

# **STAFF REPORT**

## ***City Council Consent Item***

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**DATE:** December 18, 2023

**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 October and November 2023**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive report as an informational item.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

October started with a week-long introductory training for new watershed stewards of the California Conservation Corps. As I have stated before, this group is always a pleasure. All of them are so kind and helpful.

North Coast Regional Land Trust, New Life Christian School, and Redwood Memorial Foundation, all held fundraising dinners & auctions. All three of the events were well attended and raised large amounts of money for their cause.

There were five meetings held at River Lodge in October, and two held in November.

The Democrat of the Year was named at a dinner in October at River Lodge.

River Lodge also hosted two Celebrations of Life, a business appreciation party, a chamber mixer and the annual Fortuna Kiwanis Business Women's Luncheon.

One of the quilting groups returned in November for a three-day retreat. There are two different groups that each book retreats twice a year.

The Humboldt County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting and brought in a dairy comedian from Florida for entertainment.

The 21st Annual Craft Fair was held at River Lodge in November. The vendors did very well with sales and we had excellent attendance. The Lodge is decorated beautifully for the Holiday Season.

The Monday Club remained busy during October and November with Chamber meetings twice monthly, three baby showers, two birthday parties, and the regularly scheduled monthly meetings for the Fortuna Garden Club.

In all, 26 events were held at the Monday Club in these months and 26 at River Lodge.

Johnny's Flooring installed the new blinds at River Lodge in October and November. The blinds in the highest windows of the main, Chinook Room, are powered by a remote. This is a feature that has been greatly needed for a long time. These windows were only reachable by a lift or an extension ladder. Making it very difficult to control the lighting for different events. This upgrade is very much appreciated and improves the looks of the inside of the building.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

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