

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: May 15, 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 April 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The River Lodge and Monday Club held a total of 32 events in the month of April.

River Lodge started the month of April with Fortuna High's Junior Prom. This is always such a fun event.

There were three large fundraising events to benefit local groups. Fortuna Middle School held an 8th Grade Dinner and Auction. The RioDell-Scotia Kiwanis held a Bingo Bash. Soroptomists International of the Eel River Valley held their annual Tea Party.

Sunrise Rotary held an Arts Revive interactive art show for children. It was a great way to get the community out and having fun, while learning different art techniques in hands-on activities.

One of our local quilting instructors held a Quilt Retreat in April. The retreat was attended by 54 quilters. The event was catered by Dorris and Daughter, and lasted three days. This group has been to River Lodge before and we really enjoy our time with them.

FUHS Career Day returned for the second year. This event brings all of the seniors from Fortuna High to River Lodge for a mock interview with a potential employer. Employer's from local businesses volunteer their time to come and conduct the interviews. This year, I was fortunate enough to get to participate and offer feedback to three of the seniors. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The last week of April was a challenging one, but very much so worth the effort. River Lodge was the host site of the Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference. There were 420 attendees and throughout four days, different sessions were scheduled for them to attend. Some sessions took place out on fieldtrips, while others involved listening to speakers in one of our rooms at River Lodge. Facilitating a group of this size takes careful planning and a lot of extra hands. The Parks

and Recreation workers were a tremendous help in getting tables and chairs set up and broke down. The entire group ate outside on their two final days. This required setting up 43 eight foot tables around the perimeter of River Lodge. The event coordinator from SRF, Dana Stolzman, told me that we were the easiest and most accommodating group that she has ever worked with.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

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

ATTACHMENT:

- April Calendar