



CORTE MADERA WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB NEWS APRIL 2019

Message from Our President



A big, hearty “thank you” to all who participated in this year’s Giant Indoor Yard Sale. Members working side by side sorted and displayed an exceptionally high number of donated items; engaged happy, grateful shoppers; and miraculously returned the Community Center to pristine condition within two hours of closing. Whew! By any standard including income, it was our most successful sale yet. Hats off to all.

Coming up in May is our Spring Tea. We are looking for members to host a table, which simply involves providing a centerpiece and eight place settings of luncheon plates, napkins, and cups. Contact [Laura Merlo](#) to reserve a table (limited supply!). You can select a theme and be as creative as you wish, as shown [here](#).

— Cheryl Longinotti
Club President

Historian to Speak About 1906 Quake at April 9 Meeting

Please [RSVP](#)

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

- **10:30 AM – Business Meeting:** All members are encouraged to participate in the Business Meeting. There’s no need to RSVP for the Business Meeting – just show up!
- **12:00 Noon – Lunch and Speaker:** Richard G. Torney, a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentfield-Greenbrae Historical Society, is our speaker for the April 9 lunch. He will discuss little-known aspects of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.

In addition to the loss of lives and damage to buildings and infrastructure from the disaster, the threat of contagious disease loomed as displaced people were

forced to live outdoors without access to water and sanitation. U.S. Army Surgeon Lieutenant Colonel George Henry Torney was named San Francisco Chief Sanitation Officer two days after the quake. One of Torney's sons roamed the city, photographing the devastation. His photos have been rediscovered and will be shown during the talk. Our speaker is a great-grandson of the S.F. Chief Sanitation Officer credited with averting an epidemic.

Please bring a favorite dish to share. Plates, utensils, and beverages are provided.

RSVP by Friday, April 5. Your response will help ensure that we set up the right number of tables and chairs.

May 3 Field Trip to Alcatraz Gardens: Get Boat Tickets Now!

Meet at the CM Community Center at 7:30 AM to carpool.

Buy tickets for the 8:45 or 9:10 Alcatraz Cruises ferry *immediately* if you wish to attend Linda Varonin's Field Trip on Friday, May 3, to tour the Gardens of Alcatraz. Go to this website <https://alcatrazgardens.org/visit.php> and click on "Alcatraz Cruises" to purchase a ticket. A boat ticket for a senior (62+) costs \$37.65. The garden tour itself is free.

Alcatraz Garden Tour Friday, May 3. Meet at the CMCC parking lot at 7:30 AM to carpool to Tiburon, park, and board the boat.

This will be a docent-led tour of the gardens of Alcatraz. Be prepared for cold or rain. Wear layers and bring a snack and water. We can tour more of Alcatraz after the tour.

Please RSVP to Linda at fieldtrips@cmwomensclub.org

Only After You Have Purchased a Ferry Ticket.

Celebration of Life for Nancy Reyes: Saturday, April 13

A Celebration of Life for longtime CMWIC member Nancy Reyes will be held at the CM Community Center on Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 PM.

Nancy lived in Corte Madera with husband Tim Reyes and their two children, Stephen and Karen. She was a Special Education teacher at Neil Cummins until her retirement.



Her community activities included PTA President, President of a Marin General Hospital volunteer group, Camp Fire Girls Leader, Boy Scout secretary, member of Corte Madera Women's Improvement Club, and 20 years at Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Donations in Nancy's name should be directed to the Guide Dogs for the Blind or Hospice by the Bay.



Spring Tea on May 14! Sign Up to Host a Table

Our annual Spring Tea is scheduled for May 14 at noon.

CMWIC members can “host” a table, which basically means setting a table for eight. Bring your traditional tea set or dream up a fun theme, such as S.F. Giants, Hawaii, Bicycling, Gardening, or Christmas. We were graced with some beautiful heirloom tea sets last year but you can even use paper plates and napkins. Hosting a table really is fun.

We are looking for a few more gracious hosts, so please sign up today.

A joyous part of the 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 funds these scholarships, which we award to young women who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service while attending a local public high school.

More information for potential table hosts: Each table should include a centerpiece and eight place settings -- plates, napkins, tea cups. A teapot is nice but not strictly necessary since Donna Wenig and Linda Varonin will come to each table to pour tea. Use the club's flatware or bring your own. Each round

table will be covered with a white tablecloth provided by the club; you can add whatever you like.

Please sign up today. It really is a lot of fun, and CMWIC members are encouraged to bring a friend to the tea.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Marathon Bridge Group Meets on April 16

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

The Marathon Bridge Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM. This month, that's April 16.

Players rotate through an established schedule, but substitutes are often needed and new subs are welcome. For more information, contact Jana Haehl at CMWC Bridge@cmwomensclub.org or call her at 415-265-1105.

Corte Madera Rummy Meets on April 17

Location: Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur

Corte Madera Rummy meets at Jane Purkey's home in Larkspur on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM. This month, they will meet on April 17. For questions about CM Rummy, contact Jane at 415-758-7102.

Knitters Meet on Tuesday, April 23

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

The knitting group, a joint project of the CMWIC and the Intergenerational Center, meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM. There is no charge to participate.

Come share your knitting skills--or beginners can learn how to knit with needles, a loom, or without needles! Or just bring a project and enjoy the company of others who like to knit or do other handicrafts.

Whether expert or novice, Linda Varonin and Janet Sayles welcome you. You can reach Linda at linda.varonin@gmail.com.

Book Club on April 23: *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver

Location: CM Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

The CMWIC book group meets on Tuesday, April 23, at 1:00 PM. [Barbara Kingsolver's *Unsheltered*](#) is the topic of discussion in April. The book for May 28 is [*Educated* by Tara Westover](#).

It is not necessary to sign up for the Book Club; you are welcome to read the selection and drop in.

The Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, right after the knitting group, in the main hall of the Corte Madera Community Center. Donna Wenig and Armelle Futterman lead the book discussions.

For additional information, please contact [Donna Wenig](#).

Contact us by clicking on info@cmwomensclub.org.

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