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JETT NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

■ Will be honored at
March 26 event

By MARY SCHLEY

A LONGTIME resident who's given years of her life to numerous nonprofits and social causes, including serving on the community activities commission and the historic resources board, Donna Jett will be named the Carmel Residents Association's Citizen of the Year during a celebration slated for March 26.

Fittingly, the event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Carmel Woman's Club on San Carlos Street across from Sunset Center. Jett has been a member of the woman's club since 2000 and is president of its board of directors. A well-seasoned event planner, she will be organizing its 2025 Centennial Celebration, too.

The residents group considers nominees for the Citizen of the Year honor every other year, fielding candidates who "have, through their service, enhanced the lives of

residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea." The decision to bestow the title on Jett this year was revealed March 10.

President Fred Bologna described Jett as "an extraordinary example of a sustained committed volunteer for our village" and

said that "her contributions are almost too many to mention."

Jett has volunteered for the Joining Hands benefit shop and Pacific Repertory Theatre, and works as an event planner — a talent that comes in handy when she's coming up with creative ideas for city-sponsored activities. During Covid shutdowns, she helped develop other ways the city could mark various holidays, including encouraging residents and businesses to decorate, and she's often found reaching out to locals at the weekly farmers market.



Donna Jett

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Over her decades here, Jett has contributed a lot of time, effort and acumen on multiple levels, including at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and the U.S. Open golf tournaments in 2000 and 2010.

She'll be recognized with speeches, proclamations and comments during the March 26 event at 2 p.m., with a reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres running from 3 to 4 p.m. The gathering is free and open to the public.