

CORTE MADERA WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB NEWS

MARCH 2019

Message from Our President

Nominating Next Term's Officers: At the March business meeting, we will set up a nominating committee for 2019-2020 CMWIC officers. Please consider lending your ideas and voice to this process. As usual, all members are invited to Club business meetings, which begin at 10:30 AM on the second Tuesday of the month, before our potluck programs.

Club Website Question Winner: Kathleen Sheehan correctly answered the question, "Club members contributed what dollar amount (cash, checks and gift cards) to the 2018 Things for Teens and Toys for Kids Drive?"

The answer, found on our new website, is \$815 (plus almost two barrels of toys). Others responded with the amount the Club has donated to charitable causes since 2004 (\$56,000). Kathleen's name was picked from among other correct respondents, and she won an attractive scarf. Congratulations, Kathleen, and kudos to Club members for their contributions to our charitable efforts.



—Cheryl Longinotti,
Club President

GIYS Setup March 1 and Sale Day March 2: What to Expect

The Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS) is at hand! Wishing all the best to everyone who is helping to make this a successful sale. You are all stars!

Here are some reminders:

For All Volunteers, Both Days:

If possible, park your car on the street so that there are more spaces in the lot for our customers. Do not leave valuables around. Carry them or leave them at home. We want everyone to come happy and go home happier!

Please enter the Community Center via the back door to the kitchen.

Put on one of the red aprons. If you can't find one, ask someone who is leaving to give you theirs. Affix a stick-on name tag.

See the schedule posted in the kitchen and report to the head person of the day.

Price lists will be posted on the wall and at every table. Items are sorted by categories and priced very low to sell fast. There will be a special Boutique area for more valuable items, such as art work, antiques and jewelry. Jana Haehl will be in charge of the Boutique.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Help yourself to snacks and drinks in the kitchen area.

Set-up Day:

First shift volunteers: Please arrive at 11:00 AM for preparation.

Check with Suzi Beatie about specific tasks.

Donations will be dropped off at the curb in front of the Community Center. We ask that the driver remain with the vehicle; volunteers will help unload the items and keep the cars moving.

Floor plans will be posted indicating where items will be displayed, by category. Please take a look at the floor plan before unpacking items.

If you wish to purchase an item during set up, please see Suzi and Jana, who will price it for you. Once you have purchased it, mark it with your name and take it out of the hall. Put it in a safe spot so that it does not get put back in the sale.

Sale Day:

If there is question, ask co-chairs Ellen Greenwald, Jane McEwen, or Armelle Futterman, or go to Jana or Suzi Beatie in the Boutique.

All items that are still on the tables at about 2:00 PM will go on sale for half price. Then 2:30–3:00 PM there will be bags available for people to stuff whatever they can fit inside for \$5.00. You might see people who have coupons for a free bag (valid from 2:00 to 3:00 PM).

Someone will make a LOUD announcement when these “specials” start.

If you're a floater, take a walk around the room so you know where items are located. Help keep the tables as organized as possible. Sometimes there are items under the tables for restocking. Remember, one way or another EVERYTHING must be gone by the end of the day.

If you wish to purchase an item during your shift, buy it right away, put your name on it and put it in a safe spot so that it does not inadvertently get sold again.

The cashiers' tables will have membership envelopes for those who might wish to join the CMWIC. There are also jars for cash donations to the scholarship fund, along with signs and “Thank You” slips to let customers know the purpose of the rummage sale.

Cashiers will ask buyers how they heard about the Sale and record responses on a form so we can better target publicity efforts.

Cashiers:

Please arrive 10-15 minutes earlier than your shift starts.

Never leave your cash box unattended. Ask another cashier to keep it for you if you take a break.

If you need more change, ask another cashier or Armelle or Joannie.

Joannie or Armelle may come around to remove large bills from your box.

Checks are acceptable at the checkout area as long as you write down the Driver's License and phone numbers.

Cleanup:

Cleanup volunteers should arrive around 2:30 PM and check in with Jennifer Henerlau. The sale ends at 3:00 PM and all unsold items, racks, hangers, signs, bags and boxes must be removed.

Once the doors are closed, only volunteers can stay, along with representatives of organizations that are scheduled to take unsold items for their own clients. They will be identified with name tags. After that, trucks and cars can be brought around to the front or back doors to be loaded. If you can bring a friend or relative to help, just bring them along and introduce them to Jennifer. If you have loaned a garment rack for the sale, please plan on coming to pick it up at 3:00 PM.

Nothing can be left in the hall after the sale.

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

See you at the GIYS!

CM Town Manager Todd Cusimanoto Speak at March 12 Meeting

Please **RSVP**

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: Corte Madera's Town Manager, Todd Cusimano, will discuss the state of the town and will answer questions from the audience.

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

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

A Saturday Field Trip – Red Oak Victory Ship in Pt. Richmond

Meet at the CM Community Center at 10:00 AM to carpool.

On Saturday, March 9, Linda Varonin will lead a trip to the SS Red Oak Victory Ship in the harbor in Point Richmond for a docent-led tour.

The Red Oak Victory, 75 years old, is the last surviving vessel of 747 ships of all types built at the Richmond Kaiser Shipyards during World War II.

Now a museum ship, the Red Oak Victory is also one of the last surviving World War II Victory ships, built on an emergency basis to carry supplies and troops to all theaters of war. Cost of the tour is \$15.00

There are steep stairways on this ship, so this trip is not recommended for those who have mobility issues.

Lunch nearby in charming Point Richmond.

Sign up at fieldtrips@cmwomensclub.org

Celebration of Life for Nancy Reyes on Saturday, April 13

A Celebration of Life for longtime CMWIC member Nancy Reyes will be held at the CM Community Center on Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 PM.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Marathon Bridge Group Meets on March 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 March 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 or call her at 415-265-1105.

Corte Madera Rummy Meets on March 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 March 20. For questions about CM Rummy, contact Jane at 415-758-7102.

Knitters Meet on Tuesday, March 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 March 26: The Library Book by Susan Orlean

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

The CMWIC book group will meet on Tuesday, February 26, at 1:00 PM. For this month's meeting, they are reading The Library Book by Susan Orlean.

The book to be discussed at the following meeting, on April 23, is Barbara Kingsolver's Unsheltered.

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.

Contact us by clicking on info@cmwomensclub.org.

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