



## CMWIC NEWS for October 2021

### Cookbook Launch Celebration – in Person on October 12

Our community cookbook is now “real” -- a spiral-bound, many-splendored thing of beauty and utility that you can thumb through and smile about -- and our October 12 meeting will be a “launch party” to celebrate. Not a meeting over Zoom, but an **in-person gathering** at which you will see your CMWIC friends, meet some of our new members, and pick up your copies of this fun, inspiring, super-cool cookbook.



Meet on Tuesday, October 12 at noon outside the gate to the CM Community Center Patio. We cannot yet have our traditional potluck but bring a sack lunch for yourself. We'll provide drinks. There will be a raffle and some (good) surprises.

If you have not already shown your proof of Covid vaccination and been checked off on the club's master list, be sure to bring your proof to the launch party, as we cannot let you in without it! Everyone in attendance **must** be vaccinated and a member in good standing. No exceptions! For this reason, please don't bring non-member guests; we cannot admit them. While we are

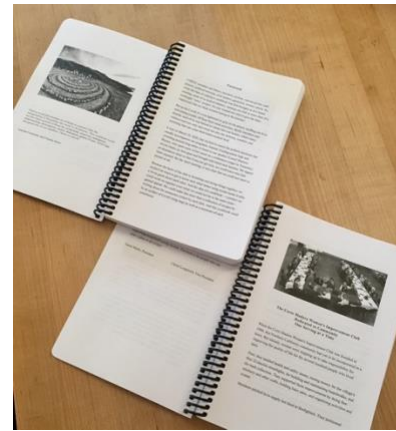
outside on the patio we do not need to wear masks, but you'll need to mask up if you enter the building, for example, to use the restroom.

You can get a digital vaccination record from the State of California to save to your phone at this website <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov>. It is very handy and you'll always have it with you.

Also we must provide the number of attendees and keep a record of who attends, so RSVP to Suzi [suzbeatie@gmail.com](mailto:suzbeatie@gmail.com). If you have been casual about responding, it is time to “reset” your habit regarding the RSVP – you **must** let us know you will attend.

If you are unable to join us but you simply can't wait to hold this precious book in your hands, please email Armelle [rmlvanfutt@gmail.com](mailto:rmlvanfutt@gmail.com) to arrange for pickup or delivery of your books.

If you have questions or would like to order MORE cookbooks, email [claudiakeast@att.net](mailto:claudiakeast@att.net) or [rmlvanfutt@gmail.com](mailto:rmlvanfutt@gmail.com)



We can hardly wait to see you at our first in-person general meeting in a year and a half. Don't let the hurdles discourage you. They are not intended to keep you out, but to keep Covid away from all of us, and to make conditions safe enough so that everyone of us can celebrate.

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### **October 6 Business Meeting via Zoom – All Members Invited**

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 6, at 2:00 PM. Among the topics will be:

- Should Business Meetings shift back to being held in person the morning of the potluck -- or continue via Zoom on first Wednesday of each month at 2 PM?
- Plans for Cookbook Launch Party October 12
- Ideas for workshops and discussions for First Tuesday meetings
- Ideas for speaker for November 9 – unknown whether potluck or Zoom
- Giant Indoor Yard Sale on CMCC calendar for March 26, with setup March 25 – let's begin to discuss pros and cons but meanwhile, write it on your calendar
- How can we draw in more members to take active roles in the club?

#### **Topic: October Business Meeting**

**Date and time:** Wednesday, October 6, at 2:00 PM

#### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88284784855?pwd=Z3JMYTVaK2JRWnVkYnJ5TVk5clhHQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 882 8478 4855

**Passcode:** 346005

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### **Día de los Muertos Altars and Coloring October 5 at 11:30**

Join Linda Varonin and Cheryl Longinotti on Tuesday, October 5, at 11:30 AM to make your own personal *ofrenda* (shrine) or just color traditional Day of the Dead images from a coloring book while you relax and chat. You can fashion a paper flower and/or color a shrine as in the photo below. It's up to you. Linda and Cheryl will make it easy.

Bring a dollar to cover materials, including a set of marking pens you can take home (if you don't bring your own). If you'd like, bring a 4" x 4" or smaller photo of a loved one who has passed away, to put in your *ofrenda*. You will be taking yours home.



RSVP to Cheryl [cslonginotti@comcast.net](mailto:cslonginotti@comcast.net) so that there are enough supplies to go around and so that she can send you an email regarding the location.

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### **A Word About “Social Hour” Zoom Conversations**

Zoom “Social Hours,” those drop-in calls that provided friendly faces and good conversation a couple of times a month from June of 2020 through September of 2021, were hosted by Cheryl Longinotti and Jana Haehl (and by Becky Reed, too, the first summer).

Please remember to thank these women for “being there” for us during this truly difficult year and a half, helping to clear up confusion and hold our CMWIC community together.

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### **Marathon Bridge Group Meets October 19 at CM Community Center Patio**

The Marathon Bridge Group has been on hiatus for the past year and a half, due to the Covid-related shutdown of the Community Center. However, bridge players have just learned that we can play outside in the patio area at the Community Center on Tuesday, October 19 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Masks are not required outdoors, but all players must confirm in advance that they have been vaccinated.

Refreshments won't be provided but bring-your-own "bag" lunches are allowed in the patio at this time. Due to scheduling conflicts at the Community Center in November and December, our next bridge date will be January 18, 2022.

Contact Jana Haehl [jghaehl@comcast.net](mailto:jghaehl@comcast.net) or 415-265-1105 if you have questions.

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### **Games Day Meets October 20**

CMWIC Games Day is on Wednesday, October 20, at 1:00 PM. Participants will meet at Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur. This is a fun afternoon that includes Corte Madera Rummy and other games. Be sure to bring your proof of vaccination, required for attendance at all CMWIC events.

Contact Joannie Vaughan [joannievaughan@att.net](mailto:joannievaughan@att.net) or 415-924-0150.

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### **"Ladies Who Lunch" Meets Friday, October 22, at Black Star Pirate BBQ**

"Ladies Who Lunch" started last month, with a dozen members attending a delicious lunch at Jackson Cafe at Vivalon. Everyone enjoyed being together, meeting new members--and for some, discovering a new place to have a healthy, inexpensive lunch. Several said they plan to return. (See the photos at the end of this newsletter.)

October's lunch spot will be Black Star Pirate BBQ at Point San Pablo Harbor in Richmond. It will take place Friday, October 22, with the group arriving by 11:30 AM. Lunch will cost \$35 per person with reserved tables, an assortment of meats and sides for all, and no standing in line. The cost does not include drinks or tips. Linda thinks this is the best BBQ around!

Please email Linda [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com) to reserve a spot. We may drive right near the table for handicapped members. Nearby are some new boutiques, Burning Man sculptures, a herd of goats, a community garden, and the darling harbor with fishing boats and houseboats. It is a one-of-a-kind experience! Carpooling is recommended but not required. Everything will take place outdoors. Good driving instructions will be sent to those who reserve.

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### **Knitting Group Meets Tuesday, October 26, at the Community Center**

The Knitting Group will relocate to the CM Community Center--most likely on the patio--on Tuesday, October 26, at 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome. Linda Varonin sends a reminder a few days beforehand with any changes, announcements, or updates. If you want to receive these emails, just let her know.

Linda wants to honor Sharon Rundberg (deceased) and her husband Chas, who have donated her extensive collection of needles, hooks, and extraordinary yarns to our group. She was a patient at Kaiser and the hats and blankets we will make from this yarn will be donated to Kaiser for oncology, palliative care, and pediatrics patients.

If you have not already shown your proof of Covid vaccination, be sure to bring it with you. Only vaccinated members in good standing may participate in Women's Club events.

For more information and to be placed on Linda's mailing list, please email [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com).

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### **Book Group Meets Tuesday, October 26, at Community Center Patio**

The Book Group meets on Tuesday, October 26, at 1:00 PM on the Patio of the CM Community Center. The book for October is "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.

It is about two siblings who grow up in a grand house in Elkins Park, PA. They try to make sense of their childhood, when they were abandoned by their mother and raised by their father and household help. The story spans three decades.

The library has 30 copies available!

Don't forget to vote for future book recommendations.

If you have not already shown your proof of Covid vaccination, be sure to bring it so that you can be admitted to this meeting.

The Book Group is open to all members. For questions, contact Donna [donna.wenig@gmail.com](mailto:donna.wenig@gmail.com) or Marion Bank [mbank15@gmail.com](mailto:mbank15@gmail.com).



**New Member Spotlight: Barbara Janis**



“During these crazy COVID days, I’m keeping busy helping my daughter with childcare 2-3 days a week. I enjoy gardening. My HOA has allowed me to plant a succulent garden.

“Recently I finished several art projects, including refinishing two pieces of furniture. Ask me for photos. These latest came out well so happy to share. Many others are in the back of the closet.

“Hope to meet you soon,

“Barbara”

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### **“Ladies Who Lunch” Do Their Thing at Jackson Café**



*Marion Bank, Helen Lambert, and new member Alicia Pereira.*



*Barbara Friday, Katharine Herman, Renie Dupar, and new member Barbara Janis.*



*Janis Luft, Kay Gillis, and Cathy Tobin.*

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