

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: June 17, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Jennifer Lourenzo, Conference Center Manager

THROUGH: Merritt Perry, City Manager

SUBJECT: River Lodge Conference Center and Fortuna Monday Club Monthly Report for May 2024

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The River Lodge and Monday Club held a total of 26 events in the month of May.

May at River Lodge began with a dinner hosted by a local beef supplier. Distributors of the beef were invited to tour a local ranch and ended the day with dinner at River Lodge.

Another quilt retreat was held in May. The three-day retreat included food and evening entertainment. The entertainment was by a musician from out of town. He sang rock from the 1980's and played the keyboard. It was very enjoyable!

The District One Dairy Princess annual dinner was also held in May. Every year, the Milk Advisory Board hosts the competition. There were three contestants this year vying for the title. Grace Scilacci of Fortuna was the winner. The dinner was well attended.

The Redwood Memorial Foundation hosted their annual awards luncheon at River Lodge. The group gives out scholarships to Redwood Memorial Hospital employees, high school seniors or community members in our area. The recipients have to be pursuing careers in nursing, medicine, pharmacy or physical therapy.

Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council of Humboldt (CAPCC), held their 2024 round table at River Lodge. This organization strives to promote safe, healthy, resilient children and families in Humboldt County. There were 22 vendors present, representing children's health and family wellness programs.

Scrabble in the Redwoods, put on by the Word Player's Organization, happened at River Lodge!

The three-day tournament, was played by 16 players who had traveled from British Columbia, Salt Lake City, and the Bay Area. For many of the participants, this was their first time to Fortuna and to see the redwoods. They thoroughly enjoyed our little town and the view at River Lodge.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), held a cultural and linguistic competency training for behavioral health professionals. The goal of the training was to increase the quality of care provided to clients from diverse backgrounds.

River Lodge was the location for two end of the year school functions. Academy of the Redwoods held their annual prom and Redwood Preparatory School had both, Kindergarten and 8th Grade graduations.

There was one very large college graduation party at River Lodge in May and CALFIRE closed out the month with a meeting.

There were two Chamber luncheons held at the Monday Club, a baby shower and a First Communion celebration. The First 5 Playgroup continues to happen each Thursday and Friday at the Monday Club.

An exciting event that happened at the Monday Club was a live performance for some local youth. The Scotia Band played for a silent movie on Friday, before the Concert Series held the same performance on Saturday evening. This was a truly unique experience for these local students!

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Receive River Lodge & Monday Club Monthly Report. Consent Agenda vote.