

CORTE MADERA WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB NEWS for FEBRUARY 2019

Message from Our President

Explore the Club's New Website: Our new website is an ongoing record of our activities. By the time you read this, we'll have posted photos from the field trip to the Sausalito Woman's Club, a building designed by trailblazing female architect Julia Morgan.

What's more, there's a chance to win a prize! Explore the new website to find the answer to the question, "What dollar amount (cash, checks, and gift cards) did members contribute to the 2018 'Things for Teens and Toys for Kids' drive?" Email the answer to info@cmwomensclub.org; subject line: Prize for a chance to win.

Privacy Reminder: If you wish to opt out from the photo or membership galleries or keep your contact information out of the members-only roster, now is the time to let us know. info@cmwomensclub.org; subject line: Opt Out

An Invitation from Across the Pond: Given the strong interest in gardening among Club members, I am sharing this email from a fellow in the UK: "After visiting your site, I thought you might appreciate an article I wrote recently. "[How to Attract Interesting Birds to Your Garden.](#)" Clive has a beautiful, informative website. Go wander through his [garden!](#)

Thinking Ahead for 2020: Next year is the centenary of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women across the USA the right to vote. Early Club members were strong advocates for suffrage. How shall the Club celebrate? See <https://www.2020centennial.org> for ideas. Serious planning will begin later this year or early in 2020.

—Cheryl Longinotti,
Club President

GIYS March 2: So Many Ways You Can Take Part!

Only one month until the Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS), Saturday, March 2, 9:00 AM–3:00. Setup takes place on Friday, March 1, 11:30 AM–7:00 PM. Donations may be dropped off Friday, March 1, 11:30 AM–7:00 PM.



If you haven't yet signed up to work a shift on Friday or Saturday, please let us know when you will be joining the fun. yardsale@cmwomensclub.org.

If you have a large vehicle and are willing to drive a load of unsold items to a donation center after the sale, please let us know. yardsale@cmwomensclub.org.

Did you take advantage of those long, rainy days to reorganize cupboards, closets, and cabinets and set aside some gems for the sale? Check your donations against the [list of items we cannot accept](#).

To spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and favorite groups, email or print our [Flyer](#).

We could use these items for the sale, so please bring them if you have them:

- clothes racks (marked with your name and phone number)
- hangers
- paper shopping bags

If you have questions, please send us an email. yardsale@cmwomensclub.org

See you at the GIYS!

Elaine Petrocelli of Book Passage to Speak February 12

Please RSVP: rsvp@cmwomensclub.org, subject: Feb Mtg

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

- 10:30 AM – Business Meeting: All members are encouraged to participate in the Business Meeting. There's no need to RSVP for the Business Meeting – just show up!
- 12:00 Noon – Lunch and Speaker: Elaine Petrocelli, founder and president of Book Passage, will speak to us at our February lunch meeting, following the Business Meeting. She will share her recommendations on love and romance, along with her favorite picks. Books will be available for purchase.

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

RSVP by Friday, February 8. Your response will help ensure that we set up the right number of tables and chairs.

February 5: Becky Reed's Trip to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Iran

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

CM Women's Improvement Club member and former president Becky Reed recently visited the former Soviet Union countries of Kyrgyzstan (a beautiful, mountainous country two times larger than New York state) and the much larger and wealthier Kazakhstan (a quarter of the size of the United States), followed by a very different two-week tour of Iran with the Commonwealth Club.

On Tuesday, February 5, at noon, Becky will provide an overview of the trip and show some of her photos—the people, history, mountains, lakes, food, animals (and you can't ignore the politics). Bring your lunch for what's sure to be a fascinating presentation. There's no need to RSVP.

Field Trip to Pioneer Women Exhibit February 20

Meet at the CM Community Center at 10:30 AM to carpool to the Presidio.

On Wednesday, February 20, Linda Varonin will lead a field trip to the Presidio to see the Society of California Pioneers exhibition, "Her Side of the Story," which highlights first-person accounts, detailed descriptions, and engaging reminiscences of California pioneer women. On exhibit are photographs, artifacts, quilts, and letters describing the lives of pioneer women and their families. Admission is free.

[Pioneer Women of California](#)

Afterward, participants will have lunch at the [the Presidio Social Club](#), a former military barracks featuring American/Californian fare.

Sign up at fieldtrips@cmwomensclub.org.

CMWIC Donation to Paradise Fire Survivors

During our meeting on January 8, Becky Reed recounted some of what she saw during the four days she spent in Butte County through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), helping people who lost their housing in the Paradise Fire.

The Board voted unanimously to donate \$500 from the Club's General Fund, and individual members contributed an additional \$400, so the CMWIC sent a total of \$900 to the Hope Center in Oroville, to be distributed in the form of gift cards and gas cards.

New Member Spotlight: Laurie Thompson

Please welcome Laurie Thompson, one of our newest members. Laurie moved to Corte Madera in 2013 from Bellevue, Washington, after retiring from The Boeing Company.

Her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren also live in Corte Madera.

Laurie's interests include wellness, reading, hiking, and traveling.



Ongoing Activities

Marathon Bridge Group Meets on February 19

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

The Marathon Bridge Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM. This month, that's February 19.

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](mailto:CMWC_bridge@cmwomensclub.org) or call her at 415-265-1105.

Corte Madera Rummy Meets on February 20

Location: Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur

Corte Madera Rummy meets at Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM. This month, they will meet on February 20. For questions about CM Rummy, contact Jane at 415-758-7102.

Knitting Group Meets on Tuesday, February 26

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

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

They also have fun with special projects. Whether expert or novice, Linda Varonin and Janet Sayles welcome you and are happy to show you how. You can reach Linda at linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Book Club on February 26: Orphan Train

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

The book group meets on Tuesday, February 26, at 1:00 PM. This month, they will discuss Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. It is not necessary to sign up for the Book Club; you are welcome to read the selection and drop in.

The book club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, right after the knitting group, in the main hall of the Corte Madera Community Center. Donna Wenig and Armelle Futterman lead the book discussions.

For additional information, please contact Donna Wenig donna.wenig@gmail.com

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