

CMWIC News for February 2024

All the Essential and Only the Essential News



February 6, Tuesday, 1 to 2pm Meet and Greet New Members, CM Community Center Mark your calendars now for this social event to welcome the newest additions to our club. Old and new members welcome. **RSVP** (rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org) to Membership Chair Armelle Futterman.

La Casa Buena, Saturday, February 10 at 2 to 3pm 1591 Casa Buena Ave (Next to Marin Joe's) We will play a British pub game called Skittles with the residents for prizes. Linda will bring a healthy hot dish and other volunteers may bring fruit or other snacks to share. Come get to know the residents of Homeward Bound's** local residence. **RSVP** to linda.varonin@gmail.com Space is limited so we will take only four volunteers. ** Our February speaker is the Co-CEO of Homeward Bound. See below.

February 13, Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:30am Planning Meeting, CM Community Center This is your Club and if you want something to happen, come to a planning meeting. Or just come for the fun of gathering with others and getting to know new folks.

February 13, Tuesday, Noon to 1:30pm Program and Pot Luck, CM Community Center Our speaker is Paul Fordham, Co-CEO of Homeward Bound, the primary provider of shelter, training and hope to people without housing in Marin. Paul will describe Homeward Bound's housing programs as well as its portfolio of mission-driven businesses like Wagster Dog Treats.

Bring a dish to share and **RSVP** to rsvp@cortemaderawomensclub.org

February 20, Tuesday, 1:00 to 2:30pm Canasta, CM Community Center Marion is not able to provide instruction but the fun goes on without her. 1 to 2:30pm is a time change and will be the new ongoing time.

February 21, Wednesday, 12:00 Ladies Who Lunch, Vivalon 999 3rd St, San Rafael (the new campus). Come join us to experience the brand-new cafe with delicious and nutritious food in a pleasant atmosphere. Find out about all the activities and services they have for seniors right next to Kaiser Downtown. Parking on the street or across the street in several garages on Third Street. Come early if you want to Join Vivalon and get a discount on lunches for the year. **RSVP** to linda.varonin@gmail.com so we can all sit together!

There's more on the next page!

February 27, Tuesday, 11am to Noon Knitting Group, CM Community Center

Come knit blankets and hats for Ukraine! We need to knit at least 20 lbs of them and we are only at 13lbs. Items will go to hospitals for newborns, the ill and infirm, and orphanages and homes for the disabled. An optional, no-host lunch at Cafe Verde across the street afterward. All are welcome.

Questions? Ask: linda.varonin@gmail.com

February 27, Tuesday, 1 to 2:00pm Book Group CM Community Center

February's book is Foster by Claire Keegan. There are nine copies available at Marin libraries. An international bestseller and one of The Times's "Top 50 Novels Published in the 21st Century," Claire Keegan's piercing contemporary classic Foster is a heartbreaking story of childhood, loss, and love, now released as a standalone book for the first time ever in the US. It is a hot summer in rural Ireland. A child is taken by her father to live with relatives on a farm, not knowing when or if she will be brought home again. In the Kinsellas' house, she finds an affection and warmth she has not known and slowly, in their care, begins to blossom. But there is something unspoken in this new household--where everything is so well tended to--and this summer must soon come to an end. Winner of the prestigious Davy Byrnes Award and published in an abridged version in the New Yorker, this internationally bestselling contemporary classic is now available for the first time in the US in a full, standalone edition. A story of astonishing emotional depth, Foster showcases Claire Keegan's great talent and secures her reputation as one of our most important storytellers.

Contact Donna Wenig at donna.wenig@gmail.com with questions,

Looking Ahead to March

March 5, Tuesday, Noon to 1pm Brown Bag Presentation CM Community Center

Bring a brown bag lunch and hear and discuss Matthew Hartzell describing the impacts of reopening the Alto Tunnel between Mill Valley and Corte Madera. What makes the Alto Tunnel the preferred choice for biking and walking across Horse Hill? Matthew is Director of Planning & Research for Transportation Alternatives for Marin, whose mission is to promote walking and biking as an integral part of an effective transportation system.