



# CARMEL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

CELEBRATING 23 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2010

## “Playing Poker in Afghanistan”

Get your seat early! One of our most popular speakers ever, Monterey Institute of International Studies professor and Middle East expert **Glynn Wood**, will return on Jan. 28 to talk to us about the situation in Afghanistan. His last talk on Iraq in 2002 brought out a standing-room-only audience. Wood’s title, “Playing Poker in Afghanistan,” refers

to the lead article on Afghanistan by Rory Stewart in the Jan. 14 *New York Review of Books* which begins, “Cool poker-players, we are tempted to believe, only raise or fold: they only increase their bet or leave the game. Calling, making the minimum bet to stay, suggests that you can’t calculate the odds or face losing the pot ... Real

men and women don’t want to call in Afghanistan: they want to dramatically increase troops and expenditure, defeat the Taliban, and leave. Or they just want to leave.”

Our speaker served with the U.S. Information Agency for five years, with postings to Lebanon, Afghanistan and India. While

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## Candidates’ Forum on Feb. 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea voters will vote on April 13 for a mayor and two City Council members. The **Carmel Residents Association**, as it does for every Carmel election, will hold a non-partisan *Candidates’ Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center*. CRA Board member and former mayor **Ken White** is chair of the event. Monterey County District Attorney **Dean Flippo** will serve as moderator.

Candidates for mayor are incumbent **Sue McCloud** and challenger **Adam Moniz**. **Jason Burnett** is challenging incumbents **Paula Hazdovac** and **Gerard Rose** for a council seat.

Refreshment will be served. The event is open to the public at no cost. Free parking is available in the north Sunset Center lot.

The CRA thanks City Administrator **Rich Guillen** for making Carpenter Hall available for this event at no charge.

## Are you registered to vote?

As a public service to our community, in Feb. in front of the Post Office, the CRA will register voters in advance of the April 13 Carmel-by-the-Sea municipal election. In the meantime, if you are not registered or have recently moved, you can pick up a registration application at City Hall or any post office. In order to qualify to vote in the April 13 Carmel municipal election, your voter registration form must be post-marked on or before March 29. Anyone can ask to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list by checking and initialing a box on the voter registration form. CRA members willing to help with the registration drive should e-mail Richard Flower at [flower.richard@gmail.com](mailto:flower.richard@gmail.com) or calling him at 624-9237.

## “Dines Out” for CRA Members at Flaherty’s Premier Fish House

**Mary Ellen Thomas** and **Kathleen and Barry Swift**, “Dines Out” cochairs, have a great dinner planned at **Flaherty’s Premier Fish House** for Thursday, Jan. 28. Unlike most restaurants (even the best of them), where fish is often a secondary item on the menu, at Flaherty’s it’s the main feature. Owner **Ken Spilfogel** offers only wild-caught, sustainable seafood. Here is Ken’s tempting menu:

### First course choice of —

- ❖ Traditional Wedge Salad with Bacon, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Tomatoes, Red Onion with Bleu Dressing; or
- ❖ Lobster Bisque

### Entrée choice of —

- ❖ Pan Roasted Cod with Cannellini Beans and Chorizo Sausage; or
- ❖ Seared Halibut with Flaherty’s Rice and Heirloom Vegetables; or
- ❖ Dungeness Crab Pasta with Sauce of Heirloom Tomatoes, Basil, Garlic and Olive Oil; or
- ❖ Porcini Angoletti with Grilled Vegetables

### Dessert choice of —

- ❖ Brioche Bread Pudding; or
- ❖ Fried Cheese Cake and Hot Fudge
- ❖ Coffee or Tea

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## Cheers and Chides

**Cheers** to the Carmel International Firefighters Association members who have agreed to postpone taking their third 8.75% raise due on January 1st under their current contract, moving the timing to December 31st of this year, provided there is no merger, JPA or consolidation of fire departments. The firemen have taken the police officers' lead in delaying a raise until later to help the city out during this economically challenging year. (The Police Officers Association agreed last year to forego their raise.)

**Chides** to the city administrator for the loss of yet another valuable city employee, this time, the administrative services director, who not only had responsibility for preparing the city budget, but also had to fill in on risk management and human resources duties because that director, who is suing the city for alleged sexual harassment and age discrimination, has been on leave for over a year. A consultant has been hired for now to take over budgetary duties until a permanent employee can be hired.

**Cheers** to the long-time (34 years) city employee, who showed great courage in speaking out through a letter to the *Herald*, saying that contrary to upbeat statements emanating from city hall, "city government in Carmel is badly broken." Particularly alarming is her observation, "During the time I worked in the administration department, I observed a pattern of avoiding and ignoring resident and staff concerns on the part of upper management ... A majority of department managers were forced out, leaving a leaderless skeleton staff to provide non-safety services to the residents." The letter also referred to "the quality of our city government" as "demonstrated by the callous treatment of Building Official John Hanson" [serving in Afghanistan], a situation that outraged the Carmel community.

**Cheers** to Council member Ken Talmage for making a motion at the December City Council meeting, with which the council unanimously agreed, that staff bring back to the council current information on *all* viable [fire service] options—not only on a joint powers agreement (JPA), but on shared services and on a stand-alone fire department. The CRA board asked over nine months ago that a comprehensive study on *all available fire service options* be made available to

the public. This includes a stand-alone department as well as mergers or contracts with Monterey, Cal Fire and the latest proposal for a peninsula-wide system. In discussion of the motion, Talmage requested a deadline of six months.

**Chides** to the planning staff and commissioners for deciding against an EIR for the demolition and reconstruction of the Carmel Sands Lodge (NE corner of San Carlos and 5th). We don't know anyone who thinks that this out-of-date motel should not be remodeled. However, the proposed plan would be one of the largest projects in Carmel in many years. Its mass and bulk alone should trigger an in-depth study of its potential effect on the surrounding neighborhood.

**Cheers** to all those fortunate enough to live in Carmel! Yet another study, this one from Drexel University in Philadelphia, finds that "Neighborhoods that provide easy opportunities for exercise and healthy eating are associated with reduced residents' risk of developing type 2 diabetes." With miles of beautiful trails and paths to walk and nearby farmers' markets available almost every day of the week, it's pretty difficult for any of us to find excuses for not eating right or exercising!

**Cheers** to the City Council members McCloud, Sharp and Talmage for recognizing the negative impact of development on Carmel's city streets. Torn-up, worn-out roads are the end result of the constant coming and going of heavy construction vehicles and machinery in our neighborhoods. At the October meeting, staff suggested that the council approve a 1% traffic impact fee on new development projects, which would have provided approximately \$175,000 annually for road repair. However, Council members Gerard Rose and Paula Hazdovac wanted it reduced to .5%. In the end, Mayor McCloud and Council members Sharp and Talmage voted to implement a .75% fee. Rose and Hazdovac voted no.

**Cheers** to the Planning Commission for approving a new pedestrian pathway from 4th Avenue in Carmel to the Pebble Beach Gate. Anyone who has walked or run on that stretch of road knows what it's like to try to avoid being hit by a car or truck. The project, a partnership between Carmel and Pebble Beach, will now be sent to the Coastal Commission. Stay tuned for specific details on the landscaping.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Barbara Livingston

## Shop locally — *not* globally!



Barbara Livingston

I have been preaching *ad nauseam* the pleasures and benefits of shopping locally in Carmel-by-the-Sea and I thought I had this all out of my system until I heard from CRA member **Adam Moniz** in regard to my November president's message.

In that article, I mentioned being thankful for the resident-serving businesses and for the four local hangouts that we all frequent. I put that number out there as a bait to see who

might challenge my arithmetic. Adam called me on it. "So, Barbara, which four local hangouts are you writing about?" It made me think that I should look to others in the community to tell us their favorite places. Here are Adam's picks for hanging out locally.

"**Swiss Cafe's** breakfasts, simply prepared, make this a popular spot. Ask for the 'real' maple syrup, as it makes for a delightful accompaniment to an order of French toast or pancakes.

"**Katy's Place**—locals sometimes have to compete with large flocks of tourists willing to wait to get into this Mission Street hot spot, especially on the weekends. But great food keeps people coming back to Katy's time and time again. They feature the best homemade corn beef hash you will ever find. Friendly wait staff and busboys take the time to ensure locals feel extra special.

"**Village Corner** is popular with locals and tourists alike. Their patio and welcoming fire pit create the perfect outdoor breakfast or lunch. Be sure to mention you are a local, as it will get you 15% off your bill.

"**Friar Tuck's**—**Greg Cellitti** makes the best hamburger in Carmel, that is all we can say.

**Jack London's**—best French fries in Carmel (the secret is the fries are fresh, as opposed to frozen).

"**Carmel Belle**—Locals have recognized Carmel Belle as something special, despite it being a relative newcomer to the village. While its 'order at the counter' service and food-court-style location invokes a different ambiance from most spots, little touches such as colored wooden spoons identifying table locations create an enjoyable experience. Their Pullman bread is especially good, as is their wide selection of cheese. (According to informant **Ken Talmage**, **Monte Miller** has sampled everything on the menu at Belles.)

"**Cottage Restaurant**—This venerable Carmel institution near **Cypress Inn** remains a popular spot."

**Melissa Burnett** writes — "When I'm shopping for a gift that is quintessentially Carmel, I go straight to the **Carmel Bay Company**. They have a fantastic selection of objects with a natural and beachy vibe.

"The jewelry at **Conway of Asia** has great character and worldliness, and is a far-better alternative to custom luggage tags!

"If I'm looking to add a little zing to the wardrobe of my husband or one of my brothers, I go straight to **The Club**. Their clothes have a classic sensibility with a modern twist, and the customer service there is amazing."

Fifth District County Supervisor **Dave Potter** and his wife **Janine** like to shop at **Bruno's** for groceries, **Villeroy and Boch** for gifts and at **Thinker Toys** for gifts for their young friends.

Carmel Councilman **Ken Talmage**, who lives right downtown, offers three suggestions: "The **Cheese Shop** in the Plaza. If **Kent** isn't there, ask one of the two **Brians** for a piece of Roaring 40's blue cheese from Australia. Its delicious!

"**Carmel Drug** is convenient for filling and delivering prescriptions. **Dave**, the pharmacist, is quick, professional and a delight to talk with. **Ross**, **Ted** and **Aaron** will help you find whatever you need, including the Sunday *New York Times*.

"And for unique and reasonable gifts, see **Thompson Lange** at **Homescapes**. The store has new inventory arriving almost every week. It's full of treasures."

And finally, **Bob Kohn** likes **Nystrom Automotive Services** at the **Carmel Shell Station** for gas and servicing. (**Eric Nystrom** even provides a ride home and back to the station.)

**Perspectacles** for reading glasses and—Bob's new favorite, **Basil's** for lunch.

So why do I think it is important to support our local businesses? Because that is our tax base. Taxes from our hotels and businesses support our way of life; they support us in the style to which we have become accustomed. This was all brought home when I received a letter from my (and many other CRA members') gym at Rancho announcing they were closing due to problems in the economy. The last paragraph is worth quoting: "Given the state of our local economy, we would ask that you continue to search out and shop your local grocer, cafe, restaurant, shop and tradesman. The very thing that brings tourists to our quaint community is in dire need of our support. We hope that you will please make all efforts to shop locally when at all possible."

We *can* help our village sustain itself. Let our New Year's resolution be to shop locally—not globally.



## It's time for Citizen of the Year nominations

The Citizen of the Year award ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, March 14, 3 p.m., at the Carmel Woman's Club. According to event chairs **Donna** and **David Berger**, in addition to the thrill of finding out who has been selected Citizen of the Year, there will be great food and wine provided by **Michael Jones** of *A Moveable Feast* and cake provided by **Magdy Ibrahim** of *Pâtisserie Boissiere*. Former Sunset Center Director **Brian Donoghue** will announce the winner and present the CRA award.

To nominate a worthy candidate for Citizen of the Year 2009, send a letter listing the person's experience and qualifications—how this person has contributed to and enhanced the quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea—to *Citizen of the Year Committee, Box 13, Carmel 93921*. All nominees, either resident or business community members, must live in Carmel or its sphere of influence. Neither nominators nor nominees need to be members of CRA. Nominations must be received by February 20.

## Carmel AT&T Shuttle

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce and Carmel Innkeepers Association will once again run shuttle buses from Carmel to the AT&T Pro-Am Golf Tournament. Buses will operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and from 6 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Thursday through Sunday (Feb. 11-14). Buses leave from in front of Carmel Plaza and go to a drop-off point in Pebble Beach near the Equestrian Center.

A \$15 daily pass allows unlimited rides.

Golf tournament tickets can be purchased for \$55 (\$60 at the event) at the bus stop or at the Chamber's Visitor Center (San Carlos between 5th and 6th) ahead of time.

The shuttles have been very successful for the inns and Carmel businesses, transporting around 5,000 passengers each year.

For more information, call the Chamber at 624-2522 or check their web site at [www.carmelcalifornia.org](http://www.carmelcalifornia.org).

## Las Ondas, Carmel

*An open gate invites a glimpse  
of a stone house backed by  
cypress trees,  
its sloping roof of sunlit tiles  
slanting toward the glossy leaves  
of red camellias swaying now  
in the early afternoon sea breeze.*

by Laura Christopher Newark



Mark d'Oliveira, left, and Adam Moniz had fun at the November beach cleanup talking about their shared Portuguese heritage as well as being born and raised in Massachusetts. They also picked up a lot of trash!

**No Beach Clean-up in Jan. or Feb. because of weather. Next cleanup is March 27.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Local History Lecture  
Happy 100th, Forest Theater  
Mon., Jan. 25, 12 noon  
Carmel Youth Center  
(4th and Torres)**

**CRA General Meeting  
Thurs., Jan 28, 4:45 p.m.  
Vista Lobos Meeting Room  
(Torres between 3rd and 4th)**

**Glynn Wood  
"Playing Poker in Afghanistan"  
"Dines Out" at Flaherty's, 6 p.m.  
(6th Ave. between San Carlos and Dolores)  
(Details page 1)**

**City Council Meeting  
Tues., Feb. 2, 4:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

**Candidates' Forum  
Wed., Feb. 17, 7 - 9 p.m.  
Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center**

**Local History Lecture  
History of Carmel Valley in Images  
Mon., Feb. 22, 12 noon  
Carmel Youth Center  
(4th and Torres)**

**Citizen of the Year Celebration  
Sun., March 14, 3 - 5 p.m.  
Carmel Woman's Club  
(San Carlos at 9th)**

**Ongoing city meeting dates  
All held in City Council Chambers.  
Check with City Hall for updates.**

**City Council, 1st Tues., 4:30 p.m.**

**Forest and Beach Commission, 1st  
Thurs., 1:30 p.m.**

**Planning Commission, 2nd Wed.,  
4 p.m.**

**Community Activities and Cultural  
Commission, 2nd Tues., 9:30 a.m.**

**Historic Resources Board, 3rd Mon.,  
4 p.m.**

**Library Board of Trustees, 4th Wed.,  
9 a.m.**

*Please see the CRA's website for the  
year's schedule of meetings and events.*

[www.carmelresidents.org](http://www.carmelresidents.org)

*Council meeting broadcast Sunday after  
meeting, 8 a.m. - noon, Channel 26.*

## Monta Potter—booster-in-chief of the Carmel Chamber

*It's just a short climb up the steps to the Chamber offices on San Carlos. Ms. Potter is waiting for us. This is an attractive woman with an impressive background in leading and energizing and inspiring people and organizations. She has served in her current position for six years. We found her open and candid.*

*Good morning. Here's the first question that any interviewer would be compelled to ask of someone in your position. Are you ready?*

I'm ready.

*How's business?*

This is not an easy time. We have merchants who have been in business in Carmel for twenty five to forty years. Some are, surprisingly, thriving; others are struggling. It's not predictable—not now. Not in the near future.

*We know that our visitors are not coming in the numbers of the past and that has to affect local businesses. But what about our residents? Are merchants finding support from our local citizens?*

Yes, we always find local support and we feel especially good about that. I have to say that we also appreciate the positive input from the Carmel Residents Association. In every issue there is mention of local business.

*Is there more you'd like to see the city do to support local businesses? What would you like to see; what would be helpful in your opinion?*

We're always in touch with city offices. We welcome dialogue. The Chamber asks our merchants what their concerns are and we bring these issues to City Hall. There is, for example, some concern relevant to signage. We're in consultation with the city on that. I believe our concerns will be listened to and solutions will be found.

*"Over the hill" is a euphemism for Carmel Rancho, the Barnyard, the Crossroads, Del Monte Center. Can a Carmel resident meet her/his needs from village shops? Let's see—food, laundry, hardware, clothes (excluding high end fashion), books, drugs, etc.?*

This is not Costco. However, for the

most part, a definite 'yes.' We publish a *Visitor Guide* for our guests, of course. This is a comprehensive listing of shops, restaurants, inns, cultural venues, etc. At the same time we have just



Monta Potter is Chief Executive Officer of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.

this month published a *Resident Guide*, which will be mailed to every resident in Carmel-by-the-Sea. By the way, the *Visitor Guide* (125,000 copies printed) is circulated worldwide.

*Aside from the beautiful beach, the lush forests, the climate, the well publicized culture and the mystique of Carmel-by-the-Sea, what brings the visitors here? That is, besides the celebrity of a former mayor?*

The beauty. This is a walkable, small village. We offer the arts, music, theatre, award winning restaurants, and, let's not forget perhaps the most important element, the townsfolk. We are a friendly place to visit.

*We've all seen the shuttered shop windows*

*throughout the village. Of course this is happening all over the country; the world for that matter. Can local business, through the Chamber, dare to hope for a recovery in the coming year?*

I can only say, we all hope so.

*And in your opinion, what can local business do to encourage local shopping? Discounts? Special sale days?*

At the Chamber we encourage good, old fashioned customer service. You've heard it before many times. But I can tell you that those businesses that practice it, are doing quite well. I think that says a lot.

*Many locals have taken advantage of special restaurant prices—prix fixe dinners, etc. We understand that program has been successful. Is that a possible template for local businesses in general?*

The Chamber doesn't dictate, we suggest. After all, we have a large membership. All of the inns, for instance, where we book at least 500 rooms a year for these businesses. Half of the local shops are members of the Chamber. We wish we had more.

*Now, about you. How do you like your job?*

I'm happy to say I really like my job. What could be bad about walking around Carmel every day?

*We're just guessing, but surely one of your priorities is to exude optimism—the role of cheerleader comes to mind.*

Yes, I have to do just that. But it's real—I am optimistic.

*Please know that the Carmel Residents Association is entirely supportive of our local businesses. We send all good and positive thoughts for this year and beyond to our merchants through you and the offices of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce.*

by Tom Parks

[Tom is a CRA Board member and a well-known writer, actor and producer.]

## California State Library honors the late J.S. Holliday

On November 15, a contingent of Carmel Area residents rode a chartered bus to the California State Library in Sacramento to honor their friend, the late J.S. “Jim” Holliday. The occasion was the unveiling of a heroic bronze bust of Jim, sculpted by his widow, Belinda Vidor Holliday and the dedication of the *J.S. Holliday Rare Book Room*. The group joined many others from Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay area to pay tribute to this man of letters who wrote so movingly of the California Gold Rush in his two definitive books on the subject—*The World Rushed In* and *Rush to Riches*.

The program at the State Library consisted of a talk by Dr. Kevin Starr, professor at USC and former head of the California State Library, a reading by actor Taelen Thomas of *J.S. Holliday*—a poem by Ryland Kelley; and Timothy Holliday of New Orleans shared memories of his father. Timothy spoke movingly of his father’s relationship to his three children and of Belinda’s heroic and successful effort to capture his father’s likeness and spirit in her larger-than-life size bronze sculpture. California State Assemblyman Bill Monning and his wife, Dana Kent, were among the 100 plus invited guests, who were also able to view Jim’s papers, carefully displayed in glass cases adjacent to the J.S. Holliday Rare Book Room.



Photo by Carolyn Hardy

Belinda Vidor Holliday stands with John Hicks, one of the many who traveled to Sacramento for the California State Library festivities. Behind them is the bronze bust of Jim Holliday, which was sculpted by Belinda.

## CRA members feed the multitudes

Yes, there is a Santa!

On December 17, CRA members **Bob Condry**, **Mary Condry** (a former president), **Kathy Fredrickson** (a current board member) and **Ron Fredrickson** delivered 4,025 pounds of rice, 4,025 pounds of beans, and another 4,000+ pounds of canned goods, tortillas, cereal, peanut butter and other staples to 161 farm-worker families in Southern Monterey County. In addition, each family received a blanket, and all 276 children were given a special age-appropriate toy, complete with his or her name on the festively-wrapped gift.

This humanitarian program was started by the late **Bitten Falge**, who delivered food and clothing to farm-worker families for over 18 years. After her death in 2007, Mary and Bob Condry, realizing

that this effort was too important to be dissolved, organized a group of volunteers who continue Bitten’s tradition with monthly deliveries to four farm-worker camps around Gonzales.

Working through the **Carmel Mission**, this program has received great volunteer and financial support from members of the local community, including many CRA members. **Jane Diamond** and **Dick Laney** have both made trips to Gonzales. The **Monterey County Food Bank** provides the beans and rice at a discounted price, and **St. Theodore’s Church** in Gonzales stores the staples. Local businesses such as **Longs** (now **CVS**) give deep discounts on toys and other supplies.

If you want to help, call the Condry at 625-2855.

### Roger Fremier’s address

Longtime CRA member and former board member **Roger Fremier** suffered a stroke last October and is living in a care center (near his son) in Marin County.

If you would like to send him a card, his address is below:

*Roger Fremier  
c/o Greenbrae Care Center, Room 32B  
1220 S. Eliseo Dr.  
Greenbrae, CA 94904*

## Seen Around Town

*License plate on bright red sports car*

“NVZABL”

*Bumper Sticker*

“MY DOG IS SMARTER THAN  
YOUR HONOR STUDENT.”

We could all use some humor. If you see something funny or silly, jot it down and mail it to *CRA News*, Box 13, Carmel, CA 93921.

## Want more involvement?

CRA members interested in becoming more involved in the organization should contact Barbara Livingston, our president, who says, “We are always interested in knowing who would like to participate more in CRA activities by working on committees, planning events, serving as board members or handing out the *CRA News* at the Post Office. I don’t want to overlook anyone who has interest, energy and time to spare.”

Call Barbara at 626-1610 or e-mail her at [barbaratlivingston@earthlink.net](mailto:barbaratlivingston@earthlink.net)

[Please note the “r” after “Barbara.”]

### IN MEMORIAM

**Barbara “Bobbie” Bryan**

**Margery Meyer**

**John Thodos**



## "Dines Out" at Flaherty's

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Red or white wine will be available at \$5 per glass (tax included), plus tip.

Please send a \$29.95/person check, payable to CRA, with your entrée choice and your phone number, to arrive no later than Monday, Jan. 25, to Kathleen and Barry Swift, P.O. Box AC, Carmel, CA 93921. The price includes tax and tip.

You will be notified if you have been placed on the waiting list. If you reserve space and must cancel, please call Kathleen or Barry at 625-1426 so your place can be given to someone else.

## Playing Poker in Afghanistan

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in Beirut, he was a State Department officer in the embassy, working on cultural exchanges among other things. He has continued to closely follow events in the Middle East since that time.



In addition to being a writer, professor and speaker, Glynn Wood, who began running before it was popular, has completed many marathons with national ranking and once edited *Runners' Magazine*.

South Asia Chairman at the State Department's Foreign Policy Service Institute. Wood writes and lectures on American foreign policy, South Asian politics and the Middle East.

Glynn Wood received a BA from Louisiana State University, an MA from Stanford University and a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served as Academic Dean and Provost of the Monterey Institute for seventeen years. Previously, Prof. Wood held a faculty appointment at the American University, Washington, D.C., where he also was Dean of the School of Government and Public Administration. While in Washington, he served as

## Library Local History Lectures

Two interesting programs have been scheduled for Jan. and Feb. in the library's 2010 Local History Lecture Series—

**Jan. 25 — Happy 100th Birthday, Forest Theater!**  
12 p.m., Carmel Youth Center, 4th & Torres

Join those who have long been involved with the Forest Theater, such as Walt DeFaria, Stephen Moorer, Dale Lefler, Hamish Tyler, Keith Tyler, Carey Crockett and more, as they reminisce about Carmel's first theater.

**Feb. 22 — History of Carmel Valley in Images**  
12 p.m., Carmel Youth Center, 4th & Torres

Join Elizabeth Barratt as she traces the history of Carmel Valley through historical photographs. A long-time Carmel Valley resident, Barratt is one of the founders of the Carmel Valley Historical Society.



Magdi Ibrahim, owner of Pâtisserie Boissiere, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by CRA President Barbara Livingston at the Nov. meeting in Carpenter Hall. A long-time CRA member, Magdi donates an elegant, delicious chocolate cake each year for the Citizen of the Year Celebration. His charming and cozy Mission Street restaurant is a favorite of both local residents and visitors.

## Free trees still available

The Friends of Carmel Forest held their annual Tree Give-away in the Post Office parking lot on Jan. 9 and distributed 63 oak, Monterey Pine and Monterey Cypress trees to grateful recipients.

Although there were only two Monterey Pines remaining, Dick Dalsemer, chair of the event, says that if you missed this opportunity, the Friends will obtain a Coast Live Oak, Monterey Pine or Monterey Cypress for you. Just call Clayton Anderson at 624-3208, and he will even provide delivery service!

## The Great Weed Pull



From left, CRA board members Greg D'Ambrosio and Skip Lloyd, and members Mary Anne Lloyd and Marsha Zelous were part of a large group of volunteers who are removing non-native plants from Mission Trail Nature Preserve. With guidance from City Forester Mike Branson, this is an ongoing project which will also involve local students working for community-service credit.

## Spotlight on Members

### Former mayor honored

At its annual December lunch, former Carmel Mayor **Ken White** was honored by the Salvation Army Board of Directors for his three years of service as chair. Although stepping down from the chairmanship, Ken will remain on the board. "It was actually a roast," he said, "the first time I've been roasted—very interesting is all I can say. They had some good stuff." The roasters included Salvation Army board members, the commanding officer and the development director.

### P.S. from Nov. CRA News

In our last issue, we talked about CRA member **Susan Katz** being honored by the Alliance on Aging at its October "Celebrating Lifetime Achievement" luncheon.

What we didn't tell you is that CRA member **Jean Hontalas** was the chair of that event and participated in formulating the list of those chosen to be honored. According to Alliance on Aging (and CRA) board member **Tom Parks**, Jean is "a very dedicated and hard-working volunteer."

## OUR FAVORITE PLACES

### Cortez Shoe Repair

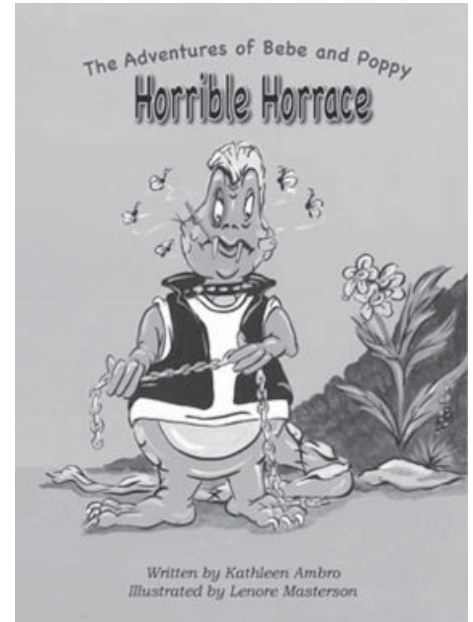
If you want to get shoes repaired, you have to leave Carmel-by-the-Sea. **Cortez Shoe Repair** is a great find—at 3785 Via Nona Marie. Owner **José Cortez** can take care of any and all of your needs. The business is located on the right side of the building north of Merrill Lynch. You can call **José** at 625-4090.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."*

THE LORAX, BY DR. SEUSS, 1971

## READABLE READS



CRA member and children's author **Kathleen Ambro** has just published *Horrible Horrace*, the second book of her *Adventures of Bebe and Poppy* series. The book can be purchased for \$16.95 by e-mailing Kay at [kambro55@mbay.net](mailto:kambro55@mbay.net) or through her web site: [www.kathleenambro.com](http://www.kathleenambro.com).

*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.*

### What is CRA all about?

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