

I'm Rod on behalf of Fortuna Chamber of Commerce substituting for Erin Dunn with a Community Comment. When Erin asked me to sub, I said, "Well what is it going to be about?" She said 'Look, man - look around you. Look at the calendar. You're in Fortuna in March!' I thought oh, of course! Daffodils! Yep, they are everywhere. When you live in a place where it's never really winter, how do you know it's spring? Daffodils are popping open - they're saying look at us, here we are, we're daffodils.

If you come in to Fortuna on the Kenmar exit, headed for Fortuna Blvd, you see that big Fortuna sign that went up a couple of years ago... well, it has these rotating metal icons on a big circular saw blade that represent what's going on in town. There's one for rodeo, one for auto expo, one for apple harvest, one for Christmas time. So anyway, take a look at it right now - next time you drive into town. It's a big beautiful spring daffodil! Really! Probably the best looking metal flower you ever saw! And it signals a forty year tradition in Fortuna. Actually this year marks the 41st annual Daffodil Show, Daffodils by the River! Saturday and Sunday March 26th and 27th at River Lodge Conference Center - Easter weekend actually this year. For the Fortuna Garden Club and for Daffodil people from far and wide it's a big deal. One of the top daffodil shows in California. From all over the west people come with their daffodils. Judges from the American Daffodil Society show up and judge the entries and award prizes. Our hotels and restaurants fill up and spring fever is in the air. Daffodils by the River is open to the public on Saturday March 26th from 1 to 4PM and Sunday March 27th from 11AM to 4PM. They have refreshments, live music and pots of blooming daffodils you can purchase and take home. Thanks to the Fortuna Garden Club and the River Lodge Conference Center staff for hosting this iconic Fortuna event.

Also on behalf of Fortuna Chamber you're invited to our March mixer tomorrow evening, 5:30 to 7, at Lotus Mountain, 357 Main Street. Lotus Mountain is a major, modern screen printing and embroidery business. At the mixer tomorrow you see the screen printing process in action, enjoy free food, drinks, prizes and fun. Get more details at Fortuna Chamber dot com. And finally as a board member at Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods I want to congratulate our brilliant Executive Director Liz Smith, who has been named among the 50 top Boys and Girls Club CEO's! In the nation! Out of 1 thousand 1 hundred and forty somethin'! If you know Liz you're probably not

surprised that she's recognized among the top four percent nationally, and that we are richly blessed to have her! I'm Rod substituting for Erin with a Community Comment on KINS.