



## CMWIC NEWS for March 2021

### S.F. Chinatown Suffragist The Topic of March 9 Talk

Ted Schulze will speak about his grandmother, Tye Leung Schulze, who was born to Chinese immigrants and who escaped domestic servitude at age 9 and an arranged marriage at age 12.



As an adult living in San Francisco, she became the first Chinese American woman to work for the federal government and first to vote in a federal election. She worked as a translator for the U.S. Immigration Service at the Angel Island Immigration Station, where she helped to prevent human trafficking.

At Angel Island, she fell in love with Charles Schulze, an Immigration Service Inspector. California's interracial miscegenation laws prohibited the two from marrying, so in 1913, Tye Leung broke another barrier when she and Schulze eloped to Washington state. Both lost their jobs with the Immigration Service. They lived on the outskirts of Chinatown where they raised four children together until Charles' death in 1934.

Schulze's life was a subject in the PBS Series "Unladylike 2020." Ted Schultze will offer his personal perspective as her grandson.

### **Member Trivia – 'A Treasured Memory'**

After hearing from our speaker, we'll play our member trivia game, "Who Did This?" This time, there's a prompt, "A Treasured Memory."

What memory really sticks with you? Interpret this question as you wish: The day you got your puppy? The first time you set eyes on the Pacific Ocean -- or on the love of your life? A crazy driving lesson?

Please send an email to **Trivia Goddess Janis Luft** about this special memory. (If you have a photo to go along with it, that would be icing on the cake.) Those who have not yet been featured in member trivia, please, *please*, overcome any shyness and tell your tale.

Other stories or interesting/entertaining/scandalous facts about yourself are also welcome anytime as they're all great for the game. Send to Janis Luft [Janisluft@comcast.net](mailto:Janisluft@comcast.net).

### **Zoom Information for General Meeting and Trivia**

**March 9, Noon**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2240949581?pwd=SU5aRjFIM0REVDd6TUpsa2ZFaXRIQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 224 094 9581

**Passcode:** CMWIC2020

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### **Business Meeting March 3 -- All Members Welcome**

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Wednesday, March 3, at 2:00 PM. Among the topics will be (- drumroll! -) our exciting cookbook project (see more information below), and how changes at the Community Center may impact the CMWIC. Please join us.

#### **"CMWIC Business" Zoom Meeting**

Wednesday, March 3, 2:00 PM

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2240949581?pwd=SU5aRjFIM0REVDd6TUpsa2ZFaXRIQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 224 094 9581

**Passcode:** CMWIC2020

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### **Cooking Up a Fundraiser: *We Want to Publish Our Favorite Recipes!***

For obvious reasons we will not be able to hold our annual communitywide Giant Indoor Yard Sale this year. Beyond a fundraising opportunity, that event brought us all together to work on a common project and serve our community. This year's project will be different but no less exciting. We will publish a cookbook with recipes contributed by all of our members and some community "guests," finishing just in time for the next holiday season. Your holiday shopping is done!

Please send us at least one recipe that you particularly enjoy and briefly tell us what makes it special or what memories it holds. Is it your father's scramble, your best friend's vegetable soup? Is it the recipe you can whip up with your eyes closed or the one that showcases your favorite ingredient? Tell us about it in the note section of the contribution form. When this cookbook is printed it will bind together not only our recipes

but all of us as well. The process for contributing a recipe is simple and can be done online in just a few minutes.

**Here's how:**

Go to [www.CookbookFundraiser.com](http://www.CookbookFundraiser.com)

- In the login area in the right-hand column, enter your name as contributor **as you would like it to appear** in the final printed cookbook.
- Enter your email address so we can keep you up to date on this project.
- Finally, enter "**CMWIC**" as our Group Name and the Password **recipe60**.

Once on the cookbook homepage, click on '**Add a Recipe**' under the Recipes tab.

Enter the ingredients and directions for the recipe as well as the personal note that make this recipe special. Don't forget to click the '**Submit**' button at the end.

Finally, to be successful with this fundraiser, we need to know how many cookbooks you would like to purchase (\$20 each.) In the '**Home**' section, on the right side, choose the number of books in the dropdown box and click '**OK**.'

If you prefer, you can email us the recipe and your personal note and we will enter it for you. Make sure to include the special note so we know why you selected this particular recipe.

To submit a recipe or for questions email [claudiakeast@att.net](mailto:claudiakeast@att.net) or [rmlvanfutt@gmail.com](mailto:rmlvanfutt@gmail.com)

This new project will bring us all together and we look forward to your participation.

Thank you,

*Claudia Keast and Armelle Futterman, Co-Cooks*

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**"Social Hour" Zooms Offered March 1 and 16**

"Zoom Social Hours" are drop-in meetings with no agenda, just friendly faces and conversation. They are held the first and third weeks of each month.

**Cheryl Longinotti** will host a social hour on the **first Monday** of the month, **March 1**, at 1:00 PM.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85866297448>

**Meeting ID:** 858 6629 7448

**Jana Haehl** will host a social hour on the **third Tuesday** of the month, **March 16**, at 1:00 PM.

## Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5532664079?pwd=Y21kTjhrenNyTUEzQ2pHOVpFUXNIZz09>

Meeting ID: 553 266 4079

You are most welcome to attend!

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## **Two Field Trips: March 12 and March 24**

*All Field Trips now meet at 10 AM. Further information below.*

Linda Varonin is leading two trips a month so she can make it to 100 trips before she retires from this position in June. All hikes will be in the area so that participants can drive individually and socially distance. Masks are required even for those who have been vaccinated. None of the hikes will be strenuous and each will last approximately an hour.

### **Friday, March 12: Ridgewood Fire Road**

Spectacular views both north and south from the ridge that separates Terra Linda and Sun Valley. **Directions:** From the San Rafael freeway exit, take Mission, 5th or 4th Street toward San Rafael and make a right turn on H Street. Continue to Forbes and turn left. Right on Elizabeth to top of the hill and go left on Ridgewood. Find a small cross street, Los Altos Dr., and park there. We will meet at the trailhead overlooking the south view. (See photo.)



### **Wednesday March 24: The Corte Madera Marsh**

We will meet behind Cost Plus. Drive around to the right of the building and we will meet in the parking lot. This is a level hike.

All participants must RSVP to Linda [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com).

Wear a hat, be on time, and bring water!

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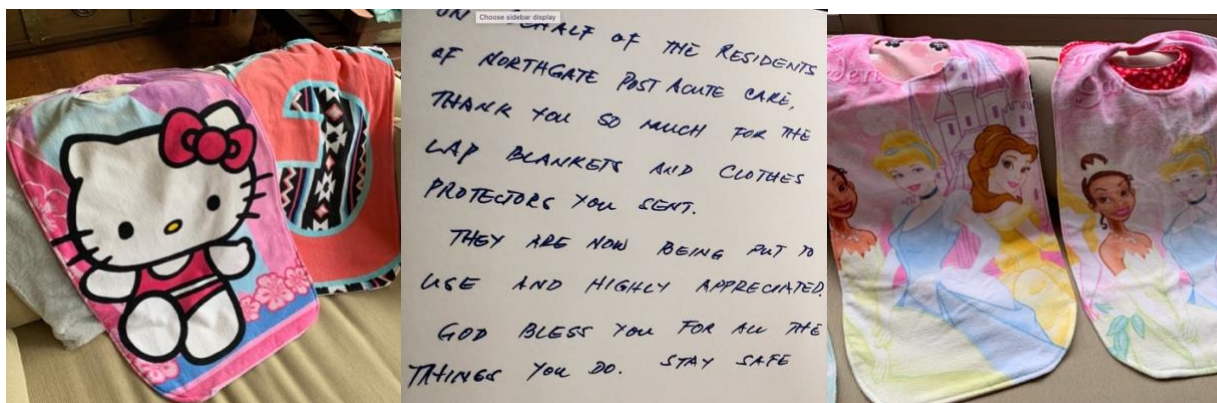
### **Knitting Club Meets Friday, March 19**

The Knitting Club will meet on Friday, March 19, at 11:00 AM in the park at the picnic tables across the street from the Corte Madera Post Office. Sewing projects are available as well as knitting. All club members are welcome.

We have donated hundreds of handmade items to hospitals and care homes to be distributed to residents and patients. We have also knitted scarves for the HomeKey project in Corte Madera.

This month, Linda delivered items to two new places, Marin Convalescent in Tiburon and Marin Post Acute in San Rafael, where knitting club member Maria Thomsen is staying. Maria has knitted 20 hats since she arrived. One patient came in with staples in her shaved head and when Maria gave her a hat, she cried in gratitude.

Mary Warner made 22 bibs out of colorful old beach towels donated by Donna Wenig. The bibs are very welcome because they cheer up the convalescent hospital residents.



ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS  
OF NORTHGATE POST ACUTE CARE,  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE  
LAP BLANKETS AND CLOTHES  
PROTECTORS YOU SENT.  
THEY ARE NOW BEING PUT TO  
USE AND HIGHLY APPRECIATED.  
GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL THE  
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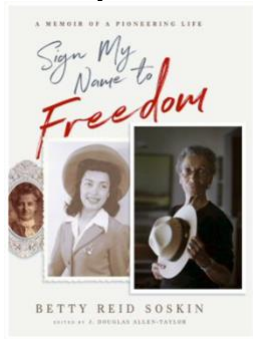
Please email Linda [linda.varonin@gmail.com](mailto:linda.varonin@gmail.com) to find out more.

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## **Book Group Meets March 23**

The Book Group meets on Tuesday, March 23, to discuss "Sign My Name to Freedom: A Memoir of Pioneering Life" by Betty Reid Soskin (longtime ranger at Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront Museum in Richmond).

In Betty Reid Soskin's century of living, she has been a witness to a grand sweep of American history. From her great-grandmother, who had been enslaved, Soskin learned about slavery and the hard times immediately after. She has seen our nation begin to break down its race and gender biases, watched it nearly split apart in the upheavals of the civil rights and Black Power eras, and witnessed the election of an African American president.



But far more than being merely a witness, Betty Reid Soskin has been an active participant in shaping the country. "Sign My Name to Freedom" invites readers into an American life through the words and thoughts of a national treasure who has never stopped looking at herself, the nation, or the world with fresh eyes.

Two copies are available in the Marin Library Database.

Until we can return to a regular meeting place at the CM Community Center, the Book Group's location will be determined a few days before we meet. A reminder will be sent to all who express interest in attending. Please email Armelle [rmlvanfutt@gmail.com](mailto:rmlvanfutt@gmail.com) to ensure that you receive updates.

Below is a schedule of which books we will read for each meeting (on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM) through June.

The following Zoom information applies to all meetings:

### **CMWIC Book Group**

March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8362928438>

Meeting ID: 836 292 8438

**Passcode:** CMWICBook

This is an open group; all CMWIC members are welcome and we love to hear from members who are joining us for the first time.

### **Book Schedule:**

**April 27**, 1:30 PM Location TBD  
"News of the World" by Paulette Jiles

**May 25**, 1:30 PM Location TBD  
"Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson

**June 22**, 1:30 PM Location TBD  
"Still Life" by Louise Penny

Additional reading suggestions:  
"Clock Dance" by Anne Tyler  
"The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict  
"Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee  
"The Supper Club" by Lara Williams

If you have questions regarding the Book Club, please contact Donna Wenig  
donna.wenig@gmail.com or Armelle Futterman rmlvanfutt@gmail.com.

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## **The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Is Not Dead!**

The Equal Rights Amendment is a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution designed to guarantee equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex. It seeks to end the legal distinctions between men and women in matters of divorce, property, employment, and other matters.

First introduced in Congress in 1923, the ERA was debated for almost 50 years and therefore was not sent to the states for ratification until 1972. After the original seven-year ratification deadline passed without success, Congress extended the deadline to June 30, 1982. Fifteen states remained holdouts as the second deadline passed.

As the new 117th Congress begins its work, the fight for the ERA has been renewed. Both the House and Senate have introduced resolutions advocating the removal of the ratification deadline.

### **ERA's Changes:**

Section 1: Women shall have equal rights in the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2: Congress and the several States shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 1 specifically names women in the Constitution for the first time, and Section 2 affirms that enforcement of the constitutional prohibition on sex discrimination is a function of both federal and state levels of government.

More information about the ERA can be found at <https://www.equalrightsamendment.org/faq>.

To review arguments for and against the ERA, go to <https://policy-perspectives.org/2019/11/21/arguments-for-and-against-the-equal-rights-amendment/>

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*Here's a photo of the spectacular view from the labyrinth above Rodeo Beach. Fifteen participants got together for this field trip.*



*Photo by Linda Varonin*