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The Mid-County Senior Center Choraliers Present



SENIOR PALOOZA

Come sing along with us and play
"Name That Groovy Tune"
as we perform some of the best
Sunshine Pop songs from the late 60's!

☀ Sunday April 19 at 2pm ☀
\$10 / Children \$5

**BOWMAN RANCH
BREAKFAST
Sunday – April 26, 2026
8:30am – NOON**

Greetings fellow MCSC Members,

We are so excited that we hit a new milestone in membership, reaching 625 members in March. We haven't seen our membership at this level since the COVID outbreak, and we are thrilled to see so many seniors out and enjoying their retirement again.

As most of you know, when we are not using the building during evenings and weekends, we rent out the space. This has become a valuable source of income to keep our center running. We are looking for Overseers for our larger rentals. Overseers watch over the rentals we have at the center and are there to represent MCSC's interest. If you are interested or want more information, please leave your name with Ana Alvarez, our coordinator. This is a paid position, and we will be interviewing through the month of April. It is usually only a few hours per session, so please consider signing up for this important role.

Please note our article this month announcing our fundraising drive and rate increases. You'll be hearing more about this as we continue through the year. As we are a member owned center, your support is critical for our survival, and we are grateful for all you do.

Just a reminder that Project Scout continues until the end of April. Project Scout offers free Tax service to Seniors, and they have opened up several more time slots. If you haven't already done so, please call the receptionist to get your appointments!

The gardeners have been working hard shaking off the winter weeds, and the Garden is really looking great! We are looking forward to the Garden & Craft Sale coming in May. Curt Jewell continues to do a great job managing the Garden and we continue at 100% occupancy!

On Sunday April 19th at 2PM, the Choraliers will be presenting "Senior Palooza". The Choraliers always deliver a great performance, and this show promises to be lots of fun, you won't want to miss it! Be sure to mark your calendars.

Bowman Ranch Breakfast will be on Sunday April 26th from 8:30 to Noon. This is a great breakfast, with unlimited pancakes! Bring the family and have a great morning out!

Please check out the "Come Dance or just Enjoy the Music" section of the newsletter. It lists the bands for Friday Night Dances as well as other Dance Activities for the month. We are happy to be adding more classes on Mondays: Salsa Intro/Basics and Night Club 2 Step. Partners are not required, so I hope you give it a try!

Have a great month everyone!

George Kiernan, President



*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

Announcing the MCSC Fundraiser Drive
Supporting Our Community Center for a Stronger Future

- **Why Your Support Matters**
Mid-County Senior Center is a central hub for community events, activities, and services for all ages. We receive no funding from county, state, or federal sources. Support comes exclusively from member dues, activities, fundraisers, and facility rentals.
- **Our Financial Challenge**
We experienced a deficit of \$6,000 for 2025 and we project a deficit for 2026 of \$8,000. For this reason, we have set a goal to raise \$25,000 this year.
- **Our Plan: A Community Fundraiser Drive**
We will be exploring activities, benefit events, and targeted fundraisers. A fundraiser drive will be starting soon. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and at the reception desk.
- **Activity and Rental Fees**
In addition to the fundraising drive the Board has decided to raise member activity fees to \$5.00 effective May 1, 2026, and non-member fees to \$7.00. We have also increased all rental rates by \$5.00 an hour and kitchen rates by \$50.00 for each level of use. This takes effect April 1, 2026.
- **How You Can Help**
Participate in upcoming events and activities. Spread the word about the fundraiser drive. Make a one-time or recurring donation. Volunteer your time or skills for events or outreach. Stay Tuned for Details. Community support is essential for MCSC's future.

Thank you for being a valued member and supporting our shared future.

Spring GARDEN and CRAFT SALE EVENT

Midcounty Senior Center

Saturday MAY 2ND time 9-3 pm

829 Bay Ave Capitola

How can you tell when April is happy?
It has a little spring in its step.

***NEW* Dance Workshop**

Starting Monday 4/20 – 5/18/26
with Becky Adams

Salsa Intro 6:15-6:30PM
Salsa Basics (partner) 6:30-7:30PM
Single & Couples are Welcome

Night Club 2 Step Intro 7:15-7:30PM
Night Club 2 Step 7:30- 8:30PM
Level 1 - 4/20- 4/27
Level 2 - 5/4 – 5/18

\$10/each class

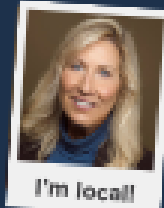
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NextStage PRODUCTIONS
READERS THEATER PRESENTS
7th ANNUAL FESTIVAL Short Comedies

Sunday April 12th @ 2:00pm
Saturday April 18th @ 2:00pm
Mid-County Senior Center
829 Bay Avenue, Capitola
www.nextstagesantacruz.org

Suggested Donation **\$15**



The following motions were approved at the
March 20, 2026, Board Meeting:

- Increase Activity Rates from \$4/Members and \$6/Non-Members to \$5/\$7, effective 5.1.26.
- Raise all rental rates (Member, Non-Profit, Non-Member) by \$5/hour for Main Room, Annex, Janitorial, Setup, effective 4.1.26.
- Raise Kitchen Rates: \$200 flat rate for access to sinks, counters and rollup door. (Required if alcohol is served.); \$250 for one oven and one shelf in the refrigerator; \$300 for three ovens and/or cooktop and one refrigerator shelf.
- Antique Show to rent MCSC and conduct sales during their event, providing they take 100% responsibility of all sales tax filings, and leave property clean.
- Rental to use MCSC plates/silverware for a fundraising dinner being held on 3.22.26. A fee of \$100 will be charged and any breakage to be replaced..
- Collaborate with HICAP for a document shredding event for June's "Fraud Prevention Week". HICAP arrange/pay a shredding company and MCSC will sponsor by providing parking lot space.

Submitted by Recording Secretary – Mari Segura

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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, George Kieman

Leave Your Mark @ MCSC

Be part of something lasting! By purchasing a commemorative brick, you're not only supporting MCSC, but also creating a permanent tribute that will be enjoyed for generations. Your personalized brick can celebrate a loved one, honor a milestone, or showcase your pride in our community. Bricks can be installed at MCSC serving as a lasting reminder of the people and families who make our community strong OR can be taken home to install as you wish. Commemorative Bricks are \$100. You can personalize with a lovely note/ unique symbol to honor your loved ones! Please place your order with the receptionist. All brick orders will be processed within 48hrs ☺

NEW MEMBERS

Joined from 2/20/26 – 3/19/26

Elizabeth	Chmiel
Dolores	Talbert
Enedina	Higuera
Cathy	Gamble
Lucinda	Carter
Mary	Bianchini
Alice	Conrad
Suzanne	Carr
Donna	Lane
Linda	Burnam
Lori	Watkins
Ellen	Korb
Hue	McGlown
Janette	Rosbroy
Armando	Mendoza
Teresa	Mendoza
Cynthia E.	Borquez
Pilar	Marien
John	Price

TOTAL MCSC MEMBERS 625



April Birthdays!

Bonnie	Organ	Jill	Hall
Carol	Bessermin	Joanne	Hale
Cathy	Gamble	Judy	Parsons
Chris	Brown	Kirsten	Cohen
Claire	McAdams	LeAnn	Bjelle
Danette	Lawrence	Linda	Lillehaugen
Darlene	Gardner	Lori	Denney
David	Cantu	Lucinda	Carter
Devi	Nugent	Marian	Monto
Diane	Kamaolipua	Martha	McGinnis
Diane	Scofield	Maryse	Postlewaite
Donna	Williams	Melanee	Barash
Emilie	Holder	Merle	Froshman
Ganesh H.	Kamath	Michele	Bead
Gayne	Barlow-Kemper	Michelle	Prough
Gene	West	Peggy	Marketello
Helen	Marks	Peggy	Overbeck
Jackie	McKee	Rose	Dyson
James	Williams	Shannon	Purl
Janet	Thelen	Sharon	Juhl
Janice	Ashley	Sherilyn	Norbosh
		Stephanie	Frog
		Wanda	Kocina



CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY
MONTH WITH US !!
FREE Cake / Ice Cream
Friday – April 17, 2026 @ 1PM



**FREE ACTIVITY COUPON
FOR APRIL BDAY'S**

***FREE* STICK YOGA 4/24/26 @ 1-2PM**



Our member **Bob Culbertson** absolutely LOVES puzzles! You can often find him at the community puzzle table before his chosen activity begins, and he's even helped complete several 1,000-piece masterpieces. Feel free to join Bob at the **Community Puzzle Table** — it's open to anyone who enjoys a good challenge and a bit of



ACTIVITY NOTES

BINGO

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

CARDS & BOARD GAMES

Duplicate Bridge: Mon/Thu 11AM

Canasta: Hand & Foot
Mondays & Thursdays
12:30-3:30PM (M)

Backgammon: Monday 12-2PM

Chinese Mah Jongg

Wed 12:30-3:30PM (M)

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

Scrabble: Wed 12:30-3PM. (M)

Cribbage: Wed 1-3PM (M)

Bridge for Fun: Thu 12-3PM (M)

American Mah Jongg:

Friday @ 12:00PM (A)

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

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 –NOON
Chess Club: Fri 1:00PM

Photo Club: Wed 10AM

Field Trip (TBD) Sign Up Ahead

Ukulele Jam Club: All skill levels
are welcome. Other instruments
are welcome too - Come jam with
us and have fun. Fri 10:15AM



DANCES

[See calendar for Details](#)

NEW BAND FRI 5/1



EXERCISE & FITNESS

Gentle Yoga - Mon 9-10

Tai Chi– Mon 10:45-11:45

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

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

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

International Folk Dance
Thurs. 10:30-12:30PM (M)

OTHER CLASSES

ART CLASS:

EVERY Tuesday 1-3pm (A)

IMPROV Class

1st & 3rd Wednesday (M)
10.30-12PM

SPANISH – Fridays
11:00-12:00 (M)

90's CLUB

2nd Friday of the month (M)

TECH TALK with TINKA
2nd & 4th Fridays 11-1 (M)

**JAPANESE FLOWER
ARRANGING :** 2nd

Saturday in the Annex 10-
12PM - **NO CLASS IN APRIL**

PLANT WALK

2nd Friday of the month
10.30-11.30AM



(M) = MAIN ROOM
(A) = ANNEX ROOM



GARDEN UPDATE

Spring has officially arrived, and our community is bustling with preparations to ensure our gardens thrive throughout the season. The energy and enthusiasm from our team are evident as we ready the beds, plant seeds, and tend to sprouts. We are excited for the promise of colorful blooms and a plentiful harvest in the coming months.

In March, we held another productive workday. The dedication and hard work of our gardeners have already begun to yield results, with new growth and fresh greenery brightening our shared spaces. We are grateful for everyone's commitment and teamwork.

We look forward to sharing the bounty and beauty of our gardens with all MCSC members. Whether you are a longtime gardener or just curious about what's growing, we invite you to visit. If you wish to tour the garden, please feel free to ask any gardener who is present, and they will be happy to show you around and answer your questions.

Let's celebrate the arrival of spring together and enjoy the peace and wonder our gardens provide.
Happy gardening!

happy spring!



UKULELE UPDATE

We had a great St. Patrick's Day celebration! Candy brought a basket of Irish wishes, and everyone got to pick one!! We enjoyed an International song fest with songs from Ireland, Hawaii, Finland, Sweden, Spain & Mexico. Audrey graced us with a beautiful hula. Our Kazoo players made their debut, entertaining everyone with their joyful noise. We welcome everyone who LOVES music, there are NO requirements! Come & visit if you're looking for music, fun and good fellowship in the ALOHA Spirit !!



GIFT SHOP UPDATE

The MCSC Gift Shop is buzzing with creativity as our talented crafters prepare for the upcoming Spring Garden and Craft SALE on Saturday, May 2! Stop by the Gift Shop now to see what our busy hands have been making - each item is handmade with care and perfect for celebrating the joys of spring.

You'll find thoughtful gifts for Mother's Day, fresh seasonal decorations, and lovely paper craft cards to brighten any occasion. There's also a delightful selection of needle craft items, along with knitted and crocheted treasures for the whole family, crystal sun-catchers, unique jewelry, and adorable baby gifts that will make you smile.

While at the sale be sure to visit the Lavender Ladies table, where you'll discover the sweet scent of spring in their fragrant sachets, soaps, natural dryer bags, soothing oils, cooking lavender, and more!



JOIN US for the 90' CLUB

2nd FRIDAY of the Month

April 10th, 2026

1:00 -2:30PM

**A BIG Thank You to Joe Ferrara for
coming out to play at last month's 90's
Club! It was an absolute blast 🎵**



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NEW

WEEKLY ACTIVITY COMING

Beginning on WED. MAY 6th

T'AI CHI CHIH

Instructor **SUSAN RAAV**

10:45 AM – (M)

\$5/Member - \$7/Non-Member

NEW BAND

Playing Friday MAY 1, 2026, 7-9 PM

MCSC Presents:

The Tin Foil Hat Band

includes vocalist, Cheri Vaughn, one of our regular
Friday night dancers. Cost of admission is \$10.

Let's give them a BIG Warm MCSC Welcome!

Please join us - Come out & Dance !

