



CMWIC News for September 2020

New Recreation Dept. Chief to Speak at September 8 Meeting Plus “Member Trivia”

The club is back from summer break, with a General Meeting via Zoom on September 8 at noon.

Corte Madera's new Park & Recreation Director, Ashley Howe, started her job six months ago, right as the pandemic began all across the country.



Ashley will bring us up to date on what's happening at the Community Center – programs for adults and kids, how the CMCC building will be used by the public during the pandemic and where CMWIC fits in. There will be time for a few questions, but we need to let Ashley get back to work.

Janis Luft has graciously offered to create a trivia game, “Who Did This?” She will present a set of facts about club members and we will try to match the fact with the member. It will be an entertaining way to get to know each other better.

We will also hear about summer highlights and plans for the coming months. Please attend the September 8 Zoom meeting so you can find out what we might play, learn and share with each other during Covid times.

Topic: CMWIC Sept. 8 General Meeting

Date and Time: Sep 8, 2020 12:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86430384547?pwd=cW5OeINuamZkMXk2cnFMTHBVaIRudz09>

Meeting ID: 864 3038 4547
Passcode: 027257

RSVP by Friday, September 4. Yes, that is the day after tomorrow, so you may as well RSVP and write it on your calendar *right now*.

“Social Hour” Zooms to Continue

Deep appreciation to Jana Haehl, Cheryl Longinotti, Janis Luft, and Becky Reed for being there for all us by hosting Social Hour Zooms weekly throughout what is normally our summer break. It meant a lot to be able to depend on these opportunities to touch base with friends during a ... discombobulating ... summer.

Now that the club is officially back in session with a General Meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of each month, the Social Hours will be held on the first, third, and fourth weeks of each month, as follows:

Cheryl hosts a social hour on the **first Monday** of the month at 1:00 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85866297448>

Meeting ID: 858 6629 7448

Jana hosts a social hour on the **third Tuesday** of each month at 1:00 PM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5532664079?pwd=Y2lkTjhrenNyTUEzQ2pHOVpFUXNlZz09>

Meeting ID: 553 266 4079

Becky hosts a social hour on the **fourth Thursday** of each month at 1:00 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83364762729?pwd=diszbnkVpdmdoR1p5TmZVZzE1aFhSQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 6476 2729

Password: 572137

These are drop-in meetings with no agenda, just friendly faces and conversation.



Friendly faces during a Zoom meeting.

Membership Renewals

Almost all members have renewed their commitment to the club and sent in their dues. Thank you for this wonderful show of support.

If you have not yet renewed, please visit our website to access the PayPal link <https://www.cortemaderawomensclub.org/join-us.html> or send a check to CMWIC, P.O. Box 486, Corte Madera, CA 94976. Dues cover our yearly website expenses and insurance.

If you have a question about membership, please email Membership Secretary Armelle Futterman rmlvanfutt@gmail.com.

September 14 Tour Dominican U. with Linda

While Linda's famous Field Trips are on hold, she has plans for local walks that will get us out and about. First up: An hour-long tour of the Dominican University campus on Monday, September 14. We will see some of the lovely old buildings and notice the landscaping plants, along with the statues and sculptures. Linda plans to watch a virtual tour of the campus and lead us on the "self-guided" tour.

Note: We cannot carpool during Covid, so meet at 11:00 AM in front of the gym. The entrance to the large lot for the gym is across Grand Ave from Acacia. Bring a picnic lunch, water, and a mask.

Other cool tours in the planning stages: The Elk's Club, historic downtown San Rafael, fairy houses plus lunch in Pt. Richmond, and the cemetery near Northgate.

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Knitting Group Meets September 18

To accommodate everyone's schedules (work and babysitting grandkids), the Knitting Club now meets on the third Friday of each month.

The next meeting is September 18, 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the picnic tables in CM Town Park across from the post office. Everyone is welcome.

Participants bring chairs or sit at the picnic tables where we can social distance easily. Bring your project, water, and a mask.

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Book Group Meets September 22 **"The Nickel Boys"**

The Book group met twice over the summer, once via Zoom and once masked and in person. We read "Run" by Ann Patchett and "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Richardson. The book selection for September is "The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead, who won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for fiction for "The Underground Railroad."

We will meet at the Piccolo Pavilion on September 22 at 1:00 PM. Bring your mask and a folding chair for a physically distance, lively discussion. This is an open group and all members are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Wenig donna.wenig@gmail.com or Armelle Futterman rmalvanfutt@gmail.com. Donna and Armelle look forward to reading with you.



Dee Fratus' Thoughts on Voting

Dee couldn't make it to our online celebration of the centennial of passage of the 19th Amendment, but she sent in a few comments that would have been fun to hear that day and shouldn't go to waste.

"I worked in the State Capitol in Sacramento in 1979-80 for Assemblyman Doug Bosco, when Willie Brown was elected Speaker

of the House. One lunch hour, a friend and I were having lunch at a restaurant near the Capitol and who walks in but former Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown. That man came to every table and shook everyone's hand. Talk about charisma! Jerry Brown was governor then, but he didn't have his dad's charm.

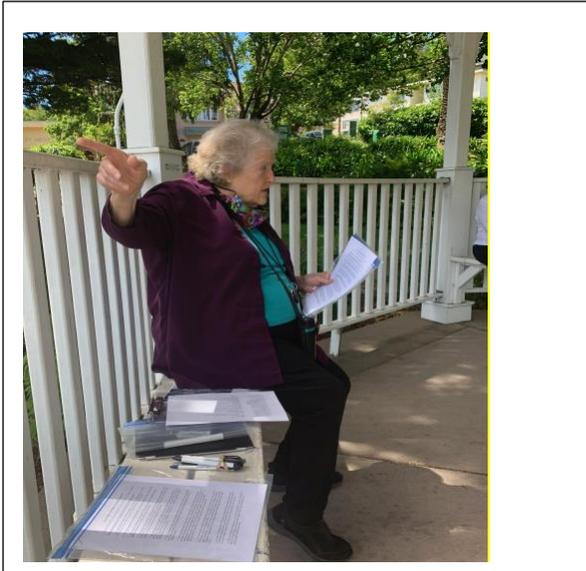
"I've met many a politician in my day, but can't recall anything special about Election Day. Do you remember when bars couldn't open until the polls closed and grocery stores and liquor stores couldn't sell any booze, until 8:00 p.m.? Now, anything goes!"

"Walk the 49-Mile Scenic Drive" Now on App

The authors of "Walking San Francisco's 49 Mile Scenic Drive" guidebook have been speakers for a CMWIC meeting and have led a Field Trip or two. Now Kristine Poggioli and Carolyn Eidson have a new GPS-guided app that features Directional GPS with turn-by-turn notifications, fun facts and historical pictures, new content not in the book, and bathroom locations! There is both free and paid content, covering a variety of Bay Area locations in the app.

Click [here](#) to check out the app (Apple only for now) and the three most popular walks -- Chinatown, North Beach, Fisherman's Wharf; The Presidio; and Golden Gate Park.

Summer Snapshots



Jana Haehl prepares for the history walking tour, which was so popular, she ended up leading two.





(L to R) Suzi Beatie, Cheryl Longinotti, Vicki Newton, and Laura Merlo made sure passers-by knew that August 18 was a special day.