

CMWIC News for December 2025

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A message from our President: Pamela Berg

I want to extend my warmest holiday greetings to each of you! The holiday season is a time for all to unwind and thank the important people in our lives. So, Thank You, for everything you all do for our women's club which would be nothing without your hard work and participation. May you all have a blessed, peaceful, and enriching holiday season and New Year!



December 9, Tuesday, Noon - 1:30pm. Potluck Program. CM Community Center

Please **RSVP** at [**rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org**](mailto:rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org) to ensure seating.

- Holiday-themed, delicious food
- Hot spiced cider
- Festive live music
- Creative snowflake crafting

- Famous cookie exchange - bring homemade cookies if you'd like to participate. Leftover treats will be delivered to our local police and fire departments.
- Don your best (or worst) holiday attire for our fun holiday style promenade!
- Opportunity to practice generosity - bring your checkbook to donate to the fire department toy drive.
- Thank you in advance for helping with set up before and/or clean up after the luncheon.

Annual Giving Time! Santa Cop & First Responder Elves Toy Drive 2025

Our club will again participate in the Holiday Toy Drive and Fundraiser sponsored by our Marin Fire Departments. For many years we have helped bring holiday cheer to kids in our community who might otherwise go without.

We will be collecting new toys or games at our December Holiday Party & Pot Luck. If you would like, please bring new unwrapped gifts and or checks to our luncheon and we will deliver them to Central Marin Fire Dept right here in town,

Teen gifts are especially appreciated.


Contact Suzi Beatie if you have any questions. suzbeatie@gmail.com

Santa Cop & First Responder Elves Toy Drive 2025

Bringing holiday cheer to children in San Rafael and beyond

"To provide Christmas gifts for children in our community who might otherwise go without."

HOW YOU CAN HELP

 Donate a new, unwrapped toy or game (no toys resembling weapons or associated with violence will be accepted). Gifts for infants, toddlers, and teens are especially appreciated.

- All San Rafael Fire Stations
- San Rafael City Hall
- West End Nursery
- San Rafael Joe's
- United Markets, San Rafael & San Anselmo
- Marinwood Fire Station
- Kentfield Fire Station
- Central Marin Fire Department
- Tiburon Fire District

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Your generosity helps bring joy to children across San Rafael, Kentfield, Tiburon, Central Marin, and Marinwood

If you'd like to contribute, please make checks payable to:
 San Rafael Santa Cop
 P.O. Box 6221
 San Rafael, CA 94903

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, call our Santa Cop Hotline at (415) 456-2685 or email srsantacop@gmail.com

FIRE UP YOUR OVENS! HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE IS COMING!

We are continuing our tradition of the annual cookie exchange at our December meeting. Here's how it goes:

- Bake and bring 2 dozen (or more) of your favorite cookie recipe
- Bring an extra platter or container
- All cookies will be displayed for exchange participants to choose a variety of cookies
- ENJOY!
- Any extras will be shared with the Rec Center staff and local police and firefighters.

Any question cont

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December 16, Tuesday, 11am – Noon. Craft Hour “Tis The Season to Be Giving”

We will be coloring paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls, adding fidget toys to a colorful box and gifting it to an assisted living memory care unit. A gift from CMWIC craft group



“Don’t Trash Rehash”

RSVP to Vini. ****** designvc@comcast.net ******

December 16, Tuesday, Noon - 2:00pm, Canasta. Come to open play and practice canasta with your friends. Bring cards, if you have them.

December 16, Tuesday, 4pm, Women Who Love Wine. Zinz Wine Bar, 207 Corte Madera Ave. Schmooze and sip responsibly with fellow Club members at our popular local haunt. Contact Bonnie Roberts to **RSVP** [**drpampers@yahoo.com**](mailto:drpampers@yahoo.com)

December 18, Thursday, 12:30PM, Ladies Who Lunch, Arrivederci, 11 G Street, San Rafael. This is an Italian restaurant recommended by Liz Burd. I thought we'd go here in her memory, she never missed a luncheon! **RSVP:** judisheridanrn@gmail.com

Knitting is cancelled for December. We will resume January 27. Questions and to get on the mailing list, email Linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Mid to Late December View Holiday Lights - Schedule with Cheryl

Cheryl Longinotti is offering rides in *Gertrude*, her pedal powered carriage, to view holiday lights. She'll have blankets, hand warmers and a hot drink if it is chilly.

Contact Cheryl to arrange the date at: Cheryl.Longinotti@gmail.com



Book Group. CM Community Center.

No meeting in December. The book club meets every fourth Tuesday.

January 2026	A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
February	The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
March	James by Percival Everett
April	After the Party by Lisa Jewell
May	We will be Jaguars by Mitch Anderson and Nemonte Nenquimo
June to be announced	

Ongoing: Community support for La Casa Buena, A Homeward Bound Residence

he address is [1591 Casa Buena Dr.](#) This is right next to Marin Joe's.

So many of you have been generous in giving this residence cards, magazines, toiletries and calendars. Alicia Slavich, the weekday manager, has invited CMWIC members to drop off their donations personally to meet her and to be sure the donations go in the correct spots.

You may call or text her to be sure she is there. Her phone number is 415-860-7074.

Any other questions ask linda.varonin@gmail.com. Or Text at 415-272-9566

We may be having some workshops with the residents soon.

*******The Community Center is closed over the holidays so none of our activities will take place on Dec 23 or Dec 30.**

Heads up for January!

January 6, Tuesday Noon Brown Bag Lunch Presentation CM Community Center

Cheryl Longinotti will discuss her recent trip to Ukraine on behalf of DrivingUkraine.org

With a convoy of volunteers, she drove **1381 miles over 3 days** to deliver a truck that went to the front line for medical rescue and supply. After delivery, she spent 7 days in Lviv, Ukraine's fifth largest city. Bring your bag lunch but save room for syrnyky (Ukrainian cheese cakes).



Veteran's Day, November 11, 2025

GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE (GIYS) – 2026 DONATION GUIDELINES

Please donate items that you would be willing to buy in clean and working condition. Due to limited space, we may decline large items or item which we cannot sell. Your donations make our scholarships possible.

What we are looking for:

- Small Household Items – Home Accessories, kitchenware of all kinds, linens, lamps, dishware, glasses and pots. Sorry, no pillows.
- Clothing and Accessories In Excellent Shape – Women’s, Men’s, and Children’s including shoes, belts, scarves
- Jewelry both costume and fine
- Artwork and Art Supplies
- Children’s Toys, Books, and Games - No adult books please

We cannot accept the following:

- No Electronics or Large Appliances such as computers, monitors, TVs or microwaves
- No Perishables – no food, cosmetics, or broken or stained items
- No Children’s strollers, cribs, high chairs, or car seats
- No Furniture or Large Heavy Items such as sofas, mattresses, blinds, or ceiling fans
- No large exercise equipment like skis, stationary bikes, treadmills

Donations accepted Friday, April 10th - 11:30AM - 5:00PM at the front entrance of Corte Madera Community Center – 498 Tamalpais Dr.

**The 2026 GIYS is Saturday, 4/11/26 from 9-3 \$10 Early Bird access 8AM.
Questions to: yardsale@cortemaderawomensclub.org**

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