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President's Message

From Jamie Schwarzfeld

Memories

Some memories are unforgettable, remaining ever vivid and heartwarming. One such fond memory of mine is our Nanny, Rosemary, walking with our youngest son, Matt, to the newly opened Town of Pelham, New York Library. The toddler jumps out of his stroller to "find his brick," then he locates those of his siblings, Karl and Anna. Our Town of Pelham, located 28 minutes from Grand Central in NYC (one train stop before New Rochelle, the TV home of Rob and Laura Petrie on The Dick Van Dyke Show), had transformed a Christian Science Church (with a congregation of 8 parishioners) into a Town Library. The prior Library had been housed in the basement of an elementary school and funded by Town tax dollars. Capital for the new library came from grass roots fundraising. Major donors gave thousands of dollars. Almost every family in the Town did their part by "buying bricks." There were memorial bricks dedicated to the deceased, celebratory bricks for weddings, landmark birthdays, anniversaries, christenings, confirmations, bar and bat Mitzvahs. Merchants, service organizations, Pelham Memorial High School graduation and reunion classes, sports teams, political representatives (local, County and State), and religious organizations all purchased bricks to support the endeavor. However, individual families accounted for most of the bricks sold.

Matthew Schwarzfeld ran to find "his brick" every week. Upon leaving the library, he would "read" one of his books to all the Schwarzfeld bricks. He was not a genius, reading at age 3, but illustrations triggered his imagination, and he created the stories. He could always identify his brick because the image was constant, and it never moved.

People crave to be remembered. This is why teens carve their initials and loves into tree trunks, and why kids write their names and imprint

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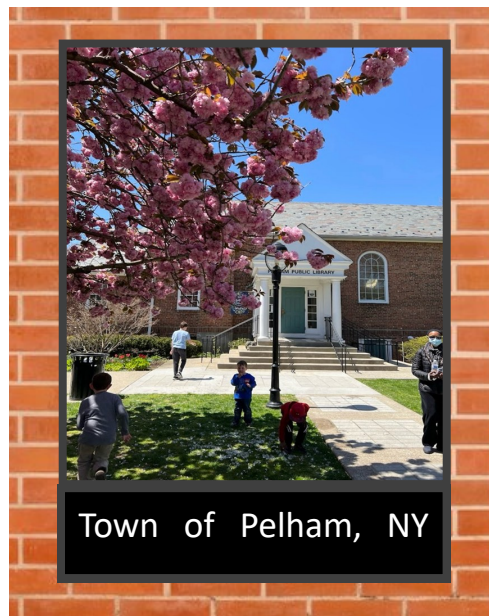
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their hand and footprints in wet cement. This helps the memories to remain with a name etched in time. The History Club of Los Gatos is offering this opportunity to those who buy bricks. Consider donating a brick for yourself, your family, your children, or your grandchildren to create such memories. Read Joanne Rodgers and Celeste Martin Melehan's article in last month's issue of the Cats' Tale for specifics about buying your brick(s) for improvements and renovations to the History Club of Los Gatos.




Whenever I go back and visit Pelham, I say, "Hello" to Karl, Anna, and Matthew Schwarzfeld as represented by their bricks on the path into the magnificent Town of Pelham Library, and I recall the memories of their childhoods. Bob Dylan said, "Take care of all your memories, for you cannot relive them."

Jamie





Calendars


May						
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May		
3		Fundraiser: J. McLaughlin Sales
5		Cinco de Mayo
6	11:00am	HCLG Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (via Zoom) Cancelled
7	9:00am	Board of Directors Meeting (at the Clubhouse)
7	11:00am	New Members' Tea (at the Clubhouse)
7		Fundraiser: Nothing Bundt Cakes Deadline to Submit Orders
11		Mother's Day
12	1:00pm	SIG: Chatty Cats (via Zoom) NEW
14	1:00pm	SIG: The Crafty Group (at the Clubhouse)
15	3:00pm	SIG: TED Talks (via Zoom)
16	9:30am	Community Outreach: Bill Wilson Center (meet in HCLG Parking Lot)
19	2:30pm	SIG: TV, Movie, and Book Zoom (via Zoom)
21	1:30pm	Membership Meeting State of the Club (at the Clubhouse)
21	12:00-2:00pm	Pick up Nothing Bundt Cake Orders at the Clubhouse
25		Deadline for submission of content for Cats' Tale
26		Memorial Day
28	9:00am	Field Trip: Bockius Orr House, Watsonville (meet in HCLG Parking Lot)
30		Cats' Tale Published
31		Fundraiser: Brick Price goes up to \$250 tomorrow!

June						
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29	30					

June		
3	11:00am	HCLG Foundation Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
4	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting (at the Clubhouse)
9	1:00pm	SIG: Chatty Cats (via Zoom) NEW
11	1:00pm	SIG: The Crafty Group (at the Clubhouse) Cancelled
13	7:00pm	Fundraiser: San Jose Giants
14		Flag Day
15		Father's Day
16	2:30pm	SIG: TV, Movie, and Book Zoom (via Zoom)
19	3:00pm	SIG: TED Talks (via Zoom)

July						
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July		
TBD	TBD	Annual Leadership Planning Meeting (at the Clubhouse)
4		Independence Day
30	10:00am-12:00pm	Activity Day - Games (at the Clubhouse)
30	12:30-2:00pm	Activity Day - Book Discussion Group (at the Clubhouse)

INSPIRATION FROM JUBIE JARAMILLO

You can't add days to your life, but you can add life to your days.

-Anonymous

Upcoming Events



Volunteer for The Bill Wilson Center – Friday, May 16, 2025

By Mairead Donohue

Come and help assemble the centerpieces for The Bill Wilson Gala on May 16, 2025. We will meet in the HCLG parking lot at 9:30am and carpool to the Bill Wilson Safety Net Shelter, 3490 The Alameda, Santa Clara, CA 95050. Flowers and containers will be provided. We just provide the creativity.

If you would like to participate, please contact Mairead (maireaddo@aol.com). This event will count as a Community Outreach project. (Please wear your HCLG T-shirt.)

Designated Dollars at Our May 21 Meeting

By Mairead Donohue



During the month of May our philanthropic focus will be on the Bill Wilson Center. In these uncertain times it is most important to obtain personal donations, since a large amount of the Center's funding comes from grants.

One of the many services that the Center provides is the Safety Net Shelter which assists homeless youth ages 14 – 25. The primary goal of the program is to get homeless youth into safe and permanent housing.

We will be collecting the following items for the Safety Net Shelter during May:

Hygiene Products (full size): Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair ties, hairbrushes
Gift Cards: Gas cards, Target gift cards, Movie cards
Nursery Products: Diapers sizes 2 -6, Baby wipes, Infant formula.
Other: Duffle bags, backpacks, hoodies-size large (not blue or red).

Please bring your donations to the May Club Meeting on May 21, 2025, at 1:30pm.

Designated Dollars:

- We will have red baskets out on May 21, 2025, for donations of cash or check to the History Club of Los Gatos Charitable Foundation.
- Financial donations may be made by check payable to the History Club of Los Gatos Charitable Foundation with a designation for "The Bill Wilson Center" and mailed to Therese Wiese at 6206 Lean Ave., San Jose, CA 95123.
- Or you can use PayPal (www.paypal.com): Vendor information: Foundation@historyclublosgatos.org

Questions? Contact Mairead Donohue, maireaddo@aol.com.

Upcoming Events



Learn more about our new invitation process on the next page!

DETAILS

LOCATION

History Club of Los Gatos

123 Los Gatos Boulevard, Los Gatos, CA 95030
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Our Red Basket Beneficiary for May is Bill Wilson Center (BWC). Additional details for this organization will be shared in Cats' Tale.

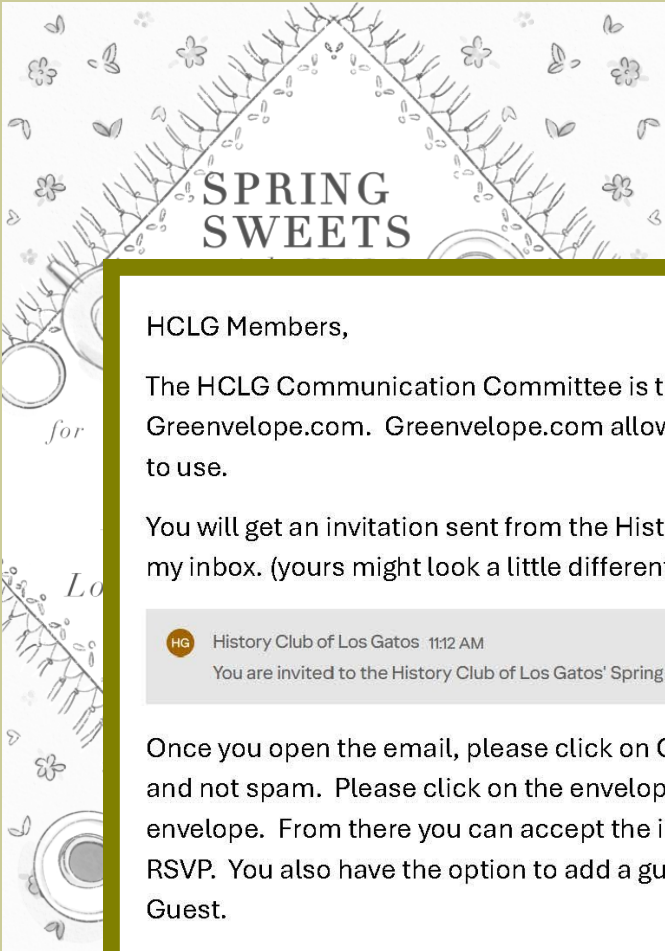
Ways to contribute to the Red Basket Beneficiary:
Bring a check or cash to the May Event.

PayPal: use the address
"foundation@historyclublosgatos.org" and designation
"BWC"

Check: make payable to HCLG Foundation (use BWC in our memo line)

Therese Wiese 6206 Lean Avenue, San Jose, CA 95123
Thank you!

Upcoming Events



DETAILS

HCLG Members,

The HCLG Communication Committee is thrilled to share a new invitation system – Greenvelope.com. Greenvelope.com allows us to create beautiful invitations and it is easy to use.

You will get an invitation sent from the History Club of Los Gatos. This is what it looks like in my inbox. (yours might look a little different)

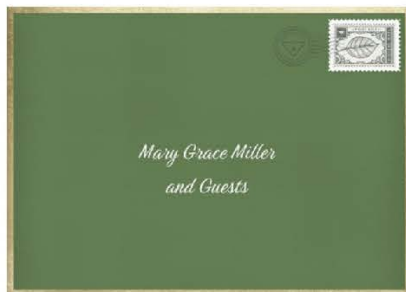
A screenshot of an email notification from the History Club of Los Gatos. It shows a circular icon with 'HG' and the text: 'History Club of Los Gatos 11:12 AM You are invited to the History Club of Los Gatos' Spring Sweets event featuring the installation of officers, with a focus on...'

Once you open the email, please click on Open Invitation. We want you to know, it is safe and not spam. Please click on the envelope. It will open the invite as if you are opening an envelope. From there you can accept the invitation or decline by clicking on Submit Your RSVP. You also have the option to add a guest by clicking on the blue plus next to Bring a Guest.

A screenshot of the top part of an email invitation. It says 'History Club of Los Gatos sent you an invitation for Spring Sweets with HCLG - Installation of Officers'.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

OPEN INVITATION



SUBMIT YOUR RSVP

Mary Grace Miller
mgemiller@yahoo.com

Will Attend

Will Not Attend

Bring a Guest

Optional message to the host

Submit RSVP

Any questions or if you need assistance, please reach out to Mary Grace Miller – 408-674-2399.

Upcoming Events



Bockius-Orr Field Trip



Wednesday, May 28

By Cathy Beltran

Please join us for a step back in time when we visit the Bockius-Orr House located at 332 Beach Street, Watsonville, CA.

The historic Bockius-Orr House is an elegant, Italianate home built for the Bockius family in 1870. It is situated on a beautiful acre in downtown Watsonville, CA. The main floor is open to visitors and has one of the largest costume collections in the Central Coast area. The Historical Society uses the costumes for rotating exhibits throughout the main floor of the home.

We will meet at the History Club at 9:00am for a 10:30am tour. We will eat lunch at California Grill, 40 Penny Lane, Watsonville, CA.

RSVP to Cathy Beltran by text at (408) 772-2111.



Upcoming Events



The History Club of Los Gatos

SPRING FUNDRAISER



"Bundtlets"

Delicious, personally sized & freshly baked little cakes

\$8.00 each

A sweet way to say.....

I love You! Happy Birthday! Congrats! Happy Father's Day! Just Because!



ORDER DEADLINE May 6th

ORDER PICK-UP (at History Club) May 21st, 12:00 to 2:00

123 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos, CA.95030



Fundraising Made Easy
BRING JOY ONE BITE AT A TIME!

ORDER FORM

	FLAVOR	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL \$
	RED VELVET	\$8.00		
	CHOCOLATE CHOCOLATE CHIP	\$8.00		
	VANILLA	\$8.00		
	CARROT CAKE	\$8.00		
	WHITE CHOCOLATE / RASPBERRY	\$8.00		
	LEMON	\$8.00		
	STRAWBERRIES & CREAM	\$8.00		
	OREO COOKIES & CREAM	\$8.00		
TOTAL ORDER				

Pick up your order on May 21st at the History Club's Clubhouse

Please pay by cash or check.

If paying by check, please make it payable to

The History Club of Los Gatos

123 Los Gatos Blvd. Los Gatos, CA 95030



Name	LAST:	FIRST:
Email		
Phone		

Member News



MAY

Rose Arnaudo	5/4
Rebecca Yates	5/7
Anne Fisher	5/13
Lea Blehman	5/15
Cindy Gjers	5/16
Jan Gleason	5/17
Orla MacLean	5/23
Jean Stroud	5/27
Vaishali Singh-Sood	5/30

Happy Club Anniversary

The following members are celebrating club anniversaries of 1-4 years this club year!



4 Years

Amy Alden Bolander
Catalina Madrigal Rupert

2 Years

Jan Amaral
Hazie Campsey
Lisa Harris
Evelyn Lane
Tenly Petrino

3 Years

Sue Agnoletti
Val Andrews
Cathy Beltran
Lea Blehman
Diane Dinardi
Mairead Donohue
Linda Hoffman
Emma Jewell
Margaret Meute

1 Year

Cindy Gjers
Nina Grayson
Sandhya Gupta
Susie Imrie
Lorraine Leipold
Mary Grace Miller
Lupe Ortiz
Cindy Rasp
Trish Sporleder
Rebecca White
Tin Tin Wisniewski
Raven Wolfman
Rebecca Yates

**Congratulations and thank you
for making a difference!**

Member News

The Little Things

By Pauline Ferrito



At the History Club, there are times when we take on big projects – annual fundraisers, community gatherings, and special events. But often, it's the little things that fill our days. We tie blankets. We bake cookies. We welcome friends. We craft with care. We come together and support each other as we learn about new things. We do these small acts quietly, almost without thinking, as life moves busily along – rarely stopping to wonder just how much they might mean to someone else.

Last year, in partnership with the DAR, we wrote birthday cards to aging veterans. It was just a couple hours out of our day – some kind words on paper. Then, a few weeks ago, I opened my email and found a message waiting for us. It was from a man named Arthur Dioli, and he wrote:

“Last May, you and your Club members sent me birthday wishes for my 97th birthday, thanking me for my WWII Navy service. Your card was one of 176 that now fill my stairwell and living room walls – probably more cards than I received in my entire life. I’ve lived alone in my condo for 31 years, since my wife passed away in 1994. But thanks to those cards, I am surrounded every day by kindness, love, and gratitude. And YES – I’m still kicking, still active in our church and our Knights of Columbus.

“With grateful blessings, I pray you and yours are safe.”

Reading his words, I realized that what might feel small to us can be everything to someone else. A few minutes of kindness can last an entire year – or a lifetime.

Never doubt the power of the little things.

Pauline



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4/2/25

approved as of 4.2.25

History Club Calendar 2025-2026

PROPOSED 4/2/2025					
DATE	EVENT	TIME	TYPE	PROGRAM	CHAIR
	Strategic Planning		Board	Planning	Schwarzfeld
3-Sep	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
17-Sep	Back to Club	10AM	Coffee		
1-Oct	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
11-12 Oct	Fundraiser		Pumpkin Sale		Ways & Means
15-Oct	General Membership	6PM	Dinner		HC Board
29-Oct	Activity Day	10AM-3PM		Games, Book Club	Daily, Wiese
5-Nov	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
19-Nov	Gathering	10AM	Coffee	Cookie Exchange	
3-Dec	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
6-Dec	Holiday Parade	10AM- 2PM		Parade & clubhouse	Community Outreach
10-Dec	General Membership	12PM	Luncheon	Choir	
30-Dec	Activity Day	10AM-3PM		Games, Book Club	Daily, Wiese
7-Jan	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
21-Jan	General Membership	10AM	Coffee/Brunch		
4-Feb	Board Meeting	10-12AM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
13-Feb	Galentine Event	tbd			Philanthropy
18-Feb	General Membership	12PM	Luncheon	Philanthropy Recip, Honor Past Pres.	
4-Mar	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
18-Mar	General Membership	10AM	Coffee/Brunch		
1-Apr	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
Apr	Community Outreach	tbd	tbd	tbd	Martin Melehan, Wiese
29-Apr	Activity Day	10AM-3PM		Games, Book Club	Daily, Wiese
6-May	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
20-May	General Membership	1:30PM	Dessert	State of Club, President's Address & Installation	
3-Jun	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld
tbd. Jul	Strategic Planning	10AM-12PM	Board	Planning	Schwarzfeld
29-Jul	Activity Day	10AM-3PM		Games, Book Club	Daily, Wiese
5-Aug	Board Meeting	10AM-12PM	Board	n.a.	Schwarzfeld

Club Business

➔ **The 2025-2026 Handbook** ➔

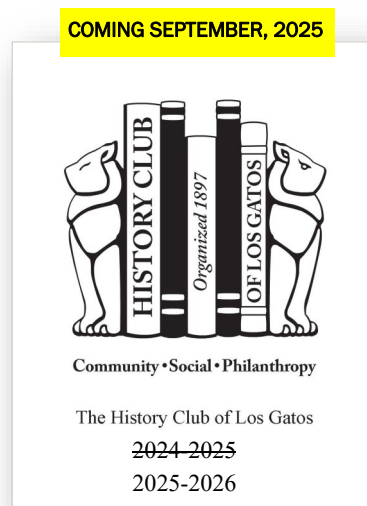
There is a whole lot of activity going on behind the scenes these days and it has to do with the Handbook. Lots must be decided and approved before the Handbook can be assembled and printed.

- The Nominating Committee has completed its job and new officers and committee chairs have agreed to serve
- The 2025-2026 Calendar has been developed and approved by the Board of Directors
- Hazie Campsey and Lorraine Leipold, our new Hostess Committee Chairs, have sent out an email to members asking them to choose the event on which they wish to participate
- Mairead Donohue and Jamie Schwarzfeld are busy working on Programs

LeAnn Clinton has generously agreed to undertake this tremendous project and has begun planning for production. In order to have the Handbook completed and ready to distribute at Back to Club in September she will require your cooperation. You will need to:

- 1) Answer (if you haven't already done so) the email from the Hostess Chairs and choose your event.
- 2) Take a look at your photo, name, address, phone number(s), and email address as shown in the current handbook. Make any changes or corrections and send them to LeAnn leann.clinton@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting this information is May 31, 2025.



Way and Means

Ways and Means

Fundraiser Updates

Shopping at J. McLaughlin in downtown Los Gatos



Saturday, May 3, 2025. The hours are 10am – 6pm.
The History Club will receive 10 percent of all sales proceeds.
Just in time for Mother's Day this would be a good time to shop till you drop!

Nothing Bundt Cakes

Spring Fundraiser



Orders are currently being taken for those delicious, personally sized and freshly baked little cakes. Deadline to order is May 6, 2025

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



San Jose Giants Fundraiser
Friday, June 13, 2025 at 7:00pm
Evite Stadium, San Jose
See March issue of the Cats' Tale for all details and info on purchasing tickets or contact Diane Dinardi ddinardi@comcast.net

The Brick Project



This clubwide project is ongoing. There are a number of programs underway to promote this project to the public at large. See March issue of the Cats' Tale for all details and info on purchasing If you haven't ordered your brick, please note that the price will go from \$200 to \$250 on June 1!

Community Outreach

Cancer CAREpoint Community Outreach/Philanthropic Event

by Therese Wiese, Jamie Schwarzfeld, Celeste Martin Melehan and Anne Fisher

Our crossover Community Outreach/Philanthropy event benefiting Cancer CAREpoint was a big success thanks to all of you! We collected over \$1,100 in Designated Dollars during March and April. We were able to buy fleece and blanket kits, Velcro for the seat belt pillows, and items for the gift bags. And we still have a little money to make a cash donation to Cancer CAREpoint for the other things they need.

We are so proud - we were able to donate:

- 50 fleece blankets, some one ply, some two ply, in happy vibrant colors
- 60 hand crocheted and knit caps, made by History Club members
- 60 seat belt cushions used by patients to protect their port from irritation of a seat belt
- 50 gift bags filled with socks, lotions, tissues, puzzle books, and more!
- 60 handwritten notes of encouragement

We were delighted to have Sarah Schiltz, Board Chair from Cancer CAREpoint, and Pam Klaus, Marketing Director from Cancer CAREpoint, attend several days of our event, helping tie blankets. They brought several volunteers with them both Monday and Tuesday, It was great to have their volunteers be able to see us in action. For more information, check out cancercarepoint.org/about-us/



Click here to go to our website for the yummy soup "Blanket Maker Special" recipe!



Club Activities

A Creative Escape: Field Trip to *Rebecca White's Home*

Wednesday, April 23



This group enjoyed a tour of Rebecca's remarkable home. The whole house features Rebecca's unique art and decor. Lunch was enjoyed in the yard which is a soul soothing extension of the same creativity.

The Crafty Group spent an enjoyable afternoon on the patio of the clubhouse making May Baskets for friends and relatives.

Wednesday, April 9



Club Activities

By Mary Daily

You are cordially invited.....

JOIN THE NEWEST HISTORY CLUB **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP** (SIG)



“CHATTY CATS”

You already know how positive and energized you feel when you chat with your History Club friends.

Wouldn't you like to maximize that lighthearted feeling? **Yes?**

Join us in our newest **ZOOM** meet-up, “Chatty Cats” every second Monday of the month. The first meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 1:00.

(note: this meet-up replaces the Sports Talk Zoom)

What will we chat about? **Anything!** Current Events? Culture? Cooking? What makes us happy? Memories? Travel? Sports? Whatever? Etc. Etc. Etc.

To receive a Zoom invite, contact m.daily76536@gmail.com.



MEOW!

Club Activities

By Mary Daily

TV-Movie-Book Recommendations ZOOM group

Ever wonder what the TV-Movie-Book group recommends? Here is a sample of the suggestions made at our latest meeting. Then you should come to our next meeting on May 19th at 2:30.

Contact m.daily76536@gmail.com for a Zoom invite.

ACORN

- [Hemingway vs. Callaghan](#) -- the true story of a boxing match held between them
- [True Love](#) is a mini-series about five lifelong friends in London.
- [Broken Wood Mysteries](#) (Coming soon.) Takes place in New Zealand.

Peacock & Apple

- [Smash](#) (2012) The making of a Marilyn Monroe musical (drama) series.
- [Long Bright River](#) Amanda Sefried as a police officer searching for her drug addict sister.

PRIME

- [The Studio](#) Comedy about a Hollywood director (Seth Rogan)
- [G-20](#) Viola Davis as president when radical leftists attack. She knows how to handle a gun and a lot of killing of bad guys ensues.
- [1923](#) Season 2 prequel to Yellowstone w/ Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren.

APPLE

- [Conclave](#) Watch again since the Pope just died. The selection process depicted is accurate.
- [Dope Thief](#) New series -- 2 friends play fake DEA agents to rob drug dealers.
- [Berlin ER](#) German series about a female doctor taking over an incompetent ER

HULU

- [Paradise](#) – Thousands of people living in a realistic underground city after an apocalypse.
- [Anora](#) - Best Pic Oscar. Call girl meets & marries Russian kid. (nudity, sex, violence, comedy)
- [A Complete Unknown](#) Bob Dylan biopic. Timothy Chalamet as Dylan
- [White Lotus](#) season 3. Thai Resort troubled family and other interesting guests.
- [Handmaid's Tale](#) Season 6. Dystopian series based on Margaret Atwood's book.

NETFLIX

- [Friends and Neighbors](#), John Hamm's Character is laid off and becomes a thief.
- [Adolescence drama](#) about a boy suspected of murder. Intense, incredible acting by boy.

PBS

- [Singing for Justice](#) Folk Music doc
- [Wolf Hall](#) Third in a series about Thomas Cromwell

MAX

- [The Sympathizer](#) based on book by Viet Thanh Nguyen. About a Vietnamese double agent.
- [The Last of Us](#) Season 2. Dystopian Sci-Fi, Pedro Pascal protecting a young girl who is immune to a disease that turns people into fungus (not as silly as it sounds)

Editor's Corner

By Joy Silveira

Moving Forward

As I have just celebrated another birthday this month, joyfully with three generations of my family members present, I have been conscious of reflecting backwards and looking forward. My backwards reflections are mostly wonderful memories and my forward looking is certainly not as far as it used to be. I mostly try to enjoy each day and all of the blessings it brings. However, the world turns and we must be prepared for what it brings.

While preparing this issue for production I did some looking forward for this club and found that there are a lot of positive things happening here moving forward.

- ◆ In May we will celebrate our new members at a brunch. I believe the count is 10 new members so far in this club year!
- ◆ A strong Slate of Officers for the new club year which includes new members, existing members who have not previously served and young members.
- ◆ Clubhouse improvements are progressing.
- ◆ Our Philanthropy, Community Outreach, and Ways and Means Committees are strong and active.

When Jamie gives her State of the Club address next month she will have many positive things to say. I hope all of you will enjoy participating in the club's activities, helping to make memories, and moving our club into the future.

