

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: October 16, 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 September 2023**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

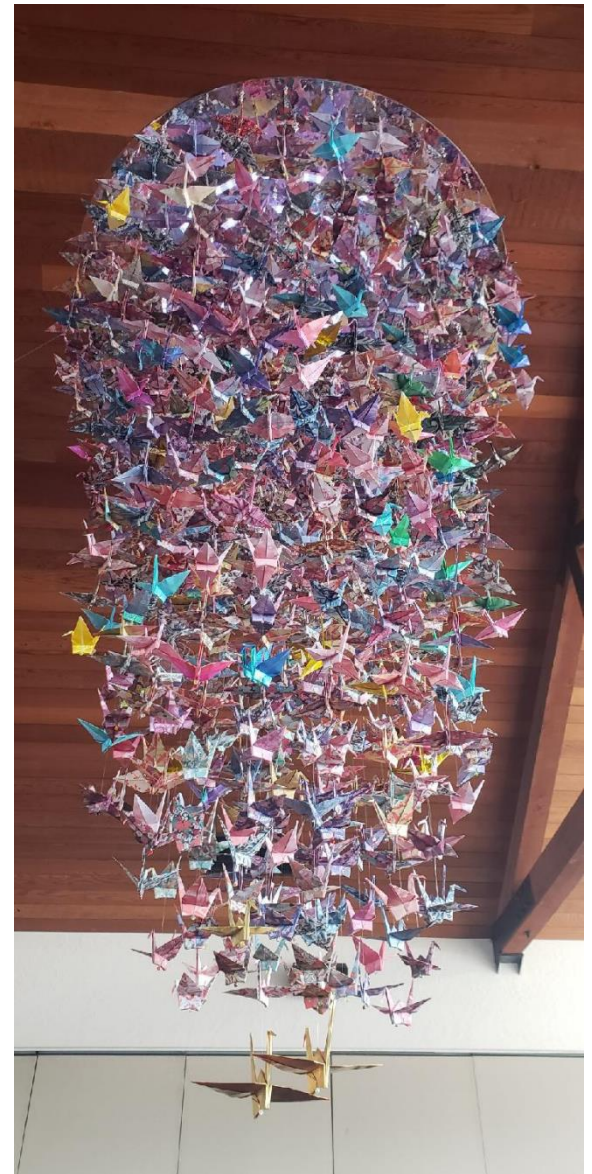
The River Lodge and Monday Club held a total of 27 events in the month of August.

Two wedding celebrations took place at River Lodge in September. One of them was a reception for about 350 people. The other was a wedding and reception with traditional Japanese elements. The father of the bride constructed a chandelier made up of a thousand paper cranes (shown to the right). A family member of the bride, had folded the origami cranes over the past year. I have added a picture for your enjoyment. It was incredible.

There was one Celebration of Life at River Lodge in September. Every memorial is significant. This memorial was for a 19-year-old killed in a car accident. The outpouring of love and help from the community, was felt throughout the whole planning process. Many people came together and took care of every detail, so that the family didn't have to. The staff at River Lodge felt honored to be a part of this.

The City of Fortuna hosted two trainings from Liebert Cassidy and Whitmore, LCW, focusing on *Public Employee Discipline*. The trainings were held at River Lodge.

There were two fundraisers held in the month of September. One for the Eureka Symphony and the other was the Redwood Preparatory School Gala. Both, have become annual events that do very well in raising funds for these two organizations.



Academy of the Redwoods held a *Back to School Mixer* at the Monday Club for their students. A few spindles were broken out of the porch during the event. After students admitted to accidentally breaking them while taking photographs, the school agreed to pay for replacement. The Parks crew was able to make those repairs the following Monday, after the event

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

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