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March Mixer Rocks the Eagle House

Report by Kat Blaisdell, North Coast Journal and, Eureka Chamber Ambassador

Thursday, April 21ST was a sunny but blustery day in Old Town Eureka. The coziest spot was the Theater Ballroom in the heart of the Eagle House Victorian Inn, nestled between the lobby of the Inn and Gallagher's Irish Pub. The crowd was cheery, the food was inviting, and bar was amenable; the atmosphere beckoned guests to come on in and relax with friends.



Kat Blaisdell takes notes while enjoying the April Chamber Mixer

Reed Paden, owner of Gallagher's Irish Pub and co-host of the event, was behind the bar where beer, wine and San Pellegrino were being distributed with beaming service. Reed suggested a taste of the artichoke dip which centered a spread including deli meats and cheeses, wraps, fantastic lox, tender Buffalo wings and a number of spreads. It was an excellent recommendation, the artichoke dip was full of flavor and personality and it was comforting to learn that dip is always available

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Rhody Parade Delights Again

Thousand lined the streets of Eureka to enjoy the 2011 Rhododendron Parade. Children of all ages delighted to the marching bands, clowns and overall merriment that this parade always brings.

Under sunny skies, the procession made its way from the Eureka Inn to Henderson Center. Local favorites included the comic Shriners mini cars and band, fire trucks, dignitaries and the famous Budweiser Clydesdales.

The theme of the 44TH annual parade was 'A Lifetime of Service.'

"It is particularly fitting, in that Chief Smith has protected homes and businesses in the area for over 30 years," said parade coordinator Chuck Petrusha. "He represents the very essence of community service through his dedication to the people of Eureka."

Smith led the April 30 celebration that once again involved local school and youth entries, the slapstick Shriners on their comic vehicles, public safety representatives, business floats, tribes, marching bands, local dignitaries and equestrian teams, to name only a few.

Many thanks are due to the Parade organizers including the Old Town Rotary Club and a host of volunteers that made the special local event possible.



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What's NEW?

Eureka Chamber Membership News

Send submissions to susan@eurekachamber.com

Youth Ambassadors Complete Scholarship Program

The 2011 Youth Ambassador Program came to an exciting conclusion with 14 participating local high school juniors being awarded \$4500 in college scholarships. The six-week program matched student with member businesses sponsors and involved a quick and intensive course in community service, preparation for the workforce and public speaking.

"The program is designed to provide a glimpse into the local business world"

The program is designed to provide a glimpse into the local business world, illustrate the value of community involvement, and provide college scholarships.

The Youth Ambassador program began in February and concluded on April 15, 2011 with its 'Final Night' celebration.

Students from all area high schools are recommended by their counselors and are matched up with Chamber member business sponsors. During the course of the

program, participating students tour their sponsor's business, participate in community awareness activities, skills development workshops and compete in a multi-phase, public speaking competition.

Chamber Youth Scholarship Program Reflects Community

For those of you who fear the next generation, I've got news for you. The future is secure. I had the pleasure of spending an evening watching a group of local youth at the Eureka Chamber of Commerce's final night of the Youth Ambassador program. The event was held at the Eureka Woman's Club and was impressive. The talents, intelligence, speaking skills, and enthusiasm exhibited by these young people have made me smile all day today.

The chamber leadership, as well as the business

"The development of professional relationships between our youth and local professionals is invaluable"

sponsors, who spent a considerable amount of time mentoring these young leaders over the last two months, deserves a big pat on the back. The development of professional relationships between our youth and local professionals is invaluable.

These students will undoubtedly go on to do great things and someday will mentor others, ensuring their future and ours. One of the ambassadors put it best when she said that she was lucky to live in a community like ours. I concur and wanted the community to know how lucky we are to have youth like these ambassadors as well as groups like the chamber and their members in our community.

Greg Dale, Youth Ambassador parent
Member, Chamber Board of Directors.



The Spectacle and the Grove

I still remember the first time I passed through Richardson Grove. In 1969 I was a young college student in a beat up car, hurrying north to a new life. But, I had to stop for a walk through the antiquity.

There, smack in the middle of a major highway stood a living cathedral; a thousands-year old monument to the grace and beauty of nature. I remember thinking, "Why build a road through here?" But there it was, a spectacle that was and is stunning in its splendor, roads notwithstanding.

I am moved every time I walk there.

When I returned to Humboldt County after a long absence, I looked forward to another walk through the Grove on my way to begin this job. It was not long after getting started that a review of existing business priorities for Chamber members was to work on removing the competitive disadvantage at Richardson Grove. Because of the narrow, winding road, industry length trucks are unable to legally go through. Local shippers and suppliers were forced to pay additional charges to reload cargo that increased transportation costs and accordingly the cost of materials and products on the shelf. Local manufacturers were unable to move large pieces of machinery and equipment in without significant additional cost.

It impacts local businesses in direct and indirect ways. Smaller local firms don't have the same ability to absorb the additional costs. In some cases, the increases are passed on to the customer. It should come as no surprise why it is that some travel out of the area to make large purchases. Part of the back story of Richardson Grove is that in its scenic bottleneck, jobs and business opportunities are compromised. That's a business issue all right.

So, 12 years ago the solution on the long term Caltrans planning table was a four-lane bypass around the Grove. To begin to imagine the ecological impact of punching a small freeway through a redwood forest is incomprehensible. More than that, in 2002 dollars the price tag was over \$300 million. In the competitive environment of funding State highway projects, the Grove was deep on the bench.

For a variety of reasons, a bypass around Richardson Grove was a non-starter.

Then, a few years ago an innovative idea arose. Instead of a bypass, a realignment. Caltrans engineers figured out a way to widen the tight turns so that the longer, more efficient, industry length trucks would be able to safely traverse the Grove. The Chamber Board evaluated the proposal carefully and determined that this compromise would reduce the competitive disadvantage for businesses, improve safety and preserve the pristine character of the forest.

It was not long at all before a stridently organized opposition ramped up its "Save Ancient Redwoods" campaign.

The fact that ancient redwoods were neither at risk of removal nor in need of saving did get in the way of a



BY J Warren Hockaday
Chamber President/CEO

passionate argument that greed driven capitalism was once again about to triumph over nature. The passion dissipated from the argument that removing the obstruction would result in a proliferation of big box retail outlets. It became clear that quite the opposite was true. Large, national retailers can much more easily afford the increased shipping costs of goods movement.

So now the years long, environmental review process is almost at an end. Following an exhaustive evaluation of the ecological and safety implications and in the painstaking response to some thousand comments, the project is about ready to move forward.

Make no mistake; the impassioned protests will not diminish even in the light of full regulatory compliance or accountability. The pickets and sit-ins will ramp up and the media will happily comply with the pleas for attention. The forest hijinks of redwood summer revisited will abound. And, as one local journalist recently observed; now that the timber wars are over, some still need a crusade.

While responsible people may disagree, the end game here will surely be another kind of spectacle. Look for the predictable, dramatic protest antics aimed at maximum media attention. In the end just poor players who will strut and fret their hour upon the stage and then no more: filled with sound and fury... signifying nothing. (apologies to Shakespeare.)

Once done, the identity and majesty of Richardson Grove will be as it always has been. When the high political drama wanes, this reasonable compromise proposal will be seen as the product of uncommon vision and leadership.

Generations from now, when my daughter's children take that same walk through the Grove, this strange controversy will be but a flicker in a Redwood's long memory.



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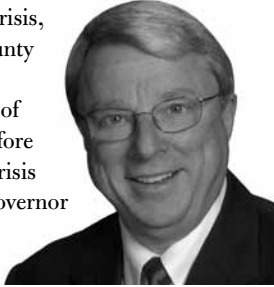
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What Will We Leave Our Children...

By Gregg Gardiner
Chairman, Eureka Chamber Board of Directors

California's public schools are mired in fiscal crisis, and Humboldt County schools are right there with the state of California. Even before this year's budget crisis things were bad. Governor Brown tried to get a special extension of DMV taxes by putting it on a June ballot, but unfortunately could not get the Republicans to go long. So where do we find ourselves now?



In the last three years, Eureka City Schools has already taken hits totaling \$3 million. The additional hit will require a further reduction of \$1.2 million in coffers that are already empty.

Throughout California, this year alone there will be over 12,000 teachers laid off; protests are beginning across our state led by ETA and by the California Teachers Association.

In 1978 before prop 13 was enacted, California was at the very top of what each state spent per pupil on education. Now we rank near the bottom, 43rd on per-pupil spending. What kind of legacy are we leaving for children?

In addition, Eureka City Schools has also been hit with declining enrollment over the last decade and that's a sign of the economic times that Humboldt County finds itself. Declining enrollment, plus hits totaling \$4.2 million, is the equivalent of the one-two punch. It may not knock us out, but it comes darn close.

In addition to teacher layoffs we have seen Worthington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Winship all close. This year it looks like Humboldt Bay High School may also have to close.

Unfortunately there is little that can be done as the Governor and the Legislature come to grips with a \$28 billion revenue gap in the most populous U.S. state. Schools, which consume nearly half of the general-fund budget, were cut with back-to-back deficits that totaled \$100 billion since the start of 2008.

State Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson said, "I am here to declare a state of fiscal emergency for education", he told reporters. "There's simply no other way to describe it: this is an emergency."

Gregg Haulk, Superintendent of Eureka City Schools described it this way, "We've cut to the

bone, now we're being asked to cut the bone itself. At some time in the very near future we will no longer be able to stand and the system will collapse."

What these losses mean across the state are larger class sizes and they will need to ultimately get bigger still. In addition, loss of many of the special things that we were able to provide our children like language classes, music, arts and sports are all taking a hit. All of these things help round out our children and their education experience.

The situation is bad, but there is some good news. Our local school boards, administrators and teachers know that they have to do more with less and work every day on behalf of our children to give them the very best possible education. I have had the opportunity to witness this first hand and I am proud of what Eureka City Schools has been able to accomplish under these current financial situations. Our Assemblyman, Wesley Chesbro, absolutely understands the importance of this issue, but it's going to take more than him, it's going the legislature as a whole. We need to support education in every way possible. In the future, you will see schools raising money to keep things that are very important to the success of their children alive. We are community and at this time more than ever we need to offer support to our educators and our children. Together as a community we can make a difference.

Leon's Car Care Center Announces Extended Hours



Leon's Car Care Center is now open Monday – Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:15 PM. According to manager, Dale Warmuth, the new extended hours are in response to an increased demand for automotive services. "With these earlier hours our customers can drop off their cars early in the morning, and either have our shuttle drop them by their office, or some prefer to wait for their vehicle."

Leon's Car Care Center was established in 1961. They provide automotive repair services including factory scheduled maintenance, brakes, oil services, heating and cooling, shocks

& struts, and exhaust systems. They are located at the giant muffler, 929 Broadway in Eureka at the corner of Washington and Highway 101. Call 444.9636 or on the web at www.leons-carcare.com

Redwood Capital Reports Robust Earnings



Locally owned, Redwood Capital Bank celebrated its seven year anniversary by reporting strong profits as well as solid growth in both loans and deposits for the first quarter of 2011

John Dalby, President and CEO, pointed to relationship oriented loan and deposit growth and the efforts of his entire team as the key profitability drivers for the franchise. Dalby stated that "The Company began 2011 just like we ended 2010 — with a strong financial performance. Redwood Capital Bancorp remains focused on providing sustained value to our shareholders and exceptional service to our loyal and growing customer base. We continue to seek out new opportunities to accomplish these goals in spite of the sluggish economy and increasing regulatory demands being placed on financial institutions. I couldn't be more proud of our entire team."

The Bank's strong financial performance has not gone unnoticed. This past month, The Findley Reports, one of the most respected and well known California bank research and rating firms, designated the Bank a Super Premier Performing Bank based on its 2010 operating performance and management effectiveness. The rating of Super Premier Performance is the highest designation possible for California community banks to receive and places the Bank in the top 10% of all banks in the Western United States. The designation is based upon a number of performance metrics, including: profitability, capital resources, liquidity, loan quality, consistency of performance and management stability.

"High performance and well managed banks like Redwood Capital Bank are the cornerstones of the financial services industry," stated Gary Steven Findley, President of The Findley Reports. "Likewise, we commend the Board of Directors, management, and staff of Redwood Capital Bank for their outstanding financial performance in 2010 and encourage them to continue their strong performance for many years to come," added Mr. Findley.

Fly Humboldt, fly often **Fly Humboldt** **Group Seeks** **New Air Service** **Providers**

The Eureka Chamber has joined a growing effort to increase flights and air service reliability. A diverse group of community businesses and agencies have teamed up to form the Fly Humboldt Coalition. The group kicked off its efforts at a recent news conference to attract more airlines to come to the Arcata-Eureka Airport.

“It is a key element in the local economic development matrix...”

Redwood Region Economic Development Commission Executive Director Gregg Foster said the goal is to get more airline service in Humboldt County to more destinations.

Not long ago, three airlines offered flights out of the local airport, but Horizon Airlines pulled out in early April and Delta stopped offering flights out of the municipal airport in 2009. Now the only remaining airline is United and Skywest Airlines, which has served the area since 1974 and offers flights to San Francisco. Although two airlines pulled out, passenger counts had been increasing, but Foster said the high cost of fuel and other factors likely led to the reduced service.

Members of the Coalition will be meeting with airline representatives in June to offer additional destinations through presentations and potential incentives. Members are encouraged to visit www.flyhumboldt.com to pledge support and state what destinations they would like to see.

Airport manager Jacquelyn Hulsey recently said when Horizon began offering flights to Humboldt County, more people were flying and

not just transferring from United or Skywest flights. With a greater market for passengers, a new facility and runway upgrades, “now we have a little more ammunition,” Hulsey said.

Additional destinations would be a tremendous help for some locally based businesses. The county’s future relies on being connected to other areas. Chamber President, J Warren Hockaday said that reliable air service is critical to local economic well being, “It is a key element in the local economic development matrix that serves to benefit existing businesses and serve the needs of companies looking to relocate or expand to the local area.”

Early Bird Blues **Fest Tickets** **Available**

Making summer plans? Be sure to include the 15TH Annual Blues by the Bay, Labor Day Weekend, September 3RD & 4TH at Halvorsen Park in Eureka.

This year’s festival brings another great lineup to the area. Saturday’s acts are: Laurie Morvan, The Kaye Bohler Band, Deanna Bogart, Joe Louis Walker and Tommy Castro’s Legendary Rhythm & Blues Revue. Sunday starts off with the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, Twice as Good, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Earl Thomas & The Blues Ambassadors, John Nemeth’s Soul Revue and Tower of Power will finish out the weekend.

New this year is a special Saturday night show, 9:00 PM to Midnight at the Blue Lake Casino featuring Shane Dwight and special guests from Blues by the Bay. Admission is \$15 with any Blues ticket or \$30 without.

Early Bird Tickets are on sale now. This year’s prices continue to be one of the best bargains for entertainment in our community. Early Bird Tickets for both Saturday and Sunday are only \$70 if purchased by June 15TH, 2011. For more ticket information call Redwood Coast Music Festivals at 445-3378.

Watershed Heroes: Otter, Eagle & Salmon Coming to the Zoo

Sequoia Park Zoo **Nets Grant:** **New Native** **Exhibits Planned**

The Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation was awarded a \$2.3 million Nature Education Facility grant from the California Department of Parks & Recreation. The Proposition 84 voter-approved grant money will be used to develop and build an education exhibit titled Watershed Heroes that will provide interactive educational opportunities for children and adults centered on the charismatic wildlife of our local watershed - river otters, salmon, and bald eagles.



“We are so pleased to be able to make this announcement,” said Zoo Manager Gretchen Ziegler. “We’ve been planning for a long time to bring river otters and other native species back to Sequoia Park Zoo, but the cost of building the right housing seemed out of reach until Foundation Development Director Melinda Booth pursued and secured this grant opportunity. It’s been a long hard road to get to this point, but the work has really paid off in spades.” Visit the website at www.sequoiaparkzoo.net to see a conceptual drawing of the project and learn all the exciting details.

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Member Legislative Briefing



BY Keith Dunn
EUREKA CHAMBER LOBBYIST
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Now What?

Eureka Chamber members who follow the California Coastal Commission will be interested to know that the last of the local candidates for the California Coastal Commission's North Coast seat have completed their interviews with the Governor's office and at least six of the seven North Coast candidates have interviewed with the office of Governor Jerry Brown for the position as of the time of this writing. Back in March, Governor Brown requested the nomination of at least one supervisor and at least one city council member from Del Norte, Humboldt or Mendocino counties for consideration of an appointment. By the time you read this, the governor may have selected one of the candidates or rejected all the candidates. If he rejects all the nominations the process starts all over again.

“These reforms would then allow the agencies to focus redevelopment activities on priorities such as job creation.”

In addition to looming appointments, what to do with the State budget remains the question in the minds of the Legislature and many Californians. The Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review recently met to discuss the Legislative Analyst's suggestions to close another \$13.5 billion from the state deficit by means of an all-cuts budget. Governor Brown already signed \$11.2 billion in cuts of the \$26.6 billion deficit. Senate Budget Committee Chair Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) asked Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) to give the committee options to balance the budget with only spending cuts, shifts or transfers from other state and local funds to the General Fund and no tax increases. The budget discussions included closing some California State University and University of California campuses to preserve programs at “flagship” campuses; a proposal which no one hopes is

pursued very far. Complicating matters further is a recent Legislative Council opinion which found at least one element of the Governor's proposal to shift local redevelopment funds violated the constitution. The proposal according to the Governor would have closed over a billion dollars of the state debt.

Speaking of Redevelopment, Senator Roderick Wright (D-Inglewood) introduced a comprehensive legislative proposal of redevelopment reforms in SB 286 which would be an alternative to the Governor's redevelopment elimination proposal. SB 286 would offer redevelopment reform to improve the operations, transparency and accountability of redevelopment agencies statewide as well as provide more funding to schools, without eliminating the agencies according to the author. SB 286 was introduced with co-authors Senator Michael Rubio (D-Bakersfield) and Assembly Member Luis Alejo (D-Salinas) who stated that the legislation would also limit the size and scope of redevelopment in California by tightening the definition of blight and prohibiting agencies from collecting the school share of local property tax or tax increment in new project areas starting in 2012. These reforms would then allow the agencies to focus redevelopment activities on priorities such as job creation, cleaning up contaminated property, basic infrastructure needs, and affordable housing. However, despite the 3 co-sponsors from the majority party, SB 286 was held in the first hearing and prohibited from moving along in the legislative process.

Perhaps SB 286 will become just another legislative hostage to be used for future negotiations. We shall see.

City of Eureka, Waterfront Clean-up a Big Success

Chamber Members Pledge to Clean Up Eureka

The Eureka Chamber's new Adopt-A-Block program is off to a roaring start. Businesses and organizations across the City are lining up to take responsibility

for their own neighborhoods by cleaning up litter, debris and weeds. Last week's City of Eureka Waterfront Clean up served as the official starting point for the long term. The City of Eureka City's 5TH Annual Mayday Community Clean Up Event was a huge success with more than 350 volunteers chipping in to clean up blighted areas such as Old Town, the PALCO Marsh and Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary. The City provided trash bags and pickers, as well as refreshments.. To date, more than 30 local businesses have pledged to clean up designated areas in the City. Adoptable



areas are listed on the Chamber website at www.eurekachamber.com. This year's event was a kick-off for the new program. If you'd like to volunteer for an area that does not have a team leader yet, contact Chuck Petrusha at 443-6366 or email chuck@advancedsecurity.us. The intent is to continue efforts in designated areas throughout the year and promote community pride, enhance water quality and economic vitality in our commercial areas. Call the Chamber for more information or to sign up.



Mixer Rocks Eagle House *from page 1*

on Gallagher's menu. The Pub, which hosts an Irish night each Thursday featuring live music, has an extensive menu. Kelly Irvin, manager of Gallagher's, shared Gallagher's plans to expand into the catering and business meeting realm, so we all have an opportunity to serve that artichoke dip at a future function. Kelly also announced upcoming events like a future Napa Valley Cellars Wine Tasting in October and a Whiskey Tasting (which has already taken place).

The 100-plus attendees enjoyed the delicious food and there was plenty to enjoy. Bien Padre was sampling recipes for a new salsa, to be released later this month. The room was adorned with posters featuring photographs and information for mixer co-host AMEC Geomatrix. The posters highlighted the various services and projects AMEC Geomatrix participates in such as compliance regulation, environmental site investigations, wetland mitigation and remediation. Gwen Ericson, Project Geologist, was enthusiastic about hosting a mixer as a chance to increase awareness for the global company, with a small firm in Eureka. Their office is located at 513 2nd Street in Eureka.

Beti Trauth, the Eagle House's energetic Innkeeper and third host of the evening, regaled the crowd with stories of the inn's 123-year history as a flagship of Old Town. The Theater Ballrooms has recently had a makeover with a new exquisite ceiling made from old growth redwood by the Blue Ox. She shared moments of the inn's past, and even recalled a time when she directed a certain, well known Chamber President who played Wild Bill Hickock in a dinner theater production of Deadwood Dick in the 1980s.

It was another big month for new members as Chamber Board Chair Gregg Gardner keeps enthusiasm growing for his goal of doubling the Chamber's membership. Melanie Satterlee of Advanced Security offered information for members to become involved in the community-focused Adopt-A-Block program which hosted a kick off event with May Day on May 7th. The commitment is to engage in initial clean up and weekly maintenance for a year and vendors are available for hire.

The popular business card prize drawing featured a number of gift baskets donated by AMEC Geomatrix and crafted by the Original Basket Boutique, Gallagher's and Eagle House gift certificates, Green Tea Oil from Bien Padre, a garden statue from Visiting Angels, wine from Eureka Payments, and a gift basket from Automatic Data Processing.

Some highlights from the popular members-

only, 30 second spots included Lynn McKenna of Redwood Coast Music Festivals sharing data on the Jazz Festival's enormous success as well as announcing the line up for Blues by the Bay, Jeff Lamoree of Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation inviting us all to Brew at the Zoo, and Anthony Mantova of Mantova's Two Street Music announcing a new lessons program.

The next mixer, Thursday, May 19 from 5:30-7:30 at Living Styles Furniture in Old

New Member Spotlight **Coastal Homes & Investment Properties**

The Chamber is pleased to welcome Jeff Katz, Broker of Coastal Homes & Investment Properties as a Chamber member. "By combining 'traditional' real estate service including advertising, internet and Multiple Listing, along with all the follow through of the details of the sale from beginning to close, for only 3.75% total commission, sellers can put thousands more dollars in their pockets at the close."

Jeff felt there was a need in the market for a reduced commission full-service broker. Call Jeff at 442-5470 or visit his website www.coastalhomeshumboldt.com



Carson Park, seen here after Larry O. Doss and his Ming Tree Realty associates' Adopt-a-Block crew swept through. Read more about it on page 6

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Humboldt Botanical Gardens Turns 20

The Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation celebrates its 20TH Anniversary in 2011. The gardens are open on Saturdays from 10 AM – 2 PM. Members are invited to come and see for themselves. There are five beautiful, core gardens with many paths and trails to explore and enjoy. This is a wonderful place for a safe outing for family and friends of all ages. The gardens will forever be growing. There is always something new to see and appreciate.

Chamber members are also encouraged to consider becoming members of the Botanical

Gardens and to enjoy the many local member benefits including free admission to over 250 botanical gardens throughout North America. Ask about volunteering; the upcoming Docent Training Program in June; or the Educational Series with monthly programs to broaden plant knowledge. Call our office at 442-5139 or visit the website www.hbgf.org for more information.

Members receive free admission. A \$5.00 admission fee is charged for non (Garden) members. Become a member...spread the good word!

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