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Carmel-by-the-Sea Day

Surprise! It's summer and here we are on the front page where our readers usually read about our work for Carmel, our upcoming programs, and breaking news from City Hall. But let's take a breath this issue and reintroduce a feature about which our readers have responded with unprecedented enthusiasm. Welcome back on-board the S.S. Carmel.

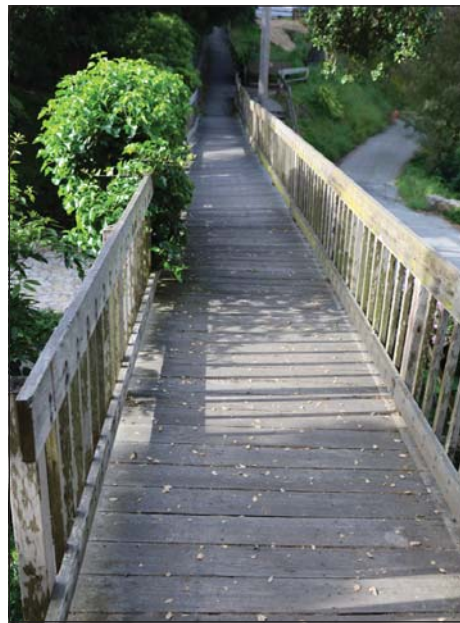
Carmel Cruising

Most longer cruises have sea days when the ship transits from one port to another. There are no shuttle rides to shore or land tours. Instead, you start the day with a latte at the coffee bar, find a book at the library, take a computer class, attend a wine tasting event and have a poolside lunch. You may then attend a lecture, take a cooking class or shop in the ship's art gallery or one of the retail stores. After dinner you may find yourself at the piano bar or perhaps take in a show. Hmm, that sounds like what could be a typical day here in Carmel.

Anton and Michel's back patio could be your poolside lunch, the Carmel Foundation offers 50+ classes every week on a variety of topics and you can browse Harrison Memorial Library or visit the new book shrine and Local History Room at the library's Park Branch. The friendly folks there can even show you how to access movies online just like you can on a cruise ship.

Mission Ranch offers the ultimate piano bar atmosphere featuring the amazing Gennady on the piano and the Cypress Inn has live entertainment Thursday through Sunday evenings as well as at their Sunday brunch. The Sunset Center and Pacific Repertory Theatre venues have many fun shows. Sur La Table has moved to a new location in the Plaza and now

offers an array of cooking classes. Finally, there are a lot of spas and salons a short walk or drive away. To make it easier, we have created a list of ideas and are soliciting VIP offers to give you encouragement to get out and enjoy our Village. The best part is that we don't have to wait for a sea day to do all this...we can do it any day of the year. See more at www.carmelresidents.org/hometown-tourist to plan your day!



Since S.S. Carmel passengers have the advantage of not really being at sea, we can still go on a walking tour, so today we are going to visit the Jane Powers Walkway. For the full tour please go to www.carmelresidents.org/hometown-tourist.

At the turn of the 20th century, Jane Gallatin Powers and her husband Frank Powers owned over 75% of what is now Carmel-by-the-Sea. While Frank worked to develop the town, Jane was a socialite

and serious oil painter who hosted artists, poets and writers at their seaside cottage. She was also the first to set-up an art studio in town while co-founding the Carmel Arts and Crafts Club.

This 2-mile round trip self-guided walking tour begins at the Pine Inn, includes the Fourth Avenue Trellis where you can view writer Mary Austin's Rose Cottage, introduces you to the legendary cat "Spike", then heads south toward the ocean to Palou Avenue. Here you will find the Jane Powers Walkway which was dedicated by the Carmel Heritage Society in 1999.

Along this walk you'll see some historic houses, learn about fascinating Carmel lore and even become an architecture student while we guide you to the Fourth Avenue steps of northern Carmel Beach. After an optional beach walk, we'll return to the Pine Inn via Fourth Avenue's Riparian Habitat Restoration after passing Robinson and Una Jeffers first Carmel residence.

We hope that you will take advantage of every day being a Carmel-by-the-Sea Day. Go out and support our local businesses while re-discovering your hometown with fresh eyes. ■

We are excited to announce a new "Adventures of a Hometown Tourist" feature which includes self-guided tours on your mobile phone using the VoiceMap app. You will now be able to use your iPhone or Android smartphone to guide you around our town. To get started go to www.carmelresidents.org/hometown-tourist and we'll give you all the information you need to get started.



PHOTO: NIC COURY

Digging through my vast files, I came upon a document for which I had long been searching. In the early 1990s Council adopted what we call the Carmel Code. It was based on the 7th century BC Athenian Oath written by Draco, the first recorded legislator of Athens in Ancient Greece. Carmel administrators adapted the oath to create a vision statement to help guide Carmel legislators into the future.

I like to think this code works especially well for members of the Carmel Residents Association. By working together to achieve these goals we will leave Carmel a better place. ■

CARMEL CODE

We choose to have a City which serves both the residential and business community needs.

We choose to have a City which values and conserves our beach, our forest, our open spaces and our historical properties.

We choose to have a City government which is both fiscally and sustainably responsible in providing the services that enhance our quality of life.

We choose to support the arts and cultural and social events.

We choose to have a City that is safe, well maintained and welcoming to residents and visitors.

We desire our citizens to work together to achieve our mutual goals while respecting differences and striving to understand each other.

We look to the past for continuity and to the future for inspiration.

We will support and defend the ideals and sacred things of the City.

In all these ways, we will strive to pass on the City as a greater and more beautiful place than it was when handed down to us.

“A Horse is a Horse, of Course, of Course...”

Horse racing's Triple Crown has just wrapped up, so let's spend some post-event time handicapping the best horses in Village history. Well, there's probably only one entry in this race-- Town Marshal Gus Englund's beloved Beauty. For years, Carmel and Gus parlayed Beauty into a Trifecta; the residents loved the uniqueness and “artsy-ness” of a police chief on a horse and it was a public relations coup for the merchants while Gus got to do what he enjoyed, riding Beauty and patrolling Carmel. Everyone was in the winner's circle!

But there is always a finish line to cross. By 1932, the Great Depression had fully arrived in the Village and the council reduced all municipal employee salaries by fifteen percent. Gus said that fifteen

streets that have known it for years...” It was written that the Chief and Beauty showed

the “commercial value of the picturesque.” Visitors “are going home disappointed” having missed the lone horseman directing traffic. “Old timers are pulling their hair, claiming times were never like this before and the arty and elite group are biting their nails over the loss of the real Carmelish atmosphere” noted the Pine Cone in July 1932.

Residents snapped the whip at Gus for refusing to ride and circulated a petition directing the city council to order Gus back on Beauty, stating that by “refusing to mount his steed” Gus had “violated the sacred tradition, the famed atmosphere and artistry of the village and has committed a distinct act of sacrilege.” The petitioners demanded that the council take “immediate action” in ordering



Town Marshall Gus Englund and his mighty steed.

percent of the money was what he used to feed Beauty and if his salary wasn't returned to its previous amount, he'd dismount, which he eventually did. “Gus Thumbs Nose at Village; Refuses to Ride Mighty Nag” noted one headline. “What made Gus Englund unique was his place on the back of a horse. Separated from his steed, Gus is merely another policeman in the eyes of the visiting people” scribbled one local scribe.

The residents, merchants and visitors raged about the lack of a horse patrol. One artisan penned that “Gus Englund's brave steed has been missed from the

Gus back onto his horse.

Gus put Beauty to pasture at Charlie Van Riper's ranch in Carmel Valley but several months later, rustlers stole the horse. No photo finish (oh, I meant photo ops) for Beauty. “Never again will Gus, the Village's police chief, ride his mighty horse” noted a local publication. “Gus' chances of ever riding on horseback have apparently vanished permanently. The mighty nag has disappeared.” Van Riper, who had originally teamed Beauty and Gus in 1926, offered a new steed to the Chief, saying that he believed “Gus on a horse is an integral and necessary part of

By Doug Schmitz



the village atmosphere. I'll be more than happy to aid in the restoration,” concluding his comments with the hope that “Gus will accept his responsibilities and return to patrolling the streets from the saddle instead of from an automobile seat.”

By early 1933, this village drama was galloping into its final stretch run. It was a long shot that Van Riper would be successful in his efforts to have Gus remount. The Chief was sixty-five years old and found it easier to patrol Carmel from the comfort of a car rather than from the stiff leather of the saddle. He continued to say that on his reduced salary, he couldn't feed both his family and his horse. Gus had hit the Daily Double; he didn't want to ride the horse anymore, and, there wasn't a horse to ride.

Epilogue: In late December 1934, Mrs. Eliot Schaffner of Carmel Point went missing in the waters of Carmel Bay after leaving her home for a walk. During the search for her, Gus fell, cut and severely injured a foot on jagged shoreline rocks. Infection set-in. He was transferred to the Veterans' Hospital in San Francisco where the left leg was eventually amputated but the infection not arrested. In his letter of resignation in early 1935, the Chief wrote “I hope to return to my home in Carmel-by-the-Sea soon, and to spend the remainder of my life there with my family and all my friends.” Gus Englund never returned home. He died in that San Francisco hospital in November. ■

Correction

In last month's newsletter, the article “Climate Change Coming to Carmel” stated that sea level “... could increase 6 to 16 feet above current levels by 2100.” According to California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment, a more conservative range is 2 to 8 feet, assuming greenhouse gas emissions continue under a “business as usual” scenario.

Aloha CRA MEMBERS

SHAKE OUT THOSE GRASS SKIRTS & HAWAIIAN SHIRTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

LUAU

INDIAN VILLAGE, PEBBLE BEACH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 5 PM

“A PARTY FOR YOUR PALATE” WILL CATER
A POLYNESIAN FEAST
WITH WINE, BEER, MAI-TAIS
\$40/PERSON



RAFFLE/LIVE AUCTION

BRING LOTS OF MONEY AND WIN GREAT PRIZES!
PINEAPPLE AWARD FOR MOST ORIGINAL ATTIRE!

GET IN THE ISLAND SPIRIT,
RELAX THOSE INHIBITIONS AND FIND YOUR ALOHA!

**RESERVATIONS NO LATER
THAN AUGUST 15**

SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO AND MAIL TO:

**CRA
BOX 13
CARMEL, CA 93921**



MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING FRIENDS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING CRA.

Mahalo

Meet Ashlee Wright

She's a busy person. She's the Director of Carmel's Harrison Memorial Library—well, if that isn't enough responsibility to our local culture, then add another sign to her office door. Ashlee Wright is also Carmel's Director of Community Activities.

Was she out of breath when we recently caught up with her? Not a bit.

As it turns out, her two hats seem to fit snugly. Let's talk.

■ We know that you're a West Coast person, all the way from Southern California to Portland, Oregon. What brought you to Carmel, this small Central Coast village?

I began at the Monterey library. There came an opening at Harrison here in Carmel. I moved into the position of Library Director after the former Director retired.

■ The Library Board of Directors. What's the makeup of the current Board? Are they genuine readers, library users?

There are one or two vacancies each year. The City advertises the openings and residents apply. The mayor and the vice mayor appoint the Board members. We currently have an extraordinarily gifted group of members. Right now, our makeup is impressive; we have a navel statistician, a former engineer, we have an attorney, and a geologist,

So, it's a smart group . . .

■ But is it a literary group?

It *is* a literary group. They are readers, library users, and passionate about all things library. They keep me on my toes. I come to meetings and they have all the right questions. They are completely involved in their mission. Their discussions are great—it's a great Board.

■ Of course you work closely with the Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF).

The Foundation buys all our books, our technology, our equipment.

The City pays salaries, and for maintenance and upkeep of the two buildings, the Main Branch on Ocean Avenue and the Park Branch, Children's Library and Local History Room, on Sixth Avenue.

■ What new projects are you looking at for Carmel's Libraries?

Oh boy! We've got all kinds of ideas and projects. We hope very soon to have our new meeting room completed. It will be a separate room upstairs, next to reference. This will be a gathering space for small meetings, book groups and community meetings. Residents have been asking for this for many years. And soon we'll have a place for people to meet during our open hours. The reading room will remain quiet as it has always been; meetings will carry on without disturbing the folks downstairs in the large reading room.



Ashlee holding Edward Kuster's original photo book in the Local History Room.

■ Harrison Library has received some prestigious state and national recognition.

Yes, we're proudly a Star Library. That is, we're honored with that award partly due to our considerable funding, our circulation per capita, our spending

By Tom Parks



per capita, and use by our card holders and the community in general. We have people using our libraries from all over the county.

■ Now, to your other job as Carmel's Community Activities Director. What exactly are those community activities you manage?

The Fourth of July, the Sand Castle contest, Pumpkin Roll, the Birthday Parade, the Christmas tree lighting, the Home Crafter's Marketplace, Veteran's Day, and Memorial Day. We, the Activities department, organize all of these events. And there are many outside events which fall under our jurisdiction, Car week comes to mind. Couples desiring to be married on the beach, the Farmer's Market—we look to and manage many local and out-of-city events, and we do it with small, competent, and enthusiastic local people.

■ You, Ashlee Wright, in your serving capacity for the City of Carmel, have a great deal on your daily plate. How do you manage to divide your time between the bookshelves and the pumpkins rolling down Ocean Avenue?

I feel like the pendulum of a great grandfather's clock, swinging back and forth between the two disciplines. My time is divided depending on what is on my agenda, what is at issue, what takes precedence, and what must be addressed now, immediately.

■ Ah, now our readers really understand your pendulum metaphor. Back and forth. And you do it, by all accounts, with ease and enthusiasm. The CRA appreciates the time you've managed to give us. Someone once said, when you want something done, look for a busy person. Well, we've found her. Thanks, Ashlee. ■

Sustainability Corner

There is one simple thing we can all do to reduce our carbon footprint....LED lighting. Agreeing to be a test case for this article, the President of the CRA, Barbara Livingston, switched out her standard lightbulbs for LED lights in her "Green Garden" cottage. She says, "I had replaced some of the lights in my house a while back but had never gotten around to replacing all of them. It took just a few minutes and cost about \$100. They have gotten much better, cheaper and widely available over the last couple years". An example of her typical Carmel cottage follows:

- # of bulbs before: 14 – 60 watt, 6 – 40 watt, 2 – 20 watt **Total: 1,120 watts.**
- # of bulbs after: 14 – 8 watt, 6 – 4 watt, 2 – 3 watt **Total: 142 watts.**

If you turned all the lights on the total power usage is now only 13% of what it used to be or a 77% savings!

There are also very nice looking, much warmer and less expensive LED lighting options for chandeliers and also plug-compatible LED replacements for fluorescent

tubes. We could make a big difference if the hundreds of homes owned by our members made the switch.

If you need help, email Barbara at carmellivingston@gmail.com and she'll find a volunteer to help you. ■



New Library Book Shrine

CRA member and CarmelCares founder Dale Byrne and local craftsmen donated materials, time and talents to create a new Library Book Shrine now installed outside of the Park Branch Library. Ashlee Wright, Library and Community Activities Director says, "This Shrine is a



great addition to our community. Constructed from cedar and redwood from a 1929 Comstock remodel, we hope it will be a new tradition to bring our citizens out to enjoy the library." Please stop by to Take a Book and Leave a Book!

The Russians Were Here!

Recently the CRA had an opportunity to participate on Voice of America's broadcast and internet program. CRA Board member Mary Condry was inter-



TAKE THE PLEDGE



The movement to end distracted and unsafe driving behavior in Carmel-by-the-Sea starts with you. Make the commitment to drive Mindfully and Phone-Free today. You can be one of the drivers that is working hard to make Carmel-by-the-Sea the beautiful, quiet, safe, and friendly place it has always been and should always be.

I PLEDGE TO:

- ✦ Protect lives by never texting while driving and talking hands-free.
- ✦ Drive mindfully, slowly, quietly, and respect all streets as residential.
- ✦ Always make full-stops and make eye contact with pedestrians.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



IT TAKES A VILLAGE



viewed regarding life in Carmel-by-the-Sea. The program is intended to show the Russian people how Americans actually live. The interview began with a tour of Mary's historic Murphy cottage and then a walk through town. The interviewer and photographers were especially intrigued with the Post Office boxes as well as our beloved Bill Bates cartoons. They were impressed with our volunteerism and the strong sense of community. Mary Condry was happy to show that not all Californians live in mansions and drive sports cars and that we cherish our relatively simple lives in our quaint Village.

Take the Pledge

The CRA, Carmel Police Department, the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the City of Carmel have banded together to organize a Mindful Driving Pledge to raise awareness about unsafe and distracted driving in our Village.

Please stop by the City Hall or the Harrison Library to join us in recognizing that each one of us makes a difference in keeping our Village the safe, quiet, friendly place it has always been and should always be.

VIP Program Update

We are excited to announce the CRA "Village Incentive Program" (VIP) now has a total of 41 restaurants and merchants participating in this program. The latest addition is Nielsen's Bros. Market at the corner of San Carlos and 7th. Sign up for an account (pay at the end of the month with credit card or check) and you will receive 10% off purchases excluding cigarettes and newspapers.

You can download a list of all participants at www.carmelresidents.org/vip or email carmelresidentsVIP@gmail.com.

MOLTI GRACIE!

The pasta feed for our May 23rd annual meeting was a huge hit thanks to the considerable efforts of Fred & Sue Taylor. Vista Lobos Community Room was transformed into a veritable Italian bistro and Chef Todd served up a delicious meal of Caesar salad, pasta with meatballs and all the trimmings. Scheid Vineyards generously donated wine to accompany our meal. We hope to make this a tradition following our annual meetings. Multi Gracie to the Taylors, Chef Todd and Scheid Vineyards!

Join us on July 4th at Devendorf Park

The CRA will be participating for the 8th time with the City's 4th of July Picnic at Devendorf Park. We will be handing out fresh, healthy fruits and almonds. If you're in town for the 4th, remember to stop by the CRA tent and say hello and taste offerings prepared by us and other Carmel non-profit organizations. There's always music and free souvenirs. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an old-fashioned picnic in the park.

CRA Board Announcements

At the May 2019 Annual Meeting the CRA elected three new members to the Board of Directors with a term beginning in June 2019. The new members: Fred Bologna, Daniel Cardenas and Tim Twomey bring expertise and enthusiasm

to the Board and membership. Thank you to those who submitted their ballots.

The board at their July 1 meeting elected the following officers: Barbara Livingston will remain in her current role as president as will Dick Stiles as vice president. Darlene Mosley will continue as secretary, while Tim Twomey will become our new treasurer. Mary Condry, a past president, will remain an officer also.

In Memory of Monte Miller

Monte Miller, longtime CRA member and former CRA President, died peacefully at his home earlier this year. Monte flew missions in Vietnam, was a 20-year career officer in the US Air Force, retired with the rank of Major and went on to get his Master's in engineering. He and Roberta retired to Carmel where they became active in community life. We remember him with respect and appreciation.

Carmel Gathering

Several CRA members have embraced our history by hosting "gatherings" to share poetry, stories, and libations whilst pounding abalone and singing the Abalone song! We hope the idea will catch on and other CRA members will gather 10-12 friends and neighbors for an evening of conviviality. For more information on how to put on your own gathering call Barbara at 831-626-1610.

Luau in the Forest

Mark your calendars for Thursday August 29th at 5:00 pm. Please refer to Page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

2019 Beach Clean-up Dates!

We are proud to help improve our community! Please join us for the following dates. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cardenas at danielcard117@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 20th - 10am to 12pm
 Saturday, August 17th - 10am to 12pm
 Saturday, September 21st - 10am to 12pm
 Saturday, October 19th - 10am to 12pm

By Mary Condry



In Memoriam

Monte Miller

Memorial Gifts

Paulette Missud
 by Peggy Purchase
 Pierre Prodis
 by Carol Prodis



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CRA Board of Directors

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MEMBERS


Fred Bologna, Daniel Cardenas, Janine Chicourrat, Mary Condry,
Ann Nelson, Tom Parks, Ann Pendleton, Jon Wolfe, Ken White


The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.

The CRA does not sell, trade, lend or in any other way share our members' information with any organization or company.


CHEERS & CHIDES


 **CHEERS** Our Carmel Area Wastewater District was tested to the max during our long season of storms and power outages. The staff managed to keep the treatment plant and 7 pump stations out in the field monitored and provided with power from backup generators. Thanks to all, including Board members, a number of whom are CRA members. Let's hope you don't have to work during a storm in a dark night anytime soon again!


 **CHEERS** To the Forest and Beach Commission for hosting a tree workshop at City Hall.


 **CHIDES** To the Carmel community for its lack of attendance at the above-mentioned forest and beach tree workshop. The 12 people who did attend were almost outnumbered by staff members.

 **CHEERS** To Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation, celebrating its centennial this year!

 **CHEERS** To the Public Works Director for responding immediately to a resident's call for help in resolving a dispute with PGE regarding a sputtering line near her home. This is a great example of how our city steps-up to help us residents.

 **CHEERS** To Pilgrim's Way Bookstore. Carmel-by-the-Sea's only bookstore is celebrating 50 years of serving townspeople and visitors.

 **CHEERS** To the Council majority of Mayor Potter and Council members Richards and Reimers for voting to limit beach fires to only propane on Carmel Beach for the next year.

 **CHEERS** To the San Carlos neighbors who revitalized the 10th and 11th Avenue medians. Our City staff is overloaded and we applaud all residents who volunteer to pitch in.



Before and after beautification of the 10th and 11th Avenue medians.