

## Our 2020 – 2021 Board of Directors



**Chris Wennerholm**

*"I enjoy serving on the Fortuna Senior Center Board and all our fun activities, exercise classes, the music at Open Mic, and the several groups I chair, like Book Club, Stitchery, Scrabble, and the Senior Lunch Bunch. The Fortuna Senior Center is a great place to make friends, keep active and have fun."*

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"My time on the board has been very interesting and I have learned a lot from the other board members about our organization. 'Resilient' is an appropriate description for our organization and I am delighted to be part of it."

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**Kent Wrede**



**Marilyn Forsell**

"I have been on the Fortuna Senior Center Board a very short time but am impressed with the other board members. A very hands on energetic board. I have been on many boards including the Humboldt Senior Resource Center and had basically retired from boards. After playing pinochle at the Fortuna Senior Center for a few years, I realized what an important part the Senior Center plays in the lives of many lonely seniors. When asked to serve, and with the exciting new building project on the horizon, I agreed. I am 5th generation Humboldt County on both sides of my family (Ferndale and Petrolia), and raised in Ferndale, but then lived all over the United States because of my husband's career with the National Park Service. We retired back here because Humboldt County has it all!"



**Neena Olson**

"I'm a long time member of the Fortuna Senior Center. The fun began when I encouraged my elderly neighbor to join, and I took her on many adventures where I discovered how much fun it was. The activities I most enjoy participating in are Book Club, Seated Tai Chi, Monthly Mini Trips, Recorder Group, and volunteering as the receptionist on Thursday mornings. Oh, and you might see me at Bingo, too!"

"I'm honored to serve on the Board. I appreciate this opportunity to help steer the Center forward in these challenging, and exciting, times."



**Nola Sharp**

"I have worked as an educator of music and more. I also served on the Area 1 Developmental Disabilities Board which served 4 counties. As a senior, I want to help other seniors have the opportunity to gather, socialize, and have fun. I helped start the Recorder Group, led Open Mic, and served as a Fortuna Senior Center Office Assistant. As a newer Board member I hope to help make sure that events are successful and everyone enjoys them."

"My hope for the Fortuna Senior Center is to provide a safe place for seniors to come, relax and take part in fellowship activities that bring smiles to our faces. Making new friends and staying active are an important part of life as we grow older (younger). I am honored to be on the board and be part of the decision team for an exciting future."



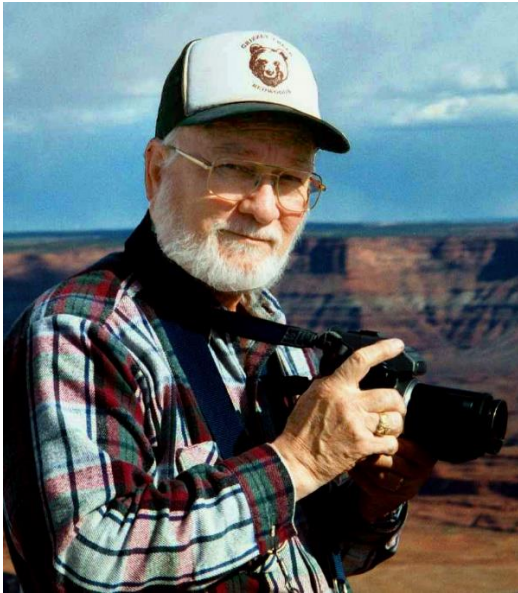
**Joan Woodcock**



"I have been involved in the FSC since the beginning and helped create a wish board for various activities that seniors wanted. I have led Tai Chi for over 10 years now and want to continue my involvement with our center. I want to ensure that we are here to let people have a place other than their house. I believe that supporting a volunteer organization benefits the community and yourself."



**Meryl King**



**Ron Irvin**

"I am a retired engineer and have acquired 14 patents. I have also taught college level classes. Since the Fortuna Senior Center was at the Presbyterian Church (which was a long time ago) I have been involved and enjoyed playing cards there. I have experience on boards and my passion for photography is enhanced by being a member of our Camera Club. As a newer member of the Board of Directors, I hope to use my success as a property owner/manager to help the Center with their financial decisions."

"When I was new in town, I found FSC to be a great place to learn new skills, experience new opportunities and meet some extraordinary folks.

It has become a passion of mine and I can only envision it getting better as we move forward to our OWN facility.

Being on the Board lets you be a part of a growing, well organized and exciting group. This certainly is the best time to be a part of FSC."



**Marsha Hays**