



## CMWIC NEWS for March 2022

### ***March 8 to Be Our First Potluck in 2 Years!***

### **Speaker: Founder and Executive Director of 'Enriching Lives through Music'**

#### *Potluck at CM Community Center*

The March 8 meeting will be our first potluck luncheon in two years. Our speaker is Jane Kramer, founder and executive director of Enriching Lives through Music (ELM), a



full-scholarship, multi-year, intensive program that provides music education, ensemble, and performance opportunities to underserved youth.

Programs include chorus, orchestra, chamber music, and parent music groups. In addition to school-year classes, ELM runs a summer camp and concert series, and provides scholarships for private lessons for exceptionally motivated students. There are no financial barriers to participation.

Jane Kramer is an accomplished musician (oboe and French horn) with a Ph.D. in Urban Policy and Planning from UC Berkeley. A grant from Vassar College in 2008 led her to create an after-school music program at Bahia Vista Elementary School in San Rafael, starting with 15 recorders and a small group of volunteers. Fourteen years later, the music program is 400 members strong. In 2016 she received the Marin County Humanitarian Award and in 2018 she was inducted into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame.

### **About the Potluck**

- It is imperative that you RSVP by clicking on one of these links or typing in [rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org](mailto:rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org) to attend the potluck. Why not RSVP *right now*, while you are thinking about it, *even if you are not 100% certain*. Deadline for your response is end of day this Thursday, March 3.

- Please enter through the front door of the Community Center and pick up your nametag. These are especially handy since we have several new members. Armelle will be checking RSVPs and has the vaccination status list.
  - Unfortunately, guests cannot be included quite yet--but we are hopeful that you will be able to bring guests soon.
  - Please bring a favorite dish to share at the potluck.
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### **Business Meeting on the Morning of the Potluck**

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, at 10:30 AM. The Giant Indoor Yard Sale and Spring Tea are on the agenda, along with Jane Purkey memorial bench.

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### **April 29-30 Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS): Save Your Stuff and Volunteer**

Giant Indoor Yard Sale Facilitator Barbara Friday plans to contact members this week and next to secure coverage for the volunteer jobs that happen behind the scenes on Friday April 29 (such as donation intake and display organization), at the sale itself on Saturday April 30 (sales and display maintenance and cleanup, for example). Please be as generous with your time as you possibly can.

Our motto for March is "Save Your Stuff!" 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.

An updated list of acceptable/not acceptable donations will be posted to the [Corte Madera Women's Club Website](#) this week

Remember, this is our big fundraiser, paying for college and summer camp scholarships. It 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.

If you are interested in repeating a role you filled at a previous sale, or in taking on a new leadership role, please email Barbara Friday at [b.friday@comcast.net](mailto:b.friday@comcast.net).

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*Julie Kritzberger with her Roses table in 2018.*



*Ellen Greenwald and her Beach Vacation table.*

### **You Can Host a Table for the Spring Tea**

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 and Janis Luft will coordinate this year's tea.

Each year the Spring Tea features tables that are fun and some that are beautiful. "Table hosts" volunteer to decorate a table for eight people. Some hosts bring out their mother's silver and beautiful home-grown flower arrangements, while others adopt a theme, such as S.F. Giants, Hawaiian Vacation, Bicycling, or even Fourth of July.

At the tea, we celebrate the young women from local public high schools whose volunteer work in our community have earned them a CMWIC college scholarship. When the school testing schedule permits, the students and their parents attend the tea.

If you feel creative, please volunteer to host a table. We need 7 or 8 table hosts for this event. In past years, attendees have worn special hats or outfits, but that is not required. Email [Ellen Greenwald@live.com](mailto:Ellen.Greenwald@live.com) or [Janis Luft@comcast.net](mailto:Janis.Luft@comcast.net) for more information or to volunteer.

Members who are not hosting a table prepare special finger food for this festive occasion.

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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. Once you start, you will really enjoy the process. Marion will have a handout for participants, but you might want to bring a pen/pencil and a notepad if you like to take notes.

This First Tuesday workshop meets on March 1 at 2:00 PM at the Community Center.

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

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### **"Ladies Who Lunch" to Meet March 4 at Big Rock Deli Cafe**

"Ladies Who Lunch" will meet at noon on Friday, March 4, at Big Rock Deli Café in San Rafael. Big Rock is at 1500 Lucas Valley Road at Mt. Lassen Drive. There is plenty of parking and lovely outside tables for all of us to spread out.

They have excellent barbeque, Mexican food, salads, and sandwiches. It is a place to know about and Linda Varonin and her husband enjoyed their meals when they tried the place out a few weeks ago.

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

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

The Marathon Bridge Group will meet 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).

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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*Linda Varonin models a hat made on a loom.*

### **Knitting Group Meets March 22 at Community Center**

The Knitting Group will meet at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 22, in the Community Center, outside on the patio if the weather is fine or inside if not.

There is usually some yarn to give away and there's always inspiration from the other members through the projects they have made.

Making hats or blankets on a loom is easy and if you would like to learn how, come join us. No materials or knitting skills are required! We usually donate our projects to Kaiser patients.

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

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### **Book Group Meets March 22 to Discuss "The Four Winds"**

The Book Group will discuss "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah on March 22 at 1:00 PM. From the Texas plains to the California coast, this Depression-era tale follows a family striving for survival and a better life.

The weather will determine where the meeting takes place. Book Group members will be contacted by email with information on meeting place. Contact Marion Bank at [mbank15@gmail.com](mailto:mbank15@gmail.com) to ensure you are on the list to receive Book Group news.

The book for April is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

The Book Group is open to all CMWIC members.

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### **A Memorial Bench in Piper Park to Honor Jane Purkey**



Our dear friend and faithful CMWIC member Jane Purkey left us on February 5. Jane hosted the club's Game Day at her home in Larkspur for many years.

Members have been asking for a way to honor her. Her daughter, Josette, will have a memorial bench installed in Piper Park, where Jane loved to walk and gaze at the creek. Anyone who would like to contribute (total cost is expected to be about \$2,000 for purchase of a bench and plaque, along with installation) may send a donation directly to Josette Purkey at 140 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur, CA 94939.

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### **New Member Spotlight: Joanie Connor**

Joanie Connor has joined the CMWIC. A longtime resident of Corte Madera, she owned Joanie's on Magnolia Hair Studio in Larkspur from 1982 to late 2020, when she had to close the salon because of COVID.



An enthusiastic volunteer, she was president of the Larkspur Community Association for many years, organizing the Larkspur Flower and Food Festival. She has served on the board of the Larkspur Chamber of Commerce and has worked on the Corte Madera Fourth of July Parade Committee. It will be exciting to see what she takes on in the Women's Club!

"I like to walk, garden, listen to music, dance, craft, and spend time with my two dogs and cats," she says. "Corte Madera is truly a great place to live."

Please welcome Joanie to the club when you see her.

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### **A Perk: Columbia Sportswear Employee Store Available Through March 13**

CMWIC members can shop at the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store now through March 13. The store, located in Richmond, offers items marked with the employee price (up to 50% below regular retail pricing). The store has the latest products from the Columbia Sportswear Company family (Columbia, Mountain Hardwear, SOREL, and prAna).

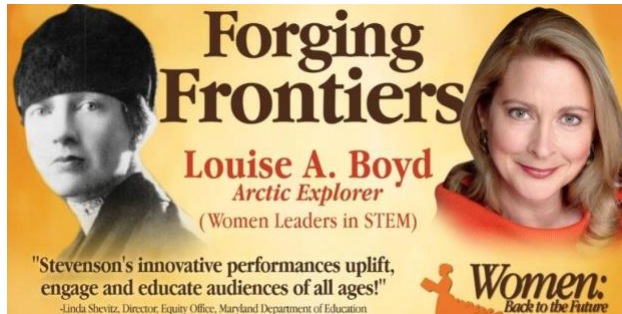
Covid Response: Safety of our employees and shoppers is our number one priority. You can find more information on our store and the safety precautions we are taking due to Covid [here](#).

#### **What to Bring to Access the Store:**

- The invitation (printed or shown on mobile phone)
- Personal photo ID

This invitation is valid for you + 4 guests (you must be present)  
This invitation grants store access only (offer not valid online)  
Find store location and hours [here](#) or on the invitation  
Reach out to [RichmondEmployeeStore@columbia.com](mailto:RichmondEmployeeStore@columbia.com) for additional questions.

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### **Plan Ahead for a Special Theater Event April 6**

You may recall local San Rafael resident Louise Boyd was the subject of a Club program in January 2020. She led—not one, not two, but *seven* arctic expeditions from 1926 through 1941. On April 6 at 7:00 pm, Dominican University will host a one-woman musical, “Forging Frontiers: Louise Arner Boyd-Arctic Explorer.”

“Forging Frontiers” includes special recordings of Boyd's eerie and fantastical silent films made on her voyages featuring the crew, challenging weather conditions, Arctic pack ice, glaciers, and the death of an iceberg. Boyd's bold courageous example — daring to step out into new territory almost a century ago — still inspires today's audiences to forge their own new frontiers.

Cheryl Longinotti invites Club members to join her for this production brought to life by [Kate Campbell Stevenson](#), an accomplished singer, actor and producer. Purchase your own ticket (\$25) at

<https://www.dominican.edu/events/forging-frontiers-louise-boyd-arctic-explorer>  
and let Cheryl (email: [cslonginotti@comcast.net](mailto:cslonginotti@comcast.net)) know you will join her and Vicki so that carpools can be arranged. **Note:** the performance is April 6, *not* March.

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