



A Note About Covid: Masks are optional now.

CMWIC NEWS for March 2023



From Our President, Suzi Beatie

Hello, Dear Members,

A warm welcome, especially to (our growing list of) new members! We are so happy that even more new members have joined our group. We reiterate that the activities and programs here are “member-driven,” so your ideas and help are what make our club special!

I am happy to say that we will offer some hikes again beginning in April; see the final article below. I also heard mention of interest in a French Club. The business meetings are where your ideas become reality. Please remember that everyone is welcome.

Since we are taking a break from our big fundraiser (the Giant Indoor Yard Sale) this year, we are particularly eager to hear your creative ideas about a possible different fundraiser.

At our last business meeting we joined forces with the Corte Madera Community Foundation to purchase a lift for the CM Parks & Recreation Department to help ensure that staff can reach the Community Center ceiling safely. (See article below.) We also donated to Redwood High School's Safe and Sober Grad Night. We also discussed our guest policy and determined that members may bring a guest, but the member must RSVP that they and a guest are coming and both you and your guest should contribute to the potluck luncheon, as we all do.

We remain highly committed to our scholarship funding. A big thank you to Susan Topor, Helen Lambert, Donna Wenig, Janis Luft, Lori Verplaetse, Robin Giffin, and Jan Shaw for volunteering to serve on this year's Scholarship Committee. In a longstanding tradition, the scholarship winners are invited to attend our Spring Tea in May.

If you missed February's wonderful slide show and talk from wildflower photographers Nita Winter and Rob Badger, see their website www.wildflowerbooks.com.

Don't forget to look at our website to see past newsletters, the calendar, and recent photos and activities. www.cortemaderawomensclub.org.

On March 14, we have **Jeff Burkhart** the bartender to entertain us -- and hip, hip, hooray! -- **A potluck lunch!**

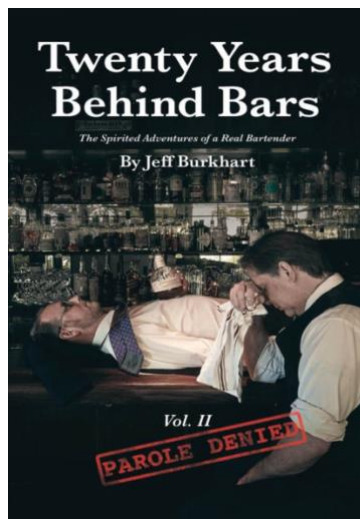
I hope to see you there!

--**Suzi**

[Jeff Burkhart to Speak at March 14 Meeting – And It's a Potluck!](#)

CM Community Center

We are delighted to announce that our March meeting will be a potluck, Tuesday, March 14, beginning at noon. Our speaker will be Jeff Burkhart, who is both an award-winning journalist and an award-winning bartender. His popular “Barfly” column in the Marin IJ was voted Best Column in the state by the California News Publishers Association in 2014 and 2021, and he has been voted “best bartender” seven times, by the readers of three different publications.



His two books: “Twenty Years Behind Bars: the spirited adventures of a real bartender,” and its sequel, “Twenty Years Behind Bars: parole denied,” are both best-sellers -- and he still finds time to host the “Barfly Podcast” on iTunes, which has been featured in both Marin Magazine and the New York Times. All of which has resulted in Jeff also being voted “Best Media Personality: TV, Radio, Print” twice in a row by the readers of the Pacific Sun.

Bring a dish to share and please **RSVP** (rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org) for this meeting.

All Members Welcome to Attend Business Meeting

CM Community Center

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board’s Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 14, at 10:30 AM. This is where decisions about the club are made – as in the play *Hamilton*, “The room where it happens.”

Bring your ideas. No RSVP necessary.

“First Tuesday” Workshop: Making Healing Salves with Jane on March 7

CM Community Center

This month’s First Tuesday event is a workshop: “Making Healing Salves with Jane” on March 7 from 11 AM until noon.

New CMWIC member Jane Finan will demonstrate how to make a pain-relief salve from infused and essential oils. Each participant will go home with an ounce of the salve we make plus the knowledge needed to make some on your own at home.



The essential oils are a bit expensive, so Jane asks for up to \$10 per person (the final cost may be less). Disclosure: One of the oils is cannabis but no worries. It's legal in California.

Jane's recipe has been honed over the years and her friends testify to its effectiveness. RSVP early to Jane at jfinan@sonic.net. This workshop is limited to 10 people.

February Gathering Rescheduled Book Group to Meet on March 7 Discuss "The Midnight Library"

CM Community Center

The Book Group's February 28 meeting had to be postponed. They will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 12:30 PM to discuss "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig.

For more information, please contact:

- Donna Wenig at donna.wenig@gmail.com or
 - Marion Bank at mb.shop15@gmail.com
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Marathon Bridge Tuesday, March 21 -- and Good News About Dues

CM Community Center

The Marathon Bridge Group will meet on Tuesday, March 21 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

When the club's new fiscal year begins on July 1, members of our bridge group will no longer be asked to pay separate annual dues. There will be a single, \$25 dues payment each year and it will cover full membership in the CMWIC.

We hope this encourages more bridge players to get on the monthly bridge schedule, since we currently have just 28 players and there's room for many more. Those interested in signing up should contact Jana Haehl.

Contact: Jana Haehl, jghaehl@comcast.net or 415-265-1105.

Ladies Who Lunch Going to Taki Japanese Restaurant on March 22

452 Ignacio Blvd., Novato

Ladies Who Lunch will go to Taki Japanese Restaurant in Ignacio Plaza in Novato on Wednesday, March 22 at noon. Taki has good food and good prices. It is in the far right, back corner of the plaza.

Come join us to make new friends and cherish the old ones!

Bring cash to pay for your meal and tip.

Please RSVP to linda.varonin@gmail.com, who will make a reservation a few days ahead. All members are welcome.

Knitting Group to Meet March 28

CM Community Center



The Knitting Group will meet on Tuesday, March 28, from 11:00 AM until noon at the Community Center, with optional lunch afterward at Cafe Verde.

All CMWIC members are welcome to help knit blankets and hats for people in hospitals and care homes. You can also learn how to make a tiny sweater card if you like!

Email linda.varonin@gmail.com with questions.

Book Group Meets March 28 Discuss "State of Terror"

CM Community Center

The Book Group will meet on Tuesday, March 28 at 1:00 PM to discuss "State of Terror" by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny.

For more information, please contact:

- Donna Wenig at donna.wenig@gmail.com or
 - Marion Bank at mb.shop15@gmail.com
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CMWIC and Community Foundation Give Community Center a Lift

The Corte Madera Community Foundation and the Corte Madera Women's



Improvement Club purchased a Genie AWP 30 "Personnel Lift" from Herc Rentals for use by the Community Center staff.

The lift will enable CC staff to change light bulbs and install decorations in the main hall more safely by eliminating the need for personnel to climb a 14-foot ladder and will save money by eliminating the need to rent an expensive scissor lift.

The CMWIC donated \$2,450 (decision made at February business meeting).

[Looking Ahead](#)

[First Tuesday, April 4, A Stroll Along Richardson Bay](#)

The first Tuesday comes early in the month, so plan ahead for this activity:

Cheryl Longinotti will lead a walk along Richardson Bay. She chose this 1.7-mile route (3.5 mile round trip) on sidewalks, shoulders, and paths for its quiet streets, flat topography, and views of the Bay.

We'll meet at 10:30 AM sharp behind the 76 Station just off Tiburon Blvd. on Greenwood Cove Drive (Tiburon), where street parking is available. Our route will take us past the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Blackie's Pasture. When we return, those wishing to get something to eat or drink will find opportunities at the Cove Shopping Center, just across Tiburon Blvd.

Bring sunscreen, shades, and water.

RSVP to Cheryl at cslonginotti@comcast.net by March 31 to share your name with others for carpooling, but last-minute walkers are welcome.
