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

Welcome back to work today! Some of you may have worked over the weekend and some of you may have taken the week off—but for many of us, it's welcome to 2018 and a brand new work year.

We have a couple of sensational events happening in Fortuna between now and the end of February, and I wanted to give you the deets—or the 4-1-1 or whatever the hip thing is to say in 2018 (would someone kindly call me and fill me in on that).

First up, is the Fortuna Chamber's Dog of the Year competition that kicks off on Monday, January 15. Six dogs are vying for the title of Dog of the Year in Fortuna and they will be raising money from January 15 until our annual dinner on February 15. The winner will be determined by the amount of money they raise. Money raised will go to both Miranda's Rescue and to the Chamber to support our many projects. We need a new portable sound system and we have other programs like Leadership Fortuna that this will help support.

Contestants include Mugsy and City Manager Mark Wheetley, Winnie and Chris Broadstock from Tri-Counties Bank; Milli and Brian Gonzalez from US Bank and Rotary; Cassie and Sondra Kirtley from Scrapper's Edge and Kiwanis; Tulip and Cara Knostman from Lotus Mountain and she also happens to be the Chairperson of our Chamber; and finally, Mister Mister and Denise Marshall from the McLean Foundation. If you know any of these dogs or even their owners, please get in touch with them to find out how you can help them win! Information is also on our website [fortunachamber.com](http://fortunachamber.com).

The winner will be announced at our Annual Dinner on February 15. Which happens to be Chinese New Year's Eve. And 2018 is...yes, yes...Year of the Dog.

Thursday, February 1, is our annual State of the City Breakfast in Fortuna. We will have presentations on Measure E and Measure Z funding—what is being accomplished and what the future holds for those Measures. We will be brought up to date City projects and hear from our Supervisors. Information on how to get tickets is on our website [FortunaChamber.com](http://FortunaChamber.com).

I want to give a shout out to our other Humboldt County Chambers of Commerce. The directors and staff of our local chambers are—across the board—working diligently on the economic and community health of our County. Please support your local Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to our businesses, organizations and community members who keep our Chambers going by serving on our boards, donating to our fundraisers, coming to our meetings and believing in what Chambers can do for their community.

Let's make 2018 a year for the record books!

This has been Erin Dunn with a Community Comment.