

# the VOICE

OF THE CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING 36 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

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## Love You Carmel, You're Perfect. Now Change.

There are times when it's not a bad idea to consider the choices we've made in our lives—nothing emotional or psychological, but still personal, choices. (Disclaimer: the writer is not the staff shrink on *The Voice*.) Why did we do this or that; what was the reason for that decision, etc.? Well, to the point of the matter of choices, how about asking ourselves this: why did we decide to live in Carmel-by-the-Sea?

There are some obvious answers such as the sea, the forest, the clean air, the beauty of a small coastal Village that mostly retains its original ambiance from when it was invented over 100 years ago. Mostly—yes, there have been changes, many, but in essence Carmel has, through civic devotion, public discourse and determined city governments kept its promise, and that is Carmel must remain what it has always been: a Village in a Forest by the Sea.

There's a word for it. **Tradition** is not a four-letter word. It's nothing to fear. In fact, many long term and recent residents welcome the concept. Others, and there seem to be quite a few, are not so sure.

**Change** is not a four-letter word either. Habits, styles, convenience, technology affect the way we live, and the ways in which we choose to live. Which begs the question, is there a tug of war between tradition and change? Yes, for better or worse, indeed there is. Our Village at the

beginning of this new year seems to be in cultural limbo.

**Compromise** is not a four-letter word. OK, for some it just may be.

So, what seem to be the issues?

Traditionalists hold to the values and in many cases the laws enacted in the past, some in the distant past.

In Carmel-by-the-Sea we don't have mail delivery; we have no house numbers. We do not have fast food eating places. We have no electric signage, no neon. Carmel is street light free in residential areas. There are no sidewalks except for the business district. We are tree huggers.

We are architecturally sensitive—a sweet Hansel and Gretel cottage would be swell. Or you want to build what and where? And the list goes on.

On the other hand, there are those full-time, and sometime residents, who vote for change and sincerely believe in their cause. They opt for house numbers—UPS can't find me. They are unhappy that a walk at night requires a torch. Why not sidewalks, I almost broke my neck.

All the shops look alike. Why not a touch of neon to announce where Sade's is? What! No fires on the beach?

So, knowing what life is and has been for many years, here's that question again: why did we choose to live in Carmel-by-the-Sea?

Much of the above is up for grabs

these days. Most revolutions demand more than they will ever get. In our case the tradition and change folks will ultimately have to come to a compromise. We can only hope that reason and civility will be the bywords. Disagreements, on what Carmel is or should be have been on a wish list for many years. There are no bad guys opining on this or that, mostly good guys with different opinions. Here's to the good guys.

Now, it's time to sit down and **talk**. (Which, by the way *is* a four-letter word.)

Why did we choose to live in Carmel-by-the-Sea? Because it's one of the most beautiful places on the continent. And we'd like it to stay just that way. With maybe a slight change here and there. ■

*The Editor*

### OUR MISSION

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.

## Please Make It Official

Carmel Residents Association is a civic non-profit organization, now celebrating our 36<sup>th</sup> year in 2023 of serving our community and residents. Our efforts, impact, purpose of the past and future rely on our membership and your annual dues. With January and February, it is this time of year, in *The Voice* we include a return envelope for just that – your annual renewal or to join us officially.

You are our source of income. We hope you agree that the programs, content, events, and more deliver value worthy of your membership.

Our membership includes full-time, part-time residents, home owners, renters, folks who plan to make Carmel their home, with businesses, employees, city staff and valued regional and international visitors who want to preserve Carmel-by-the-Sea for all in the years to come. If you love our Village and want to keep connected and enjoy our town culture – be a current CRA Member.

It's easy to renew or join and, even to make an additional donation either online at [carmelresidents.org](http://carmelresidents.org), or via snail mail with your check. And if your budget allows, we'd appreciate your "step up" to Benefactor or Lifetime membership levels.

### ► So Many Organizations

Your CRA Board also works with most local organizations, and are often members or board members, or volunteers within them as well. We align efforts, contribute, and provide mutual support for their programs. You will find that CRA's efforts complement these other local organization missions and activities.

### ► Our Dialog with City Leadership

We work with City staff, City Council and many of the other City boards and commissions to keep watch and provide input in their efforts for all the residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

### ► CRA's Beach Clean Up

Yes, we've gathered March through Oct, each 3rd Saturday now for over 30 years. This program welcomes everyone who enjoys our beautiful Carmel City Beach and is willing to contribute to keep it amazing.

### ► CRA at Farmers Market

From January through October, each last Thursday, you can find CRA Board members at a Community Table. It's where we meet members and visitors, exchange ideas, recommendations and explore hot topics from the City Council or Planning Commission, to name a few.

### ► Enjoyed by All

Many of our efforts are open to all, others are for members only. It is your support that keeps what we do going strong. Your participation with feedback, volunteering, and participation in what we deliver helps our entire community in this amazing Village in the Forest by the Sea.

### ► Don't Miss A Thing



CRA Hosts educational and informational programs throughout the calendar year – covering civic topics, historical, informational items of interest, with great speakers and content relevant to an enriching citizen experience. Plus, every biannual election year CRA hosts the resident issues-based Candidates Forum and our biannual Citizen of the Year event being held in March of this year.

Visit our website for the latest programs past and upcoming. Most of our CRA civic and educational programs are recorded with links on our website and on our YouTube channel too. Activities and programs beyond CRA abound in our Village and are shared on our Carmel Residents Facebook page and our CRA Website Calendar.

### ► And, For Members Only

For our membership, nearly 900 strong, are the benefits and events only for just US! All members will receive our latest, 2023, VIP card upon renewing or joining to



use with our local businesses who offer discounts to our membership. Thanks for your patronage and for nudging more businesses to create an offer to our growing roster.

And, of course, all members will continue to receive our bi-monthly *The Voice* newsletter reflecting the heartbeat of our Village, tackling issues, providing history and more. Monthly, our members are emailed the "News You Can Use" covering more timely topics and events citywide.

This year again and bi-annually, we host Feast in the Forest in Pebble Beach, which is always a sellout like our annual December Holiday Gala at La Playa.

Our "No Host" gatherings at a restaurant in town have returned. Reservations aren't required and these are great to meet and mingle with fellow CRA members. Thank you, Terri & Ross Kaplan, for leading this program!

Don't forget our CRA Annual Meeting is held in May each year with CRA Board and program updates, your welcomed inputs and occasional civic leader briefings. Plus, we've reinstated our summer beach gathering too, who doesn't love a beach party with neighbors!

So folks, please join us and keep your membership up to date! ■





# MEMORIES of Old Carmel

## Charlotte's Seasons in Carmel and Beyond

Along the fence line on the street frontage of the vintage Carmel cottage, three Sally Holmes climbing roses are now at rest. While the garden nurtures a farrago of flowers in its numerous planting beds and pots, the Sally Holmes rose was her favorite, its single petals blooming during the late summer and into the early autumn, withdrawing with the arrival of the winter.



Frank and Ruth Townsend and daughters Charlotte and Donna moved to Carmel-by-the-Sea, a renowned artistic and theater

City, from Washington State in the early 1930's. Frank had dabbled in drama at the University of Washington and still enjoyed the theater, whether performing on stage or as a troupe business manager. Ruth became active with the Carmel Girl

young financier. He was a sailor, on the water since age 13. He joined Carmel theater groups and in 1937 performed in the production of O'Neill's "Where the Cross is Made," later travelling to San Francisco to act in the Elmer Rice play "There Go I." Frank was the business manager for the newly birthed "Carmel Players" theater group until resigning in a dispute with the artistic director.

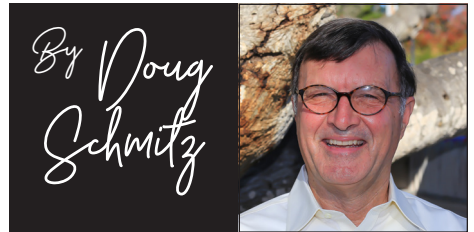
In 1938, Carmel sought to sever itself from the Monterey Union High School District, via a public vote, wanting to construct its own campus. Townsend spent three months gathering signatures to get the divorce from MUHSD onto the ballot. *The Carmel Cymbal* extended accolades for his effort.

Carmel had a particularly depraved city council from 1936-38. The ministers had terminated the long-serving city attorney; had undertaken numerous secret meetings; had put the City into financial peril. The incumbents were ripe for a takeover. Three seats on the council would be voted on in April 1938. Frank wanted to run and began politicking around the Village.

A March 8 entry in the diary of former Mayor Herbert Heron explains how Frank's political ambitions were curtailed. "Met with Frank and told him the facts," wrote Heron, who had already congealed a slate of

Gordon Campbell, Fred Bechdolt, and himself to seek the three seats. Frank would get a position with a different entity---the Carmel Sanitary District. Decades later, daughter Charlotte would be elected to the same board.

With Frank and Ruth Townsends' various interests, it is easy to understand



daughter Charlotte's proclivities in her 97 years. She enjoyed being on water, navigating a sailboat to Hawaii or Mexico or steering a barge on the canals of France. She was an avid sports car driver, racing Porsches in Europe. Into her early nineties, she frequented the tennis courts at the Mission Ranch, displaying a mean backhand shot.

With a lifelong quest to learn, Charlotte attended Stanford, the Universities of Zurich and Heidelberg and the Sorbonne. She served on the Board of Trustees of the Harrison Memorial Library and was a frequent attendee at local lectures and cultural events, especially the Bach Festival.

Her exposure to France while at the Sorbonne engendered a lifetime Franco-phile. She bought a chateau near Chablis and visited it frequently, entertaining friends and taking them on tours of the countryside, the wineries, the villages and cities, the museums. She was delighted with the blooming plants in the back garden of her property, just as she was



with the Sally Holmes in Carmel.

And like dad Frank, she was drawn to local politics.

Carmelites primarily know Charlotte from her service as mayor from 1982-86. Her first big mayoral project was the remodel of the old City Hall, acquired from the All-Saints parish decades earlier. The vestment closets still inhabited corners in the Planning/Building Department and the baptismal font was anchored into a passageway. Charlotte was involved in every detail of the makeover of the Hall we know today, even selecting the color of the Chamber doors which perch above the steps leading to Monte Verde Street.

It is now winter. The 2022 blooming season for the Sally Holmes along the fence at the old Carmel cottage is over. And Charlotte has left us. ■



Top row: David Maradei, Mayor 1982-1986 Charlotte F. Townsend, Vice-Mayor Frank Lloyd. Bottom row, Bob Stephenson, Helen Arnold. Photo shot on the steps of the old city hall before 1984 remodel.

Scouts and the Sunset School. She was the family gardener.

With their relocation to Carmel, Frank, a lifetime tennis addict, advocated for the construction of the first tennis courts for the Village; he succeeded. No surprise! He had challenged an elderly J.P. Morgan in a board room encounter as a

## Ms. Fallon—A Gift To The Library

**S**unny morning. We met in her office at the Branch Library just behind Devendorf Park. That's Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director of the Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF). It was time we both agreed. Much talk over the last two years regarding Harrison Memorial but little said or written about the great significance of CPLF to Carmel and its many patrons on the Monterey Peninsula. It must be noted that Ms. Fallon is the leading force behind the success of this remarkable Foundation. Her energy and enthusiasm for the world of libraries are daunting. And so, we have some questions to ask. And she's ready.



**You've been the leader, the executive officer of CPLF for six years now. The nonprofit has flourished under your leadership. What brought you to this career and to this community?**

I've lived in the area for many years. I've always, since my youth, owned a library card. In fact, before I settled with my family in my new house all those years ago, I came to Harrison Memorial to apply for a card. I was an English major in college, I'm a writer and a fan of all writers.

**Now, about the Carmel Public Library Foundation. How did that come to be?**

CPLF was founded in 1989 to raise revenues when cutbacks in state and county shortfalls threatened the very existence of libraries. We have a board of directors, currently 14 active members.

Over the years we have expanded our footprint in the culture of Carmel and the greater Peninsula area with literary events, lectures on social issues, benefits, patron gratitude gatherings, etc. Our audiences are many and enthusiastic.

**The function of the organization? What exactly does CPLF do, what is the difference between CPLF and Harrison Library?**

We purchase all popular and classic books, magazines, newspapers, audio books, DVDs. Current fiction/nonfiction: 120 each month. We provide reference materials and services, computers and access to online databases. We have an outreach program for homebound library patrons. We provide career and job placement materials as well as books and materials for children and young adults. All things library except for personnel costs and building maintenance expenditures. There's more.

**We won't stop you, Ms. Fallon. Go for it.**

We conduct well-publicized events such as lectures which have proven to be very popular. We own a collection of historic local newspapers. There is a local history room in the Branch Building in which an archive of special collections of photographs, history and rare book collections can be viewed by the public. Other examples are the interviews with many Carmel noteworthy citizens which can be found online at [ci.carmel.ca.us/post/my-carmel-oral-history-project](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/post/my-carmel-oral-history-project). For our next generation of citizens we have a hugely popular summer reading program for pre-school children through the eighth grade. No question, these past two years plus have been difficult especially for our youth.

*By Tom Parks*



**Yes, how did CPLF hold up during the haunting pandemic?**

We may have been daunted but we never gave up our mandate to be here for our citizens, our patrons. At various times we waited curbside to deliver books and other materials requested. Then we moved to tents at the back of the building where we shelved a large collection of popular fiction. It was all about service. From the laptop to the zoom meeting to the tent—we were there.

**We noticed a plaque in the lobby as we entered this morning. What's that all about?**

You were standing in front of the Sterling Circle honorary plaque, named for one of Carmel's most revered local writers. It is a list, a growing list, of benefactors wishing to leave various legacies to



the cause. No amount or benefit is named or requested. It's a tribute to our former and past patrons and to the citizens who care so much for our library.

*Alexandra Fallon, this has been a pleasure. The time has finally come to honor The Carmel Public Library Foundation. The CRA salutes your organization and your remarkable leadership. ■*

NOTE: This writer served as president of the board of directors of CPLF from 2002-2004



# TWO HISTORIC CRA Programs

## Celebrate our Area's Natural Beauty through Renowned Local Artists

### CRA HOSTS

**"Experience Monterey Bay through the Eyes of Early California Artists"**  
with Professor Cynthia W. Weick and Artist Joaquin Turner

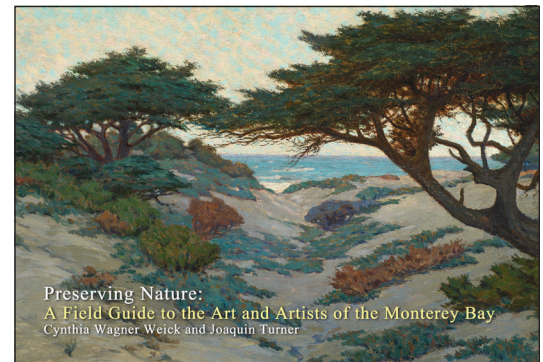
Join Us on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Carmel Woman's Club. Doors Open at 6:30 for a glass of wine and social reception with program starting at 7:PM.

Before 1900, Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula attracted and inspired amazing and notable talent across all the creative arts (painting, photography, music, performing arts, poetry, prose and more). In this program, the focus is on the earliest painters who've captured our local natural beauty. Please join us to learn about these early days and how their art became recognized worldwide.

Their book outlines a self-guided tour of scenes 22 artists painted in the late-19th century through the mid-20th century: in Monterey, Asilomar, Pebble Beach, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Point Lobos. This talk will focus on artists Xavier Martinez, William Ritschel, Granville Redmond, Charles Rollo Peters, E. Charlton Fortune, and Franz Bischoff. See where these artists

were inspired, learn about their lives, and explore their roles in shaping the region's rich artistic fabric.

Professor Cynthia Wagner Weick and local gallery owner and artist Joaquin Turner will share insights of the artists spotlighted in their book, *Preserving Nature: A Field Guide to the Art and Artists of the Monterey Bay*. ■



## Celebrate the Power of Local Environmental Activists

### CRA HOSTS

**"Humbled - How California's Monterey Bay Escaped Industrial Ruin"**  
with Authors Glenn Church & Kathryn McKenzie

Join Us on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Carmel Woman's Club. Doors Open at 6:30 for a glass of wine and social reception with program starting at 7:PM.

Authors Church and McKenzie will share the amazing story of how the Humble refinery proposed for Moss Landing was prevented due to the activist efforts by familiar area notables of the mid 1960's. After the refinery's initial



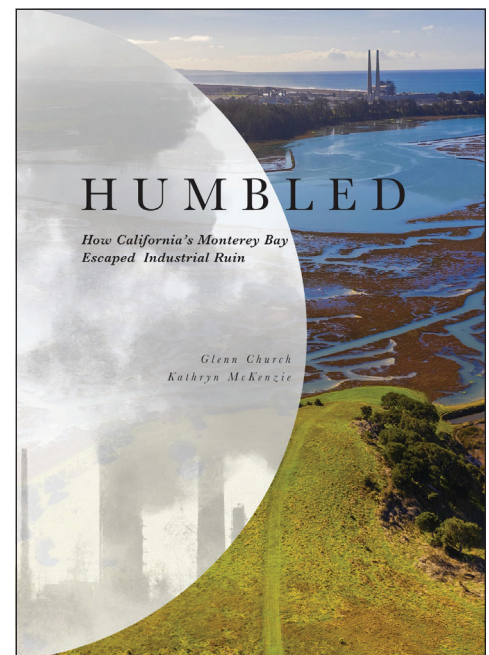
THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1966.  
**HUMBLE GIVES UP ON REFINERY SITE**  
Will Build Facility in Area of Industry on Coast  
[The article text continues with details about the Humble refinery project and the opposition.]

building permit approval by Monterey County officials, locals including Ansel Adams, Samuel Morse, Bill Burleigh (Carmel's City Attorney), Fred Farr and others stepped up to help win one of the first major environmental battles of the modern era.

Humble Oil (now known as ExxonMobil) was expanding in the 60's to meet increasing demands. Their top choice for a new

refinery location was "a quaint fishing Village with a deep-water port at the midpoint of Monterey Bay." The stories they will share "recounts of the many twists and turns that swamped the refinery project and eventually dismantled plans for a vast industrial complex."

More details on both programs and our speakers' credentials are available on the home page of the [www.carmelresidents.org](http://www.carmelresidents.org). Be sure to join us live to get your questions answered by these experts. These programs are open to the public. ■



## Carmel's City Council Changing Faces



We welcome and congratulate our newest City Council Member Alissandra Dramov, taking the seat formerly held by Council Member Carrie Theis. The incumbents on our ballots, Council Member Jeff Baron, and Mayor Dave Potter, have also retained their seats on the City Hall dais. Of course, they all join Karen Ferlito and Bobby Richards who are 2 years away from the ballot once again.

We'll all get to know and see Alissandra in action starting now. Her career in journalism refined her skills in gathering facts, listening, doing her research and professional delivery of results. This background, plus being a long-term resident and having authored multiple books on Carmel, will help guide her decisions, taking the past into account, while embracing tomorrow's facts and challenges ahead.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Carrie Theis for her 2+ terms on the City Council

in service to our Village. Her common sense and thoughtful comments respected the input from all stakeholders. Her votes were researched and sound; and her style and professionalism are impressive. We look forward to hearing more of Carrie's views, now as a Carmel citizen and business owner, in the years to come.

The personal efforts required to run for and hold office are indeed significant, and often undervalued from the outside. Our sincere thanks once again to all candidates and office holders for your efforts on our behalf. ■

By Nancy Twomey



## Welcoming 100s of New Carmel Households?

Statewide, there is a housing shortage, especially for lower income and younger families. As you've heard or read, Carmel-by-the-Sea has been allocated 349 net new housing unit targets by 2030. Council Members Bobby Richards & Karen Ferlito, along with Planning Department staff, are taking this on via an Ad Hoc Committee with public meetings already underway.

AMBAG (Assoc of Monterey Bay Area Governments) through a rigorous process has issued these RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocations) throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and their municipalities. Our Carmel City Govern-

ment is required to make material progress on updating zoning, processes, and incentives in our plans to ultimately encourage development of new housing. Near term, we must update our General Plan Housing Element with relevant content by December 2023.

In our town without empty lots and only 1 square mile, the challenges are significant. Rethinking the fit of higher density in the upcoming Commercial and Residential Guidelines may be likely. Over time we may see options for reuse of property (public and private land, including parking lots of Sunset Center, Vista Lobos, and others). We encourage everyone's participation in the City's Ad Hoc Committee process throughout 2023. ■

## Dumpster Diving Coming to Carmel?

Well, not quite, but as covered by Public Works in City Council briefings, Friday Letters, and per State Law SB1383, everyone is required to put food waste in yard waste bins (now called "organic materials container"). This has been a requirement since January 2022 and the City is required to monitor our compliance. So periodically, on collection day, a City representative may be doing spot checks in your bins. In 2024, enforcement begins for repeat offenders.

Are you putting the correct food scraps in the right bin? You can confirm "What Goes Where" with the mobile app, multiple web pages and mailings from GreenWaste. Plus you can find public use Food Waste bins at City Hall, weekly Thursday Farmers Market, and more. ■

Inside the Blue container goes regular recycling: Plastic, Metal, Cardboard, etc.

Inside the Green container goes organic materials: Yard Trimmings, Food Scraps, etc.

Inside the Gray container goes regular/solid waste: Styrofoam, soiled paper, snack bags, etc.



## Our First-half Civic Calendar is Full

Building on the Housing Element with RHNA considerations above, there is more!

- Carmel Architecture, Design Traditions 1.5 draft reviews and targeted approvals
- Wireless/Cell Tower Ordinance draft reviews for community input expected shortly
- Parking Management Program updates including Village feedback sessions
- Exploring Street Addresses, lots to uncover and consider
- 5<sup>th</sup> & Dolores Proposal approval in an upcoming Planning Commission meeting
- Carmel Beach Propane Only Fire Program targeted for various organization reviews and approval

Many of these will continue throughout the year, and this list can grow and change. CRA will continue to keep you plugged into these important topics on our CRA Facebook, email, and our website.

CRA hopes your 2023 New Year Celebrations were safe, warm, healthy, and memorable. And that you took a moment to enjoy the City's great year end, November & December events. ■





# MARY'S Corner

## Keeping You Informed on the Latest

Every month we send important notices to all members' email addresses. If you have a new or changed one, PLEASE let us know. So much is happening in our Village, and we work to keep our members updated. If you are not receiving CRA emails, please send your addresses to [info@carmelresidents.org](mailto:info@carmelresidents.org). You don't want to miss out on timely information that doesn't make it into *The Voice*.

### DOES CRA HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

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## Extending Thanks for our Fall Events

Thanks to all who helped to make our annual CRA Holiday Gala a success, with a full house to boot. La Playa was beautifully decorated, and the delicious food, wine and service were enjoyed by all. Many thanks go to Gala chairperson Janine Chicourrat, to Janice Bradner for the wine cellar give away drawings and to Nancy Twomey for her promotion and registration management.

And in November we held yet another CRA No-Host get together at Edwin's. This was filled with great members' conversations, beverages & noshes, plus surprise guitarist music too! Thanks to Terri and Ross Kaplan for their ongoing coordination of our No Host Program.

In each issue of *The Voice*, we include our Organization's Mission, as we do on the cover page. This statement of purpose clarifies why CRA exists and why CRA has lasted 36 years. Our mission drives our past and future. We hope you agree and that this validates your continued support with your membership dollars. *With our Thanks!*

## CRA Welcomes Belgian Couple to Join in our Fun

While touring our wonderful State, with a wedding proposal in Yosemite too, their days visiting Carmel overlapped with our Village Halloween & Anniversary Parade. At the front desk at Hofas House, they were told about our local celebration, then they immediately went to purchase full costumes to participate. Upon their arrival at Devendorf park in their fully adorned outfits, Fred Bologna invited them to march with CRA. They were thrilled with the gracious hospitality and festive experience.



## CRA Board Nominations Wanted

Please consider nominating a potential candidate for our Board. We have an open seat and would welcome receipt of your petition, signed by three CRA members. It must be accompanied by a paragraph focusing on the nominee's talents and interests in contributing to our Board. Perhaps YOU are interested in serving! Petitions must be received by March 1, 2023. Please send to the nominating committee chair, Graeme Robertson, 3024 Santa Lucia Avenue, Carmel, CA. 93923. Or email him at [carmelgraeme@aol.com](mailto:carmelgraeme@aol.com).

We have a very vibrant Board and wish to continue growing in both ideas and action!

## Citizen of the Year Nominations Requested

Continuing with nominations, please also consider persons worthy of the great honor of our Citizen of the Year. These nominations must be received by Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, via email or postal mail to CRA. To qualify a candidate:

## Citizen of the Year

- Must live in our Village or in our Sphere of Influence
- Has enhanced the lives of citizens of our Village: e.g., for their efforts in organizations serving our community
- Can be a resident or business community member
- May or may not be CRA member
- Must not be on the CRA Board or a city or county employee or other official of Carmel-by-the-Sea or Monterey County

Once again, this biannual Celebration will be **Sunday afternoon March 26th** at the Carmel Woman's Club. Check out our "Citizen of the Year" webpage for background and prior honorees.

## In Memoria

**Charlotte Townsend** – former Carmel Mayor, CRA & Carmel Area Wastewater District Board Member and 2018 Citizen of the Year (See pg.3 for more)

Donation in memory of **Jean White** from Robert & Lynn Brooks

## Don't Miss Our Upcoming CRA Programs

- Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8PM CRA Hosts – *Monterey Bay Through the Eyes of Early California Artists*. Public invited (Details pg. 5)
- Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 to 6PM - CRA No Host Gathering at Seventh & Dolores. Please join us! Members only.
- Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30-8PM CRA Hosts – *Humbled: How Monterey Bay Escaped Industrial Ruin*, at Carmel Woman's Club. Public invited. (Details pg. 5)
- We'll be back at Farmers Market the last Thursdays from 10AM-2PM on Jan 26 & Feb 23.





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## CRA Board of Directors

**Fred Bologna, President** | **Ken White, Vice President**  
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**Mary Condry, at Large**

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Tom Parks, Graeme Robertson, Nancy Twomey,  
Sherry Williams, Jon Wolfe

*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** Congrats to Jeff Baron and Alissandra Dramov for their City Council win in November. We're looking forward to high performance beginning this year.

**CHEERS** Thanks to Ashley Stoddard and Parker Logan for their participation and civic dedication. There are always winners and losers in any election--both of you are winners.

**CHEERS** To nature. Here's to nature. Here's to rain. Here's to lots more of it. And for those who came to Carmel from parts north, unfortunately you won't find snow in Carmel. Unless, well it did in 1962! Check out the YouTube "Snow-Delayed 1962 Crosby"



**CHIDES** Squeezing in 349 new housing units in our 1 square mile Village with no open land? The California State Law and our Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for Carmel says we need to provide plans and enticements for development. Challenges abound. Creative ideas are welcome.

**CHEERS** Don't forget to celebrate "Belly Laugh Day" January 24<sup>th</sup>, seriously! Belly Laugh Day reminds everyone on the benefits of laughter and encourages people to spread laughter in their lives and the lives of others.



**CHIDES** "Ten-Four" Carmel Police Station remodel project was approved in the FY 2022/23 budget, but radio silence ever since. Might there be an update available?

**CHEERS** City Planning and City Special Counsel have now connected directly with expert telecom Attorney Andrew Campanelli who was retained by a local resident's group and delivered a draft ordinance for local consideration. The goal remains to retain maximum local oversight on new cell tower placement and aesthetics.

**CHIDES** Crashed Teslas are NOT included in the Del Mar North Dunes 5 Year Restoration Plan.



### Do You Write? Want To Write?

*The Voice* is looking for a new member on our editorial team. Someone who is familiar with the history and the activities of the CRA; someone who follows events and happenings in the Village; someone who is a CRA member, and someone who has a talent to pull together a story or an idea--a team player. We're a friendly group of just three presently, and we'd like to find the right person to join us. We publish five times a year. Interested? Just let us know, *The Voice* might be a great fit for your talents.