

# SPECIAL EDITION

# the VOICE

OF THE CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Yes, we are back! But the truth is we've never left. And we're back to publishing this special edition of *The*

# We're Back!

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The dreaded virus is still with us, but the editors have decided it was long past time to connect with our CRA membership. And so you'll find as you read through these four pages that we have news for you: a change in leadership, an introduction to our new President, a farewell from our former President, and an invitation to a zoom entertainment, a joyful history of one very famous Peninsula lady, which we're sure you'll appreciate. (See item this page.)

And speaking of appreciation, here's to the vast majority of Carmel residents who have donned the masks, kept strict distances, learned how to really wash our hands (use lots of soap while singing "Happy Birthday to You" two times), and generally followed

the rules—all that with few complaints.

How do we know that? A trip to the Post Office produced the evidence. Neighbor meeting neighbor—a smile, a word, a thumbs up, and a genuine interest in the well-being of our friends, and even those we only pass on the streets. We may not know their names, but we know they're Carmelites and just like us they're keeping safe, protecting themselves and by extension, protecting all of us.

Reluctantly, the CRA Board of Directors had to cancel a few traditional activities this year. Large gatherings must be postponed to a safer time—next year? Two of our signature outings, The Feast in the Forest and sadly, our most popular event of the year, the CRA Holiday Party, will be on hold until 2021—as they say, "save the date." However, we will host the much-an-

Zoom information will be emailed in advance of the meeting.

But make no mistake, we're still here. We're here to keep watch in a positive and meaningful way over our Village, to advocate for good, fair, forward-thinking governance. We listen to our residents, their suggestions, their concerns, and their desires, and work to protect the character and quality of life in Carmel.

It's been a rough patch, these last many months. But we are up for the drill. And for that we can take a certain amount of pride. 2020 has been a terrible year for us, for our country and for the world. The Carmel Residents Association is moving on. And so are we citizens, grateful for our homes, our neighbors, our friendships in this very special place called the Village in the forest by the sea. ■

## Where Ladies and Gents Met

It was called Lone Star Café, but in reality it was a bordello, and Flora Woods was the "working girl" upstairs. The place becomes a landmark on Cannery Row, thanks to Madam Flora and writer John Steinbeck. Here's a story too good to miss: Flora Woods' great-granddaughter, Tracy Shaw, has a tell-all history of Flora and Cannery Row from the turn of the 20th century.

We will email CRA members with a ZOOM link invitation, or go to this web address by 5 pm: [us02web.zoom.us/j/82503179141](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82503179141)

If you are new to Zoom, view this Carmel Library HOW TO video at [ci.carmel.ca.us/article/how-zoom](https://ci.carmel.ca.us/article/how-zoom)

► Thursday, September 24,  
5 pm

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**NOVEMBER 3, 2020!**



**D**ear Friends,  
For the last 12 years, it has been my great honor to serve as President of the Carmel Residents Association. Working with CRA boards has been a delight. I am so proud of all we have accomplished over the years and have no doubt we will continue these successes under our new President, Fred Bologna.

I will continue to work with the community to advance a shared vision for the future of our Village. I appreciate the support you all have given in our mutual quest to protect and preserve the historic nature of the Village, conservation of our beach, forest, parks and trees and quality of life in our one-square mile city.

I have developed a wonderful rapport with so many residents, business people, city staff and employees; I cherish the joy, satisfaction and fulfillment these relationships have brought me. Thank you all!

Let me assure our membership that saying goodbye is not saying goodbye to the CRA. I will serve wherever and in whatever capacity I'm needed. For over thirty years the CRA has given countless hours to the nurturing of this Village, something every member should take pride in. Certainly, I do. This organization of fellow citizens is united in our mission to monitor and sustain the unique character of the place we joyfully call home.

As I hand over the reins, I wonder how the fragile historic character of our town will bear the pressure of resurging tourism, inevitable growth, and the nagging threat of excessive modernism. Hopefully the community will be on guard to protect and preserve!

On that note, I say "Goodbye" and "Hello" to President Fred Bologna!

With deep and abiding love,

*Barbara* ■

**D**ear CRA Members,  
I had the honor of, as my first official duty as incoming President of the Carmel Residents Association, to officially thank Barbara Livingston for her twelve years as the President of the CRA. We met outside at our monthly board meeting where we practiced social distancing and wore masks.

Following Barbara as President is no easy task. She devoted countless hours in support of the CRA's mission and was a regular attendee at City Council meetings where she often spoke on matters that affected Carmel and its residents. I was always so impressed how she knew everyone's name and how they fit into the scheme of things. For the last year I have been privileged to be under her tutelage in preparation for my stepping into the CRA's leadership.

In high school when, as President of the future teacher's club, it was time to plan our annual club field trip, I chartered a bus and took all the club members to Carmel for the day. During my forty-year career as an educator, dancer, actor, director and choreographer, I returned to Carmel many times. I often spent the entire summer, winter and spring breaks residing here.

As I begin my first term as President of the Carmel Residents Association, our Village is feeling the pains of a pandemic that has shuttered our theaters and limited access to our galleries, restaurants and shops. On a beautiful afternoon, the first Saturday in spring this year, I took a solo walk in downtown Carmel. You can imagine my surprise to find only three cars parked on Ocean Avenue. It instantly hit me how serious this was for our community. The CRA board and I will be faced with the challenge to help our Village adjust and continue to flourish during these rapidly changing times.

With your support, I look forward to my tenure as your President.

*Fred* ■



The Carmel Residents Association has been around for over thirty years. Many dedicated citizens have served as members of the Board of Directors. 17 of those citizens have been chosen to lead the Board as President.

Over the years there has been much praise for the CRA. Over the years there has been much criticism of the CRA. On the positive side it is said that the CRA has inspired residents to participate in city government. There is much evidence to suggest that we have done just that. The mission to preserve the character of the Village has been the keystone effort of the CRA.

Yes, through the years Carmel and the CRA have seen and heard it all, the good as well as the less than good. But as someone once said, we're still here. Worth repeating: yes, we are still here.

And we're here and better than ever because of our leadership. Due to our dedicated Board of Directors, yes. But one Board member stands out ahead of all of us. She's held the office of President for 12 years, longer than anyone in that position. Why is that? Because the membership and

the Board asked her to serve again and again. In short, she has done us a favor.

The CRA has never in its history been more productive, more generous to civic causes, more sensitive to the needs of our residents; and more deserving of respect. We are the preeminent civic, non-profit organization in the more than one hundred years of the existence of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Our current leadership is changing, as it has and must through the years. Through our history we have been blessed with excellent people at the helm. And in honor of those who have served, this edition of *The Voice* has published the names of all past Presidents.

But it is today that we want to celebrate our retiring President. There has never been a more hands-on leader of the CRA. Her devotion to this organization, and by extension to this Village, its unique character, and its residents, is remarkable. She is tireless. She is always available. She is an activist in the best sense of the term. She is ever-present at City Hall. It is no secret that over the years of her service, it is she who Council members often call for information and advice relevant to the City.

*By Tom Parks*

In short, she is arguably the best-ever advocate for Carmel-by-the-Sea. Membership under her leadership has increased by significant numbers. Donations to worthy local causes are these days budget assured. CRA social events have become favorites—restaurant gatherings, holiday parties, picnics—neighbors meeting neighbors where new friendships unfold. And our Carpenter Hall programs are always well attended by members and the public alike.

Advocating for major issues is a hallmark of her tenure. Her appearance at Council meetings is legendary. Some would argue, "There she goes again." While others will applaud, "Yes, there she goes again!"

She loves this Village. And she is, by any measure, the best friend Carmel has ever had. The Carmel Residents Association sends a heartfelt thank you to a person who has given us so much of her talent and affection for so many years.

Her name is Barbara Livingston. ■



*Tom Parks and Barbara display the Proclamation honoring Barbara, which the City Council presented to her at her home on Monday, August 3, 2020. Mayor Dave Potter recognized Barbara for her tireless dedication to the Village, and fully extended the City Council's admiration and appreciation for her efforts.*

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

## Too Long In Coming A Salute To Our Former Leaders

Over the thirty-three years of its existence CRA has had the good fortune of extraordinary leadership. Here is a list of all seventeen past Presidents. They are and have been your neighbors and friends. Good people, good citizens, doing good work for our Village. Thank you all.

1987-1988 Jim Holliday	1997-1998 Mary Condry
1988-1989 Skip Lloyd	1998-1999 Suzanne Paboojian
1989-1990 Barbara Brooks	1999-2000 Shirley Humann
1990-1992 Clayton Anderson	2000-2001 Melanie Billig
1992-1993 David Maradei	2001-2002 Monte Miller
1993-1994 Beth Wright	2002-2004 Larry Rodocker
1994-1995 Lou Rolle	2004-2006 Sherry Shollenbarger
1995-1997 Linda Anderson	2006-2008 Roberta Miller
2008-2020 Barbara Livingston	

### CRA Board of Directors

**Fred Bologna, President**  
**Daniel Cardenas, Vice President**

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### Coming Soon! The CRA Candidates Forum

ZOOM presentation, Thursday, October 1, 2020, 7-9 pm

#### Mayoral Candidates:

- Incumbent Mayor Dave Potter
- Challenger Judy Refuerzo

*Zoom information available soon.*

Questions for candidates to be  
submitted in advance to:

#### Council Candidates:

- Incumbent Councilman Bobbie Richards
- Challengers Karen Ferlito, Mo Massoudi,  
Graeme Robertson

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