



CMWIC NEWS for June 2022

June 14 Program: Rachael Keast on Immigration Law

Note: No Food – Wear a Mask

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Our final meeting before the summer break will feature immigration attorney Rachael Keast, who works for the Marin County Public Defender's office. She will tell us about current immigration law and how federal, state, and local laws and policies on immigration affect our community.

NOTE: Because of the ongoing Covid surge, the food/potluck part of the meeting is canceled. We ask everyone to refrain from eating or drinking during this presentation so that each of us can remain masked. Be sure to wear a mask.

Ms. Keast has worked in the field of immigration for 22 years, 17 of them as an attorney.



The focus of her practice has been complex removal defense cases, and, most recently, acting as in-house immigration counsel at public defenders' offices, helping clients who were not born in the United States to navigate the interwoven systems of immigration law and criminal law. She helps defense attorneys fulfill their constitutional duty to advise their clients of the immigration consequences of their criminal cases and try to mitigate those consequences when needed.

She is also Claudia Keast's niece!

Please RSVP to rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org

July 4 Parade a Topic at Business Meeting on June 14

As always, all CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, at 10:30 AM. No RSVP necessary. Please wear a mask.

Linda Varonin has volunteered to head up a CMWIC Twin Cities Fourth of July Parade contingent and we will decide at the meeting. We would dress in white and carry signs bearing the names of our club activities.

If you would like to walk in the parade, you may wish to attend this meeting and/or contact Linda at linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Also under discussion will be the big jump in cost of the club's insurance, officers for the coming year, next year's scholarships, and long-term storage for the racks and hangers we use for the GIYS.

Senior CM Planning Official to Discuss Housing on June 7

Note: No Food or Drink

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Join us on June 7 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.

NOTE: Because of the ongoing Covid surge, this is no longer a "brown bag" meeting. There will be no food or drink so that everyone can remain masked throughout this talk. Please wear a mask.

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

Stay in Touch!

Club activities (except for those busy knitters) are suspended during July and August. But that's no reason not to stay in touch. Go to the "For Members Only" page to find a membership roster with phone numbers. **

** for signin, user name is the six letter word member,
NOT your name; then password is MMXIX

That same page has a link to a contributor index for the Club Cookbook. Got a yearning for sweets? The page numbers for all the cookies are at your fingertips! Feeling nostalgic? Photos in the "Gallery" are arranged by year so you can reminisce on times past. Missed the Spring Tea? See the beautiful tables and smiling faces on "The Spring Tea" page.

Important Note: A big thank you to Cheryl Longinotti for months of hard work and dedication to keeping up our CMWIC Website -- terrific job! When you next see her, please don't hesitate to shout "Ciao, bella!" and to mention how wonderful and up-to-date our site is.

Still Seeking New CMWIC Officers

A number of board positions have yet to be filled. 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 familiar with computers, 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 our program and potluck 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:

- Armelle Futterman, rmlvanfutt@gmail.com
- Susan Topor, susantopor@sbcglobal.net

Marathon Bridge to Meet June 21

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The Marathon Bridge Group will meet at the Community Center on June 21 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Bridge is on vacation in July and August, back as usual the third Tuesday of September.

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

Ladies Who Lunch Meet at Besos in Hamilton on June 22

Ladies Who Lunch (LWL) will meet on Wednesday, June 22, at 11:30 AM at Besos in the Hamilton area of Novato, 502 S. Palm Drive (next to Marin Museum of Contemporary Art and across the street from Unity in Marin Church).

There will be a new exhibit up at Marin MOCA and if you would like, people may go after lunch.

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com by Monday, June 20.

Knitting Group to Meet June 28, July 26, and August 23

The Knitting Group will meet inside the Community Center at 11:00 AM on June 28. Please wear a mask. Come join us if you are interested in seeing what we are doing. No-host lunch afterward at Cafe Verde around noon.

Knitters will meet each month during the summer. On July 26 and August 23, meet at 11:00 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.

Contact linda.varonin@gmail.com for more information.

Book Group Meets June 28 to Discuss “West With Giraffes”

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The Book Group will meet on Tuesday, June 28, at 1:00 PM to discuss Lynda Rutledge’s novel “West With Giraffes.” This book was inspired by the true story of two giraffes who won the hearts of Depression-era America.

The Book Group is open to all CMWIC members. For more information, please contact Marion Bank at mbank15@gmail.com.

Can You Spare a Little Storage Space – Please?

There have been several reports of members getting disoriented -- and even lost -- in their closets after having donated so many items to the very successful Giant Indoor Yard Sale!

To prevent Post-GIYS Syndrome, please do the club a little favor. We have bins of hangers and clothing racks that have to be stored until the next sale. Let's share this burden: If you have some space, please store a bin or two in your newly cleaned-out closet.

Contact Cheryl at cslonginotti@comcast.net. Don't let that empty feeling overtake you!

Spring Tea

Sincere appreciation to Ellen Greenwald and Janis Luft for organizing the magnificent Spring Tea and ensuring that everything flowed marvelously!



Fran Prewitt, Ellen Greenwald, Janis Luft



(Left to right) Donor Brian Powell with scholarship winner Hollis Belger and her mother, Allison Belger, scholarship recipient Harper Fong with her mother, Pam Fong, and counselor Lynne Kennedy.

Did You Forget Your Silverware at the Tea? Pick It Up at June Meeting

If you left silverware at our Spring Tea, please claim it at our June meeting. It is being stored in the Club closet. Ask Laura Merlo to let you in.

