



December 2025

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

The Garden Club's annual **Book Fair & Food Drive** program on November 17 was a great success. We had a great turnout with 40 people attending our event.

Bookshop West Portal presented a splendid collection of new books that are available this holiday season at their store. It was a great opportunity to hear book reviews and get a sense of what might be a good read or to find gifts for the holidays. Our thanks to **Susan, Lillian** and **Vivian**, for their presentation and wonderful selection of books they brought to the Clubhouse for us. Thank you to **Teresa Callan** who arranged for the book show, worked on setting up books, and taking down the event.

Thank you to **Eva Monroe** for leading the fundraiser for the SF-Marin Food Bank. Exactly \$4,000 raised with the one-to-one matching pledge. Thanks to the generous Thanksgiving match offer from BlackRock and D. Sanders, your gifts were DOUBLED to the total of \$8,000 to provide food toward holiday meals for families in need. Every \$1 donated provides 2 meals. Our big THANK YOU to all the donors!

Thank you also to **Mike Monroe**, and **Stan Puck, Claudia Belshaw**, and **Teresa Callan**, for doing heavy lifting of chairs and tables. Thank you to **Eva Monroe** and **Anna Bolechowski** for setting the tables with linens and lovely arrangements.

Thank you to our marvelous refreshment team: **Ingeborg McGlynn, Anne De Bruyn Kops** husband **Peter, Claudia Belshaw, Debbie Gaspari, Eva Monroe, Barbara Brenner, Donna De Santis-Buoymaster, Laura Outsen, Ann Rieger-Matthews** and **Yen Bachmeier**.

We have a busy December! Wreath Making Day is December 5 and the Holiday Party December 8! Happy Holidays!

Thanks,
Ann Rieger-Matthews & Claudia Belshaw

Meetings and Events at the Clubhouse

- Monday, December 1 – Meeting with Board & Standing Chairs
11:00 AM-12:30 PM Hosted by **Ann Rieger-Matthews**
- Friday, December 5 – Wreath Making Day
10:00 AM-2:00 PM Hosted by **Ann Rieger-Matthews & Laura Outsen**
- Sunday, December 7 – Deck the Halls – Presidents' Luncheon
10:00 AM-3:00 PM Hosted by **Ann Rieger-Matthews & Claudia Belshaw**
- Monday, December 8 – Annual Holiday Party
5:30-6:00 PM Welcome Manhattan & Martini Reception
6:00-9:00 PM Cocktail Party with Live Music by **Retro Notes Jazz Band**
Chaired by **Dottie McHugh**

NOTES: Upcoming Event

January 19th – Trees of Forest Hill, presented by **Mike Sullivan** a local tree expert.
Chaired by **Linda Simonin**.