

# CARMEL

## WOMAN'S CLUB

Winter 2015

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## CHEERS for 2015!!

*By President Robin Winfield*

As we begin the New Year, the Carmel Woman's Club moves forward in its 90th year, welcoming members and guests two Monday afternoons a month through May. Our programs are informative and entertaining, our members interesting and diverse. This spring we will feature programs from "Tango: The Obsession, The Mystery & Romance of the Dance" (Nance Hoeft & David Chiu, Dance Partners) to "Frida Kahlo" (Diana Myers-Bennett Roberts) to "Patriotic Betrayal" (Karen Paget, Author), just to name a few of the wonderful programs we have in our lineup.



I need your help maintaining our momentum as we begin a new season. There are always times when I know it would be easier to skip a program- the parking! Eek! The weather- cold or rainy(!) I can think of quite a few excuses not to bother...but what sets us apart is that we care! We make the effort!! We show up!!! And afterwards, I think we usually agree that we are sooo glad we made the decision to rally. For that I am so grateful to you!

The pending 90th birthday of the club on December 6th means planning and preparations for a momentous birthday bash! A committee is forming for this event and I am inviting anyone interested in helping with the planning to please call me at (831) 601-0725. The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea celebrates its 100th year in 2016, and there are festivities being planning for the entire year. It would be fun to have our 90th as a "kick off" event. If you have any favorite memories, photos, stories from ancestors, articles or newsletters -- anything we might display and preserve for posterity -- we would love for you to share these treasures with us. On that note, please come and share yourself with us at our meetings! – Robin



You may think the Carmel Woman's Club is all speakers and tea but we are much more than this to local charities. So while you sip your tea and listen to our fabulous programs, a portion of those fees assist charities in our community. For the first half of our fiscal year, CWC has awarded \$6,000 in grants to the following organizations:

Alliance on Aging

Blind and Visually Impaired Center

Carl Cherry Center for the Arts

Carmel Foundation

Carmel High School Girls Softball

Carmel Youth Center

Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services

Colleagues of the Arts (COTA)

Community Partnership for Youth

Franciscan Workers - Junipero Serra  
(Dorothy's Kitchen)

Kernes Adaptive Aquatics

Legal Services for Seniors

Shelter Outreach Plus

The Village Project

Voices for Children (CASA)



## Best Rental in Carmel *“Rent It Or Refer It”*

Members of the CWC after one year membership can rent our lovely facility for personal use for \$250. This is a savings of \$550. Plan your next birthday party, wedding reception, anniversary or other important event at CWC. If you know of any non-profit who is interested in a venue, REFER IT. We also rent to private parties, corporations and businesses. Contact Rental Chair Donna Jett 831-238-9081 or [Jettcarmel@gmail.com](mailto:Jettcarmel@gmail.com) for more information. See you at the Club!



# Getting To Know Your Board

**Donna Jett, Rentals Chair** – Donna joined the CWC in 2000 and is celebrating 15 years as a member. “I have served on the board for several years. I have been House VP, Program Chair and now serve as Rental Chair. When I moved to the Monterey Peninsula I attended MPC and took several Art, History and Architecture classes to learn about my new neighborhood. I worked at a private school for children with learning disabilities and was responsible for all fundraising and event planning. I live in Carmel; serve as Chair of the Community Activities and Cultural Commission. I volunteer for Pac Rep, Planned Parenthood, Serve on the Monterey Bridge Center Board, I volunteer for the AT&T and the Concours, as these spectacular events highlight our City. I welcome all new CWC members and ask them to volunteer at the many opportunities we offer. I believe CWC plays an important role in the Carmel Community.”

**Wendy Fields, Historian** – Wendy has been the photographer for Carmel Woman’s Club for the last three years. She spent 40 years working in Auto Claims for State Farm Insurance, most recently in San Jose. Wendy is from Detroit, and her job at State Farm moved her several times over the years. She retired last year, and has been busier than ever with all the fun distractions we have in the area. Wendy has been married to Steve for 23 years. Since retiring, Wendy & Steve are devoting much more time to travel. Wendy has been a delegate to the California Democratic Party for the past six years, and is a charter member of the Democratic Women of Monterey Peninsula. Wendy’s avocation is loose tea. If you’d like to share a pot or learn about the difference between oolong and green tea, make a date with Wendy. You’ll never meet anyone more passionate about that beautiful, hot beverage.

**Teresa Basham, Programs Chair** – I grew up in Chico as a only child. At age 19, I started working for United Express Airlines continued my career in Fresno as the Director of Inflight. While working for a growing airline service, I met and married the love of my life, Doug. We have two amazing daughters, Emily 24 and Madison 22. I mentioned I grew up an only child, because in 1999, I found my birth father and learned I was the oldest of 7. It was a fairy tale story that changed my life. I have been involved with Junior League, National Charity League, and now proud to part of the Carmel Women’s Club. I love to laugh, decorate, warm beaches, Mexican food and lemon drops.

**Tina Del Piero, Communications Chair** – I am a fourth generation resident of the Monterey Peninsula. My great grandfather was Honore Escolle, who emigrated from France and came to the Monterey area in 1852. Not long after his arrival, he purchased Rancho Las Manzanitas, which is what we now call the Village of Carmel-By-The-Sea, and proceeded to set up a ranching business.

Ultimately, he decided that the ranch in the forest was not that well suited for cattle grazing and, in 1888, he commissioned and recorded its subdivision with a Mr. Ducksworth, and directed that lots of 50x125 to be sold for no less than \$10. The area was originally touted as a Catholic Summer Resort.

Honore’s granddaughters, Helen and Adele settled in Carmel after WWII with their husbands, Carl “Kip” Silvey and George “Tommy” Tomlinson. Uncle Kip owned Kips Market on Ocean Ave and my dad owned Tomlinson Insurance, one of the first insurance brokers in Carmel. My father’s business was sold to Carmel Insurance a few years before his death. My uncle’s home was designed by Konigshofer and still stands on the corner of 13th and Scenic. I was born at the old Carmel Hospital, raised locally, graduated from Santa Clara University with a B.A. degree in English, and am married to Marc Del Piero, an attorney. We have two great sons, Paul and John. I reside in Pebble Beach and am the full time Director of Fund Development for the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice. I am a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) and own two private businesses in northern portion of Monterey County. I am a new member of the Carmel Woman’s Club, and currently sit on its board of directors. I also sit on the board of directors of the Monterey Civic Club and the Alliance on Aging. I am a member and past board member of the Monterey History and Art Association and a Rotarian.



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**Christina (Tina) DeMaria, Treasurer** – I was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. I moved to Monterey, CA in 1982 to live with my husband (then boyfriend) Jamey DeMaria. I've been married for 30 years and I have two children, Justin (27) and Danielle (25) and 2 four legged children (Nikki & Carrie). I have been a member of the Carmel Woman's Club since 2005. I attended University of Missouri, Columbia (1975-1976) and I will finally be completing (fingers crossed) my BA in Communications from CSUMB in May 2015. I worked as a Project Manager and Data Base Administrator for the Department of Defense (1982-1999). My husband and I own a Masonry Contracting Company in Carmel. In addition to volunteering with the Carmel Woman's Club I am also an active CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for two foster children in Monterey County. I have served as Treasurer (2005-2012 & (2014-present) and President (2012-2014).

**Jackie Craghead, Fundraising Chair** – Jackie is a well-known community volunteer. She attends the First Baptist Church in Pacific Grove, where she sings in the Sanctuary Choir. She volunteers her time for numerous non-profits including Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Colleagues of the Arts (COTA), Monterey Pops, and Carmel Women's Club. She is Past President of the Monterey Peninsula Branch of the NAACP and the Monterey Civic Club. She also volunteers for VNA & Hospice Special Events Committee, Pacific Repertory Theatre, and is a member of Monterey Bay Chapter of The Links, Inc. to name a few. The Commission on the Status of Women of Monterey County named her one of the eight outstanding women of Monterey County for 2001. She was Meals on Wheels Women Who Care "Woman of the Year" for 2010. Some of her past awards include Quota Clubs Woman of the Year and the NAACP Monterey Peninsula Branch President's Award. She works as agent for her artist husband Donald, with paintings showing at Classic Art Galleries in Carmel and Palm Desert, and Tirage Gallery in Pasadena. She is known in our community for her elegant over the top table designs for various non-profit fundraisers.

**Mary Luster, VP & Facilities Chair** – I am in charge of the house, ie; building and all its needs. My passion for the Carmel Woman's Club is the scholarship committee, which I also Chair.

It is such an amazing experience to be working with a great committee and getting to meet some wonderful women in need. My goal for this endeavor is to eventually have it self sustaining. That we would one day have an endowment that would be able to cover the scholarships in perpetuity and our fundraising could be used to help more of those in need in our community.

I have lived here on the peninsula all my life along with my husband and I am grateful to have raised my boys here, and they continue to live here with their families. I have a salon at a retirement home and am blessed by those I get to work with and on. I am a student at MPC and one day will finish my degree in Hospitality Operations, taking one class a semester it will be awhile but am starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel! I also do design, coordination and planning of events which is so fun!

**Patricia O'Keefe, Secretary** – Patricia, a native New Yorker, have lived in the Monterey Bay Area since 1989. After working in healthcare management for many years, I now spend time playing tennis, golf, and bridge.





## Sarah Lacasse, Executive Chef *Earthbound Farms*

On Monday, January 19, 2015, the Carmel Woman's Club welcomed Sarah Lacasse, Executive Chef from Earthbound Farms. This is Sarah's second visit with us and she was warmly welcomed back. She prepared a full meal in front of club members and guests. Her first demonstration was preparing marinade for chicken, and then baking it. While the marinated chicken was baking, she made ratatouille in front of the group. She then showed us how to make spiced butternut squash soup. Along the way, Sarah shared tips and chef's secrets for grating nutmeg and ginger, peeling and chopping butternut squash and how to make delicious marinade. She demonstrated how to make the perfect dinner in little time. We invited the guests to the Woman's Club to sample each of her courses. She then distributed the recipe for each of the delicious dishes she prepared. It was a reminder to us locals how lucky we are to have Earthbound Farms in our neighborhood. *–Wendy Fields*

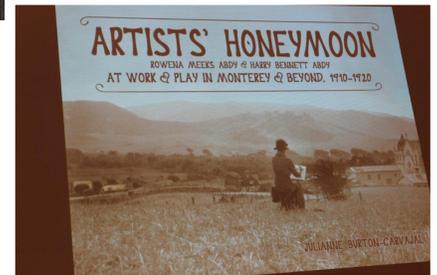


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## Julianne Burton-Carvajal *Author*

On Monday, February 2, 2015, local author Julianne Burton-Carvajal was our guest at Carmel Woman's Club. She shared the story behind her new book, *Artists' Honeymoon Rowena Meeks Abdy & Harry Bennett Abdy at Work & Play in Monterey & Beyond, 1910-1920*. She told us about her discovery of 570 photo negatives from the early 20th century that had not been previously developed and are new photos to local historians.

The main focus of her book and of these photos is a young married couple who moved from San Francisco to Monterey Peninsula in 1910. Julianne told us how the photos were found, how she researched the story, and of the challenges and expense of proofing, editing and publishing. She presented a slide show of some of these rare and heretofore unseen photographs. She made her book available for purchase. The presentation and the book are rare treats for locals interested in the history of our little peninsula. *–Wendy Fields*



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## *Condolences*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

- Jackie and Donald Craghead lost her eldest daughter, Felicia
- Joan and Terry McHenry lost their daughter, Colleen

Both girls had battled long term life threatening illnesses. If you know of any members or their family that have had a recent death please notify the club so we can honor their memory here.

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# Future Programs And Special Events

2:00 – 4:00 PM Speaker & Tea  
\$10 for Non-members

## Monday, February 16

*“Street of the Sardine” “Yesterdays Shore, Tomorrows Morning”*  
Eva Lothar

## Monday, March 2

*“Frida Kahlo”*  
Diana Myers-Bennett Roberts

## Monday, March 9

(Evening event 5:30 PM)

*“Patriotic Betrayal” Karen Paget, Author “Valley of Ashes”*  
Cornelice Read, Author

## Monday, March 16

*“Tango: The Obsession, The Mystery & Romance of the Dance”*  
Nance Hoeft & David Chiu, Dance Partners

## Monday, April 6

*“April Showers Paint Spring Flowers”*  
Tina Marie Bowsby, Artist

## Monday, April 20

*“The Bounty of the County”*  
Tonya Antle

## Monday, May 4

(11:30 AM)

*“Roaring 20s Fashion Show & Luncheon”*

## Monday, May 18

*“Viva La Diva”*  
Valerie Lumley, Soprano “Monterey’s Nightingale”

## Monday, June 1

*“Annual Meeting & Lovely Luncheon”*  
(Speakers may change without notice)

*Why not become a member? Call Linda Hanel @ 624-2866 and join today!*



Carmel Woman's Club  
P.O. Box 2674  
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## Historical Background for our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*Compiled by Donna Jett*

On December 6, 1925, 54 Carmel Women met at the Pine Inn and signed their names as Charter Members of the Carmel Woman's Club. Six Sections or groups were formed, Book, the Forum, Music, Garden, Current Events and Art, each section met two times a month.

After the Carmel Music Society and the Carmel Art Association were organized the Club dropped the Music and Art Sections. A Bridge Section was later formed.

In 1941 enough money was raised to buy an ambulance for the British Relief Fund.

We all bought war bonds and a sewing group was formed which assisted the Red Cross.

Tools were bought and donated to the Girl Scouts for their Victor Garden

The Girl Scout House located at Lincoln & 4th St. was our home in 1941 we cleaned, painted, and put in and maintained a garden.

In 1946 we had 250 members and they proposed building a permanent home. CWC obtained gifts from the members and the community and we purchased two lots on the corner of San Carlos and Ninth.

A building fund was established.

Architect Thomas S. Elston drew the plans and the Stolte Co was the builder at a cost of \$31,000. We opened the building to the first meeting in January 1949. The mortgage was paid off in nine years. Three Hundred members and guests attended the celebration.

We are the second oldest organization in Carmel. We are members of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and the Community Foundation of Monterey.