



## CMWIC NEWS for May 2022



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### **GIYS Thank-You Celebration May 3 at DJ's Chinese Cuisine**

*This newsletter comes to you the day after our big annual fundraiser, the Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS). So many members contributed their hard work, organizational skills, and donated treasures to make this year's event a success!*

*Volunteers, please come to a celebration lunch in your honor, hosted by GIYS Chairperson Barbara Friday at DJ's Chinese Cuisine, 435 Magnolia Avenue in Larkspur on Tuesday, May 3, at noon. We'll share stories about the weekend and support a great local business. Lunch will be on the patio, weather permitting.*

*RSVP to Barbara at [b.friday@comcast.net](mailto:b.friday@comcast.net) or 415-927-4448 to be sure that we have enough seats. Thank you all for a successful and satisfying GIYS.*

--Barbara Friday

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## **Meet CMWIC Scholarship Winners at the Spring Tea on May 10**

### **RSVP Now!**

*CM Community Center*

Two outstanding young women have been selected to receive scholarships from the CMWIC. Hollis Belger, 17, and Harper Fong, 18, are graduating seniors at Redwood High School and both will attend the Spring Tea and tell us about their experiences in community service.

**Hollis Belger** is the recipient of the Kimberly Powell scholarship. Hollis began her lifelong commitment to service and fundraising at age 9 after learning about the harsh reality of childhood cancer. She created a soccer-ball-juggling enterprise called “Juggling for Jude” to raise donations for St. Jude’s Research Hospital for Children.



She has been passionate in spreading the word about involvement and philanthropy to her peers and to a global community across six continents. Not only has she helped to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for her cause, she also has spoken on this topic extensively, including a [TED Talk](https://www.ted.com/talks/hollis_belger_creating_teen_purpose_versus_achievement)

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**Harper Fong** has focused much of her time in high school on advocacy for Special Education students. She recognized early on that these students are a diverse group who are often undervalued and overlooked. She is committed to the principles of kindness and inclusion and has co-led several school clubs to actualize these ideals. Through the Friendship Club, Peer Buddy Club, and Special Olympics Club, she has promoted these principles through adaptive sports, art projects, and an annual Halloween Dance.



She plans to carry her passion and focus into her college career and her studies in Special Education.

Both young women exemplify selflessness, initiative, kindness, passion, and the spirit of volunteerism. We are proud to honor them for their contributions to our community and to contribute in a small way to their future goals.

Sincere thanks to the **Scholarship Committee** for their dedication and sense of

mission: Helen K Lambert, Janis Luft, and Joanne Shaw. Special thanks to Janis Luft for immediately getting the photos you see here, interviewing Hollis and Harper, and writing this up so quickly.

The lion's share of what we earn from the Giant Indoor Yard Sale pays for these scholarships, along with Brian Powell's funding of the Kimberly Powell Memorial Scholarship. By the way, he plans to attend the tea.

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### **Bringing a Guest to the Spring Tea**

*The Spring Tea will take place at the CM Community Center on Tuesday, May 10, at noon.*

To ensure that we have enough tables -- and table hosts -- we are asking that you RSVP no later than Tuesday, May 3, at noon -- but "the sooner, the better!" If you are NOT hosting a table, please bring a nice plate of sweet or savory finger food, such as scones, little sandwiches, roll-ups, tarts, deviled eggs. ... This is also an opportunity to wear a hat!

This is the perfect time to bring a guest BUT YOU MUST RSVP for them, too! When you RSVP, provide the name of your guest. Guests must bring proof of vaccinations -- and ask them to bring finger food to share. Please enter through the front door of the Community Center and pick up your nametag.

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### **Table Host Checklist:**

So far, our Table Hosts are Pamela Berg and Donna Wenig, Joanie Connor, Ellen Greenwald and Janis Luft, Jetta Kristensen, Cheryl Longinotti, and Laura Merlo.

- Teapot
- Tablecloth (or use the club's)
- Centerpiece
- 8 plates
- 8 cups
- 8 napkins
- Flatware (or use the club's)

**Note:** There will be **NO Business Meeting** the morning of the Spring Tea so that we can decorate and prepare.

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"Brown Bag Meeting"

**Senior CM Planning Official to Discuss Housing Plan on June 7**

*CM Community Center*



Join us on June's "First Tuesday" at noon for a casual meeting to discuss housing in Corte Madera. We will hear a short presentation from the Town Planning and Building Department, after which Senior Planner Martha Battaglia will listen to our thoughts and questions.

Ms. Battaglia will give us a report on the status of the Town's Housing Plan and the sites identified to accommodate the potential development of approximately 770 new housing units. She would like to hear our feedback on housing policies and any programs that we would like the Town to pursue. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from an expert and make your thoughts known.

Thanks to Suzi Beatie for arranging this First Tuesday event!

RSVP [rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org](mailto:rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org)

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### **Seeking New CMWIC Officers**

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](mailto:cslonginotti@comcast.net)
  - Armelle Futterman, [rmlvanfutt@gmail.com](mailto:rmlvanfutt@gmail.com) or
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**Marathon Bridge to Meet May 17 and June 21**

The Marathon Bridge Group will meet at the Community Center on May 17 and June 21, from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

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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### **“Ladies” to Visit Tea Room in Ross on May 18**

“Ladies Who Lunch” will meet for tea/lunch at Crown & Crumpet Café, 22 Ross Common, on Wednesday, May 18, at 11:30 AM.

The group is meeting on a Wednesday to provide those who are always tied up on Fridays a chance to attend.

The café has a nice selection of Equator Coffee drinks along with tea. You can view the menu at their website, <http://www.crownandcrumpet.com/ross-cafe-2>.

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

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### **Knitting Group Meets May 24 Across from Post Office**

The Knitting Group will meet in the park again on Tuesday, May 24, as a blood drive will be taking place in the Community Center.

Meet at 11 AM at the picnic tables in view of the CM Post Office, under the trees in the strip park between the parking lot and Pixley Avenue.

The knitters have started going out to lunch together at Cafe Verde after each meeting -  
- delicious food at outdoor tables!

Contact [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com) for more information.

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### **Book Group Meets May 24 in Piper Park to Discuss “Daisy Miller”**

The Book Group will meet at Piper Park on Tuesday, May 24, at 1:00 PM to discuss Henry James’s novella “Daisy Miller.” (The group is meeting at the park because the Community Center is being used for a blood drive that day.)

The Book Group is open to all CMWIC members.

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**“Enriching Lives Through Music” Open House on Saturday, May 14**



Following up on our inspiring March program speaker, Jane Kramer, who founded Enriching Lives Through Music (ELM), CMWIC members are invited to attend an Open House on Saturday, May 14, when ELM students will gather for instrumental lessons and orchestral rehearsals.

The event is an opportunity for members of the community to see ELM's music program in action. Jane Kramer will be there, along with ELM board members and the families of students.

If you wish to attend, email Megan Frei at [megan@elmprogram.org](mailto:megan@elmprogram.org).

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