

Corte Madera Women's Improvement Club News for September 2018

From the President

Welcome back. I hope each of you can look back over the summer and treasure memories of friends, family, and community.

Looking ahead, fall is when we begin planning club activities for the rest of the year and into 2019. At this month's Business Meeting, we will follow up on the survey that members completed at our June luncheon and discuss future programs, field trips, and workshops. Is there something you want to learn about or share with others? We welcome your ideas and opinions, so please join us on September 11 at 10:30 AM.

Our club is a good thing, so why not share it? Invite a friend to accompany you to our September 11 potluck luncheon. And if you have not already done so, renew your membership now so you can continue to find out about the latest workshop or field trip excursion from our CMWIC newsletters.

As your new president, I am very aware of the Club's history of contributions to our community, from the installation of street lights in 1907 to the recent creation of Town Park Plaza next to Cafe Verde. Less visible but just as important are the relationships fostered through Club activities. The CMWIC has widened both my circle and my horizons. Participate as much as you are able and I guarantee that you will be rewarded.

I look forward to a year of sharing friendship and fun with you.

—Cheryl Longinotti, President

“Bring a Friend” Meeting and Potluck on Tuesday, September 11

Please [RSVP](#)

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

- 10:30 AM – **Business Meeting:** Planning Our Year. Utilizing the recent members survey, we will begin to plan future programs, field trips, and workshops. All members are encouraged to participate in the Business Meeting. No need to RSVP – just show up!
- 12:00 Noon – **“Bring a Friend” Luncheon.** Invite a friend to the potluck. She will be able to see for herself whether she might want to join the CMWIC. You will have an opportunity to introduce your guest and tell us a little about her, such as how you became friends or what you admire about her.

[RSVP](#) by **Friday, September 7.** If you'll be bringing a friend, please give us her full name when responding so that we can prepare a name tag and set her a place at the table.

Please bring a favorite dish to share. Plates, utensils and beverages are provided.

Field Trip Friday, September 14, to The Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek

Meet in the CM Community Center parking lot at 9:30 AM to carpool.

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Linda Varonin's field trips are on again! Join her on Friday, September 14, to see one of the best examples of dry gardening and landscaping in the world at [The Ruth Bancroft Garden](#) in Walnut Creek.

There is a gift shop, so you can return home with a new succulent, cactus, or other unusual plant. Participants will have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Carpool from the CM Community Center parking lot at 9:30 AM.

Sign up at fieldtrips@cmwomensclub.org.

CMWIC Members Help Kids Get Ready for School



CMWIC members Cathy Tobin, Suzi Beatie, Linda Varonin, Cheryl Longinotti, and Marilyn Ryan rose before dawn on a summer morning to volunteer with the Salvation Army and Target Stores as "Shopperones," helping children who need school clothes select and buy appropriate ones. Linda assisted a sixth-grade boy who "knew exactly what he needed. What an enjoyable morning!" she said.

Marathon Bridge Group Meets on Tuesday, September 18

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

The Marathon Bridge Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. This month, they'll meet on September 18 at 11:00 AM. Players rotate through an established schedule, but substitutes are often needed and new subs are welcome.

For more information, contact Jana Haehl at CMWC Bridge@cmwomensclub.org or call her at 415-265-1105.

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Corte Madera Rummy Meets on Wednesday, September 19

Location: Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur

Corte Madera Rummy meets on the third Wednesday of each month. They will meet on September 19 at 1:00 PM at Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur. For questions about CM Rummy, contact Jane at 415-758-7102.

New Member Dixie James at Book Passage S.F. on September 24

Many CMWIC members are familiar with Dixie James since she spoke at a meeting about raising her developmentally disabled daughter, Holly. Now Dixie is one of our newest members, and among this busy woman's activities this month is a reading at Book Passage in the S.F. Ferry Building.

Retired at age 75 after a 32-year teaching career, Dixie says, "I am doing more than ever." Her activities include sailing; spending time with her son's 7-year-old daughter, Mulan; swimming in S.F. Bay with her sister, Connie; teaching a weekly health and fitness class to adults with developmental disabilities; and teaching line dancing at The Redwoods in Mill Valley and at Whistlestop in San Rafael.

For her milestone birthday, she and Connie took a cruise to Prague and Budapest. She also joined a group of "wild women" horseback riding in Ireland.

Dixie and Connie competed in the Senior State Games in swimming and "medaled," qualifying for the National Senior Games 2019 in New Mexico. In August, Dixie won first-place medals in the Ms. Physique and Ms. Sport Model categories at the Natural Body Building competition in Petaluma.

Together with daughter Holly, Dixie wrote a book titled "Holly," published in 2011. It is being relaunched and the two are scheduled to do a reading at Book Passage in the S.F. Ferry Building on Monday, September 24, at 6:00 PM.

"Life is awesome," Dixie says. "We can do anything if we want it badly enough—believe in yourself and just go it! Go after what you want!"

Knitters Meet on Tuesday, September 25

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

The knitting group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM. There is no charge to participate. The knitters work on their projects--hats, scarves, and lap blankets for premature babies and cancer patients.

Janet Sayles and Linda Varonin welcome everyone to come, whether experienced knitter or beginner. You can reach Linda at linda.varonin@gmail.com.

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Welcome New Member Carmen Mesquita

Carmen Mesquita joined the Club right after attending the Giant Indoor Yard Sale in the spring. She has lived in Corte Madera since 1996, but her work took her out of town for half of every month, which prevented her from feeling settled here.

During the last year, she has been able to live and work full-time in Marin and says, "It is nice to become part of the community."

After she was welcomed by Maria Freitas, Donna Wenig, and other women at the GIYS, she decided to join up. If you run into Carmen at a luncheon, please extend a welcoming hand to her.

CMWIC Officers for 2018-19

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