

# FORTUNA SENIOR SCENE

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## NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - JUNE 2020 ELECTION



Marilyn Forsell



Ron Irvin



Nola Sharp



Meryl King

Marilyn Forsell has been a school teacher, post-master relief, and secretary to the president at Loleta Bank. She has served on several boards, including the HSRC in Eureka. Marilyn would like to be a board member because she enjoys our activities and would like to be around to help FSC change and evolve. She believes that we are such an asset to the community and is ready to help plan and organize our growth.

Ron Irvin is a retired engineer and has acquired 14 patents. He has also taught college level classes. Ron has been involved in FSC and playing cards since we were at the Presbyterian church. He has experience on boards, including our Camera Club. Ron has a passion for photography, which helped him pay for college. As a property owner/manager, he hopes to use his success to help the FSC with financing.

Nola has worked as an educator of music and more. She has been vice-chair on the board for Area 1 Developmental Disabilities, which served 4 counties. As a senior, Nola wants to help other seniors have the opportunity to gather, socialize, and have fun. She helped start the recorder group, led open mic, and is an office assistant. Nola hopes to help make sure that events are successful and everyone enjoys them.

Meryl has been involved in the FSC since the beginning. She helped create a wish board for various activities that seniors wanted. Meryl has led seated Tai Chi for over 10 years now, and she wants to continue her involvement with our center. She wants to ensure that we are here to let people have a place other than their house. Meryl believes that supporting a volunteer organization benefits the community and yourself.

## THANK YOU to all of our VOLUNTEERS! *DO GOOD, FEEL GOOD!*

### Move to the New Center

We would like to extend a special 'thank you' to Gary Markegard! You were there with your trailer every time we moved anything from the old space to the new!!! We could not have done it without you! THANK YOU SO MUCH! Another 'thank you' needs to be extended to Ben Herman! You helped move items from people's garages! MUCH GRATITUDE!!! And a final 'thank you' to the many card players and everyone who pitched in!

### Bingo

Thank you to all who showed up last month for Bingo! We're looking forward to re-opening!

### Volunteers Needed

Upon re-opening, we will need an afternoon greeter/receptionist for Mondays from 12:30-4pm. Also, if there is an activity that you enjoy doing and would like to donate your time to, we have the space to provide! The more activity leaders we have, the more we can offer to our membership and community! Call 726-9203.

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### PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Greetings.

It is tough to say much at this time because nothing is happening at our center. I firmly believe that this, too, shall pass and we will all be back with our friends. The sad part is, at our age, I hope we can remember everyone's name..... but the happy part is, if we don't, we will all think that we have made new friends!!!

Just a personal note ..... my friend, Don Rassbach was informed at the beginning of February that he had some health issues and we decided to get away for a 15-day cruise to Hawaii. We boarded the Grand Princess at San Francisco, and after 60 mile winds that rocked us all over the ship, we were settled to leisurely sail away. Little did we know just what we were in for..... we ended up quarantined in our room for 5 days and then spent another 14 days at Travis Air Force Base. Bottom line... 15 days turned into 32, had a wonderful time, home safely and tested negative for the virus. Don has since finished his treatments and we are looking for a positive outcome. Thanks for all the prayers offered for us. Looking forward to our next cruise!

Please stay well and safe.

*Marsha Hays*

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF THE  
MONTH  
(POSTPONED)**

<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O</b>
2	17	31	48	63
6	20	38	51	68
7	22	FREE	54	69
12	23	39	57	72
15	27	44	60	75

**We are not  
certain when we  
will re-open, but  
we will let  
everyone know!**

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### AARP TAX INFORMATION

Due to Stay-in-place, many AARP tax appointments were cancelled. If and/or when the restrictions are lifted, then AARP might be able to re-schedule appointments. If you were on the list, you will get a call. We do not know for certain if re-scheduling will occur. Please do not call the office, as we are unable to schedule at this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### YOUR HELP IS GOLDEN!!!!

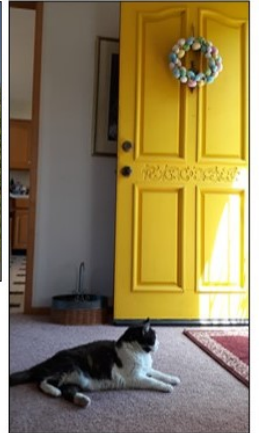
You can always help the Fortuna Senior Center by donating in memory of, giving tax-free directly from your IRA, donating a bequest, creating an endowment, or volunteering (your time is money).

### Pinochle Tournament Winners

**No March - Most Games Won; No April - High Score**

As soon as we get back to 'normal', our tournaments will begin again. We are really looking forward to filling the room with fun, food, and plenty of laughter. Tournaments are the 3rd Thursday of the month. Maybe you can learn and join in!

*The Mission of the Fortuna Senior Center is to:*  
**“Enrich, Empower, and Involve Boomers and Beyond  
of the Eel River Valley Area”**



Our members are so incredibly wonderful, that even during tough times, we continue our mission to “enrich, empower, and involve”. Some have embraced the outdoors, others have isolated, and all have invested time in creativity! The Fortuna Senior Center will not let anything hold us back! From top left (and moving clockwise), Jackie Hamilton went on a social distance walk with her friends in Ferndale. The next photo shows the measurement device... haha... gotta laugh about that one. Marilyn Martino went on an explorative walk and took this breath-taking photo of a collapsing building, where nature seems to be taking over. Wanda Rigby is relaxing with her husband Ken and their beautiful kitty loves that they are home more often. Neena Olson is doing some creative cooking, but looking forward to when the restaurants are ready to open again. Julie Wilson has been busy crocheting hot pads for the kitchen, and not all of them are patriotic, she has a little craziness in her, too! The next two photos are from our camera club, who met digitally last month. When we re-open, we are excited to have some of their photos for sale, with nearly all of the proceeds going to the Fortuna Senior Center. Jackie Hamilton made this beautiful bird feeder with repurposed material and she only spent \$35, birdseed included. Finally, one of our newer members, Marion Weer, has been gathering plants and pots to bring to our center. She is nourishing the plants to health and we are going to have a beautiful outside seating area on the upstairs balcony. We hope that everyone is doing their best to stay safe and sane. Val will be in the office from 10am-12pm Mon-Fri, so call if you have questions or concerns.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## May

- 1 Imogene DeWarns
- 2 Ron LaPlace
- 3 Sally Dwelley, Nola Sharp
- 6 Joan Shaffer
- 7 Margery Sotomayor
- 8 Jim Dell'Era, Joe Graves
- 9 Edwin Eaton
- 10 Kay Burgess, Annie Kassof
- 11 Donna Diebner, Alayne Hunt
- 13 Ellen Orlafsky
- 16 Jeanne Johnson
- 17 Carolyn Eldridge, Linda Hooper, George Jutila, Virginia Meadors, Darleene Sampson
- 18 Kady Dunleavy, Don Mederios, Sandra Rhodes
- 20 Pat Kesterson
- 21 Karen Hammett, Gadie McBride, John Muno, Thomas Silva, Margaret Whitehead
- 22 Nancy Nieboer
- 23 Jackie Appleton, Bill Freye, Doris Maire, Ron Queen, Lee Tomasini
- 24 Chris Fallon
- 25 Vickie Holland, Sonya Houseworth, Steven Smith
- 27 Mike Johnson, Barbara LaPlace, Mary Noble
- 30 Marilyn Lewis, Julie Wright
- 31 June Anderson, Nora Doty, Glenda Wilson



## June

- 1 Jack Coleman, Shirley Cooley
- 2 Betty Donner
- 3 Gean Perkins, Thomas Trump
- 5 Darleen Calvert, Diana McAllister
- 7 Janice Hughes, Dolly Lockett, Rick Pelrin
- 8 Toddy Shepherd, Fred Wechsel
- 10 Bonnie Swift
- 11 Lou Eldrige, Rosalie Hay, Tim Strahan
- 15 Beverly Neal
- 16 Sylvia Jutila
- 18 Janelle Murdoch
- 19 Vera Braud, Ronald Eldridge
- 20 Smithie Richardson
- 21 Carol Kinser
- 22 Patricia Moe
- 23 Daniel Freedman
- 24 William Crnich, Diana LaVen, Zada Smith
- 25 Robert Fuel, John Hay
- 26 Lou Ann Bean
- 27 Diana Paleck, Bob Riffenburg
- 28 Nancy Carter, Sherrill Jones
- 29 Elenor Mahouski
- 30 Nancy Hodgson



## LET'S PLAY A GAME! GUESS WHO?!!

This lovely couple to the right celebrated their **48th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** on March 25th, during stay-in-place. They were only 23 in this picture. Can you guess who they are?!?!

**Hints:** The wife is an active volunteer at the Fortuna Senior Center.  
The husband knows how to make people tap their feet.  
(Find the answer in our advertising section.)



Food for People is still open and functioning to serve food to those in socio-economic need. St. Joe's Pantry is **still open** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am to 12 pm. They are also still serving bread and pastries from Safeway. If you didn't qualify before, you might now. Call 725-1148.



**OPEN MIC WILL RETURN SO STAY TUNED!!!**



## HERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF LAUGHTER FOR YA!



### A FEW FUNNIES

-I need to practice social-distancing from the fridge!

-I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone!

-Homeschooling is going well. Two students suspended for fighting and one teacher fired for drinking on the job.

-I'm so excited! It's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ROBERT FUEL

The clinic called and needed a test for my blood thickness, so I made an appointment. I go over to the clinic, a girl had a card table at the door, she said they are no longer doing tests.

A little perturbed, I set out to see my CPA. My CPA is not seeing clients, but I could drop off my data. So, that's what I did. I came up to the locked door and knocked on it. Shortly, a girl with rubber gloves came to the locked door, she reached out with a gloved hand and with two fingers secured my binder. Thus, my report will be constructed without further input. I told her it was coughed on by a diseased yak.

And that is where the day took me.



### TOILET PAPER TIDBITS...

- The first recorded use of toilet paper was in 6th Century China and by the 14th Century, the Chinese government was mass-producing it.
- Packaged toilet paper wasn't sold in the United States until 1857. It wasn't until 1935 that a manufacturer was able to promise splinter-free toilet paper.
- Seven percent of Americans admit to stealing rolls of toilet paper in hotels.
- Queen Elizabeth II wipes her royal bottom with silk handkerchiefs. Wonder if the royal chambermaid gets to wash those?
- If you hang your toilet paper so you can pull it from the top, you're considered more intelligent than someone who pulls it from the bottom.
- When asked what necessity they would bring to a desert island, 49% of people said toilet paper before food.
- In 1973 Johnny Carson caused a toilet paper shortage. He said as a joke that there was a shortage, which there wasn't, until everyone believed him and ran out to buy up the supply. It took three weeks for some stores to get more stock.
- I use to spin the toilet paper like I was on "Wheel of Fortune". Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- There is a contest sponsored by Charmin to design and make wedding dresses out of toilet paper. The winner gets \$2,000.

### A Touch of Humor Goes a Long Way!

Senior Scene jokes contributed by Linda Gaffin

- 1) The other day I went to the ATM and the old woman there asked if I would check her balance, so I pushed her over.
- 2) My wife is a water sign and I'm an earth sign. Together we make mud!
- 3) Doctor: "You're overweight." Patient: "I want a second opinion." Doctor: "Well okay, you're ugly too."
- 4) Don't trust atoms. They make up everything!
- 5) My wife and I were happy for 20 years, then we met.
- 6) Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?
- 7) Scientists say the universe is made of protons, neutrons, and electrons. They forgot all the morons.
- 8) Instead of "John", I call my bathroom "Jim". That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning.

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