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**JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER**

**President's Message**

Change is constant. Transitions are a time to seek fresh insights and try out new approaches. My time as President is drawing to a close.  I wish to take this opportunity in my last President’s message  to reflect on a few lessons learned.

In the past three years we have been through a pandemic, taken our share of vaccinations, experimented with socializing in pods, mastered the art of zooming and then when the moment was ripe re-engaged  face-to-face. We have read, dined, walked, played games , explored, enjoyed theatre TOGETHER all in the name of staying connected, growing our social capital, keeping our bodies healthy and minds engaged. To quote Martha Stewart, “It’s a good thing.”

At a  late 2016 welcoming coffee, Carol Weiss, a long-time member and retired realtor, offered us *newbies* some advice  and I paraphrase “You will get out of Newcomers what  you put in.” I took note.  To the new members of the past year who may have not yet met Carol, I add  a little 1936 folk wisdom from Dale Carnegie author *How to Win Friends and Influence People* “You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.” Carol and Dale said it in different way and in different centuries but their message was same and remains  true. Reach Out  and Connect.

I leave the role to our incoming President the very talented and engaging  Kristen Correll, an education curriculum consultant. As a core value of mine is to express gratitude as often as possible, I thank all of you who have offered  guidance and help over the past three years. One last quote from the  19th century transcendentalist philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson; who although he is most remembered for his essay on *Self-Reliance* recognized the importance of friendship …”I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new.” And I did too.

**Art Committee**

*Chair: Carol Weiss, 415-302-7529,**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*

Finally, the Bocce Ball club is open and the courts are waiting for the balls to roll!  Join our friendly game of Bocce on Tuesdays at 10
with lunch after, if you’re free to join us.  No partner nor athletic prowess is necessary.  All you need are you soft-sole shoes, $10 fee
for the court, 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** 

Book Club –May meeting - Date TBD

The meeting for May has been delayed. The book selection is **The Second Life of Mirielle West by Amanda Skenandore.**  An email will be sent when the date for the meeting has been selected.

The book club then will take a hiatus for the summer and will meet on September 19th and then on subsequent third Tuesdays of the month.

Please email Debbie at *debmisk@comcast.net* to receive updates for forthcoming books and other book information.

**Bridge Group**

*Chair: Sue Lindenbaum, 415-519-2338, SueLindenbaum@gmail.com*

Bridge is played on Wednesday afternoons 1pm-3 pm at the Lighthouse Bar and Grill at Harbor Point Tennis Club inn Strawberry.

Players with some bridge experience are welcome. No partner is necessary.  We rotate partners every four hands.

Players indicate monthly which Wednesdays they can play.  Lunch is often eaten at 12 before play at 1.

Contact Sue to observe or join the Wednesday game.

**Dining Out/OTL**

*Chair: Kristen Correll,* *drkcorrell@gmail.com*

Reservations are ordinarily for 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* if interested in joining the following events:**

**Out to Lunch**

There are no lunch plans for June

**Dinner**

**June 13, 6:00 pm, Salito’s, (open air venue) 1200 Bridgeway, Sausalito**

Salito's has been a long-standing part of the Sausalito landscape-Zack's in the seventies, then Margaritaville and most recently Paradise Bay. The new look is fresh, bright and full of casual ambience. Large decks overlook the water and the beauty of the area is absolutely breathtaking. Signature dishes include: House-made fresh crispy kettle bread, Whole roasted Dungeness crab, sizzling iron-skillets of mussels, shrimp and crab, prime rib and freshly made beignets and so much more. The menu, pricing, and other details can be found at [*www.salitoscrabhouse.com*](http://www.salitoscrabhouse.com)*.*

Sitting on beautiful Richardson Bay in Sausalito, the blue sky and sparkling water are the perfect setting for an evening of cocktail and dinner. Parking is free, but limited.

**Explorers**

*Co-Chairs: Co-Chairs:*Sandra Wolf, *sandraw1@yahoo.com* and Keiko  Otsu, *keikootsu@yahoo.com*

We thank our long-time member Lalita Waterman for bringing to our attention a very worthwhile museum exhibit:

Beyond Bollywood: 2000 Years of Dance in Art - Exhibitions - at the Asian Art Museum through July 10th for those who would like to make reservations and or coordinate a trip.

Details are available at:

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**Hiking**

*Chair: Faith Brown, 415-531-5320,**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* and *Shulee Tao, 415-435-4876,**smctao@gmail.com*

Let’s enjoy the warm weather!  We’re planning to play Mah Jongg — in person and OUTDOORS — twice a month over the summer.  Second and fourth Thursdays each month at noon.

Please send your RSVPs (to alice.shelton@gmail.com) if you can attend any of the following games:

***Thursday, May 25****—*noon at Tiburon Tavern (outdoors on front patio). Mah Jongg immediately following lunch.

***Thursday, June 8***— noon at Tiburon Tavern (outdoors on front patio). Mah Jongg immediately following lunch*.*

***Thursday, June 22****—* noon at Tiburon Tavern (outdoors on front patio). Mah Jongg immediately following lunch*.*

***Thursday, July 13****—* noon at Tiburon Tavern (outdoors on front patio). Mah Jongg immediately following lunch.

***Thursday, July 27****— noon at Alice’s home for Afternoon Tea and Mah Jongg Mini-Tournament.*Kindly RSVP by July 13 — or earlier, if possible.

Please specify your preference for seating at a social table or at a mini-tournament table.  Hats are encouraged!  Carpooling highly recommended!

***Thursday, August 10****—* noon at Tiburon Tavern (outdoors on front patio). Mah Jongg immediately following lunch.

***Thursday, August 24****—* noon — location to be determined.  (Possibly at Tiburon Tavern, or maybe at Alice’s home.)

All Newcomers are welcome to join us for the lunches at Tiburon Tavern – whether to learn more about the game – or just to dine and say hello.  We’re a friendly group!

If you’ve never played Mah Jongg and would like to see a game before taking lessons, it’s okay to join us for 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.

Players, please don’t forget to bring your NMJL card!   Please also bring a credit card or cash to pay for your lunch.  If you don’t have the 2023 NMJL card yet, 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).

***ARE YOU LOOKING FOR BEGINNER MAH JONGG LESSONS?***   We normally recommend that prospective players sign up for lessons at The Ranch. However, we’ve learned (from one of our members) that the most recent mahjong classes at The Ranch have been cancelled.

*So . . . if there’s sufficient interest . . .*  **Shulee and Alice are considering whether to teach a beginner mah jongg class over the summer – FOR NEWCOMERS MEMBERS ONLY.**   If you’re interested in beginner mah jongg lessons, please let us know **by June 22**with an email to*alice.shelton@gmail.com* so we can decide whether to schedule group lessons.  Classes will be held outdoors.  Time and day would be set after determining availability of those interested.  Class size would be limited – so please don’t delay in letting us know if this might interest you.  Please note that Shulee and Alice would be offering the class ***free of charge*** – for NEWCOMERS members only.  Retail value is $100 to $300 (based on the cost of similar classes in the Bay Area).  Newcomers members would only need to pay for their NMJL card ($14 or $15, depending on size selected).  You won’t want to miss out on this great value that’s also tons of fun!

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

*Co-Chairs:Alice Shelton, 415-435-2561,* *alice.shelton@gmail.com* *and Shulee Tao, 415-435-4876,* *smctao@gmail.com*

***We hope to see you over the summer!***

Throughout the year, we try to organize some MET events that are free – and some at reasonable prices – and some that are a splurge.

Most of the free options are offered during the summer.  All are tons of fun!  We hope you can fit some of these activities into your summer plans.

If you can join us for any of the summer dates below, please let us know by RSVP to alice.shelton@gmail.com

**Our MET schedule isn’t carved in stone, but will likely include any or all of the following:**

 ***Belvedere Concerts in the Park*** — we’ll be planning to attend at least one (and possibly more) of this summer's concerts, which are scheduled for:

**June 18** (Pride & Joy);

 **July 16** (The Traveling Wilburys Revue);

**August 13** (Steelin’ Chicago); and

**September 3** (Neon Velvet).

If any of these afternoon concerts might interest you, please let us know so we can keep you posted about where to meet.  You’re welcome to bring a picnic, if you like.  Don’t forget to wear sunscreen!

***Friday Nights on Main*** — dates have not yet been announced, but we’d like to attend at least one, if possible. Please let us know if you’re interested – so we’ll know to keep you posted about the dates and where to meet.

***Curtain Theatre*** — this year’s play is *Romeo and Juliet*.  Dates are weekend matinees, August 12 to September 4.  We haven’t chosen a specific date yet.  If you’re interested in attending, please let us know, and please specify if you have a preference regarding the date.

***Lark Theatre*** — no idea if they plan to repeat the Lark Drive-In this summer.  If so, we’ll probably plan an outing.  If a drive-in movie might interest you, please let us know and we’ll keep you posted.

**Sunshine Committee** **

*Chair:*  *Kathy Look*, *klook7711@sbcglobal.net* Anyone needing help, or knowing of a member in need, should call or text Kathy at 415-910-0548.

**Welcoming Coffee**

*Chair: Revati Natesan, 630-697-4441*,  *revati4@gmail.com**.* No events this month.

**Happy Feet Walkers Club**

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

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!

*Please register with Revati Natesan or contact her for further information regarding where and when the June walks will take place.*

**New Members:**

**Heidi Reutiman is a returning member!**

Address: 38 Greenwood Bay Drive

Phone: 860-8545

Email: heidireutiman@gmail.com

Heidi moved from Mill Valley. She is interested in Bocce Ball, Book Group, Explorers, Hiking and MET.

**Celebrations and Gatherings**:

*Chairs: Kathy Look and Laura Limber*

**Bel-Tib Newcomers Game Night Redux**

Come Join Us and Play  Scrabble

**Date/Time:**

June 20th at 4:30 pm

**Venue** :

Home of Sandra Wolf

117 Paradise Drive

There will be an opportunity to dine locally afterwards

**RSVP** to Sandra via email@ *sandraw1@yahoo.com*

**Next Board Meeting**: The last board meeting of 2022-2023 season will be our End of the Year Luncheon on June 21 at 11:30 am at Le Petit Left Bank.

The Board will not meet in July.