

Spring 2020

CARMEL

WOMAN'S CLUB



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As I write this column, I reflect on how wonderful our members are and how inclusive and loving our Carmel Woman's Club is to our community. We started 2020 off with welcoming wonderful speakers and lively discussions amongst our membership at the teas. Suddenly, we were faced with a pandemic and the decision to close down our regular teas, events, and rentals. In an abundance of caution for the health of our club members and speakers- the CWC Executive Board decided to cancel the rest of the March teas. Shortly after with the approval of the full Board of Directors, we decided to close off the rest of the year and reopen in October with a wonderful fall luncheon. We are continuing to financially support our scholarship recipients and our staff. My thanks goes out to all of you for answering our request to donate to shut-in seniors through Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula. They are hard at work providing meals for the whole county.

This was a difficult decision, and we are deeply disappointed that the teas, Fashion Show, and 4th of July will not be taking place at their usual time and venues this year. The safety of our membership must come first. We have also suspended the renting of our facility until late summer (and possibly longer) to protect a safe environment for our members to return to in the fall. With the rapid and uncertain evolution of the coronavirus situation, we felt putting you in a situation where you might feel uncomfortable was a risk we weren't willing to take. Though we are hopeful that the passage of another month or two will see tremendous improvements in the local statistics and a loosening of "stay at home" restrictions, we do not anticipate the situation improving in time to convene before our summer hiatus.

It is important to remember that we are still here for you and you are here for each other. Please utilize our directory and call your friends and neighbors. Check in on each other or create a Zoom call to see each other's faces. If you need resources, please use Monterey County's 211 or call me on my cell phone listed in the directory. I am still working at the VNA & Hospice and may be able to help you.

PLEASE remember to "shelter in place" as much as possible and when you do go out, wear a mask and gloves. If you need these items, please contact me and I will see where we can get them for you. Shop for groceries early in the morning before the midday rush, attend your faith's services online, walk around your neighborhood safely or putt around your garden for exercise. If you find yourself anxious or depressed reach out to a family member, friend or talk to a professional on 211. The whole world is experiencing this pandemic, you are not alone and if we all do our part, ***we will get through this.***



I have a special request of you currently. We would like to put out a newsletter with all your pictures and quotes of what you did while sheltering in place in our September issue. Please use your phone, take pictures, add a note and send them to Robin Winfield at Robinwinfield@hotmail.com before August 31st.

We are so fortunate to live in a paradise where the air is clean, the foliage beautiful, with butterflies and birds everywhere reminding me- in my early morning walks- to be so grateful to live here and to have wonderful people surrounding me. Thank you so much for being a member of our club and I extend my virtual HUG to you all!

With love and respect,
Tina Del Piero



New Year, New You

January 20, 2020

Dr. Terry Franklin, a Fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians gave an interesting and thought provoking program on preventative health care by integrating Eastern and Western philosophies. Following the program we enjoyed our afternoon tea with delicious sandwiches and desserts.



Heartfelt Valentines

February 3, 2020

On February 3rd we enjoyed one of the most wonderful programs of the year featuring internationally acclaimed opera diva Leberta Loral, accompanied by noted pianist Pauline Troia. The air was filled with favorite songs of love and romance preceded by wonderful commentary about their history and meanings. The program was truly a heartfelt valentine as was the added bonus of little boxes of chocolates given out after the performance.

As per our usual - the tea was superb with lovely tasty treats!



You Stole My Heart

Famously Funny Will Bullas

February 17, 2020

On Monday February 17th, Will Bullas introduced his latest collection “Just Add Water”. Known for his mastery of combining one-liners with his award winning artistic skills Mr. Bullas entertained the packed clubhouse with his irrepressible wit, humor and antic artistry. The tea afterwards was every bit as wonderful as our usual with lovely sandwiches and desserts!



Cooking with Joan

February 24, 2020

On Feb. 24th over 20 CWC members and friends gathered at Joan McHenry's house for a cooking demonstration and luncheon (*one of the silent auction items from the Sweet Seconds fundraiser last November*). Joan McHenry, aided by Flo Synder-Speck prepared a wonderful pumpkin seed, pecan and oat granola and the group was then given instructions for several wonderful seasoning mixes. The delightful afternoon was topped off by a most delicious luncheon in a gorgeous setting. Thank you Joan for your overwhelming generosity towards our scholarship funds!



Roxann Jacobus

“The Wildly Contentious History of California’s Two Constitutions”

Monday March 2, 2020

Former State Park Ranger and CWC member Roxann Jacobus brought to life the wildly contentious history of California’s two constitutions. With wonderful visual aids, Ms. Jacobus covered the issues legislators clashed over before ratifying the 1849 Alta California constitution at Colten Hall and the burning issues of the Golden State’s early days including slavery and women’s rights. This was a truly fascinating program and we are so fortunate to have such a knowledgeable member! There was an interesting question and answer period afterwards before our members and guests mingled enjoying tea and goodies.





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Best Rental in Carmel

“Rent It or Refer It”



UPDATE ON CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

from our Rental Chairperson Heidi Mozingo

In accordance with county and state mandates, our clubhouse is currently unavailable for rent until October. Given the fluidity of the situation we all face, we appreciate your patience if this should be extended beyond then. We are working on options for a professional, thorough cleaning of the facility, so that we do all get together again, we'll come back to enjoy a fresh, clean and safe clubhouse! Stay safe and stay well.