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CMWIC NEWS for November 2022



From Our President, Suzi Beatie

Hello, Dear Members,

Let's celebrate these fall days with some good news: we are finally having a POTLUCK LUNCH again at our November 8 meeting! And we have a very special speaker, our Corte Madera neighbor, television personality Doug McConnell. You know him from "Bay Area Backroads," "Mac and Mutley," and more. It should be a great day!

Bring a favorite dish to share. We plan to sit at round tables (the same as we use at the May Tea) and to call one table at a time to the buffet table to cut down on crowding. This precaution was recommended by an RN who is a team member at Marin County Department of Health & Human Services.

For maximum safety it is suggested that each of us take a home Covid test the day before or the morning of the lunch; I will do this. Please make sure you are feeling well, as we want to protect one another. (If you're on Medicare you can pick up eight Covid tests at no charge every 30 days at your pharmacy – just go in and ask. If you don't need them all, share them.)

If you'd like to join in some fun early on Thanksgiving morning, here's a volunteer opportunity: The annual Corte Madera Turkey Trot will take place at 9:00 AM at Town Park. A couple of volunteers are needed to pass out snacks. Jana is helping and so am I. Will you join us? Let me know at Suzbeatie@gmail.com.

I hope to see you at our potluck,

--Suzi

November 8: TV Journalist Doug McConnell – and Potluck Lunch

CM Community Center. Please bring a dish to share at the potluck.

Doug McConnell, host of *OpenRoad with Doug McConnell* on NBC Bay Area, will be the speaker for our monthly meeting Tuesday, November 8, at noon. McConnell is probably best known as producer and host of *Bay Area Backroads* on KRON, one of the longest-running and most successful regional television series in American broadcast history (1993-2009).



He also produced and hosted *OpenRoad: Exploring the West* on national Public Television, and *Mac and Mutley* on KPIX and the Discovery Channel. He has independently hosted and produced national series and specials for CBS, American Public Television, the Discovery Channel, and Animal Planet.

During his *Backroads* years, Doug co-authored two best-selling travel publications for Chronicle Books.

Doug lives in Marin with his wife Kathy Taft. They have two sons and a gaggle of animals.

Please **RSVP** as soon as possible. We need to let the Community Center know the number of chairs for set up.

All Members Invited to Business Meeting November 8

All CMWIC members are invited to attend the board's Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, at 10:30 AM. This is where decisions about the club are made. No RSVP necessary.

ALERT! Today's 1st Tuesday Workshop: November 1: Understanding Transgender and Non-Binary People

CM Community Center – Bring a bag lunch.

The world is changing fast, and in no area more so than what we understand or misunderstand as gender. Pronoun usage - she, he, they - used to be automatic but now a

growing number of people identify as non-binary or transgender. According to the Williams Institute at UCLA, 10% of youth ages 13 to 17 identify as LGBTQ (CNN June 29, 2022).

As part of our First Tuesday Workshop Series, Lolma Olson will speak on “Understanding Our Transgender and Non-Binary Friends and Family Members.”

Lolma was the director of Patient Relations at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. She will help us navigate the terminology around this topic so it is not so awkward to encounter an individual using they, them, their pronouns.

The Corte Madera-Larkspur community has been invited so please let us know of your interest to ensure sufficient seating: info@cortemaderawomensclub.org

Marathon Bridge Tuesday, November 15

CM Community Center

The Marathon Bridge Group will meet on November 15 and the third Tuesday of each month, from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

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

Ladies Who Lunch Going to Bogie’s Too on Wednesday, November 16

1335 4th Street, San Rafael

Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Bogie’s Too on Wednesday, November 16, at noon. See the menu at: <<https://www.bogiestoo.com/breakfast-lunch-menu>>

Linda chose this restaurant because she knows one of the owners, Leslie Freed, who is an E. Corte Madera resident and a fellow Elks Lodge member who feeds the feral cats when she goes there to swim. Linda and her hubby, John, enjoyed their lunch at Bogie’s Too, so it checks out for LWL!

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

Knitting Group to Meet November 22

CM Community Center

Knitting meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. This month’s meeting is November 22 from 11:00 AM until 12:00 at the Community Center. We then have the option of going to lunch next door at Cafe Verde. All are welcome to join us. Bring a sewing, knitting, crochet, or any hand project you need to get done. Even mending!

This group has donated to 26 different organizations, but most often to Kaiser in the departments of pediatrics, oncology, palliative care, and cardiology. We also donate to individuals we know who have dementia or other health problems and are living in care communities.

Note: Knitting will also meet December 27.

Email linda.varonin@gmail.com with questions.

Book Group Meets November 22

CM Community Center

The Book Group will meet on Tuesday, November 22, at 1:00 PM to discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. One of Oprah's Best Books of the Year and a PEN/Hemingway award winner, *Homegoing* follows the parallel paths of two sisters born in Ghana and their descendants through eight generations.

The December book is *American Dirt* by Jeanne Cummings.

The group is open to all CMWIC members. For more information, please contact:

- Donna Wenig at donna.wenig@gmail.com or
 - Marion Bank at mb.shop15@gmail.com
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New Members This Month: CMWIC Is Now 107 Members Strong

Our club is growing! We are 107 members strong as of this month. Thank you in advance for welcoming our newest members when attending our meetings and events: **Kathleen Daly**, whose profile is featured below; **Debra Rosenberg** of Greenbrae; **Jan Ginsberg** of Larkspur; and **Vini Coe**, **Christine Sugrue**, and **Wilma Kay** of Corte Madera.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the club, need help accessing our members-only webpage, or have changed your contact information, please email Armelle Futterman at rmlvanfutt@gmail.com.

Important: Email programs "learn" to discard communications from senders whose emails have been ignored repeatedly, not opened fully, or deleted. If you have not already done so, please follow these steps to prevent future newsletters and other important communication from being treated as spam:

- add rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org to your contact list
- fully open emails that are sent from this address
- open the attached newsletter.

Cheers to another great year of community and friendship!

New Member Spotlight: Kathleen Daly

Kathleen Daly is an Associate Broker with Coldwell Banker's Greenbrae office. A Corte Madera resident for 25 years, she has raised her three sons in town and they attended Neil Cummins Elementary, Hall Middle School, and Redwood High School.



Her past community involvement includes serving on the Corte Madera/Larkspur schools foundation, the Corte Madera Community Foundation, and the Redwood High School Alumni Foundation.

She is currently a volunteer at the Marin Humane society, a member of the Mt. Tam Racquet Club, and a member of the Mariner Cove Homeowners Association. She loves spending time with her sons, hiking and biking on Mt. Tam, playing tennis, and frequenting Marin's wonderful farmers markets and restaurants.

Looking Ahead

Jewelry for Sale at December 13 Holiday Luncheon

CM Community Center

Don't miss this opportunity to complete your holiday gift shopping with beautiful jewelry pieces available for purchase beginning at 11:00AM before our Holiday Luncheon. Laura Richards and her team will have a stunning display of items for holiday gifting. Bring cash or local checks to support our Women's Club with your purchases. Come early for best selection. Questions or comments to Laura ljrrich1946@gmail.com or Barbara Friday at b.friday@comcast.net.

Ladies Who Lunch to Meet at Il Fornaio on Wednesday, December 21

North end of the Corte Madera Town Center

Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Il Fornaio in the Corte Madera Town Center at noon for a special holiday lunch!

RSVP as soon as you can to linda.varonin@gmail.com

RSVP by November 30

Tuesday, January 3, "Chinese New Year Fun" – Music, Food, Arts & Crafts

CM Community Center

Please join us on Tuesday, January 3, at 11:00 AM for music, food, brush painting, and lantern making with Peipei Rao, Stella Lee, and Linda Varonin.

Peipei will play her Guzheng (Chinese zither) and you will not want to miss it!

Cost is \$10 for the lantern kit.

Please reserve before November 30 so the lantern kits can be ordered in time. Respond to Linda.varonin@gmail.com



Annette Schriebman

Word reached us on Saturday that longtime member Annette Schriebman had passed away overnight, and that her family wanted to get the word out. Members reacted with affection and respect.



“Annette was the inspiration and backbone of the CM Friends of the Library. The outdoor garden was her doing. She was a great CM volunteer for many years.” – Joannie Vaughan

“She and Harry were always strong supporters of the schools, serving as our ‘senior spokespersons’ for getting the vote out for bonds and parcel taxes, and they were strong advocates for citizen involvement in all matters Corte Madera.” – Kathy Hartzell

“I just heard that Annette Schriebman died this morning. For those of you who didn’t have the pleasure of knowing her, Annette was involved with the Friends of the Corte Madera Library from the beginning. ...She was a member of the board for many years and, with Jan Shaw, responsible for turning the garden at the library entrance from a wish and hope to a reality. Her husband Harry was our membership chairman. Both Annette and Harry were active in and contributed much to the Corte Madera community.” – Susan Topor

“When the CMWIC was ‘revived’ in 2004, Annette was one of the first new members to jump right in and help get it going.” – Jana Haehl

“I remember Annette and Harry working at our first Giant Indoor Yard Sale. That year, we had only scheduled the hall for Saturday, so we needed to get all the Friday afternoon donations moved up the stairs to the Lions Club office, then down the next morning. I remember Harry making so many trips up and down those stairs! After that, we asked for Friday night too – much better. And Annette knew collectibles. I think she brought her collections to a Women’s Club meeting.” – Becky Reed

“She loved watching her birds out the window and classical music performances on the TV. She and Harry were like a mom and dad to many of us during the early days of the beautification committee. They were always so supportive of everything Corte Madera.”
– Pat Ravasio

Plenty of Cowgirls. No Blues

Some members turned out in their Western finery for the Dude Ranch presentation by Lynn Downey on October 11.

Left to right: Pamela Berg, Armelle Futterman, Laura Zahradnik, Dee Fratus, Marie McDevitt, Jette Kristensen, Laura Merlo, Suzi Beatie, Linda Varonin.

