

was within the next couple of years that the club was ready to start setting bigger goals for raising money.

The club still contributes to the Log Hill Volunteer Fire Department while they have branched out to fundraising for other causes, mostly focusing on education through scholarships for Ridgway seniors. They also support and organize school supply drives, and donate to Second Chance Humane Society and the San Juan Therapeutic Riding Program.

Stith said the club does not meet as often anymore as they have dropped the social aspect. They average between 25 to 30 members with dues now set at \$25 per year.

The group has gotten creative over the years in the type of fundraisers they host, from traditional fundraiser dinners and crafts to holiday home tours and garden tours, where people pay admission to tour beautifully decorated homes and gardens.

Fortuna Tierra's biggest fundraiser in recent years has been the Log Hill Hustle, a 5k and 10k race, which will be held virtually this year. Due to the pandemic, the

race will be completed on an individual basis this year. Participants can register and finish the race anywhere from Aug. 30 to Sept. 8.

Fifteen-year member Kathy Heinrichs has served on the scholarship committee for the last four years. She said the club has given \$10,000 in scholarships each year for the last few years. Last year the money was distributed to three students out of ten who applied.

After 50 years, the club is still looking for new members who are willing to volunteer their time to give support and raise money for the school and its students. Membership was originally exclusive to Log Hill Mesa residents but has now branched out to be daughters of members and residents who have moved from the mesa to Montrose or Ridgway. Everything is voted on by the whole organization, but members are divided into committees who come up with ideas.

For more information on Fortuna Tierra or the upcoming Log Hill Hustle, visit fortunatierra.com.