

the VOICE

OF THE CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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2021 – There is hope on the way!



It's a new year, a new day, and a new hour of promise after eleven months of generally terrible world news, mandated isolation; of sadness and worry and loss for so many in the millions. At last, there is hope on the way.

That hope can not only be attributed to the miracle of science in the form of a vaccine and to a sigh of relief for a careful return to a normality that has been absent for too long, to some, forever. To paraphrase, "Yes, Marilyn, there is a future." And a Santa who is rumored to be packing up his Tesla for next December.

And the future is what we most assuredly should be concentrating on in this new year. It might not be a bad idea to cobble together a list of what in Carmel life we've missed and what we most hope to enjoy again. Let's not be conservative—go for it. (SPOILER: Don't throw away the mask, we'll need it for a while.)

Want to be the first in line at Harrison Library? There's a new Joan Didion on the best seller list. Or is it a Danielle Steele? What's important is to walk in the front door and browse as long as we want.

Can we meet for dinner? Italian? Middle Eastern? How about a table in a quiet corner by the fireplace?

When's the last time we were able

to attend a Council meeting at City Hall? To most of us politics by zoom was never very satisfying. Ah, take a look at the Mayor, hasn't aged a day in the last year—still, little pale from working at home.

It's been lonely up at the Forest Theater. All those empty benches and not one lone figure on that huge stage. Won't it be a pleasure to book a couple of seats once again at our local playhouses, Pac Rep, the Cherry, Sunset Center, and Forrest Theatre Guild? Get out your makeup, actors, and musicians, we can't wait for the overture.

There are friends we haven't seen in too long. Won't it be wonderful to visit again, to gather for events, to feel free to offer a handshake or give a chum a hug. Maybe a kiss on the cheek—just asking.

There are many people who have not only been deprived of life's pleasures in the last year but who have been on the front lines of service to all of us. Those folks who attend to us twenty-four hours a day in hospitals, grocery stores, retail establishments, our police, fire force, our forest keepers, our volunteers—devoted service heroes who in many cases literally kept us alive.

From a Carmel Residents Associa-

tion perspective, we're looking forward to a year of returning to our traditional events. There's the continuing Beach Cleanup, April through October where both locals and visitors meet in good will to honor the beauty of the white sands of Carmel's namesake. Citizen of the Year at the Carmel Women's Club is traditionally a Spring date but will likely push to Summer or be held online. For loyal supporters we're beginning to plan for the Annual Membership meeting usually in May where Board directors can directly connect with members who may have questions or suggestions for our leadership. As an incentive for attending, we hope to reprise the popular spaghetti feed—napkins at no charge. Then we have our annual September Feast in the Forest gathering. And we've already booked La Playa hotel, on Dec 3rd, for our Holiday Party, so 'save-the-date.'

And so, we look to the future, and hope for a bright future. The Board of Directors is optimistic in the hopes that the membership too shares our positive feelings for this new year. At the least we might recall the title of a song from the end of the Great Depression: "Things Are Looking Up." Well, they are—slowly. And how very grateful we are. ■

Agreed by both Visitors and Locals ...



What Carmel Offers

One of my favorite Bill Bates cartoons hangs in Carmel's post office. It shows a Volkswagen Bug stopped at a downtown Carmel intersection attempting to cross over Ocean Avenue. The throngs of tourists in the intersection are making that attempt impossible and if you look closely at the driver of the Bug, he has been waiting so long that all that remains is his skeleton.

During Carmel's peak visitor seasons

locals often sympathize with the driver of that Volkswagen as we repeatedly try to find a break in the crowd to get to the post office, the bank, or Carmel Drugs. With California's shelter-in-place and stay-at-home orders affecting the number of tourists visiting Carmel, locals have experienced a temporary respite from these crowded downtown intersections.

Recently, while stopped at the corner of San Carlos and Ocean Avenue waiting for my chance to cross the street, I took

the time to really observe the remarkably diverse group of tourists crossing in front of me. I thought, what brings them to Carmel? So why not ask? The people I queried were visiting from Auberry, Fresno, Gig Harbor, Portland, Reseda, Sacramento, and San Francisco.

I told them I was writing an article on what brings them to Carmel. Here are just a few replies.

- ▶ *"I enjoy visiting Carmel for its pristine beaches, friendly natives and shop owners. Beautiful weather and great food at charming dining spots."*
- ▶ *"Downtown Carmel has always had a simple charm with small, wonderful shops and eateries. My husband and I spent our honeymoon at the Pine Inn."*
- ▶ *"Carmel is an amazing place to have those recurring get-aways once or twice a year. A perfect place to re-ground."*
- ▶ *"What brings me to Carmel is the small town feel that is close to the Pacific Coast. An amazing downtown, wonderful food and nearby wineries."*
- ▶ *"There is something magically haunting about Tor House."*
- ▶ *"Carmel has a unique historical charm. One has the opportunity to step back in time to visit Tor House and the mystical Carmel Mission."*
- ▶ *"Carmel, to us, is like an old friend to come home to that never loses its ambience."*
- ▶ *"It's the hills, narrow tree lined roads, the wind, the sunsets...the slower pace that draws me in."*
- ▶ *"I love the quaint artisans' shops, antiques and second-hand shops...there is great sightseeing available as well."*
- ▶ *"Its many fine hotels and inns – most within a block or two of shopping on Ocean Avenue."*
- ▶ *"Enjoying a glass or two of wine with the opportunity to meet other visitors who can often be literally from anywhere around the world."*

Thank you, all, who spoke from their hearts on "Why Carmel". As residents, we definitely agree. ■

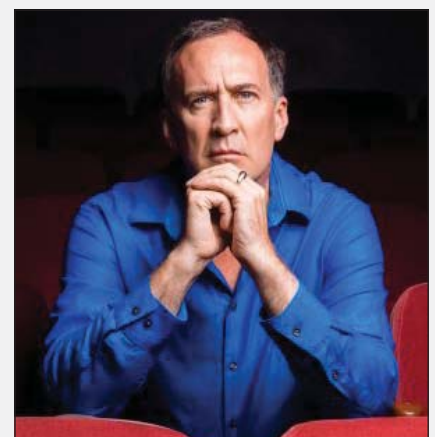
CRA Hosts – Carmel's Historic Theatre District with Stephen Moorer

Mark your calendars to join us online Thursday January 28th at 5:PM for insights on the early years through today on the entertainment and culture provided by live theatre on the Peninsula. Full of influencers, artists, directors, producers, writers, performers, and stages about town – hear more about the early locations and delivery of in person enjoyment across the spectrum of classical to current dramas and musicals over the decades.

Learn about the early personalities bringing their Bohemian influence to our Village including surnames such as Sterling, Austin, London, and Hopper. And hear even more on the performances and locations ranging from Carmel Arts & Crafts Clubhouse, Forest Theater, Golden Bough, Circle Theater, Sunset Center, Carl Cherry Center and more.

Stephen Moorer is currently the founder and artistic director of the Pacific Repertory Theatre. Plus, his theater credits go way back as an actor and director across over 100 productions, and over 10,000 performances, with over 1 million audience members. Stephen's passion for live performances continues creatively in these COVID-19 times as well.

On January 28th at 5PM, visit www.carmelresidents.org for smart device One Click access to the Zoom session. Or you can go to www.zoom.com, enter meeting # 837 1436 6569 and provide the passcode "Theater".



Nominations are Open - Citizen of the Year

Beginning in 1980, and now on every second year, CRA honors a prominent Carmel person by naming him or her Citizen of the Year. Candidates have, through their service, enhanced the lives of citizens of Carmel-by-the-Sea. All nominees, either resident or business community members, must live in Carmel-by-the-Sea or its Sphere of Influence.

Candidates must *not* be a member of the Carmel Residents Association Board of Directors, a city or county employee or an elected official of Carmel-by-the-Sea or Monterey County.

Any person or organization may make a nomination. Candidates do not have to be members of the Carmel Residents Association. Nominations must be in writing and include information on the candidate with emphasis on activities and contributions to Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Nominations should be sent to Attention: CRA Citizen of the Year, PO Box 13, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Ca 93921; or emailed to info@carmelresidents.org. The deadline for receipt of nominations is February 15th, 2021.

This 26th Citizen of the Year awards

ceremony, in normal times, would be held in the Spring at the Carmel Woman's Club and is open to the public. Traditionally this mid-afternoon ceremony includes local & regional leaders – providing additional recognition and appreciation for our awardee, along with munchies and beverage – provided by local businesses. Watch for future issues of *The Voice* for the time and place of this celebratory gathering. If you can contribute to this program, beyond nominations please email info@carmelresidents.org. Thanks all. ■

Roster of Prior Honorees: *(alpha listing)*

This coming year's Honoree will join a long list of distinguished citizens recognized for their efforts on behalf of our city. They include Linda Anderson, Clayton Anderson, Noel Van Bibber, Melanie Billig, Jack Billwiller, Steve Brooks, Mike Brown, Greg D'Ambrosio, Olof Dahlstrand, Nancy & Bill Doolittle, Richard Flower, John Hicks, Wayne Kelley, Bob Kohn, Frankie Laney, Barbara Livingston, Skip Lloyd, Noel Mapstead, Roberta & Monte Miller, Enid Sales, Joyce Stevens, Merv Sutton, Roy Thomas, Charlotte Townsend, Fran & Alex Vardamis, Jean White, Ken White, and Jim Wright.

When spouses are listed separately – recipients were awarded in a separate year.

Citizen of the Year

The Candidate

- ✓ Must live in Carmel-by-the-Sea or in our Sphere of Influence
- ✓ Has enhanced the lives of citizens of Carmel-by-the-Sea. For example: prior honorees were recognized for their activities and contributions to our parks and volunteer work in organizations serving our community.
- ✓ Can be a resident or business community member
- ✓ May or may not be CRA member
- ✓ Must not be on CRA Board
- ✓ Must not be our city or county employee
- ✓ Must not be an elected official of Carmel-by-the-Sea or Monterey County

The Nominations

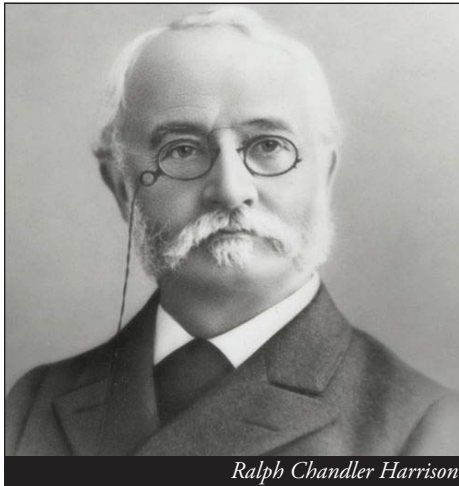
- ✓ Can be made by any Carmel person or organization
- ✓ To include all relevant details on the contributions to Carmel-by-the-Sea community
- ✓ To include email and phone # contact information of the nominator(s)
- ✓ Must be sent to: CRA Citizen of the Year, PO Box 13, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Ca 93921 – or email to info@carmelresidents.org
- ✓ Must be received on or before February 15th 2021



Ralph Chandler Harrison: Harrison Memorial Library

Ralph Chandler Harrison died while the world was ravaged by the pandemic of 1918. Now, one-hundred and three years later, the building bearing his name in Carmel-by-the-Sea, constructed on property his wife purchased and built with monies she designated in her will for its erection, is mostly quieted by COVID-19.

Opened in 1928 after a half-decade of community infighting regarding its location, the selection of a designer, the architectural style and a lawsuit, the Har-



Ralph Chandler Harrison

ison was the first building owned by the municipality of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Who was Ralph Chandler Harrison? During his eighty-four years, Harrison, born in Connecticut, served as a teacher, legislator, member of the Bohemian Club, trustee of the San Francisco Public Library and the San Francisco Law Library, board member of Hastings College of Law, vice-president of the Geographical Society of the Pacific and the forty-second justice on the California State Supreme Court.

Following receipt of his degree in 1853, Harrison became a math and language teacher and in 1857 was elected to the Connecticut legislature. He began attending law school during his elective term, receiving his degree in 1859. That year, he moved to California, settled in San Francisco, and opened a law office.

The California Supreme Court had four vacancies in 1890. Unlike contemporary times, political parties nominated candidates who then stood for general

election. The Republican Party nominated Harrison at its Sacramento convention in August 1890 for a twelve-year term as a court justice. He was elected and began serving in January 1891.

It has been recorded that Harrison issued opinions that had a “crystalline clearness” “no thinness, no sloppiness, no ambiguity or obscurities.” Some of his opinions were referred to as “landmarks” and “masterly.” Harrison wanted to serve a second term but was opposed at the Republican Convention of 1902 by William F. Herrin of the Southern Pacific Railroad who personally disliked the Justice. Herrin supported Superior Court Judge J.C.B. Hebbard, jurist in the then well-known Hale and Norcross silver mining case. Harrison was denied renomination.

Soon thereafter, he was appointed a Supreme Court commissioner and later the presiding judge of the newly created Court of Appeals for the First District. Retiring from the judgeship in 1907, he associated with his sons, Richard, and Robert, at the law firm Harrison & Harrison.

Beginning in 1887 and continuing until his death, he served on the San Francisco Public Library Board. An avid reader, favoring history, he owned one of the finest private libraries in San Francisco. It was destroyed by the earthquake and fire of April 1906. At his memorial, it was spoken “no place could have been better fitted to his knowledge and talents” than the library board.

Harrison and his wife, Ella Reid Harrison, had visited our Village not long before his death. After his passing, Mrs. Harrison came to Carmel and attended the October 1918 library trustee meeting. She told the board of her intention to construct a library. “I am doing this in memory and honor of my husband” she spoke on that autumn day over one-hundred years ago. She bought property at Camino Real and



Ninth Avenue for her home.

Mrs. Harrison died in a house fire in October 1922. The year before, she had prepared her last will and testament. In the introductory paragraph to her holograph, she wrote “I give and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea...in trust, for the purpose of building in said city, the Ralph Chandler Harrison Memorial Library.” The will specified that Carmel was to receive \$20,000, 3.3/4 lots on Ocean Avenue at Lincoln Street, books, and furnishings.

Probate closed in late 1923. After community disagreements about whether to sell the lots and build the library elsewhere, the Trustees called for submission of design concepts, receiving nine responses. The proposal of M.J. Murphy, a local design/building contractor prominent in Carmel’s early days, was selected with consulting architectural contributions from Bernard Maybeck. Construction began in mid-1927.



Harrison Memorial Library

Historically, Carmel has had an aversion to naming public facilities. There’s Devendorf Park and several streets identifying early Carmelites but the community has avoided permanent recognitions. Yet the most majestic of our public building treasures is named after someone who never lived here, never owned land here, never voted here and didn’t work here. ■

Frankie Laney and Company - The Circulation Ladies

Frankie Laney is a busy person. She's the lady who sits at the head of the table instructing, encouraging, monitoring ten plus ladies as they stamp, label and crimp and bundle hundreds of newsletters for mailing to the membership of the Carmel Residents Association. She's the person who gets *The Voice* to you. Along with the editorial staff Frankie makes it all come together six times a year. In the old days it was the newsies, the little fellows hustling the dailies in fair and foul weather while shouting the ubiquitous, READ ALL ABOUT IT. Well, times have changed, besides, it's far more comfortable around Frankie's dining table than on the corner of 42nd and 7th Avenue. But who is Frankie Laney? That was our first question when we asked for a few minutes of her time the other day just before the holidays.

You inherited your Carmel house, used it as a get-away from your Walnut Grove California location and moved here permanently in 1992.

Yes, that's right. We were in the agriculture business for many years—fruits and vegetables to the commercial market. Time to move to where we always wanted to be.

Where were you raised? The early years.

I'm a San Francisco person. Married and moved with some trepidation to Walnut Grove. I was a city girl. I wasn't keen on living in Walnut Grove, but it wasn't forever. Thirty years later we moved to Carmel-by-the-Sea. And speaking of the city, I worked as a secretary at the grand San Francisco Palace Hotel. At the age of 23 I became the general manager's secretary. Thrilling and a wonderful experience, I loved it.

We've been to your house a number of times. Your love for art, painting is obvious. Not only as a collector of paintings and objects, but you, yourself are an artist. When did that begin?

In school I decided I wanted to be an architect, I loved design and still do. Seems that I could sketch anything. As a married young adult after my first child, I found the time to take some art classes—did this to keep my sanity. I worked at it and became confident in what I was producing. Fast forward to Carmel where I was accepted by the now famous Carmel Art Association, an artist cooperative, the oldest in the United States along with another in Maine. My work is based on what many may call the California School. I'm a watercolorist, I paint things and places of California. I'm devoted to



By Tom Parks

I'm glad you asked. To be honest, we talk a lot about chocolate. Chocolate in all forms—as a drink, a candy bar, ice cream, bon bons—you know really important aspects of chocolate. Stapling doesn't take a lot of thought nor does labeling. I provide some snacks and the chat begins: latest movie—someone will give a review. Books—ah, well, Sherry's a member of a book club—what's new? Kids, grandkids, spouses, travel plans. Sound tedious? It's not, in fact at times it's a meaningful ex-



The Circulation Ladies

American art of the Depression era, the WPA projects. As a San Franciscan I loved to visit murals at Coit Tower and locally, the beautiful work at the Salinas Southern Pacific train station. The movement is still alive and thriving.

Now, back to your dining table. There you are with the mailing ladies. Not a man present. Do you miss us or are there other more interesting subjects to talk about? How is that possible?

change of ideas. Good company, I'd call it.

The Voice is grateful for the good company you bring together for the cause, Frankie. The "Circulation Ladies" with your leadership are every bit as important as those of us who sit alone at white screens pulling together the stories for *The Voice*. Say hello from us to Sherry Williams, Ovilee Kennedy, Cindy Lloyd, Kathy Fredrickson, Bobbie Wright, Lynn Ross, Joanne Ablan, Donna Pribble, Jackie Woodard, and Donna Mohedin.

Thanks, Frankie . . . now about those bon bons. ■

A New Voice Column

For those on our email list, you are already familiar with “News You Can Use” that is routinely emailed shortly after each routine City Council meeting containing highlights of that meeting and other items of Village interest. Now “News You Can Use” is also a column in the mailed bimonthly *The Voice*. Past Issues of both are available at www.carmel-residents.org/voice-archives

If you are not receiving the emailed “News You Can Use”, please send us your information to info@carmelresidents.org. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Carmel Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Do you, or someone you know, need a trusted neighbor for errands? Did you know there are a group of Carmel citizens ready to assist our residents needing to take extra precautions in these COVID-19 times? Carmel Neighbors is a group of Carmel citizens who have organized to help us take care of each other and protect the most vulnerable among us during these difficult times.

This organization has volunteers who can help with grocery shopping, prescriptions, picking up mail, frequent check-in calls and doing what we can to help you weather this storm. These volunteers live local, follow safety guidelines, and look forward to the new long-term friendships that follow.

Reach out to this team with your needs, at www.carmelneighbors.org, call 831-915-3148 or email support@carmelneighbors.org

Use Them or Lose Them

This pandemic with its restrictions and limitations are affecting us all in many ways, no doubt. As covered in City Council meetings, our Village businesses, with their decreasing revenues, reworking of their facilities and adjusting their staffing are suffering. They all count on global and national visitors and locals’ patronage to thrive and keep their doors open long-term for us all.

We encourage you to go just around-the-corner and where possible out-of-your-way to frequent these local



businesses. Buy local – respecting current COVID-19 guidelines – at our hotels, shops, restaurants, galleries, wine shops, service providers and more. And note that most of these businesses also offer gift cards or certificates for redemption when the times allow.

Avoid Vaccination Scams – from Federal Trade Commission

News of the soon to be available COVID-19 vaccinations unfortunately will bring bad intentions. While vaccination details are continuing to evolve, you can be sure of the following:

- You can pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine. *That is a scam.*
- You can pay to get early access to the vaccine. *That is a scam.*
- Someone may call about the vaccine and ask for your Social Security, bank account or credit card number. *That is a scam.*

Ignore any vaccine offers that say otherwise or ask for personal or financial information. More details are available at ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams. And of course, California provides extended COVID-19 information at www.cdph.ca.gov

Carmel Cares – Making a Visible Difference

As summarized by “Chief Caring Officer” Dale Byrne in the December 7th City Council meeting, Carmel Cares volunteers have been extremely busy extending the reach of and collaborating with Carmel Public Works and Forestry teams on their recent projects. Only some of their recent projects include weeding, pruning, primping+ with places including Scenic walkway,

Sunset Center, and Forest Theater – through to their Tree Tender and Media Minder programs. Their list goes on and volunteers and contributions are very welcome.

This team and its non-profit organization coordination have truly made a difference. Visit their website for more information and to sign up at www.carmelcares.org.

So Much Online Entertainment

Our local organizations are delivering programs online now (and some outside creative options too) that most of us would prefer to enjoy in person. Even as health guidelines permit later this year – online delivery may continue to complement the familiar, and ever so missed, in-person live participation.

Make sure you are on the notification listings of our local institutions including The Carmel Foundation, Monterey Symphony, Pacific Repertory, Sunset Cultural Center, Carmel Library & its Foundation, Carmel Woman’s Club, plus many

more and your very own CRA.

In case you missed them, our Fall 2020 online programs are available on our YouTube Channel too. Go to www.YouTube.com and search for Carmel Residents Association. You will find these great programs:

- *Flora Woods, Madam of Cannery Row – with Tracy Shaw*
- *Charles Dickens in America – with Howard Burnham*
- *Carmel by the Sea Climate Change Initiative Update – with council persons Jeff Baron & Carrie Theis.*

Membership Month

Time again to renew! Or feel free to invite your friends to join anew; it is not necessary to live in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Any folks who count our Village as “their town” can join! Your renewal envelope is enclosed with this issue. You can also renew or join online, carmelresidents.org and we even take credit cards. No need to own property, renters are most welcome also. Thanks to remote meetings, lectures, and timely updates, we are able, during the pandemic to keep you aware of all that is happening in town. Thank you so much for your membership dues, and for those who have renewed early. They help us with needed projects and programs for our Village. And we certainly appreciate your additional donations, as well as gifts of your time.

CRA Board Nominations

All CRA members may nominate potential candidates for our Board. Please send a petition signed by 3 members. It must include a short paragraph focused on the nominee’s talents and interests in contributing to the Board. Would YOU be interested in serving?

Your petition must be received by March 1, 2021. Please send to the nominating committee chair Mary Condry, P. O. Box V, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921, or email carmelcondry@comcast.net.

Mutt Mitts?

Look for “Carmel Residents Association” and “Friends of CRA” on Mutt Mitts dispensers in town (dog waste bags). The City budget shortfall triggered decommissioning many dispensers, but with the contributions of many, we all helped replace and replenish this Keep Carmel Clean and Dog Friendly Town program.



Shop Local – And Use Your VIP Cards Too

During these COVID-19 restricted times, it becomes especially important to frequent Carmel-by-the-Sea businesses. Whether it is to-go food and beverage, or services, or stores, wineries, or galleries and more – your purchases in



person or online with credits for future redemptions at their businesses are very appreciated. Plus, as CRA members you should all have a VIP card with business offers and or discounts. 2021 cards will be issued and mailed by the end of January to renewed or new members – please use 2020 cards this month until the replacement is received. A list of participating businesses and their offers is available at www.carmelresidents.org/vip-card

A New Face on the Carmel City Council

A familiar face in town, CRA congratulates Karen Ferlito on officially joining City Council for her 4-year term. In close alignment with one of her many passions,



Karen has invested 16 years on the Forest and Beach Commission along with years serving on the Big Sur Land Trust and an amazing record in driving many projects for and as President of Friends of Mission Nature Preserve. Karen has also been an active, informed, and vocal citizen at the monthly Council Meeting for many years. Welcome and Congratulations Karen.



2021 Program Series

☞ January 28 ☞

**HISTORY OF LIVE THEATER
IN CARMEL WITH STEPHEN
MOORER**
via Zoom

☞ March 25 ☞

**MY GRANDFATHER, SAM
MORSE, WITH CHARLIE
OSBORNE**
via Zoom

☞ September 23 ☞

**HISTORIC HOTEL DEL MONTE
AND 17 MILE DRIVE**
Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
with John Sanders

☞ November 18 ☞

THE FINE ART OF FUN
Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
with Will Bullas

Your Ideas?

Our CRA has been honored with requests to be applied to non-operational projects or items for the benefit of our Village. Your CRA Board would like to hear from YOU with your ideas. Please share your suggestions to info@carmelresidents.org.



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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** To those who invested in Carmel to run for office in our November election.


 **CHEERS** To our nonprofits who continue to work overtime supporting people in need.


 **CHEERS** To the farmworkers who continue the harvesting of our food.


 **CHEERS** To teachers, parents and children who are being resourceful in creating new ways to keep learning.


 **CHEERS** To postal workers for their above-and-beyond efforts in the delivery of 2020 ballots, holiday cards & packages.




 **CHEERS** To organizations, businesses and residents who decorated for the holidays that uplifted our spirits.


 **CHEERS** To the extraordinary efforts of scientists who so promptly developed COVID-19 vaccines.


 **CHEERS** To all the healthcare professionals, logistics, and point of delivery teams who will bring the vaccines to all of us in 2021.

 **CHEERS** To the ways we find to volunteer in our Village.

 **CHEERS** To all of us who patronize our local businesses as we navigate through this health crisis.



 **CHEERS** To all essential workers (health care, utilities, groceries, pharmacies, civic, fire, police and all city employees) who continually make it possible to carry on with our lives.

 **CHIDES** Will return in the next issue.

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- The staff of *The Voice* welcomes •
- NANCY TWOMEY to the publishing •
- Team. Her familiar “News You •
- Can Use” have been received and en- •
- joyed by our membership since June •
- of this year. Good to have you aboard, •
- Nancy. •
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