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Mid-County Social Center 2026 Newsletter



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

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CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY- 11/26/26 FRIDAY - 11/27/26



Greetings fellow MCSC Members,

Hi, I hope everyone is enjoying their fall! We certainly are at Mid-County Social Center!

I hope you were able to join us for the Tuesday Night Live Dinner prepared by Ralph DiTullio! It was fantastic! I also want to give a special shout out to all of the volunteers. We had about 50% call in sick that night, and more volunteers had to scramble at the last minute or cover double shifts! Thank you to everyone involved!

This was a test run to hopefully get Tuesday Night Live back on the calendar! If you see the Kitchen Crew, let them know how much you appreciate their work and encourage them to continue! We love our breakfast each month and would love to see Tuesday Night Live back regularly.

I also want to thank everyone who came out and supported the October Garden Harvest Craft Fair. We love to see everyone in such a fun environment, and it was a great success for the Center! We are really looking forward to the Christmas Sale December 5th, be sure to mark your Calendar!

Please mark your calendar for Monday Nov 23rd for a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner. It is being prepared for us by Brookdale Assisted Living in Scotts Valley. Chef Nelsen did a wonderful job last year, and I for one can't wait to see what he cooks up this year! Tickets are $25 pre-pay. Doors open at 4:30PM dinner served 5-6PM.

I will close with a special remembrance for Donna Fernandez. She was a member for 26 years, and a board member for many of them! She always greeted everyone with a smile and will be missed. Replacing her on the board will be Linda Herring. Linda co-runs the Gift Shop, the Lavender Ladies, and is active in the Garden. She has a lot of skills to offer the board and we are very pleased to have her join.

Have a Great Month Everyone!
George Kiernan – MCSC President

*** IMPORTANT ***

CENTER WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 12/24/26 – 1/4/27

NO BOWMAN RANCH BREAKFAST
for NOVEMBER or DECEMBER



MCSC FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

NOVEMBER 2026

7-9PM $10/ Person

November 6th
Ten O' Clock Lunch Band



November 13th
Country Feeling Band



November 20th
Chicago Bill &
the Next Blues Band



Tuesday Night Live Dinner – A Huge Success!

Our Tuesday Night Live Dinner on October 20th was a wonderful success! We served over 80 delicious dinners featuring Tri-Tip, Beans, Pineapple-Peanut Coleslaw, and Dessert! A HUGE thank you to Chef Ralph Di Tullio for preparing an outstanding meal, Pianist Daniel for providing beautiful music, and all our AMAZING volunteers who helped make the evening possible! Great food, wonderful music, and even better company! Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the evening so special! ❤️

MARK YOUR CALENDAR →

The Choraliers will present "Country Christmas in the Barn" on Dec. 20 at 2:00. Come enjoy their boot boogying tunes, line dancing, holiday classics and more. Fun for the whole family!



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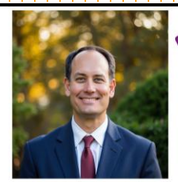
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UPCOMING MEDICARE MEETINGS

- **Saturday** November 7 2:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday** November 10 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday** November 17 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday** November 21 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

All meetings at Mid County Social Center



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The following motions were approved at the October 16th, 2026, Board Meeting:

1) Motion: Moved by Cindy to approve September 18, 2026 Minutes; Seconded: Debbie; Vote: Unanimous, Approved

2) Motion: Moved by Curt to close MCSC December 24th through January 1st, reopen January 4th; Seconded: Mari; Vote: Motion passed with 8 ayes and 1 nay

3) Motion: Moved by Cindy to approve $200 for food and additional advertising for the Christmas sale; Seconded by Curt; Vote: Unanimous, Approved

4) Motion: Moved by Bella to end meeting at 11:10am; Seconded by Cindy; Vote: Unanimous, Approved

MCSC GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

1) Motion: Moved by Curt to eliminate the September General Members meeting, only hold the Board Meeting. Seconded by: Teri; Vote: Unanimous, Approved

Submitted by Recording Secretary – Mari Segura

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Coleen McCray brings a lifelong love of people, flowers, and the outdoors to our community. Raised among the rolling hills and natural beauty of Aromas, California, Coleen developed an early appreciation for nature that continues to shine through in everything she does. After attending Watsonville High School, Coleen built a 32-year career with Safeway in Aptos. She also enjoyed part-time work with California State Parks, Mount Hermon, and other outdoor venues. Today, she continues to share her welcoming spirit while working part-time at Twin Lakes Church. Coleen is the proud mother of three grown children and enjoys the company of her Corkie dog, Mickki. She especially loves connecting with others and sharing the beauty of the natural world.

An avid gardener, Coleen generously shares her knowledge and enthusiasm with young gardeners at Soquel Elementary School. She helps first-grade students' plant and care for their garden, a special space that also serves as a Reading Center where children can enjoy books together surrounded by nature. Coleen has been an active member of MCSC for more than five years. She enjoys growing flowers of all kinds and making Harvest Scarecrows. She helps to create beautiful floral bouquets for the Garden Cart sales and other special events. Always ready to lend a hand, Coleen supports many of the center's garden activities and warmly welcomes new garden members. Her kindness, creativity, and love for gardening help make our Senior and Garden community bloom!

* Social Dance Workshop *

With Becky Adams & Bob Folker

Monday Evenings

11/2/26 – 12/7/26

East Coast Swing @ 6:15-7:15 - $10
Country 2-Step @ 7:30-8:30 - $10

Board of Directors

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(831) 566-1474
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(831) 588-3700
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Linda Herring (831) 251-3250
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Committee Chairs

Activities & Events: **TBD**

Publicity: Bella Hughes
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(831) 588-3700

Departments
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Newsletter: Ana Alvarez
Receptionist: Paula Slate
Librarian: Elke Maus: (831) 464-8983

Sunshine Committee:
Ana Alvarez (831) 476-4711

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 Kiernan

NEW MEMBERS

Joined from 9/18/26 – 10/15/16

Aaron	Wayne
Carole	English
Deb	Moore
Ernest	Beran
Gail	Cothes
Greg	Avery
Heig	Beck
Jean	Gregson
Jill	Francis
John	Gerhardt
Julie	Francis
Karen	Campbell
Kimberly	Periat
Kimie	Lakomski
Leslie	McGilvray
Marilyn	McMahan
Pamela	Simonsson
Patricia	Prince
Patsy	Lenquist
Paula	Morin
Peter	Lohnberg
Robin	Evenden
Stan	McMahan
Stephanie	Staley

TOTAL MCSC MEMBERS 690





Ana	Alvarez
Anna	Creagh
Annaleah	Martin
Annette	Atkinson
Annie	Bachar
Audrey	Trautwein
Betty	Ensminger
Carey	Williams
Carole	Edington
Carole Evans	Echols
Dan	Rutan
Deborah	Blumberg
Debra	Sheehan
Dorothy	Kukla
Gaby	Litsky
Gayle	Livanos
George	Hattis
Glen	Cornett
Jane	White
Jean	Gregson
Jill	Francis
Joanne	Duffield
Joanne	Winham
John	Holden
John	Price
Joy	Caragliano
Leslie	Viall
Linda	Batey
Linda	Halloran
Linda	Seigle
Linda K	Baker
Luisa	Oderman
Maggie	Schwarb
Margarita	Dreyer
Mari	Levine
Marilyn	Diola
Nancy	Powell
Pat	Vasconcellos
Petronella	Van Dam
Rebecca	Raney
Robbin	Milne
Sally	Jones
Sharon	Fauske
Shawn	Schaefer-Coulson
Sheila	Moser
Susan	Hottel
Susan	Immisch
Susie	Wood
Suzanna	Sarasvati
Suzanne	Avenell
Vicki	Kuhlmann

FUNDRAISER STATUS

10/16/26 $19,461 Raised



Help us reach our goal!

We set our goal to raise $25,000 to help close the deficit after losing our grant.

To date we have raised $19,461

$5,539 to go!

We appreciate your donations!

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)**
Cribbage: Mon/Wed
1-3PM **(M)**
Chinese Mah Jongg
Wed 12:30-3:30PM **(M)**

BEGINNERS WELCOME!
Scrabble: Wed 12:30-3PM. **(M)**
Mexican Dominoes: Wed 1-3PM
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 11AM –12:30
Chess Club: Fri 1:00PM

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

EXERCISE & FITNESS
Gentle Yoga – (A)
Mon 9-10:30AM

Tai Chi Chih – (M)
Mon 11:30-12:30PM
Tai Chi Chih – (M)
Wed 10:45-11:45AM

Yoga w/ Laxman– (A)
Wed 1.30 - 2.30 PM

Sr. Physical Fitness – (M)
All levels welcome.
Wed at 9:30AM

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

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

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

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)***

JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING : Sat 11/14
(A) 10-12PM *Preregister*



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

GIFT SHOP UPDATE

Garden Harvest Craft Fair Was a Success!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Garden Harvest Craft Fair on October 3! It was a wonderful day filled with creativity, community, and beautiful handmade craft and garden items. A special thank-you goes to our customers and volunteers. Your support helps keep our Senior Center running strong.

Mark your calendar for our Holiday Art & Craft Sale on December 5! Our talented crafters are busy making one-of-a-kind gifts and treasures to make your holiday shopping easy and joyful. You will find cozy items for chilly nights, unique gifts for everyone on your list, and much more.

Visit The Craft Shop!
The Craft Shop is filled with handcrafted items made with care, including needlecraft arts, greeting cards, glassware, lavender-scented products, and seasonal treasures and gifts. Stop by soon to see our newest arrivals. Selected hats and scarves will be 50% ON SALE on Dec. 5!

JOIN US for the 90' CLUB
2nd FRIDAY of the Month
November 13th, 2026
1:00 - 2:30PM

Why did the apple pie go to the dentist?
Because it needed a filling.

GARDEN UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Garden Harvest Craft Fair on October 3. It was a wonderful day of creativity, community, beautiful bouquets, and garden-grown treasures. We're grateful to all who helped make our event such a success! Our Gardener Team hand-crafted more than 35 charming Garden Buddy Scarecrows, which delighted visitors of all ages as they strolled through the festive fall gardens. Many found the perfect scarecrow to take home and brighten their fall and holiday décor. Our Lavender Ladies also harvested a lovely bounty of lavender and created a variety of lavender products for our Holiday Art Craft Sale on December 5, 2026.



In Loving Memory of Donna Fernandez

It is with heavy hearts that we share the recent passing of our dear member and friend, Donna Fernandez.

For 26 years, Donna was a dedicated member of MCSC, generously volunteering her time on the Board of Directors, in the Gift Shop, at Reception, Tuesday Night Live Dinners, the Christmas Bazaar, Bowman Ranch Breakfasts, and countless bake sales.

"You could always count on Donna."

Her kindness, generosity, and dedication to our Center will always be remembered. Donna will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Our heartfelt condolences go out to her family and friends. ❤️

UKULELE UPDATE



Our Friday ukulele group is continuing our musical journey, carrying on the legacy that Gigi left us. We play, sing and laugh together, as we know she would want us to do!! Deb has returned after months of house building in the Minnesota wilderness, Ernie is accompanying us on his new accordion, and we have welcomed a few new people to our group recently. Maybe you'd like to come join our group too?!

A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO OUR BINGO GALS!
The AMAZING DUO — JANICE WEAVER & JOYCE PARIS! ❤️
Every Tuesday, these two fabulous MCSC members generously volunteer their time at our **Bingo Snack Shack**, serving up delicious hot dogs, hearty chili, tasty snacks, and plenty of smiles!
Their kindness, dedication, and cheerful spirits make Bingo Tuesdays extra special for everyone who comes to play!
THANK YOU, JANICE & JOYCE, for all that you do to make MCSC such a wonderful place! We appreciate you both more than you know!
YOU TWO ARE THE BEST! ❤️

