articles by the Times Standard.

Seth McGrath thanked Ridgetop Cafe for lunch.

Becky Giacomini announced that Horizon Business Products will be celebrating 40 years in business with a ribbon cutting on Friday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. The October Mixer will be held at Coast Central Credit Union on Wednesday, October 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Alan French announced the Highway 36 Association Dinner would be on Friday, October 18 at 6:30 at the Monday Club. Pre-dinner drinks at Pat & Cathy Whitchurch's house would be at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the Chamber.

Renee Lindsay announced Trunk or Treat would be held on Halloween from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Businesses could contact Brian Gonzalez (US Bank) or Chris Broadstock (Tri Counties Bank) for the window display. Grave Matters & Untimely Departures will be on Sunday, October 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with tours leaving every 10 minutes. Tickets are on sale at Grocery Outlet and Green's Pharmacy.

Guest Speaker: Leanne Langston, Volunteer Coordinator/Media Outreach Specialist, A1AA Ombudsman Program

Leanne outlined the Volunteer Ombudsman Program. The program includes 30-35 hours of training and a background check (fingerprinting) before receiving certification from the State. Certified Ombudsman work from Crescent City to Garberville, meeting residents in long-term care (LTC) facilities and inspecting the facilities. The monthly commitment for volunteers is a minimum of 10-12 hours. Ombudsmen are the advocates for seniors living in LTC facilities. While they cannot give legal advice, they can witness an Advanced Health Care Directive, investigate and resolve complaints, and work to improve the quality of life and the rights of residents living in LTC facilities. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact A1AA at (707) 269-1330 or by email at [ombudsman@a1aa.org](mailto:ombudsman@a1aa.org).

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lindsay  
Recording Secretary