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Capitola, CA 95010

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EVERY TUESDAY 1:00-3:30
Doors open at 12:15
Bingo Pad, \$10 – Win up to \$100!
Additional pads \$8, ½ Pad alone \$6
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.50 Cent Pull Tabs, Multiple \$250 Winners!
No Bingo 12/23 or 12/30
Hot dogs, Chili, Chips and Soda available for purchase
Must be over 18 to play. Open to the public, Doors open at 12:15



Mid-County Senior Center December 2025 Newsletter

THE MID-COUNTY SENIOR CENTER IS A MEMBER OWNED, SELF SUPPORTING, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED TO PROVIDING SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS.

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The Mid-County Senior Center Choraliers Present



It's A Wonderful Rock & Roll Winter, Baby!

Come sing along with us as we perform
those great holiday songs of the Fifties and Sixties.
We will rock your socks off!

Sunday December 21, 2025 at 2pm
\$10 / Children \$5

MCSC Holiday Closures
12/24, 12/25, 12/26, 1/1, 1/2

**Activity Leaders will inform their
members if operating during the
closure!**

Special Thanks to Our Supporters

We are deeply grateful to Capitola Cares for their generous grant of \$5,000, which has enabled us to purchase a new dishwasher for our organization. This contribution will have a lasting impact on our operations and the well-being of our members.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to Brookdale Senior Living for providing a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Their kindness and support helped make our holiday gathering a memorable and joyful occasion for everyone involved.

Upcoming Event: Annual Holiday Bazaar

Please mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Bazaar, which will be held on *December 6*. This event is a cherished tradition, and we look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the season together.

Message from the President

Thank you to all of you for your support during the last two years. It has been a true pleasure serving as your President, and I have greatly enjoyed my tenure. I look forward to continuing my involvement at MCSC and working alongside the Board as we move forward together.





Pictured:
Curt Jewell, MCSC President;
Cindy Kiernan, MCSC Treasurer;
Heidy Kellison, Capitola Cares.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

MCSC is very grateful to have received a grant from Capitola Cares on Nov. 6th, for \$5,000 to replace our broken dishwasher in the kitchen. Capitola Cares is a new organization, founded to bring people together in positive, practical ways at a time when many are feeling the effects of national divisiveness. Through fundraising, information sharing, advocacy, and civic engagement, their goal is to strengthen community well-being in the areas of health, education, economic vitality, environmental stewardship, public safety, and lifelong enrichment.

Our sincerest THANK YOU goes out to this new venture, and we are grateful to have such caring neighbors in Capitola!

MCSC HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT SALE

Saturday, December 6th
10AM-3PM

A fun shopping experience
with multiple vendors

829 Bay Avenue, Capitola CA 95010
(831) 476-4711



Birthday Dance Featuring the 10 o'Clock Lunch Band



Come Celebrate with us as Lois Williams, Gertie Johnson, and George Zafares are all having birthdays! Everyone is invited.

Date: Saturday December 27th
Time: Dance Begins 7:00PM



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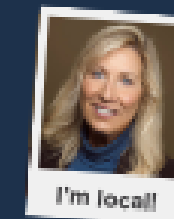
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¹ You must meet your loan obligations, keeping current with property taxes, homeowners insurance, and home maintenance.

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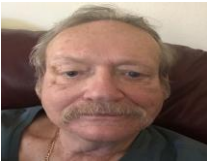
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The following motions were approved at the November 19, 2025 Board Meeting:

- *Approved \$1,500.00 for the new dishwasher installation.*
- *Approved a new class, “Horticultural Walk”. This guided walk will identify trees, shrubs, and local plants along the way. Date and time TBD.*

Submitted by Recording Secretary - Marilyn Jessup

Meet MCSC’s New President George Kiernan – Starting 1/1/2026



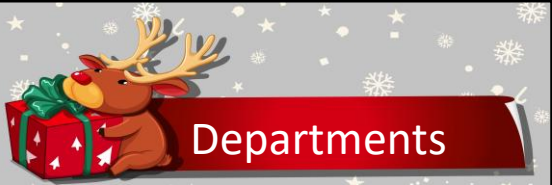
George has been an MCSC member since 2013. He started with the Photo Class and the Garden. He is now the Photo

Activity leader and can often be found serving up the BBQ at our parking lot sales and other events. George has volunteered for many events at MCSC and is always willing to pitch in a hand where he can. George is great to be around and has a level-headed approach to business. He has a lot of experience with the Center and should bring some good ideas to the office. When you see him, let him know he’s appreciated!

THANKSGIVING MEAL



Our Sincerest Thank you to Brookdale Senior Living Facility. They not only prepared all of the food but also donated it for our Thanksgiving meal. This allowed the night to be a true fundraiser for MCSC. Nelson has been the chef for over 13 years at Brookdale and he knows his stuff! We were all very well fed and extremely appreciative this thanksgiving!



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At MCSC, the members, volunteers and staff are important and are treated equitably and professionally.

Board of Directors, General Meeting minutes and financial statements are available upon request through the President, Curt Jewell.

32 NEW MEMBERS

Joined from 10/17/25 – 11/20/25

Delia	Jimenez	Devi	Nugent
Gene	Corriden	Lisa	McAndrews
Julie	Conway	Marla	Meek
Carrolyn	Michelson	Reeda	Palmer
Susan	Rutter	Susan	Cross
Jane	Rosevelt	Kathie	La Londe
Michele	Beard	Babe Delores	Meek
Betty	Freeman	James	Williams
Gary	Kohler	Terri	Levich
Anke	Hodenpijl	Andrea	Zavitsanos
Judy	Long	Donna	Baker
Linda	Seigle	Bill	Mc Bride
Erin	McNally	Leslie	Mc Garvey
Charmaine	Ryan	Petronella	Van Dam
		Tim	Mc Garvey
		Carolyn	Conklin
		Susan	Japinga
		Terese	Duggan

TOTAL MCSC MEMBERS 572



Love to travel? **Don’t Miss the December SPECIAL SPEAKER:** Emma Shively, Travel Advisor, AAA. December 19, @ 1PM

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY MONTH WITH US !!

To celebrate the members having birthdays the Board will host a cake party on **Friday – Dec. 19th following special speaker**



What did one snowman say to the other?

I only have ice for you

December Birthdays!

Ann	Ottenberg
Beth	Herrick
Bruce	Pellegrini
Calvin	Potter
Carol	Parda
Cheryl	Ridgway
Christine	Baillie
Christine	Mathieu
Coleen	Colla
Darlene	Aguirre
Dianne	Ross
Frank	Brown
Gene	Corriden
Gertie	Johnson
Holly	Thomas
Jack	Roberts
Jeri	Miltier
Joyce	Hopkins
Karen	Wosk
Karen J.	Hunter
Lester	Pedrazzini
Linda	Valenziano
Lois	Williams
Lucy	Gong
Margo	Carr
Merrie Ann H.	Turner
Pamela	Rhodes
Patricia	Amarante
Patricia	Carter
Patricia	Reed
Paul K.	Kriscunas
Robert	Szemerédi
Roberta	Richardson
Sharon	Caredio
Susan	Crawford
Susan	Cross
Terese	Duggan
Terry	Webster

BINGO

Tuesdays - BEST Game in Town!
Doors & Snack bar opens at
12:15. Game starts at 1:00 PM.

CARDS & BOARD GAMES

Bridge for Fun: Thu 12-3PM

Duplicate Bridge: Mon/Thu 11AM



Backgammon: Monday 12-2PM

Canasta: Hand & Foot

Mondays & Thursdays
12:30-3:30PM

Mah Jongg: - Fri at Noon in the
Annex.

Chinese Mah Jongg

Wed 12:30-3:30PM in the Main
Room. **BEGINNERS WELCOME!**

Scrabble: Wed -12:30 PM.

**PEDRO – Every 1st Friday of the
month 1- 3:30 PM**

CHORALIERS PERFORMING ARTS

Practice for our 3 times per year
live performances – includes
singing, dancing, costuming,
choreography, and set decoration.
Tue 9:30 AM for vocal rehearsals,
and dance practice on Thurs 8:45
AM

CLUBS

Book Club: Meets 1st Fri at
Capitola Library at 10:30 AM.

Chess Club: Fri 1:00PM

Photo Club: Wed 1-3PM in the
Annex. Come join us & learn how
to take better photos.

Ukulele Jam Club: All skill levels
are welcome. Other instruments
are welcome too - Come jam with
us and have fun. Fri 10am.

DANCES



[See calendar for all details!!!](#)



EXERCISE & FITNESS

Sr. Physical Fitness – All
levels welcome. Wed at
9:30

Senior Stretch – Fridays at
9am. We work the whole
body in a fun way!

Gentle Yoga on mats –

Mondays, 9:00-10:15am

WIN – Fridays – 8:45 in the
annex for weight information

International Folk Dance
Thursdays, 10-noon (M)

JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING : 2nd

**Saturday (12/13) in the
Annex 10-12PM**

SPANISH – Fridays
10:30-12:00 (M)

IMPROV Class
1st & 3rd Wednesday (A)
10.30-12PM

90's CLUB
2nd Friday of the month (M)

ART CLASS:
EVERY Tuesday 1-3pm (A)

TECH TALK with TINKA
Friday 12/12 (M)

**ATTENTION
CENTER IS**

**CLOSED
12/24, 12/25,
12/26, 1/1, 1/2**



GARDEN UPDATE

Our Last Garden meeting will be on
Dec. 6th at 8:45 AM. Please come
and vote for the new Committee
Leads, Garden Manager and
Assistant Garden Manager!



Photo Club December 2025 Schedule

December 3rd – 313 Elements 103 & 013

Auto Exposure Bracketing

December 10th –Field Trip

December 17th – Holiday Potluck & Field
trip to Capitola Village

December 24th & 31st – No Class

Happy Holidays!

UKULELE UPDATE



The Mid-County Pluckers invite everyone to
our first annual holiday Sing-along. We'll be
playing some of our favorite holiday songs,
so if you like to sing, come and join us on
December 19 from 10:00-11:00AM.

Our membership is constantly growing, and
we love to see new faces every week! All
levels are always welcome. You don't even
have to play any instruments. We have
members who just sing and enjoy the music.

We send you best wishes for a joyful Holiday
and wonderful New Year!

Melekalikimaha!



**The Choraliers' Reindeer Dancers, preparing for
the December 21st Show!** Kimberly Frey, Nancy
Maley, Wanda Kocina, Maureen Barber, Cathy Robinson

GIFT SHOP UPDATE

What a joyful start to the season! Our **Birdhouse Workshop** on November
9th was a wonderful success, with creative guests designing charming,
decorative birdhouses.

The fun continued at our **Iris Paperfolding Card Making Workshop** on
November 15. Who would have guessed that reused gift wrap and colorful
paper could become such stunning works of art? Iris folding is a delightful
card-making technique that layers paper strips to form a beautiful swirling
pattern—like the iris of a camera—giving every card a touch of handcrafted
magic.

Looking ahead, our **Holiday Art & Craft Sale** is right around the corner on
December 6th! Our talented crafters are busy creating one-of-a-kind
treasures to make your holiday shopping easy and joyful. From cozy
comforts to unique gifts for everyone on your list, there's plenty to
discover.

Be sure to stop by The MCSC Gift Shop throughout December to see the
newest festive creations on display—perfect for giving, or for keeping a
little holiday cheer all to yourself. Stay tuned for new classes to be
announced for the new year.

