



## CMWIC NEWS for February 2022

### February 8 Speaker: Executive Director of Homeward Bound

*Via Zoom*

February's speaker will be Mary Kay Sweeney, who has worked passionately to end homelessness in Marin for two decades. She is executive director for Homeward



Bound, Marin County's chief provider of shelter. The organization is our "neighbor" in the sense that it operates the King Street residence in Larkspur as well as facilities in San Rafael and Novato, and will soon operate the Casa Buena shelter in Corte Madera.

Mary Kay previously held leadership positions at Seva Foundation and Canal Community Alliance. She has received a Nonprofit Leadership Award from the North Bay Business Journal and the Heart of Marin Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership. In 2016, she was inducted into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame.

For a startling revelation of who's homeless in the Bay

Area, see

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Aging-onto-the-street-Nearly-half-of-older-13668900.php> (Viewing may require disabling your ad blocker)

Topic: **CMWIC February 8 General Meeting**

Date and Time: **February 8, 12:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85076297865?pwd=T3FGTHhSQVNpNVITMjRaNEZKakd1dz09>

Meeting ID: 850 7629 7865

Passcode: 440699

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## **Business Meeting Via Zoom on February 8**

### *Via Zoom*

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, February 8, at 10:30 AM. The GIYS is on the agenda, along with the Spring Tea, Speakers, and Jane Purkey.

Topic: **CMWIC Zoom Business Meeting**

Date and Time: **February 8, 10:30 AM**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2240949581?pwd=VWo3VEEdTVkpKSFNqWTdGczJpN1JvZz09>

Meeting ID: 224 094 9581

Passcode: 155-94941

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## **April 29-30 Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS): Stellar Leadership Team Emerging**

There is wonderful news about the Giant Indoor Yard Sale, scheduled for April 29-30: Barbara Friday has volunteered to coordinate the event, as she did in 2020. Her leadership is a major asset to everyone who works on the sale. Jennifer Henerlau has agreed to coordinate cleanup, as she did in 2020. This puts two highly capable and experienced leaders in vital roles. If you are interested in repeating a role you filled at the last sale, or in taking on a new leadership role, please talk to [Barbara Friday](#).

A heartfelt thank you to the three dozen members who, at the Holiday Party, pledged to work at the GIYS for at least three hours. The sale, our big fundraiser, which pays for college and summer camp scholarships, could not happen without hours of work by club members. The sale is a true team builder for our club and an important part of the club's identity within our community. If you are a new member, sign up and you will experience how good it feels to accomplish something significant over a two-day period. And you will get to see your sister club members in action.

Marion Bank	Pamela Berg	Peggy Burnett
Dee Fratus	Maria Freitas	Barbara Friday
Phyllis Galanis	Ellen Greenwald	Jana Haehl
Kathy Hartzell	Jennifer Henerlau	Katharine Hermann
Claudia Keast	Jette Kristensen	Helen Lambert
Agneta Lyle	Cheryl Longinotti	Janis Luft
Marie McDevitt	Anne McDonough	Laura Merlo
Anne Miller	Rachel Miller	Sylvia Mills
Diana Mousley	Vicki Newton	Frannie Prewitt
Laura Richards	Janet Sayles	Joanne (Jan) Shaw

Chiz Shiro	Nadine Smith	Olga Thomsen
Linda Varonin	Joannie Vaughan	Donna Wenig

Everyone, remember to start saving items in good condition that you are ready to part with. Start cleaning out your closets and cabinets, attic and garage, and save good stuff for us to sell on April 30. Let your friends and family members know that we are collecting items and ask them to save things for us, too.

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### **Spring Tea and Scholarship Committee**

This year, the Spring Tea is scheduled to take place on May 10, less than two weeks after the GIYS, making the link between our fundraiser and our scholarship awards more apparent than ever. It's a pleasure to announce that Ellen Greenwald will coordinate this year's tea. Ellen volunteered to do a table during her first year as a member and has been an enthusiast ever since.

The Spring Tea is fun because members volunteer to "do" a table setting for eight people. Each year we have beautiful and fun tables. Some people bring out their mother's silver, some adopt a theme, such as Gardening, S.F. Giants, Hawaiian Vacation, or Fourth of July. Others prepare special food for the occasion. Our scholarship winners and their parents usually are our guests and tell us about their volunteer work.

The Spring Tea is an upbeat and festive event. Your newspaper editor hereby volunteers to do a table.

**The Scholarship Committee** came together at the January Business Meeting. Veteran committee member Helen K. Lambert is joined by Marion Bank, Janis Luft, and Jan Shaw. Thank you for doing this important work.

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### **Very Sad News from Josette Purkey, Jane Purkey's Daughter**

"I have sad news. Jane Purkey had a massive cerebral bleed Thursday pm while weeding (!) and will not recover. We're bringing her home on hospice care tomorrow but she won't be hostessing cards anymore. Please let everyone know. Jane has been adamant about no memorials or life celebrations, so we'll honor that. Thanks."

Jane, who would have turned 100 on July 21, was comatose "with no chance of survival" as of tonight, January 31.

From Jana Haehl: "Jane Purkey inspired everyone, by living so fully engaged in the moment, embracing each day as it came, finding some joy in whatever life offered. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her."

From Armelle Futterman: "I have enjoyed many serendipitous chats with Jane as the paths of our respective daily walks crossed along Baltimore Avenue. Last week she did mention what a beautiful day it was to weed and that motivated me to tackle my vegetable beds. I was looking forward to our next encounter to thank her for the inspiration."

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### **"Ladies Who Lunch" to Meet Friday, February 4, at Sweetgreen**

*Bon Air Shopping Center*

"Ladies Who Lunch" will meet at noon on Friday, February 4, at Sweetgreen, 284 Bon Air Center. There are plenty of outdoor tables where people can meet safely. You can try Gott's Roadside at 302 Bon Air Center as an alternative and meet us in the courtyard to eat.

RSVP: [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com)

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### **Knitting Group Meets February 22**

The Knitting Group will meet at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 22, at the usual spot in the park across the street from the post office.



Please bring your completed projects, the things you are working on, and yarn to donate. All are welcome!

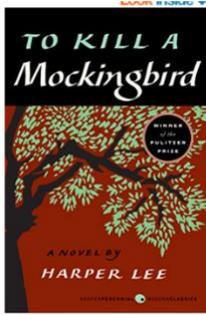
All the creations brought to the January meeting were donated to Kaiser hospital. There were many soft, comforting blankets and sweet hats, including 20 hats from Chiz! The knitters welcomed Burnie LeMaire and Fran Otero, two new club members who have already donated lots of blankets and hats.

RSVP: [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com).

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### **Book Group Meets February 22 to Discuss "To Kill a Mockingbird"**

The Book Group will discuss Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" on February 22 at 1:00 PM. The weather will determine where we meet.



Book group members will be contacted by email with information on meeting place or Zoom signon. Contact Marion Bank [mbank15@gmail.com](mailto:mbank15@gmail.com) to ensure you are on the Book Group list to receive Book Club news.

Upcoming books are:

- March: "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah
- April: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

The Book Group is open to all CMWIC members.

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### **March 1 "First Tuesday" Workshop: Memoir Writing with Marion Bank**

Have you ever read a memoir and thought to yourself, "I should write mine, too"? But then, you realized that you didn't know how to start? The reality is that we all have a story to tell and messages to pass on.

Marion Bank is offering a short workshop that will give you some ideas and may inspire you to get started. You will see that once you start, you will really enjoy the process.

This First Tuesday workshop meets on March 1 at 2:00 PM. We expect to be able to meet in person at the Community Center, but if not, we will meet on Zoom using the following sign-on info.

#### **Women's Club Memoir Writing Workshop**

March 1 at 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89469359551?pwd=RWFRRa0hcQnhITIEOL0w2N1JTNVpEdz09>

Meeting ID: 894 6935 9551

Passcode: 847659

Please RSVP to Marion at [mbank15@gmail.com](mailto:mbank15@gmail.com).

**Note:** There is no February 1 "First Tuesday" workshop because a blood drive will take place at the Community Center that day.

For more information, contact Becky Reed at [beckyareed@comcast.net](mailto:beckyareed@comcast.net).

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### **Marathon Bridge to Meet in Person March 15**

The Marathon Bridge Group will not meet in February but will resume playing at the Community Center on March 15 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM (and will continue to meet

on the third Tuesday of April, May, and June) if the County lifts the indoor mask mandate for a group of less than 50 people.

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

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*Community News:*

**Order Your No-Cost COVID-19 Home Tests Today**

With COVID-19 home test kits now available from the federal government, Marin County Public Health is urging residents to log onto [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) and place an order.

Every household in the United States is eligible to receive four free, at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests should arrive by mail within 12 days of placing the order.

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For questions regarding this newsletter or the club, please email [info@cortemaderawomensclub.org](mailto:info@cortemaderawomensclub.org).