



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CEO

Celebration and Thanks!

Gaby Long, owner of The Grind Café, celebrates winning Small Business of the Year

January 27 was a night of celebration! We gave special recognition to exemplary businesses, organizations and individuals, welcomed our new Board Members and Officers, and gathered with friends and colleagues for a very swanky night.



The Sequoia Conference Center was transformed into a mid-century cocktail lounge for the Cocktails & Crooners-themed event. A sold-out crowd of some 350 attendees enjoyed locally sourced food and cocktails from over a dozen Chamber members, and an abbreviated program designed to foster networking, enjoyment of live music and dancing. Thanks to more than 15 sponsors, record-breaking ticket sales and successful silent and live auctions, it was the Chamber's most successful fundraising event ever!

I'd like to give a huge and heart-felt THANK YOU to our staff, board and volunteers who worked for months to create our 2023 Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Gala. Special shout-out to our dedicated Chamber Ambassador team, several of whom volunteered their time from 10am to after 10pm the day of the event to ensure our guests had a good time. And to the dozens of sponsors, donors and event partners gave generously to both support the gala and invest in the future growth of our Chamber.

We appreciate each and every one of you!

Award Winners:

- The Grind Café, Small Business of the Year
- Dick Taylor Craft Chocolate, Large Business of the Year
- Coast Central Credit Union, Extraordinary Business of the Year
- Redwood Capital Bank, Customer Service
- Pacific Outfitters, Positive Community Impact, For-Profit
- Ink People Center for the Arts, Positive Community Impact, Non-Profit
- Former Mayor Susan Seaman, Leadership Impact Award
- Frank Nelson of Recology, Chamber Ambassador of the Year

2023 Greater Eureka Chamber Board Officers and Directors:

- Chair: Kate Witthaus, Northern California Blood Bank
- Vice Chair: Ross Creech, Quality Body Works
- Treasurer: Dane Valadao, ReProp Financial
- Teresa Conley, Premier Financial Group
- Rob Holmlund, Humboldt Bay Harbor District
- Cooper Jones, Cal Poly Humboldt
- Kristin Kuxhausen, Coast Central Credit Union
- Gabrielle Long, A Taste of Bim and The Grind Cafe
- Meredith Maier, Six Rivers Brewery

- Christine Manhart, LACO Associates
- Matthew Marshall, Redwood Coast Energy Authority
- Michael McLaughlin, Bettendorf Trucking
- Brian Mistler, Resolution Care, A Vynca Company
- Kate Newby, Bayshore Mall Management Office
- Rebecca Rex, Inn at 2nd & C
- John Richmond, Times-Standard
- Colby Smart, Humboldt County Office of Education
- Darus Trutna, Rentor

CHAMBER UPDATES

Recap of the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Gala



Thank you to all who helped make the 2023 Gala a smashing success! You turned out in a big way to support the Chamber for this record breaking event.

Welcome to the 2023 Board of Directors and congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Business Awards!

The winner of Secret Word contest, Ian Schatz of Advanced Security, now has two round trip tickets to Burbank/Los Angeles - Hollywood, courtesy of Avelo Airlines.

[Gala Sponsors](#)

[Video Recap](#)

[Photo Album](#)

Business Safety and Homelessness



Thank you to everyone who participated in our January 31 launch of Conversations With Leaders, where we learned more about offshore wind.

Mark your calendars and register to participate in our February 28 **Conversations With Leaders: Business Safety and Homelessness**. (1-2:30 pm via Zoom)

Featured speakers include Eureka City representatives in administration, economic development, mental health and law enforcement who will discuss the issues surrounding safety for our businesses.

Conversations with Leaders is an exclusive benefit for Eureka Chamber members.

[Register Here](#)

[Video of Offshore Wind Convo](#)

Introducing Next Level Professional Development Series

Introducing the Chamber's professional development series for your employees and for you, Next Level.

Coming up:

The Internal Dynamics of Leadership

Facilitator: Nancy Olson

Wednesday, February 22 1-2:30 pm

Cost: Members: \$10, Non members: \$20

Authenticity: Digital Marketing to Gen Z

Facilitator: Emmanuel Rose

Thursday, March 9, 2023 1 - 2:30 pm

Cost: Free

Difficult Conversations

Facilitator: Nancy Olson

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10 - 11:30 am

Cost: Members: \$10, Non members: \$20

Registration is required, and for these in-person classes, seating is limited.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

NEXT LEVEL: Professional Development Workshops



Youth Ambassador Program Kicks Off

The 2023 Youth Ambassador Scholarship Program launches on Monday, February 27 with the kick-off event at the Sequoia Conference Center, beginning at 6:00 pm. This invitation-only program awards over \$5,000 in scholarships annually.

The goal of the program is to provide leadership development opportunities to local high school students, while connecting them with our business community and establishing new relationships both with their peers from other schools and with business sponsors.

Thanks to 2023 Presenting Sponsor Coastal Business Systems, and to HCOE, Redwood Capital Bank, and Valley Petroleum for their sponsorship.

[Learn More](#)



February Mixer Co-Hosted by Eureka Woman's Club and Celebration Boulevard

Join us for the networking party thrown by the people who throw parties! The Eureka Woman's Club (1531 J Street, Eureka) and Celebration Boulevard are co-hosting the February 16 networking event at 5:30pm.

Ribbon Cutting for Cardinal Services



Chamber and City representatives recently gathered with the staff of Cardinal Services for a Grand Opening Event in celebration of their new business name.

[Video](#)

[Learn More](#)

Chamber Members: Submit your events to our newsletter for publication by the last Friday of the month to susan@eurekachamber.com.

MEMBER NEWS



The Benbow Historic Inn's Annual "All County" Mixer

Join Chamber Members from various Northern California Counties as well as State and Local Officials at the All County Chamber Mixer hosted by the Benbow Historic Inn on Friday, March 3, 2023.

[Learn More](#)

Coast Central Giving Back



In 2023 CCCU has planned for an unprecedented \$650,000 in total community giving through its grant, sponsorship, and college scholarship programs. Additionally, its employees volunteer over 3,000 hours throughout its three counties. Through banking with CCCU, individuals and businesses directly support these efforts.

Applications and more information may be obtained online at coastccu.org under the Community tab.

[Learn More](#)

CPR/First Aid Training Offered

Dark Staffing Solutions is offering Adult CPR/First Aid Training at 50% off (limit of two per business) for Saturday, February 18 and Thursday, February 23.

[Learn More](#)



Free Workshop for Local Small Businesses

Learn how to do business with the State of California in this free workshop on February 23 at 10am at the Humboldt Aquatic Center.

[Learn More](#)

Phatsy Kline's Calendar of Events



[Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge](#) has a host of fun events for you to join, beginning with the [Valentine's Dinner](#) on Tuesday, February 14.

Line dancing, live music and mixers for realtors and the LGBTQIA+ business community are all in the schedule.

[Valentine's Dinner](#)

[Calendar of Events](#)



The Grind Wants to Thank You

As a special thank you for voting them the 2022 Small Business of the Year, The Grind Cafe is offering Eureka Chamber members 10% off their catering order!

[Learn More](#)

Bowl For Kids Sake Celebrates 40 Years

Join Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Coast on March 3 & 4 at Harbor Lanes in Eureka to celebrate their 40th annual Bowl for Kids' Sake, Zootastic bowl. Teams are forming now for this wild themed fundraising event!



Interested in forming a team, becoming a volunteer or sponsoring this event please contact Jennifer Maksim at office@ncbbbs.org

Sponsor Form

Learn More

Speaking Soulatluk in Eureka



The Ink People, in partnership with the Wiyot Tribe and the City of Eureka have secured a \$50,000 grant to reinvigorate the Soulatluk language.

“The Wiyot Tribe, the Soulatluk Program, and the Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Cultural Center are excited to partner with Ink People on this project. Through ongoing community engagement, we will be able to share Wiyot people’s history, language, and lifeways in exciting and engaging ways.”

Learn More

SBDC Courses Available



From starting or selling your business, cybersecurity, and the cottage food industry to business accounting and child care businesses, SBDC has a course for you!

Learn more about how SBDC is making a big impact on small business [here](#).

Course Schedule

A New Mural for Eureka



Coast Central Credit Union announced the completion by local artist Olivia Fox of a mural on a fenced enclosure in the parking lot of its Eureka Downtown location at 4th and F Streets.

A project that began in September, the mural represents the organization’s longtime “People Helping People” approach of substantial community giving through grants, sponsorships, college scholarships, and employee volunteerism.

Mural

Learn More

Zoe Barnum High School Introduces

Learning Through Interests Internship Program



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Zoe Barnum High School's Learning Through Interests/ Internships (LTI) is a unique program within the Eureka City Schools (ECS) that allows students the opportunity to spend afternoons learning about careers and engaging in authentic work experiences in the real world.

At worksites, students are responsible for real-world tasks and projects under the supervision of a mentor. At school, the students work with their advisors (teachers) to build upon and reinforce the skills and knowledge needed to complete internship projects.

Interested in becoming a Mentor? Contact Brad Albee, Principal Zoe Barnum albeeb@eurekacityschools.org

[Learn More](#)

Alzheimer's Association Classes



Online classes are available throughout February to learn about how to live with and support those with this disease.

[Learn More](#)

College of the Redwoods Introduces a New Job Board System



College of the Redwoods is undergoing a transition to Handshake - a modern platform for recruiting college students.

Handshake will replace the current part-time/seasonal job board and offer employers many great new features, including connection to CalPoly, CR and Chico State students!

[Post Your Jobs Here](#)

NEW MEMBERS

William G. Bertain, Attorney at
Law

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