



CMWIC NEWS for **FEBRUARY 2021**

Advokids' Jan Sherwood, Lucy Marquart To Speak at February 9 Meeting

You will not want to miss our February 9 General Meeting, when two longtime CMWIC members who have spent their careers advocating on behalf of children in the court system will tell us about their important work. The meeting starts at noon.



Lucy Marquart was a Child Welfare Supervisor in Alameda County for 27 years. She served as a court officer in dependency courts for 20 years. After her retirement from Alameda County, she was a child welfare consultant with the children's law offices in Solano and Marin counties. She joined the [Advokids](#) staff in 2011. Lucy has more than 45 years of experience working with social service agencies, dependency courts, and children's law offices on child welfare issues. She retired from her staff position at Advokids in January 2020.

Lucy also served on the Advokids Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee of the North California affiliate of the National Association of Counsel for Children.

Janet Sherwood is a California attorney with more than 45 years of experience in child welfare law. She is a co-founder, Deputy Director, and Board Member of [Advokids](#), a California nonprofit organization providing legal resources, assistance, and education for those who advocate on behalf of children in the child welfare system.



She is a certified Child Welfare Law Specialist (CWLS), Past President of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counsel for Children, and served on the executive committee of the Northern California Association of Counsel for Children. She is also the author of a number of articles and treatises on child welfare law.

Member Trivia – ‘My First Job’

After hearing from our speakers, we'll play our member trivia game, "Who Did This?" This time, there's a prompt, "My First Job."

What was your first job? Interpret this question as broadly as you wish -- What was your strangest job? What was your most meaningful job?

Please tell **Trivia Oracle Janis Luft** about a job you remember. (If you have a photo to go along with it, that would be icing on the cake.) Those who have not yet been featured in member trivia, please, *please*, overcome any shyness and tell your tale.

Other stories or interesting/entertaining/scandalous facts about yourself are also great for the game. Send to Janis Luft Janisluft@comcast.net.

Zoom Information

February 9, Noon

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 224 094 9581

Passcode: CMWIC2020

Business Meeting Febuary 3, All Members Welcome

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Wednesday, February 3, at 2:00 PM. Among the topics will be scholarships, fundraising (cookbook), and how to manage changes as more members are able to get vaccinated.

Please join us to share your ideas for club activities during the spring.

"CMWIC Business" Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 224 094 9581

Passcode: CMWIC2020

Two "Social Hour" Zooms Offered February 1 and 16

"Zoom Social Hours" are drop-in meetings with no agenda, just friendly faces and conversation. They are held the first and third weeks of each month.

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

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 858 6629 7448

Jana Haehl will host a social hour on the **third Tuesday** of the month, **February 16**, at 1:00 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 553 266 4079

Knitting Meets February 19

3 Groups Receive Bibs, Pillows, Blankets

The Knitting Club will meet on Friday, February 19, at 11:00 AM at the picnic tables across the street from the Corte Madera Post Office.

The knitters have donated their work to a dozen Marin organizations. In January, Linda Varonin made deliveries to Kaiser, Casa Allegra, and Marin Ventures.



Kaiser's Michael Cobbina (at left) accepted the heart pillows made by Olga Thomsen and brought them to the Oncology department for patients receiving radiation treatments.

Clothing protectors went to Casa Allegra, which offers residential services to people with developmental disabilities. Enya Campos (middle photo) says they love hand-made bibs because they are cheerful, absorbent, and durable.

Marin Ventures received a bag filled with clothing protectors and blankets. Tim Park (photo at right), an art teacher, said clients in wheelchairs will appreciate the extra comfort of having a small blanket in their lap.

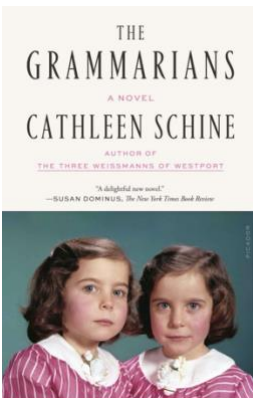
The Club thanks all of the knitters for everything you have made and given away. Your knit and sewn items are a tangible reminder to people out there that someone cares about them.

Meanwhile, the club is looking for donations of yarn, beach towels, and fabric so these prolific knitters can make more.

Please email Linda linda.varonin@gmail.com to find out more.

Book Group Meets February 23 **'The Grammarians' by Cathleen Schine**

The Book Group will meet on Tuesday, February 23, to discuss "The Grammarians" by Cathleen Schine.



Below is a schedule of which books we will read for each meeting (on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM) through June.

The following Zoom information applies to all meetings:

CMWIC Book Group

February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8362928438>

Meeting ID: 836 292 8438

Passcode: CMWICBook

This is an open group; all CMWIC members are welcome and we love to hear from members who are joining us for the first time.

Book Schedule:

February 23, 1:30 PM Zoom

"The Grammarians" by Cathleen Schine

March 23, 1:30 PM Location TBD

"Sign My Name to Freedom: A Memoir of Pioneering Life" by Betty Reid Soskin (Ranger at Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront Museum in Richmond)

April 27, 1:30 PM Location TBD

"News of the World" by Paulette Jiles

May 25, 1:30 PM Location TBD
"Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson

June 22, 1:30 PM Location TBD
"Still Life" by Louise Penny

Additional reading suggestions:

"Clock Dance" by Anne Tyler
"The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict
"Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee
"The Supper Club" by Lara Williams

If you have questions regarding the Book Club, please contact Donna Wenig donna.wenig@gmail.com or Armelle Futterman rmlvanfutt@gmail.com.

Field Trip February 25 to Labyrinth at Fort Cronkhite

Meet at 10 AM at the Fort Cronkhite parking lot near the restrooms.

The February field trip will be a stroll/hike to the labyrinth at Fort Cronkhite. Meet at the big parking lot near the restrooms for a gentle uphill and downhill hike with glorious views. The hike/stroll will last about an hour.

Directions provided upon request. Please email Linda linda.varonin@gmail.com to find out more.



Photo by Linda Varonin

Vicki Newton and Cheryl Longinotti at the labyrinth with the Pacific Ocean behind them.

Who Is Getting the Covid Vaccine?

Information about Covid-19 vaccinations changes almost daily. At this writing (January 28), there is a shortage of vaccine in Marin County. However, vaccinations are being administered to Phase 1A groups (e.g., healthcare workers and residents of residential care facilities for the elderly) and to Marin County residents ages 75 and older.

The Health Department website says, “Please view the vaccination options webpage to see all vaccine options available in Marin, based on available supply. Supply is still slow to arrive in Marin, but we anticipate bringing more partners and vaccination locations online in the coming weeks. Please review our ‘quick links’ section to access our [vaccine dashboard](#), participate in a [perceptions survey](#), [sign up to be notified](#) when you’re eligible to receive the vaccine, and more.”

“Women in Blue” on KQED February 8

After hearing from our January speaker, San Rafael Police Detective Cynthia Keast, members may be interested in watching, “Independent Lens: Women in Blue” on KQED on Monday, February 8, at 10 PM.

With the national conversation around police reform still resonating loudly around the country, “Women in Blue” shines a spotlight on the women within the Minneapolis Police Department working to reform it from the inside by fighting for gender equity.

So many holidays all in a row this month:

- **Happy Chinese New Year, The Year of the Ox! February 12.**
- **Happy Valentine’s Day, Beloved Readers!**
- **Happy Presidents Day, February 15.**
- **Happy Mardi Gras Carnival, February 16.**