

# THE BULLETINette



*mid-summer news*



*“This morning, the sun endures past dawn.  
I realise that it is August: the summer’s last stand.”  
- Sara Baume*

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## Editor's Letter

With everything going on this summer, no matter where this season has taken you, we thought a mini, mid-summer Bulletin might be the best way to help us all stay in touch and up-to-date with what is happening with the CWC.

A few of our Activity Groups are still meeting online, and we've had some CWC member sightings at the Rath Al Fresco and around town.

Read on to see what everyone has been up to and to learn about how to renew your membership. We also have a special offer from the Pasadena Conservatory of Music and the dates for our upcoming events on page 12.

We would love to have your submissions for the Fall Bulletin, so please feel free to send them anytime before September 15th.

*Brooke*

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# Hi, Hawdy, Hala,

Welcome to our first “mini” Bulletin!

Work continues apace by board members of the Caltech Women's Club. Although we don't officially resume activities until September (first board meeting) or meet as a group until October, there is much planning involved. And just a few weeks ago it looked like “full speed ahead” as California fully reopened after more than a year of COVID restrictions. Now, uncertainty and unease have returned as COVID positivity rates have risen and some restrictions have returned. This has impacted us all and our CWC planning.



Most of us are fully vaccinated, and we've gathered in-person socially with our friends, families, and CWC groups. It's been delightful to see many of you at the Rath Al Fresco and Caltech events. Thank you for sharing photos and descriptions from these.

Last year we began discussing ways to streamline and improve our CWC communications system especially given that “virtual” was the only way for us to operate and remain in touch. The membership and communications team have spent countless time and hours researching and testing software better suited to our type of group and our needs. The board members had an opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the system, and we've taken the plunge. Our new software rolls out with the 2021-2022 academic year. While adopting new software is certainly not a social or splashy CWC undertaking, it is vital to our organization and its responsiveness to our members. Check out the update on page 4 for more detailed information. I am deeply grateful to our team who did all the leg work.

Thank you for all your good wishes and expressions of support since I became president. But don't forget: I am in a steep learning curve for my “new job.” One thing I quickly learned: the CWC board and its members are an AWESOME team! I can't wait to see all of you in person.

*Gloria Mullendore*



A Decidely Brief & Exquistitely Incomplete

# History of the Records of the CWC

*Once upon a time,*  
back in the early days, the records of the CWC such as the lists of members, presidents, programs, and our bylaws were kept in a tidy little record book aptly named "RECORD" such as this one right here. In fact, if you ever want to see this book and all the old records, they are actually stored in the Caltech Archives.

Over the years, many versions of books have been used to keep track of all the amazing work that the board and leaders do in the CWC. Anyone in more recent history remember the binders?

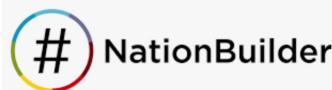
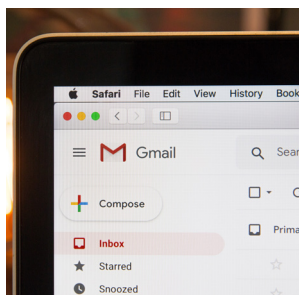
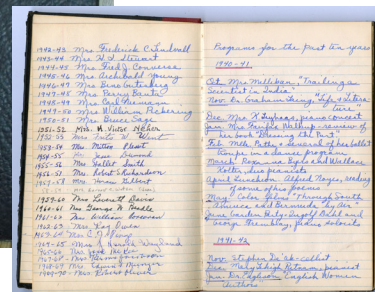
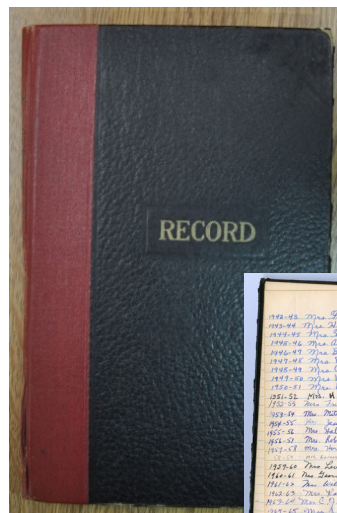
Membership forms were sent and returned by mail, the Bulletin was mailed, and the Fall Mailing and Roster also came in the mail.

While we still used the mail to send in our membership forms and the Bulletin, we began to utilize more online platforms to communicate with our members such as email and our website.

As technology became a more constant part of our lives, the CWC began to begin to organize records in spreadsheets and later online so that everyone could share as we worked on projects together.

Most recently, our memberships records have been coordinated through NationBuilder, and you may have noticed that we have been using other platforms such as EventBrite to keep track of online registrations.

But just like we've done before, we are getting ready to make a change...





# Introducing Wild Apricot



**Personify**  
WILD APRICOT

This year we will be upgrading our membership and communication software to Wild Apricot. This is a popular platform that you may have used in other groups, and we are excited to begin using it in the CWC.

We wanted to be sure to share this information with everyone so that you would not be surprised to see a different email system showing up in your inbox and so that you would know

- what we are doing
- why we are doing it, and
- how you can use the new system.

In the tradition of updating our record keeping over the years, Wild Apricot will now allow us to organize our records and make our processes easier in many ways. The system will allow returning members to log in and renew their membership. Members can also input any update address information, if applicable.

While this system is intended to make our process more streamlined for both members and volunteers, we know that online systems are not for everyone. If you are able to use the online system, that's great, but members can also still mail us a membership renewal form with a check.

We're excited to launch this new system, which even has an app and should make membership renewals and event sign ups easier in future.

## How Do I Use the New System?

- You will receive an email soon to renew your membership.
- Click on the link and follow the prompts to create an account on Wild Apricot.
- Then you will be able to update your membership information, pay your dues, donate, register for programs, and view the CWC member roster.

*If you need any help, please contact us,  
and we will walk you through the process.*

## What's So Great About Wild Apricot?

- *Easily maintain up-to-date membership records*
- *Simplify registration for new & renewing members*
- *Intuitive email program for better communication with the membership*
- *Run online programs and event signups and payments without needing to use an additional platform*
- *Integrate payments with our records for easier bookkeeping*
- *Maintain an online roster that members can access*
- *Provides a single place to keep member lists, program/event information, communications, payments, and activity group lists*
- *More streamlined coordination for the board and volunteers*

## Caltech Women's Club Membership Form

Welcome to the Caltech Women's Club.

Your annual membership supports CWC events, activities, and community services.

Members can choose to receive the Bulletin via email or purchase a printed Bulletin.

You also have access to a member roster online, or you can choose to receive a printed roster.

Questions? Contact [cwclub@caltech.edu](mailto:cwclub@caltech.edu)

**Member Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

*First*

*Last*

**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City, State, Zip*

**Contact Info:**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Email*

*Phone*

For events, how would you like your partner's name to appear?

\_\_\_\_\_

*First*

*Last*

**Member Status:**

New Member

Renewing Member

*approximate month & year you first joined the CWC* \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Affiliation:**

Self Partner (if applicable)

Caltech

JPL

Torchbearer or Associates Donor

CIT Affiliate (Y, Caltech Credit Union, etc.)

Carnegie Observatories

Huntington Library

**Member Dues:**

Graduate Student Free

Postdoctoral Scholar \$10\*

All others members \$35

\* If this cost is a hardship, please email us.

**Paper Bulletin Fee:**

If you would like a mailed, paper bulletin, please check below:

Paper Bulletin \$ 30

**Roster:**

All members will have access to an online roster and a mailed, paper roster. If you'd like to opt out of the paper roster, please check here:  No Paper Roster

**Amount Enclosed:**

Check payable to Caltech Women's Club

Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bulletin: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Non Tax-Deductible Donations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

You can sign up for 2021-2022 membership and pay your dues online or by mail.

**ONLINE**

Skip this form and use our EASY online sign up to register and pay your dues at [www.cwclub.caltech.edu](http://www.cwclub.caltech.edu)

**BY MAIL**

Please complete and mail this form and your check to Caltech Women's Club MC 104B-6 1200 E. California Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91125

**Member Donations**

This year we will continue to accept donations for both general operations and for member support.

We now have both a direct option & a tax-deductible option.

**Tax-Deductible DONATION THROUGH CALTECH**

You can make a *tax-deductible* donation to the CWC through Caltech's donation website. Go to [cwclub.caltech.edu/donations](http://cwclub.caltech.edu/donations) or email us for information and a link.

**DONATE DIRECTLY TO THE CWC**

Donations made directly to the Caltech Women's Club are **NOT tax deductible** but will be sent directly to the club.



General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member Support \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# CWC Member Summer Happenings

## New Little Cutie



CWC member, Michal Haim Yachini, and her husband, Arbel, have welcomed their first child. Baby Peleg made a raucous world debut. He was born at Huntington Hospital on July 4, and he was accompanied by fireworks and much celebration. The family received support and goodwill from the CWC and the Casita Exchange. Welcome Peleg!



The **CWC Playgroup** gathered in the park earlier this summer to enjoy a beautiful day outside. If you have a little one and would like to connect with this group, contact Jessica Schneiders at [schneiders.jessica@web.de](mailto:schneiders.jessica@web.de)

On July 13, my godson, Albert, successfully defended his dissertation, "The Integrated State: Architect, Planning, and Politics in Mexico, 1938-1958."

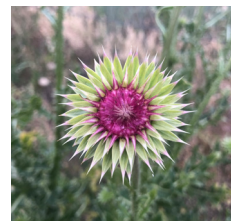
The next evening we celebrated at the Athenaeum Bastille Day Dinner. Albert is now an architectural historian, MIT alum & Dr. Albert López, PhD.



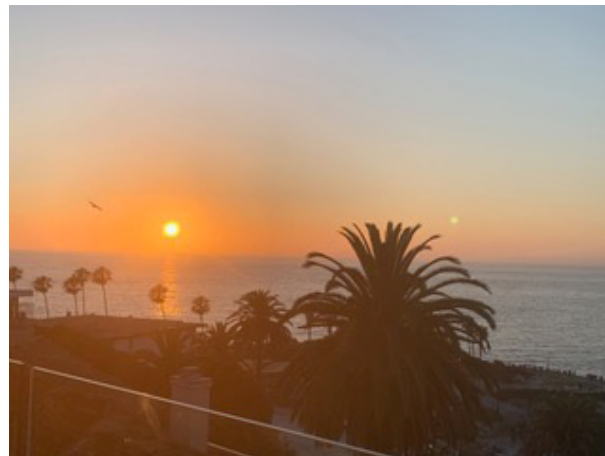


# Up, Up, and Away

Sandya Narayanswami shared about her adventure. I attended AirVenture 2021 in Oshkosh WI July 27-30. After nearly 2 years without flying commercial (I generally fly 5-6 times a year) I had forgotten a lot despite my AirVenture checklist and the entire thing was exhausting. Paul New, GAA's AirVenture Point of Contact, organized everything beautifully as always!! I met and chatted with various GAA sponsors (Aircraft Spruce, McFarlane Aviation, and Avemco) and new people. The next day, I attended the NAFI Breakfast, where Bob Meder introduced the Honorees. Many are NAFI members. It was a welcome opportunity for me to chat with Bob Meder, whom I met for the first time. John & Martha King attended the breakfast as did Greg Feith (fans of "Air Disasters" will know who he is). Next came "Meet the Administrator" at Theater in the Woods. I spoke to everyone I could. There were various new procedures-everything possible was held outdoors.



Jennifer, Ignacio, and Isabel Maqueda recently enjoyed a delicious brunch at the Athenaeum – their favorite dining spot!



Vilia Zumudinas has been enjoying a beautiful sunsets and the coast in La Jolla.





# Out & About

Regina Birkhofer has been exploring a new brewery in Sierra Madre and enjoying observing the deer in her garden.



## Wine and Cheese

has been a wildly popular online activity group that was created at the beginning of the pandemic and is scheduled to conclude this month. Every Thursday CWC members gathered online to chat and share their stories. Many thanks to Katie Clark and Vilia Zmudinas for hosting such a wonderful space for people to connect during this last year. And thanks to Vilia for this photo of a post-COVID tea hosted in her yard for group. Most of the group is toasting with Gloria Ferrer champagne (compliments of Gloria Mullendore).

*Attendees pictured are (L to R): Vilia Zmudinas, Katie Clark, Gloria Mullendore, Beryl Meiron, Mary Gant, France Meindl and Ellen Weinstein*



Awwww...

Vilia Zumudinas fostered these adorable kittens from the Pasadena Humane Society.







A delighted and triumphant gathering of the CWC board and membership for the first time this summer in June.

*Pictured are Ann Lindsey, Maria Johnson Kriechbaum, Jessica Schneiders, Mariella Soprano, Dema Faham, Mary Gant, Eva Schilk, Barbara Weber, Ellen Weinstein, Liz Jackman, Katie Clark, Gloria Mullendore, and Donna Burdick.*

Many CWC members have been spotted this summer at the **Rath al Fresco.**

Here are some of them in their natural habitat enjoying finally being together and planning all kinds of great things for the CWC this coming year.

Enjoying dinner at the Rath al Fresco to the right are *Gloria Mullendore, Dema Faham, Donna Burdick, and Mariella Soprano*



## Calling All

Writers, Editors,  
Designers & Administrators!

We are putting together a team for the Bulletin next year, and we'd love to have you join us.







The **Investment Club** has continued to meet monthly throughout the summer on the second Wednesday of each month. For now they are still meeting virtually. The club studies and invests in the stock market. If you are interested in joining, you can contact Shelley Erwin at [charlotte.erwin@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.erwin@gmail.com).

*Pictured are Shelley Erwin, Jennifer Maqueda, Roberta Paladini, Barbara Weber, Mariella Soprano, Cindy Yung and Charlene Reichart.*

## CHATS Update

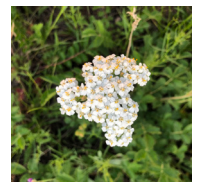
by Gloria Mullendore

Each May, CHATS docents prepare to participate in Caltech's annual Alumni Reunion weekend. The format has been a morning lecture in a campus auditorium with an overview of historic and new buildings, followed by docent led campus tours. Although Caltech offered virtual programs in 2020 and 2021, we docents were unable to give tours because of pandemic restrictions.

Instead, in May, we met for a celebratory post-vaccination Langer's Deli lunch at "Los Jardines de Casa Meiron." Our hosts were Beryl and Dan Meiron and two docents volunteered for "pickup and delivery" duty at Langer's Deli in the Westlake area of Los Angeles. Our repast was Langer's hot pastrami and hot corned beef sandwiches, delicious savory and sweet side offerings and real French champagne to accompany a toast. This delightful gathering concluded with Beryl giving us a tour of her lovely home and its interiors, artwork and "jardines" (gardens). We CHATS are friends as well as docent "colleagues" and we have missed each other greatly during the pandemic.



*Pictured are Gloria Mullendore, Meade Johnson, Meade Johnson, Beryl Meiron, and Ellen Weinstein.*







**Book Lover's Soiree** is still meeting online on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Sonya Wierman at [sonyawierman@gmail.com](mailto:sonyawierman@gmail.com).  
 Sep 13 - *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave



The **Hiking Group** is hoping to resume their hikes in October. If you'd like more information, please contact Eva Schilk at [schilk8@gmail.com](mailto:schilk8@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

We have scheduled events and hope that we can meet. Our upcoming events, however, will be dependent on the Covid situation. Keep an eye on your email for registration and updates.

### Fall Gathering

Outdoor at the Chen Center  
 October, 14th from 5 - 8:00 PM

### Holiday Luncheon

The Athenaeum  
 December 9th from 11:30 to 1:30 PM

## A Special Offer for CWC Members

Our neighbors at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music have kindly offered a promotional code for CWC members to learn more about their Fall Course Offerings.

Registration is now open.  
 Classes start on August 30th.

The code **FREECLASS** enables CWC members to enroll in a free class (with no obligation to enroll in the full course) in any of the below adult studies courses:

- Introduction to Ukulele*
- Glee Club*
- 100 Years of Broadway*
- Beyond Category, Part 1: Frank Sinatra and the Making of an Icon*
- Smithsonian World Music and Instruments*

Use this promo code for a free class meeting to see if the course is for you!

You can use it when signing up online or simply by mentioning it if you want to call the office and sign up via the phone.

Register at:  
<https://pasadenaconservatory.org>  
 or call 626.683.3355



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