



CMWIC NEWS for April 2022

April 12 Meeting and Program: “Be Streetwise and Safe at Home”

Potluck at CM Community Center

The speaker for our meeting on Tuesday, April 12, will be Sergeant Jenna Gooding of the Central Marin Police Authority. She has been a police officer for more than 10 years, working on patrol and doing investigations.



Her talk will focus on strategies for staying safe when you're out and about as well as some “best practices” for maintaining safety at home. Street-smart behavior includes avoiding behaviors that can make a person appear vulnerable. Sergeant Gooding will offer tips on self-protection in a variety of situations.

Come learn how to be more confident -- and please bring your questions. Thank you to Elinor Hart for her efforts to bring us this talk.

About the Potluck

- It is imperative that you RSVP by clicking on one of these links or typing in 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 on Thursday, April 7.
- 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.

Ready, Set, Go – The 2022 Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS) Is On!

By Barbara Friday

Our big weekend will soon be upon us. Final preparations are underway for the CMWIC to host another successful GIYS. This year's special dates are **Set-Up on Friday, April 29, noon to 6:00 PM**, and **Sale on Saturday, April 30, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**.

For those of you who are new to this event, CMWIC and community members (this means you!) drop off saleable items at the CM Community Center. These are sorted onto display tables and priced by a dedicated group of volunteers in two shifts on Friday.

Then, bright and early on Saturday, the doors of the Community Center open to a mad rush of buyers looking for excellent prices on our donated treasures. It's fun and hectic, with all hands needed to provide the smoothest event.

Volunteer schedules are being finalized and I am grateful to all who have signed up. I will be contacting volunteers in shift groups with details and assignments over the next two weeks. In general, remember to wear your identifying red apron, discourage haggling since items will already be priced to sell, and feel confident in our ability to work as a team.

Many thanks to our experienced department leaders, who will manage these critical tasks:

Boutique and Jewelry Set Up – Laura Richards (Lead), Elinor Hart, Pam Berg, Donna Wenig

Clothing Set-up – Kathleen Sheehan (Lead)

Curbside Receiving – Janet Sayles (Lead)

Cashier Supervisor – **Looking for Lead** – Please let me know if you are interested.

Plant Sales (new this year!) – Linda Varonin (Lead)

Clean-up – Jennifer Henerlau (Lead)

What to Donate: In general, we are looking for donations of high-quality goods – not stained, bulky, or heavy. If you have a question about a specific item, please feel free to contact me at b.friday@comcast.net.

No books, please. This year, we will decline to accept or dispose of items that are not suitable for sale on Friday so that sale tables are in top shape for Saturday.

Thanks in advance for your kind efforts to make this year's GIYS a success. Mark your calendars for a special "Thank You Lunch" on Tuesday, May 3, at noon – more details to follow – where we'll tell our stories and celebrate together.

Wishing you all the best!

Business Meeting on the Morning of the Potluck

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 10:30 AM. The Giant Indoor Yard Sale is the main topic on the agenda.

Seeking New Officers for Women's Club

We are looking for a few good women! Please consider how you might contribute to the Club, especially for these specific slots:

As **President**, you would be the hub of the wheel. It sounds like a big responsibility but mostly you help others and coordinate so things roll smoothly. The fun part is running meetings and being a center of attention. Applause and appreciation from a supportive leadership team is guaranteed!

As **Newsletter Editor**, you would compile Club news, format it, and distribute it by email. Someone who likes to be in the know and has attention for detail would be ideal.

Not ready to jump into the deep end of the pool? Learn how the Club operates by acting as **Recording Secretary**. You would take minutes at Business Meetings (just once a month, before program meetings). It's an essential task that doesn't take a lot of time outside of the meeting itself.

These positions do not entail a salary or stipend. Your rewards will come in smiles and warm fuzzies.

If you'd like to take a more active role in the Club, please contact:

- Cheryl Longinotti, cslonginotti@comcast.net
 - Armelle Futterman, rmlvanfutt@gmail.com or
 - Susan Topor, susantopor@sbcglobal.net
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Spring Tea May 10: Please Sign Up to Host a Table

The Spring Tea is scheduled for May 10 at noon, with Ellen Greenwald and Janis Luft co-chairs of this festive event.

CMWIC members can "host" a table – but what does that mean? Basically, hosting is



setting a table for eight. Dream up a fun theme, such as S.F. Giants, Hawaii, Bicycling, Gardening, or Christmas.

We have been graced with beautiful silver heirloom tea sets in the past-- and tables featuring paper plates and napkins. Hosting a table is an opportunity to have fun,

be creative, and make Ellen and Janis happy they volunteered to chair the tea.

Each table should include a centerpiece and eight place settings -- plates, napkins, cups and a teapot. Use the Club's flatware or bring your own. Each round table will be covered with a white tablecloth provided by the Club; you are free to add whatever you like.

Please sign up today!

A joyous part of the Spring Tea celebration is the announcement of our scholarship recipients, including the winner of the Kimberly Powell Memorial Scholarship. The lion's share of what we earn from the Giant Indoor Yard Sale pays for these scholarships, which we award to young women attending local public high schools who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service.

Please make Ellen's ellengw@live.com and Janis's Janisluff@comcast.net day by signing up. It really is a lot of fun!

First Tuesday Events in April and May

- New members of the Club have been invited to a welcoming get-together on April 5.
- May 3 is a "Thank You Lunch" for those who work at the GIYS. For now, save the date. Detailed information is to come.

"Ladies Who Lunch" Going to Rancho Nicasio on April 8

Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Rancho Nicasio <https://www.ranchnicasio.com/> on Friday, April 8, at noon. Carpooling is advised. When you RSVP, you will receive an email listing the attendees so you can contact each other about driving.

Bring a hat and smiles for a happy day!

RSVP: linda.varonin@gmail.com

Marathon Bridge to Meet April 19

The Marathon Bridge Group will meet at the Community Center on April 19 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM (and they will continue to meet at that time on the third Tuesdays of May and June). Last month, 28 members played!

Contact Jana Haehl at jghaehl@comcast.net or 415-265-1105 if you have questions or would like to join.

Knitting Group Meets April 26

The Knitting Group will meet at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 26, in the Community Center, outside on the patio if the weather is fine or inside if not.

Email from Linda Varonin to the knitters one day in March:

“I found almost an empty cupboard at Kaiser Oncology today. So filled it up with our beautiful, soft and comfy hats and blankets. The fellows at the desk said the patients love all these items. I am so happy we can make others a wee bit happier and more comfortable.”

Some of the responses:

- “This makes me want to just knit faster !!!”
- “I want to make more!”
- “Good knowing the patients are enjoying the knitted items! I’ll keep knitting.”

What a devoted group of women!

RSVP: linda.varonin@gmail.com

Book Group Meets April 26 to Discuss “Where the Crawdads Sing”

The Book Group will discuss “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens on April 26 at 1:00 PM.

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

The Book Group is open to all CMWIC members.

CMWIC Cookbook Now in Local Public Library Collections

The Larkspur and Corte Madera public libraries each have accepted a copy of our Women's Club cookbook, "What Sustains Us," into their collections. It will be specially cataloged and kept on the "local" shelves for years to come. What a great feeling it is to have an enduring record of what we did during the Covid 19 shutdown. Thank you to everyone who contributed, especially Armelle Futterman and Claudia Keast.

Here are Corte Madera Branch Manager Stephanie Hartwell-Mandella and Larkspur Library Community Services Director Franklin Escobedo with copies of our cookbook:



Stephanie Hartwell-Mandella photo by Linda Varonin.

Franklin Escobedo photo by Teresa Capasso.

Theater at Dominican April 6: Arctic Explorer Louise Boyd

You may recall that 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) know you will join her and Vicki so that carpools can be arranged.

For questions regarding this newsletter or the club, please email info@cortemaderawomensclub.org.