

# CORTE MADERA WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB NEWS May 2019

## Message from Our President



Everything seems to be blooming beneath sunny, blue skies. The change in seasons comes just in time for our Spring Tea on May 14. Creativity blossoms as some volunteer table hosts come up with a fun theme for decorating their table.

The recipient of this year's scholarship award, along with her mother, will be our guests of honor for the Spring Tea. Our Scholarship Committee members (Helen Lambert, Laura Merlo and Armelle Futterman) were impressed by her community service and I think you'll be likewise inspired when you meet this deserving young woman.

In addition, we will hold a **live auction** for the colorful, velveteen coverlet pictured at left. It measures approximately 80" x 72." Vicki Newton will entertain us as live auctioneer.

An anonymous donor has agreed to match the winning bid, up to \$100! So, bring your checkbook or extra cash to join in the fun.

— Cheryl Longinotti  
Club President



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## Meet the Scholarship Winner May 14 at Our Spring Tea

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. It's where the big decisions about the Club are made. There's no need to RSVP for the Business Meeting – just show up!

**12:00 noon** – Spring Tea and Scholarship Presentation: May 14 is our annual Spring Tea, when we award college scholarships to local high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to community service. This year, for the first time, we will award both the Kimberly Powell Memorial Scholarship and our Club scholarship to one amazing student: KaiLi Seekamp, who is in the district's Pathways Program, attending classes at Tamiscal and Redwood high schools and at The College of Marin. KaiLi volunteers at the Buck Center for Research on Aging. When you hear what KaiLi has accomplished, you will feel proud and optimistic.

**Tea Party Food:** Unless you're hosting a table, please bring food -- for example, a nicely arranged platter of savory or sweet finger food to share with our special guests. (Several school and city officials plan to join us.) Dressing up and/or wearing a hat is encouraged but not required.

Feel free to bring a friend but be sure to give us her full name when responding so that we can prepare a name tag and set a place for everyone.

**Table Hosts:** A big thank you to those who have volunteered to host a table: Suzi Beatie; Armelle Futterman; Ellen Greenwald with new member Janis Luft; Jette Kristensen; Julie Kritzberger; Laura Merlo; and Donna Wenig with Elinor Hart.

**Reminder for Table Hosts:** As a reminder, each table should include a centerpiece and eight place settings of luncheon plates, napkins, and cups. Optional items include a teapot, tablecloth, and flatware. White tablecloths will be on the tables and you can add your own, or not.

**RSVP** by Friday, May 10. Your response will help ensure that we set up the right number of tables and chairs.

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### **May 24 Field Trip: Take the Bus to a Walking Tour of S.F. City Hall**

Meet at the CM Community Center at 9:30 AM to carpool to a parking lot near the bus pad on 101. Or you may walk to the bus pad.

On Friday, May 24, Linda Varonin will lead a field trip on a Golden Gate Transit bus ride to San Francisco Civic Center, followed by a City Tours guided walking tour of San Francisco's gorgeous City Hall at 11:00 AM. Participants will use Clipper Cards for the bus, so bring yours if you have one.

All visitors go through inspection at the entrance to City Hall, so please do not bring large backpacks or totes.

The group will have lunch together at a restaurant TBD. Please RSVP to Linda at [fieldtrips@cmwomensclub.org](mailto:fieldtrips@cmwomensclub.org)

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### **Time to Renew Your Membership**

The CMWIC membership year runs from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the next year.

To remain on the newsletter mailing list and be eligible to participate in club activities, all members must renew at this time. Dues remain at \$20 per year. There are two ways to renew:

- MAIL YOUR CHECK, payable to "Corte Madera Women's Club," to:

CM Women's Club  
PO Box 486,  
Corte Madera CA 94976

**OR**

- PAY ONLINE via Paypal <http://cmwomensclub.org/mem/join.htm>.

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### **New Member Spotlight: Amanda Cundiff**

Amanda Cundiff and her husband moved from Vallejo to Larkspur in 2014 when their first daughter was born. They chose this area for its great public schools and to live closer to Amanda's two sisters, who reside in San Rafael. She and her husband now have two little girls and the family enjoys hiking, gardening, and playing music together.

In her professional life, Amanda works on partnerships for the U.S. Forest Service out of the Vallejo office. This is not the same as the National Park Service, she points out. “We do not manage Muir Woods!”

As for hobbies, “I love to learn new things,” she says. “I take Portuguese language classes at the Portuguese Hall in Sausalito, and I take violin lessons here at the Meadowsweet Church.”

The couple has been very involved in establishing the NRG movement in Madrone/Baltimore Canyon. Amanda has organized a Community Wildfire Preparedness Day event in Dolliver Park annually since 2016. This year's event will be May 4.



Thanks to Katherine Hermann, a neighbor of Amanda’s, for inviting her to the GIYS and bringing this interesting woman into our Club. When you see Amanda, be sure to welcome her.

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## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

### **Marathon Bridge Group Meets on March 21**

*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 May 21. 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.

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### **Corte Madera Rummy Meets on May 15**

*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 May 15. For questions about CM Rummy, contact Jane at 415-758-7102.

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### **Knitters Meet on Tuesday, May 28**

*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.

Come share your knitting skills--or beginners can learn how to knit with needles, a loom, or without needles! You are also welcome to bring a project and enjoy the company of others who like to knit or do other handicrafts.

Whether expert or novice, Linda Varonin and Janet Sayles welcome you. You can reach Linda at [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com).

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**Book Club on May 28: Educated by Tara Westover**

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

The CMWIC book group meets on Tuesday, May 28, at 1:00 PM. The book under discussion will be Educated A Memoir, by Tara Westover.

The selection for June 25 is City of Thieves, by David Benioff, and the book for September 24 is My Antonia by Willa Cather.

The Book Club will not meet in July or August.

It is not necessary to sign up for this 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.

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