

June 2020 Newsletter



Message from the President

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused me to think long and hard about how the Club can continue while we practice physical distancing and other safety measures. In last month's message I wrote, "Relationships make our Club, and those relationships do not change because of restrictions on public gatherings." Indeed, our informal social hours via Zoom have been well attended.



Although I am still convinced that our connections form the backbone of the Club, I've come to realize that the Club is more than our friendships. It is a broader, extended network, which at its best offers a sense of belonging and welcome. Being a club means offering membership-wide activities that go beyond our immediate circle of friends and our familiar pursuits.

The constraints imposed on us by the pandemic challenge us to invent new ways to thrive as a club. We have already experienced a great success. Our 2020 Spring Tea, the Club's first meeting via Internet conferencing, proved we don't need to be face to face to have a fun and engaging time together. True, we viewed only cups, not full table settings, but almost every member present wore a colorful hat and said a few words. If you missed it or want to take a closer peek at the hats and the beautiful women who wore them, visit our website at <https://www.cortemaderawomensclub.org/activities/spring-tea.html>.

I invite you to the Club's business meeting, to be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:30 AM. On the agenda is a proposal to make dues optional for the coming year. We will also elect new officers (details below). Please email me at info@cortemaderawomensclub.org to let me know if you would like to attend so I can send you the Zoom link. I'll do my best to adjourn the meeting well before noon so we can have a break before the general meeting and program begin.

During our general meeting, we'll watch a video about a young woman who blazed her own path against social constraints, became the first Chinese American woman to vote in a U.S. election, found love on Angel Island, and more. It's quite an inspiring story to pack into a 10-minute video. After viewing, we'll have the opportunity to break into small

groups to discuss and chat. Please send an email to Pot Luck Luncheon RSVP rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org so we can make sure you get the Zoom link.

This is my final President's message. I want to close by saying that I'm proud to have been President. My role was pretty much easy-peasy because of the support I got every step of the way. ALL your officers and leaders lent a hand in creating the fun we've shared. Thank you. You are truly Great Gals.

—Cheryl Longinotti
President

June 9 Business Meeting and Program Links

Here is the information and Zoom link for the business meeting:

CMWIC June Business Meeting

June 9, 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

[REDACTED]

Here is the Zoom link for the program meeting:

CMWIC Noon Program

June 9, 12:00 PM

[REDACTED]

Election for CMWIC Executive Committee

During the June 9 business meeting, we will elect new officers for the 2020-2021 year. Officers approve our budget and address issues at the business meetings, which are held September through June.

Each and every member is welcome to attend those meetings. If you have an idea or project you'd like to take up — and we need new ways to be a Club during the pandemic — come to the business meetings.

The Nominating Committee (composed of Suzi Beatie, Cheryl Longinotti, and Laura Merlo) proposes the following slate:

President: Laura Merlo

Vice President: Cheryl Longinotti

Treasurer: Becky Reed

Recording Secretary: Pamela Berg

Membership: Armelle Futterman

Hospitality and Programs: Suzi Beatie, Ellen Greenwald-Willoughby, Claudia Keast, Linda Varonin, and Donna Wenig

Historian: Jana Haehl

Parliamentarian: Jan Shaw

Auditor: Cathy Tobin

Social Hour Zooms During the Summer

Our weekly social hours via Zoom have proved to be such a great way to schmooze and get together with folks that we will continue them through July and August. These gatherings are small, informal, and without any agenda or need to rsvp. Conversation can go anywhere or, a la Seinfeld, nowhere, which makes for a lot of fun.

Hosting a social hour is very, very simple and an easy way to contribute to the Club. Hosts schedule and open the gathering in Zoom. If you can host the second week of each month, let Cheryl know at info@cortemaderawomensclub.org. The new host can adjust the date and time if she wishes.

Directions: Just before the start time of the meeting you wish to attend, click on the underlined link after “Join Zoom Meeting” or use the dial-in and one-tap numbers.

Dial in: +1 669 900 6833

One-tap mobile: +16699006833,,73938509386#,,1#,087483# US

First Week, Mondays at 4:00 PM (June 1, July 6, and August 3)

Host: Cheryl Longinotti

Join Zoom Meeting

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Second week: Wednesdays at Noon (June 10, July 15, August 12)

Host: Janis Luft

Join Zoom Meeting

[REDACTED]

Third week: Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, and at 3:00 PM for the Bridge Group (June 16, July 21, August 18)

Host: Jana Haehl

[REDACTED]

Fourth Week: Thursdays at 1:00 PM (June 25, July 30, August 27)

Host: Becky Reed

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June 11 Field Trip: "History in the 'Hood'"

Thursday, June 11, Jana Haehl will lead up to 10 CMWIC members on a physically distanced trek around the flats of Corte Madera to view and hear about some interesting historic homes and buildings. Meet at the gazebo in Menke Park in Old Corte Madera Square at 11:00 AM. Please wear a mask and bring your own lunch and water.

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Knitting Club: June 18, July 16, August 20

Janet Sayles and Linda Varonin will convene Knitting at Town Park on June 18 and on the third Thursdays of July and August at 11:00 AM.



In May, the Knitting Club's socially distanced, outdoor meeting at Town Park was quite a success, with nine masked Club members sitting for two full hours while knitting, crocheting, and giving away yarn and handmade masks.

Yarn, needles, joy: a 2013 study published by the *British Journal of Occupational Therapy* concluded that

knitting brings psychological benefits. Responses from 3,545 knitters worldwide showed a significant relationship between knitting frequency and feelings of calm and happiness. See the full story at

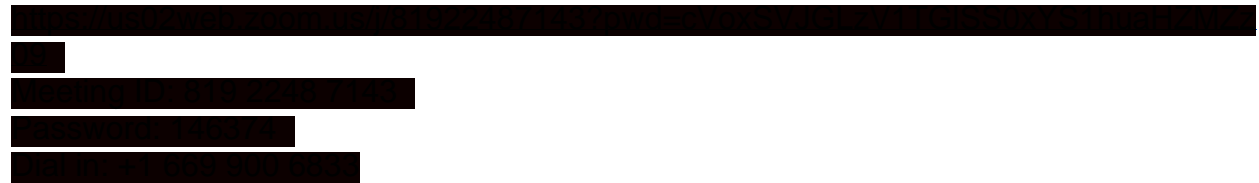
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For further information on the June, July, and August meetings, please contact linda.varonin@gmail.com.

June 23: Share Favorite Books Since Lockdown

The Book Group will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 23, with a discussion of our favorite reads since February. This is a "show and tell" and all members are welcome to drop in. If you have questions or need help with Zoom, please email Armelle rmlvanfutt@gmail.com or Donna donna.wenig@gmail.com.

Join Zoom Meeting



"For the Longest Time" by Canadian Chorus

Kay Gillis invites you to listen to this cheery YouTube recording from the Phoenix Chamber Choir of Vancouver BC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpAKcQufacc&feature=youtu.be>

A Few Thoughts About Cheryl

You have been our competent, kind and enthusiastic beacon of light for the last two years. Thank you so much for all you have done to continue to make our club a

wonderful, welcoming place for everyone. It's been really nice getting to know you and being a part of so much goodness from all our members. — Ellen

When Cheryl first took the reigns as our president, I thought she seemed to be a little reserved and on the “shy” side. But no! Cheryl is a total powerhouse in disguise!!! A warm and caring person who is sensitive to others. Cheryl has been an amazing president & wonderful leader of our club! — Suzi

Cheryl is wonderfully calm, thoughtful, and warm-hearted. She inspires all of us to be kinder and friendlier, which helps to create connections that make this Club a truly cherished organization. — Jana Haehl

Thank you, Cheryl, for your quiet, steady leadership, sense of humor, and making everyone feel welcome! — Claudia

For Cheryl, our fearless leader:

C: Communicative

M: Motivated

W: Wise

I: Intelligent

C: Caring

Thank you for your fellowship and direction. ♡ —Janis

Cheryl: Thanks for your friendship, super leadership of the Women's Club, and all your service to our community! —Joannie

Haiku for Cheryl:

Leadership and fun

She made our club feel special

I feel gratitude.

— Pam

“My favorite memory of Cheryl: She's riding her bike, with one arm holding the string of a home-made kite she's flying in the park, and all of us in the kite-making workshop are running around and laughing. Also, I admire her for teaching herself how to work on websites so that she could improve the Club's website. Not easy!” — Laura

“I have immense gratitude for Cheryl's leadership during the past two years. So much got accomplished that makes us a stronger and better-connected group of friends. With Cheryl, no task is too big and no challenge unmet. Thank you.” — Armelle

Cheryl is a kind, caring woman who has blessed us with her friendship and leadership. Her voice is soft, her heart is big and her talents many. Thank you, Cheryl, for being a friend and leader. — Dee

Cheryl has been very welcoming and warm-hearted to all new and existing members and her inclusiveness has been noted by all of us. — Kay Gillis

Cheryl has been amazingly supportive of my sometimes-unusual ideas and projects. She always takes time to listen and work things through. She makes guests feel comfortable and makes sure to get to know each and every one. She has been a treasured leader of our wonderful club of Marin Women, fostering friendships and knowledge throughout the two years of her tenure. Thank you for saying "YES" two years ago to bring the club to 2020! —Linda

Cheryl has been thoughtful and caring leading us through the Coronavirus home quarantine. With the Zoom Tea and soirees, she has held the club together. All our teatime hats are off to her. — Marilyn

“Borrowing” the words of Cole Porter, Cheryl, You're the Top. — Helen

The others have said it all - Cheryl is a great neighbor, a brilliant and kind woman. We have been so fortunate to have her in our community. — Becky

Contact us by clicking on info@cortemaderawomensclub.org.