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## APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

### President's Message

Once again change and renewal is the theme for this month's message.

Per the Club's By-Laws, in April the nominating committee will present a *proposed* slate of officers for the 2023-24 season. Newcomers thanks Alice Shelton, Shulee Tao, and Cheryl Donohue for serving on the committee under the guidance of the chair and our Past President Keiko Otsu. In addition, we acknowledge Elizabeth Kittas for her service as Vice-President and appreciate her sage advice. The *proposed* slate of new officers is Kristen Correll as President and Cheryl Donohue as Vice President. Sandra Wolf and Patrice O'Dwyer have graciously agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The By-Laws permit others who may wish to serve in officer roles to let current Board members know of their interest so their names may be put into nomination. The next Board meeting is April 6th so please let me know ([klook7711@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klook7711@sbcglobal.net)) before April 5th if you wish to be considered for any particular office.

Our Club welcomes Gail and David Berkowitz and Susanne Lerner as new members. Revati Natesan, our Welcoming Chair, has been instrumental in organizing a Spring Welcoming Event on April 13th from 2-4 pm at the Belvedere Tiburon Library. The event is an opportunity to invite additional newcomers and neighbors to join. Please encourage friends and neighbors not yet members to stop by.

In a recent read of Hua Hsu's *Stay True* I was reminded that our Past, Present and Future are in constant dialogue as we choose what to be, where to go, what to do. So may it be with Newcomers and Neighbors under new leadership in the forthcoming season.

## Art Committee



*Chair: Carol Weiss, 415-302-7529, [carolweiss37@yahoo.com](mailto:carolweiss37@yahoo.com)*

### **Art Workshops with Carol Weiss**

Carol Weiss gives lessons the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:00am-1:00pm. Bring your own lunch. Call Carol for more information.

## Bocce



*Chair: Sue Lindenbaum, 415-519-2338, [SueLindenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:SueLindenbaum@gmail.com)*

It's time to roll out the bocce balls! Join us at the San Rafael Bocce Ball Club (550 "B" St., San Rafael) for a friendly game of Bocce on Tuesdays at 10 AM and sometimes lunch after.

The Club will reopen on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will continue playing now on our regular schedule of Tuesdays @ 10:00am as long as the weatherman is agreeable.

No partner or athletic prowess is necessary. All you need are your soft- sole shoes, \$10 court fee, and we will teach you the "ropes" of the game. You'll be a pro before the day is out! Players indicate monthly which days they can play.

Contact Sue to observe a game or join the "Rollers".

## Book Club



The Book Club will discuss **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by **Shelby Van Pelt**. Kathy Look will host and lead the discussion on April 18<sup>th</sup>. 4 Greenwood Cove Drive Apt E. Munchies and Beverage will be served

NAMED A BEST BOOK OF SUMMER by: Chicago Tribune , The View, Southern Living, and USA Today.

*"Remarkably Bright Creatures [is] an ultimately feel-good but deceptively sensitive debut. . . . Memorable and tender." — Washington Post*

For fans of *A Man Called Ove*, a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

The book club usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

Please email Debbie at [debmask@comcast.net](mailto:debmask@comcast.net) to receive updates for forthcoming books and other book information.



## **Bridge Group**

*Chair: Sue Lindenbaum, 415-519-2338, [SueLindenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:SueLindenbaum@gmail.com)*

Chicago style bridge is played on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00pm-3:00pm, at the Lighthouse Bar and Grill at Harbor Point Tennis Club in Strawberry. Players with bridge experience are welcome. No partner is necessary.

We rotate partners after four hands. Players indicate monthly which Wednesdays they can play. Players often gather at 12:00pm for lunch before play. Contact Sue to observe or join the Wednesday game.



## **Dining Out/OTL**

*Chair: Kristen Correll, [drkcorrell@gmail.com](mailto:drkcorrell@gmail.com)*

Reservations are currently 8 people for lunch and 10 people for dinner. For any event, should we have larger numbers, Kristen will make every effort to increase the reservation count. Spouses/significant others are always welcome to join. Carpool opportunities are arranged for those interested in traveling together to any of our destinations.

Please plan to add 30% to your food orders to cover tip and tax. Websites are available in the descriptions to give you an opportunity to decide on a favorite dish and note the price ranges of meals if you wish to look in advance.

*Contact Kristen Correll at [drkcorrell@gmail.com](mailto:drkcorrell@gmail.com) if interested in joining these events.*

**Dinner:**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, Coho, 106 Throckmorton Ave, Mill Valley**

**RSVP by April 10<sup>th</sup>**

This opportunity is sure to go quickly and the restaurant has capped us at 10 people. It is a small, intimate space and its food is currently the talk of the town. Please note, 10 people will mean that we will have to use their "group catering plan", this will give us a more limited number of choices among their fantastic menu. Our group size is also the reason why the dinner time is on the earlier side.

Coho touts "a land and sea dining experience". The menu emphasizes seafood, meat, and produce from local fisherman, butchers, and farmers.

**Out to Lunch:**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, Shiro Kuma Sushi, 1518 4<sup>th</sup> St., San Raphael**

**RSVP by April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Yasuo Shigeyoshi has spent 33 years perfecting his craft from his humble beginnings in Japan. After moving to San Francisco, he became an apprentice at Japanese restaurant, Osome. He then moved to Sushi Ko, a Japanese restaurant in Larkspur Landing and has now expanded and his cooking style in Shiro Kuma Sushi in San Raphael. The website pronounces "his restaurant as a whole, is focused on his upbringing in rural Japan". The lunch menu is available for your viewing at [www.sushishirokuma.com](http://www.sushishirokuma.com).

**Planning Ahead:**

**Dinner and a Show:**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm - El Mansour Moroccan Restaurant – 3119 Clement Street, SF**

**RSVP by April 17<sup>th</sup>**

El Mansour, is more than just the culinary experience, it may make you feel as though you have taken a trip to Morocco. It has been listed in the SF Chronicle as one of the top

20 funnest restaurants in SF and is a completely different experience for our Dining Out group. The dinner menu is \$58/person which includes 3 appetizers, an entrée choice, and dessert. The menu is available at [elmansour.com](http://elmansour.com). Belly Dancing Performance will begin at 6:30pm while we are enjoying our food.

**This reservation has not been secured as I must provide a clear reservation number and secure this with a credit card. So if interested please reserve your space with me by the RSVP date.**

The group can make the decision about which transportation option is best. The restaurant suggests they have "ample street parking" but Uber or other methods may be preferable.

## Explorers

*Chair:* Seeking Chair; No events this month.



## Hiking

*Chair:* Faith Brown, 415-531-5320, [brownsf@aol.com](mailto:brownsf@aol.com)

If you enjoy exploring Marin trails at a good pace (30 minutes/mile), a small group of convivial hikers gathers most Thursday mornings for a 3- to 5-mile hike. Our destination depends on the weather; we hike Mount Tam, the Marin Headlands, the lakes in the MMWD watershed, and the Presidio in San Francisco.

We meet at 9:15am and generally return by 1:00 pm or 1:30pm. Our group includes former and present club members, as well as other friends. We usually have 5-8 participants per hike.

If you are available on a given Thursday morning, call or email Faith Brown by Tuesday of that week and she will let you know the details. Meet by West Elm at 9:15am most Thursdays



## Mah Jongg

*Co-Chairs: Alice Shelton, 415-435-2561, [alice.shelton@gmail.com](mailto:alice.shelton@gmail.com) and*

*Shulee Tao, 415-435-4876, [smctao@gmail.com](mailto:smctao@gmail.com)*

***Live! In person! Mah Jongg and lunch on Thursday, April 6! Lunch at noon, followed by Mah Jongg game.***

***Thursdays, April 13\*, 20 and 27, 1 p.m. on-line game.***

Please join us on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> for Mah Jongg and lunch. We'll meet at noon for lunch at Tiburon Tavern (1651 Tiburon Blvd, outdoors on the front patio).

All Newcomers are welcome to join us for lunch – whether to learn more about the game – or just to say hello! We'll play Mah Jongg immediately after lunch.

Don't forget to bring your NMJL card. Please also bring a credit card or cash to pay for your lunch.

In case you haven't ordered your 2023 NMJL card, we've ordered some extras. If you'd like to purchase the new card, please bring cash (\$14 for the standard size or \$15 for the larger size).

If you can join us for lunch and Mah Jongg on April 6th, please email Alice at [alice.shelton@gmail.com](mailto:alice.shelton@gmail.com) so we'll know how many seats to reserve and how many mahj sets to bring.

On the other Thursdays of the month, we'll continue to play on-line at 1pm at private tables at <https://myjonggpremium.net/Game/Lobby> .

If you're interested in joining any of the on-line games (on the other Thursdays of the month), please email Alice at [alice.shelton@gmail.com](mailto:alice.shelton@gmail.com) so we can send you the Zoom link. It's great fun to chat on Zoom while playing on-line!

\*Please note that the game on April 13th will need to end early (so we can attend the Newcomers welcoming coffee at the library that starts at 2 p.m.). It's possible that the game will also start earlier that day. Please check for details when you RSVP.

Note: We're happy to help, but our mah jongg games are not intended as lessons. If you don't already play, you can sign up for lessons at The Ranch. It's a really fun game!

If you've never played Mah Jongg and would like to see a game before taking lessons, it's okay to join us for our April 6th lunch and then stay to observe the game afterwards. When you RSVP, please let us know if you'll be joining us for lunch only.

Hope to see you!



## **MET (Music, Entertainment, Theater)**

*Co-Chairs: Shulee Tao, 415-435-4876, [smctao@gmail.com](mailto:smctao@gmail.com) and Alice Shelton, 415-435-2561, [ali1@sheltons.net](mailto:ali1@sheltons.net)*

**Friday, April 21, 6 p.m.**

Please join us for dinner and live music at Servino's pop-up dinner at Caffé Acrici, 1 Main Street, Tiburon, on Friday April 21 at 6 p.m.



Our favorite pianist, Dr. Ira Mendlowitz, will entertain us with live music while we dine! When you RSVP, please specify your preference for indoor or outdoor seating. (Our plan is to reserve both indoor and outdoor tables – with a window connecting us.)

Please remember to bring cash (to make it easy to split the dinner bill). By the way, Dr. Ira plays for tips, which are always appreciated.

To RSVP, please contact Alice at [alice.shelton@gmail.com](mailto:alice.shelton@gmail.com).

We hope you can join us!

Contact Alice Shelton at [ali1@sheltons.net](mailto:ali1@sheltons.net) for additional information.

## **Sunshine Committee**

*Chair: Elizabeth Kittas, 206-458-4595, [eb.kittas@gmail.com](mailto:eb.kittas@gmail.com)*

Nothing to report this month. Anyone needing help, or knowing of a member in need, call or text Elizabeth Kittas at 206-458-4595. We welcome anyone wishing to volunteer.

## Welcoming Coffee



*Chair: Revati Natesan, 630-697-4441, [revati4@gmail.com](mailto:revati4@gmail.com)*

There will be Welcoming event this month as noted in our President's Message. The Annual Membership Drive is on **April 13th from 2-4 pm at the Belvedere Tiburon Library**. Committee chairs are encouraged to attend.

For additional details, please contact Revati Nateson.



## Happy Feet Walkers Club

A little about us:

We are a group of people of all ages and backgrounds across Marin who enjoy easy walking for about an hour each week, and then meet up for some socializing at a local bakery or coffee shop.

Our vision is to motivate women to focus on their health first, by encouraging fitness and providing a platform to walk and talk, additionally to introduce friends and families to the joys of walking and healthy living. Walking outdoors has many benefits including reducing stress and improving flexibility. Walk for fun, fitness and friendship.

Join us, bring your partner along, we would love to meet you and have you walk with us!

The Club will meet every Monday in April (3rd, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>) at Peets Coffee in the Cove Shopping center in Tiburon.

Please register with Revati Nateson or contact her for further information.

*Revati (Revi) Natesan: [revati4@gmail.com](mailto:revati4@gmail.com); (630) 697-4441*

## New Members:

**Beth Autry (returning member from last year)**



Address: 45 Corinthian Ct #22; Phone: 248-515-9400

Beth moved from Detroit, MI. She is interested in Bocce Ball, Dining Out, Explorers, Hiking and MET.

**Gail and David Berkowitz**

Address: 4 Greenwood Cove Dr #F; phone: 215-801-3692

Email: gberkow612@gmail.com

Gail and David moved to Tiburon 4 months ago from Florida and New Jersey. They are interested in Baking, Bocce Ball, Book, Dining Out, and Celebrations and Gatherings.

**Susanne Lerner**

Address: 1938 Centro West St.; Phone: 650-646-8251; Email: susanne.lerner@sap.com

Susanne moved to Tiburon 3 months ago from Belmont. She is interested in Dining Out, Hiking, Explorers, and Sunshine.

**Celebrations and Gathering:** No events this month.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Keiko.