

Community Comment

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This is Erin Dunn of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce with a Community Comment.

We are smack dab in the middle of the season when Chambers of Commerce honor members, business, and community. The Fortuna Chamber of Commerce will hold our annual awards dinner on February 16 at River Lodge.

Our dinner, like the other Chambers' dinners, is a celebration. We salute long-standing businesses, self-less community members and new entrepreneurs. We recognize Ambassadors, the newest Leadership Fortuna group and remember past Citizens of the Year and Chamber Presidents.

The Fortuna Chamber does reveal one winner in advance of the dinner—our Business of the Year. The rest of the awards are announced at the dinner.

That's why I get to tell you that Beacom Construction is being honored as our 2016 Business of the Year.

What does it take to be a business of the Year?

First--it takes being a healthy, long-term business that has added to the economic vitality of the Eel River Valley.

Second—it is a business that has given back to the Community, and that has a community spirit. Many of our businesses of the year donate and provide services to youth, athletics, and our many non-profits that do good work in Fortuna.

Third—a business of the year must consistently do business at the highest level of excellence.

Fourth—they treat their employees with respect, dignity and like family.

Fifth—well, fifth is that intangible attribute. Like the countless ways they help improve life in Fortuna, many of which go unheralded. Which is ok, because they don't do it for the PR or awards.

Beacom Construction meets those criteria and more. Led by owner David Morris, Beacom Construction is legendary for their high quality work and their countless community contributions.

You can see Beacom Construction in action right now as they rebuild Green's Pharmacy in downtown Fortuna.

Past Chamber businesses of the year include Sequoia Gas Company, C. Crane Company, Wendt Construction, Eel River Brewing, Forbusco, Redwood Memorial Hospital, ACE Hardware, Fortuna Feed & Garden Center, Strehl's Family Shoes and Eel River Disposal.

Why not join us for our Annual Dinner on February 16 at River Lodge. You can purchase tickets online at fortunachamber.com.

This Thursday, February 2, is our Chamber's annual State of the City Breakfast at River Lodge. We'll get an update from the Mayor and Interim City Manager about how things are going in the City, give a Tourism & Hospitality Award and have a live demonstration from our K-9 police dog Nordy. Doors open at 7 a.m. and the program starts at 7:30 a.m. You do need to reserve in advance. Call the chamber or sign up on line at fortunachamber.com.

This has been Erin Dunn with a Community Comment.