

# NORTH COUNTY WIDOWS & WIDOWERS CLUB

MARCH 2026

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NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members.

It is my pleasure to inform you that Vince Loughney has joined the NCWW Board as the Social Events Manager.

He has several social events already planned for our members including a performance by Dirty Cello on April 18, at the New Village Arts in Carlsbad. This musical event, led by a vivacious cellist, is cello like you have never heard before! Visit their website: <https://www.dirtycello.com/> for more information. See details on page 3.

On May 2, 2026, we also have tickets reserved for The Book Club (the play) at MiraCosta College. It is a comedy that explores the friendships and personalities of people who love books. The play is a fun and powerful testament to the power of books to bring people together. See details on page 3.

I look forward to seeing all of you at future club events.

See you all there.  
Wilma

**In our social club, we stick to the old adage that we do not discuss politics, religion or money. Please adhere to this in the interest of the social environment of our club.**



**March Events**  
Reservation  
Deadlines  
See page 2 for  
detailed information

Event Date	Event	RSVP by	Name & Number
Wed 03/04/26	Book Club	ASAP	Ann Fleming 760-704-1258
Wed 03/11/26	Happy Hour Rookies	03/07/26	Nancy Pace-Skinner 760-716-9000
Fri 03/13/26	Elks Dinner Dance Vista	03/05/26	Dottie Hagaman 760-438-5491
03/15/26	Members' Appreciation Event	03/11/26	Nancy Pace-Skinner 760-716-9000
Wed 03/25/26	Happy Hour The Mining Co	03/21/26	Nancy Pace-Skinner 760-716-9000
Fri 03/27/26	Elks Dinner Dance Oceanside	03/19/26	Dottie Hagaman 760-438-5491

## NCWW BOARD 2026

President	Wilma Wilhelm	760-473-3534
1st VP (Events Planner)	Nancy Pace-Skinner	760-716-9000
2nd VP - (Membership)	OPEN POSITION	
Secretary	Debbie Jackson	619-933-8553
Treasurer	Diane Phillips	760-419-1655
Webmaster	Dennis Jones	760-519-8871
Social Events Manager	Vince Loughney	442-245-0075

## NCWW Committee Chairs 2026

Elks Liaison	Dottie Hagaman	760-438-5491
Book Club	Ann Fleming	760-704-1258
PEE Liaison	Anne Pearson	858-610-4816
Sunshine	Diane Phillips	760-419-1655
Event Assists	Mary Hudson Jan Conkright	760-994-6567 404-713-9762

## MARCH EVENTS

### Book Club

WED, 03/04/26 - 2-4 PM

Welcome book lovers. We meet for appetizers/desserts and beverages at a member's home.

This month's selection, Horse by Geraldine Brooks is a historical novel that intertwines the story of a legendary 19th-century racehorse, Lexington, with modern-day characters, exploring themes of racism, art, science, and the legacy of slavery through the bond between an enslaved groom and the horse. The narrative moves between the antebellum South, the Civil War, and the present day.

**For more information call Ann Fleming 760-704-1258**

### Happy Hour - Rookies

WED, 03/11/26 - 3-5 PM

(2216 S El Camino Real #104, Oceanside) One of our members suggested we try a new place in Oceanside. Rookies has a great happy hour! Come join your friends for fun, food, and libations

**RSVP with Nancy Pace-Skinner (760) 716-9000 by Sat, 03/07/26**

### Dinner/Dance – Vista Elks Lodge

FRI, 03/13/26 - 5-9 PM

(Vista Elks Lodge, 1947 E. Vista Way, Vista) Dinner and dancing to live music. Join us for a lively evening of fun, music and dancing. **All non-Elk NCWW members will be charged a \$15 cover charge to defray rising costs.** Please be sure to RSVP and to let Dottie know if you decide not to come.

**RSVP with Dottie (760) 438-5491 by Thurs, 03/05/26**

### Members' Appreciation Event

SUN, 03/15/26 - 2-5 PM

(650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, San Marcos) - Join us as we celebrate you, our members! We'll have dancing to music by DJ Russ, dinner (lasagne, Caesar salad with chicken on the side, bread, and dessert). Coffee and water provided, but BYOB. Members are free and guests are \$15 (paid at the door).

**RSVP with Nancy Pace-Skinner (760) 716-9000 by Wed, 03/11/26**

### Happy Hour - The Mining Co

WED, 03/25/26 - 3-5 PM

(579 Grand Avenue, San Marcos) Nick and his amazing staff are ready to welcome NCWW. Great food and service at one of our favorite North County spots.

**RSVP with Nancy Pace-Skinner (760) 716-9000 by Sat, 03/21/26**

### Dinner/Dance – Oceanside Elks Lodge

FRI, 03/27/26 - 5-9 PM

(Oceanside Elks Lodge, 444 Country Club Ln, Oceanside) Dinner and dancing to live music. Join us for a lively evening of fun, music and dancing. Please be sure to RSVP and to let Dottie know if you cannot make it after you RSVP or for the evening's menu.

**RSVP with Dottie (760) 438-5491 by Thurs, 03/19/26**



## Members' Appreciation Event

Sunday, March 15, 2026

2-5 PM

Palomar Estates East

650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, San Marcos

(See above or the flyer for details!)

We hope to see YOU there!



Be sure to say hello to our newest members (and our guests)!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

(and a happy belated February birthday to Rose Benalcazar with apologies!)

03/04	Jim Murray	03/24	Maureen Weeks
03/06	Jean Bertino	03/27	Masuko Mack
03/14	Ann Fleming	03/31	Cindi Fogal
03/17	Renate Engert	Many happy returns!	

### Practical Ideas and Fun Discussion

Hi all; Nancy here. Several members have expressed interest in reading and discussing a book by a Swedish author, Margareta Magnusson. She wrote *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning* which sounds awful but is really just a guide to decluttering and simplifying your life.

The book offers a practical and humorous approach to getting rid of unnecessary belongings, focusing on what truly matters and making the process uplifting rather than overwhelming. It encourages you to tackle clutter at any age.

If this sounds like something you're interested in, call me at 760 716-9000 for more info.

### BRIDGE FOR ALL LEVELS

Are you interested in playing bridge? All levels are welcome. Call Wilma at 760 473-3534 for details.



### Dance Lessons

Want to learn to dance? Join several of our NCWW members who are learning to ballroom dance!

Lessons are offered at the Gloria McClellan Senior Center, 1400 Vale Terrace Dr, Vista by Palomar

Smooth Dancers on Mondays (every week). Beginners lessons are 7-8 PM, and intermediate lessons are 8-9 PM. The cost is \$10/week for one lesson or \$15/week for both.

Visit [www.palomarsmoothdancers.com](http://www.palomarsmoothdancers.com) for more info or call their president, Penny Elliot, at (760) 917-5763.



Do you know someone who could use a little sunshine?

If you know someone who could use uplifting, please let Diane Phillips know. Call 760-419-1655.

### Heal well and fast, Jeanette Shaw and Jan Friedman!



dirty **cello**

**Saturday, 04/18/26, 4:30 PM - Dirty Cello - New Village Arts Theater, 2787 State Street,**

Carlsbad, CA 92008, with dinner after at Norte Mexican Food & Cocktails, 3003 Carlsbad Blvd, Carlsbad, CA 92008. Cost - \$20/pp paid at the musical event..

(Check it out at <https://www.dirtycello.com/>)

**Saturday, 05/02/26, 2:00 PM - The Book Club, a Play - MiraCosta College Theater, 1 Barnard Dr bldg 2000, Oceanside, CA 92056, with early dinner**  
Cost - \$19/pp paid the day of the play.

We have a limited number of tickets for both of these events, so please contact Vince at 442-245-0075 if you want to reserve a spot.



# March 2026

See page 2 for more details about the events on the calendar.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Meet & Greet on the 4th Monday each month	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Book Club 2-4 PM	<b>5</b> RSVP for Elks Dinner Dance - Vista	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> RSVP for Happy Hour
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Happy Hour Rookie's 3-5PM RSVP for Members' Appreciation Event	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Elks Dinner Dance Vista 5:00-9:00 PM	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Members' Appreciation Event 2-5 PM	<b>16</b> NCWW Board Meeting 1-3 PM	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> RSVP for Elks Dinner Dance - Oceanside	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> RSVP for Happy Hour
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Meet & Greet for new members	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Happy Hour The Mining Co 3-5 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Elks Dinner Dance Oceanside 5:00-9:00 PM	<b>28</b>

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A NCWW EVENT OR ACTIVITY, JOIN US AT THE MEETING!  
 PLEASE JOIN US AT THE BOARD MEETING USUALLY ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
 at Palomar Estates East, 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, San Marcos  
 TO HELP US PLAN, PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT YOU WILL ATTEND - WILMA WILHELM – 760-473-3534. THANK YOU.