

January

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Cal Singles -- Event Calendar

**“Whether you think you can or you think you can’t,
you’re right.”**

—Pinterest



Happy Hour at Chevys 1

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Cal Singles Newsletter

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DECEMBER 20, 2025

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Happy Holidays and I am looking forward to the New Year. Thank you to everyone attending our Holiday Party at Rossmoor's Dollar Clubhouse. Our committee, caterer and pianist all put in lots of effort to make this a convivial event.



Start thinking about what events you might like to host for 2026. If each Member could come up with two events per year, that would be great. I have heard that some people might like to find groups for tennis or pickleball. People enjoy events at private homes. I enjoy getting people together for birding and Happy Hours. We have a suggestion that we hold a set monthly happy hour at the Townhouse in Emeryville as our last visit there was so fun.

Run your ideas by Kalena Gregory, our events chairperson.

Please RSVP for events on our website calsingles.org and also drop an email to the host. Continue to invite guests. The more, the merrier. --Kathryn

Use this column for your notes

January Activities

MOVIE AT PIEDMONT THEATER FOLLOWED BY LUNCH -- Thursday, Jan 1, 12:45 pm

Let's get out and enjoy the first day of 2026 by going to the Piedmont Theater and seeing "Marty Supreme", starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Timothy Chalamet, Kevin O'Leary and Fran Drescher. The movie rates a 95% in critical reviews.

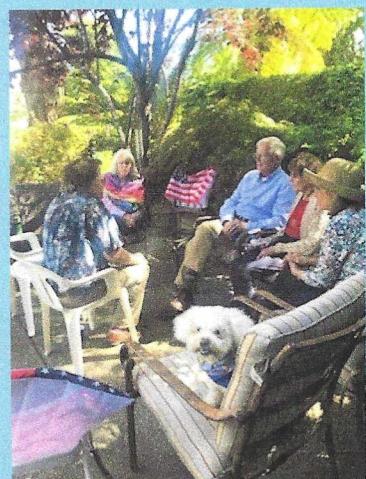
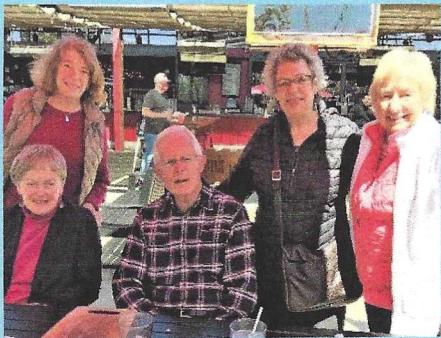
Buy a ticket well beforehand because the ticket office is apt to be busy on New Years Day. Here is the procedure:

- Go online to www.LandmarkTheatres.com
- Use the < and > pointers to locate our movie, and then click on the movie's "Direct Navigation to Ticketing" box.
- Change the Date to Jan 1 and then click on the 1 pm Show Time
- Scroll down to find and click on "Continue as Guest"
- Continue to work through options to purchase a ticket for delivery to you via email.

The theatre is located at 4186 Piedmont Ave, Oakland. We'll meet on the sidewalk at 12:45 and afterwards have a late lunch at a local cafe that can handle several people at one table hopefully - maybe Belotti Bottega? **Any suggestions on cafes?**

Please RSVP to Reyla Gruber at reylagraber@aol.com or use our website www.CalSingles.org for the RSVP.





BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION -- Sunday, Jan 4, 2 pm

We meet at Janet Clark's home in Rossmoor: 2185 Cactus Court, #4 (Entry 1), Walnut Creek to discuss Jeff's book, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohsin Hamid.

This novel is about a Pakistani immigrant living "the American dream" in New York. He works for an elite firm and thrives on the energy of New York and his budding romance with beautiful Erica. He looks forward to the same exalted level once occupied by his own family back in Lahore. But September 11 changed his position, his own identity, and shifted his allegiances which had been more fundamental than money, power and even love. At this meeting Cathy presents books for us to consider and vote on; the selected book is discussed April 5, 2026.

Let Janet know you are coming: 630-781-5034 or michiganthyme@att.net. Bring \$5.00 and a snack to share. We look forward to a vigorous discussion, so plan to attend and participate actively. Happy New Year!

ASIAN ART MUSEUM – Thursday, Jan 8, 2 pm

We can have a snack in the museum's café at 2 pm and then enjoy a docent-led tour by our favorite docent, Olga, at 3:30 pm, of the exquisite small exhibit Japanese Clay, featuring contemporary pottery.

Meet Kalena at the North Berkeley BART station no later than 1:15 in order to catch the 1:21 train. **Or**, drive yourself and meet in front of the museum at 2 pm. The museum is located at 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco.



In the rainforests of Costa Rica, we walk right through the treetops on special canopy walkways.

RSVP to Kalena at gregorykalena@gmail.com or on the Cal Singles website. **Limited to 6 people so reserve early!**

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM -- Friday, Jan 9, 1:30 - 3 pm

The topic is "The Role of the Symphony Conductor and Highlights of Former Maestro, Donato Cabrera." The Maestro is the artistic and music director of the California Symphony Orchestra of Walnut Creek. This presentation will not be available on-line, there is no admission charge, and refreshments are provided.

The forum is held in the MC Oak Room of the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. As the date approaches, you might find more information on their website, www.lopc.org.

RSVP to Sue Fernstrom at suefernstrom@comcast.net or call (510) 215-0873 or on the Cal Singles website, www.CalSingles.org.

CS BOARD MEETING -- Saturday, Jan 17, 10 am

We will meet Carol Edlund's home in Rossmoor, 1860 Tice Creek Drive, Apt 1116, Walnut Creek. Note: This is a new address for Carol; directions will be provided later.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION – Tuesday, Jan 20, 4 pm on Zoom

On-line discussion of non-partisan subjects is hosted by Carol Edlund for one hour. This has been a popular and interesting event for a long time.

**FEBRUARY EVENT WRITE-UPS ARE DUE
WEDNESDAY, Jan 21**

Send your activity writeup to Kalena Gregory at
GregoryKalena@gmail.com

LUNCH AT KIKU SUSHI – Monday, Jan 26, 11:30 am

What fun to try this acclaimed sushi and vegetarian restaurant. Featured on “Check, Please!”, this eatery is run by a Mongolian brother and sister team and, yes, the brother was trained in Japan. Our lunch is a bit early because the place fills up early due to its popularity. The restaurant is located at 1316 Gilman Ave, Berkeley.

Please RSVP to Kalena by Friday, Jan 23 via
gregorykalena@gmail.com or on the Cal Singles website. Check out their lunch specials at
<https://kikusushivegetarian.com/menu>

Happy Hour at Townhouse – Thursday, Jan 29, 4-6 pm

Let's enjoy, again, Happy Hour with delicious pizza at this well-known restaurant located at 5862 Doyle Street in Emeryville. Limited parking or street parking and please bring CASH.

Check then out at
www.TownhouseEmeryville.com We are scheduling this as a monthly event on the last Thursday of the month.

RSVP to Kathryn Levenson via
klevenson76@gmail.com or use our website
www.CalSingles.org.

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