



CMWIC News for October 2020

New CM Library Manager to Speak at October 13 Meeting -- Plus "Member Trivia"



Stephanie Hartwell-Mandella, branch manager at the Corte Madera Library since September 8, will speak at our general meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, October 13.

She comes to us from the North Castle Public Library in Westchester County, New York, where she was assistant director and the head of Youth Services. Before North Castle, she was head of Youth Services at Katonah Village Library in Westchester for nine years. Her first job after earning her Master's in Library Services was at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Maximum Security section.

In addition to her MLS, she has a Master's in Early Childhood Education. In 2018, she won an "I Love My Librarian" award from the American Library Association (10 awarded nationally). She also won second place in the first-ever NYLA Battle of the Bands.

"I am passionate about bridging divides and making connections," she says. "I am very excited and I look forward to working together."

Member Trivia – "Who Did This?"

After Hartwell-Mandella's talk, we will have a second round of "Who Did This?" Last month, the member trivia game was a blast. Janis Luft did a fantastic job setting it up, collecting the "tidbits," and running the show. Here's a little of what we know now that we didn't know before the game:

Someone ... won a reggae dance contest while vacationing in Jamaica.

Someone ... Jumped off a sailboat halfway between Honolulu and San Francisco, marveling at the flat horizon in every direction as she swam around.

Someone ... Ran over Danny Glover's toes with a baby buggy.

Someone ... Played hooky on her 30th birthday so she could go to a nude beach.

Someone ... Saw O.J. Simpson get very angry when hotel personnel failed to help him with his luggage.

Someone ... when she was 5, found the key to a U.S. Mail deposit box, opened it up and played with the contents, imagining that she would deliver the mail via her tricycle. Later on, while she napped, a federal officer came by to inform her mother that she was raising a pint-size federal lawbreaker.

If you missed it, be consoled that we will play trivia again October 13. If you've thought of something scandalous about yourself that you'd like to share with the group, or even something merely interesting, please contact Janis Luft Janisluff@comcast.net. She's also contemplating playing the game using old photos of members, so if you have one you think would stump the crowd, please send.

October General Meeting Via Zoom

October 13, 12:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2240949581?pwd=SU5aRjFIM0REVDd6TUpsa2ZFaXRIQT09>

Meeting ID: 224 094 9581

Passcode: CMWIC2020

Business Meeting October 7, All Members Welcome

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 2:00 PM. Among the topics will be future speakers and holiday plans. If you have ideas for the club, please join us.

"CMWIC Business" Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Monday, October 19

Historian-led Tour of Elks Club Property in San Rafael

Historian Marcie Miller will lead participants on a tour of the Elks Club, formerly the Maple Lawn Estate of Louise Boyd, on October 19 at 11:00 AM. Miller spoke to us last year about the Boyd family.

Meet in the back parking lot of the Elks Club, 1312 Mission Avenue, San Rafael. The tour will last an hour, followed by a picnic on the grounds (bring your own lunch), with lemonade provided by Marcie Miller.

Directions: Go West on Fifth Avenue, then right on C Street, which will cross Mission and go directly into the club.

Please bring a \$10 cash donation for our guide. Masks and social distancing are required.

RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Knitting Group Meets Friday, October 16

The Knitting Club now meets on the third Friday of each month, so the next meeting is October 16, 11:00 AM to noon. Meet 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 social distance can easily be maintained. Bring your project, water, and a mask.

Janet Sayles recently took 20 blankets that the group knitted during the last few months to Kaiser. The new volunteer coordinator said they are delighted to receive the club's blankets, which are an important part of the palliative care program.

The group also made 30 hats, which they delivered to MarinHealth, and 20 scarves, which they donated to the Ritter Center.

As Linda says: "This is indeed an amazing group of women!♡♡"

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Book Group Meets October 27 **"My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor**

The book selection for October is “My Beloved World” by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

The first Hispanic and the third woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sotomayor recounts her life, from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.

To discuss the autobiography, meet at the Piccolo Pavilion on October 27 at 1:30 PM. Wear your mask and bring a folding chair for a physically distanced, 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.

Reminder: “Social Hour” Zooms Offered 3 Times a Month

“Zoom Social Hours” will be held the first, third, and last weeks of each month. (The second week of each month is when we have our general meeting.)

Here is the schedule:

Cheryl Longinotti will host a social hour on the **first Monday** of the month, **October 5**, at 1:00 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8362928438>

Meeting ID: 836 292 8438

Jana Haehl will host a social hour on the **third Tuesday** of each month, **October 20**, at 1:00 PM.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5532664079?pwd=Y21kTjhrenNyTUEzQ2pHOVpFUXNIZz09>

Meeting ID: 553 266 4079

Becky Reed will host a social hour on the **last Thursday** of the month, **October 29**, at 1:00 PM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82875010588?pwd=UXRhRXp5ak9HNDdBNVVmSWsyZS90QT09>

Passcode: 767294

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

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Activities

Book Club – Armelle Futterman and Donna Wenig

Bridge Club – Jana Haehl

Field Trips – Linda Varonin

Knitting Club – Linda Varonin

Rummy – Jane Purkey

If you have questions/suggestions about the club or a club activity, feel free to contact any of us.

Photos from Recent Club Activities

Linda Varonin led members on an hourlong tour of the Dominican University campus on September 14. Participants checked out some of the lovely old buildings and paid special attention to the plants.



A silk floss tree with flowers and thorns near the gym entrance.



Claudia Keast and Laura Richards studied a Luca Della Robbia ceramic sculpture.



Walkers showed how well they follow health protocols as they stood in front of Angelico Hall, masked and six feet apart.