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## *Letter from the President*

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy Spring! The months are flying by and the Carmel Woman's Club has enjoyed several fascinating and informative programs, as well as the launch of our Centennial Celebration. Beginning with our ribbon-cutting ceremony in January (pictures on page 3), we have been celebrating each decade of our 100-year history every time we meet! Each meeting is full of fun, friendship and a little bit of Carmel Woman's Club history.

Just as past members raised funds for the purchase of an ambulance during WWII and to hire unemployed residents during the Great Depression, we are carrying on our Club's mission of service to the community by raising funds to provide scholarships to women returning to school after raising families, financial or health setbacks, or caregiving duties.

In honor of our Centennial, we have an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000 for our "Women-to-Women" Scholarship Endowed Fund and invite you to consider a sponsorship! We have sponsorship opportunities between \$500 and \$25,000, each with special benefits, and you can sponsor as an individual, as a family, a group of friends or a business. We are also offering two "members only" sponsorships at \$100 and \$200 levels. The benefits of each of the levels may be found on page 2.

While you're considering a contribution, be sure to also see the "Save-The-Date" on page 12 for more information about the big event ~ the Centennial Celebration ~ on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Lastly, our Annual Fashion Show Luncheon and Fundraiser is coming up on Monday, May 5th. This fabulous luncheon and fashion extravaganza is one of our signature events and to better accommodate our growing membership, we are moving to a larger venue~ Wedgewood Events (formerly Rancho Cañada) on Carmel Valley Road. This beautiful venue is the perfect place to enjoy an afternoon of fashion and friendship! Please see the invitation on page 9 for more information. This event always sells out, so buy your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

In this, our 100th year, we seek to honor all the women who came before us with an eye to the generations of Carmel Woman's Club members to come. Please join us in improving the lives of women through education and contributing to the legacy of our Club!

Thank you for your continued membership and support,

# Centennial Celebration

## A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DECADES

Dear Friends of the Carmel Woman's Club,

To celebrate 100 years of service the Carmel Woman's Club has set a goal of raising \$100,000 for our Scholarship Fund and will be throwing a fabulous birthday party on September 20, 2025. We invite you to join us in celebrating this milestone and help us reach our goal. Please review our Sponsorship Packages and become a Centennial Celebration sponsor today!

◆ **LEGACY SPONSOR ~ \$25,000**

VIP Experience: 40 guest tickets to the VIP Reception and the Main Event! Design your own Benefit Package to include what's important to you or your company. This level can include permanent acknowledgement or a named Scholarship. We can help you create a video, social media posts, e-blasts, etc. to express your love for the Carmel Woman's Club – customize a package to fit your vision. You will receive everything included in the \$10,000 Sponsor Level.

◆ **CENTENNIAL SPONSOR ~ \$10,000**

VIP Experience: 16 guest tickets to the VIP Reception and the main event. Logo or name on our website, 3 spotlight e-blasts, 5 dedicated social media posts, prominent signage at Centennial events, one minute looping video at both centennial events, and acknowledgement in event program.

◆ **PIONEER SPONSOR ~ \$5,000**

VIP Experience: 8 guest tickets to the VIP Reception and the main event. Logo or name on our website, 2 e-blasts, 3 dedicated social media posts, signage at Centennial events, and acknowledgement in event program.

◆ **HERITAGE SPONSOR ~ \$2,500**

VIP Experience: 4 guest tickets to the VIP Reception and the main event. Logo or name on our website, 1 e-blast, 2 dedicated social media posts, and signage at Centennial events & name listed in event program.

◆ **MILESTONE SPONSOR ~ \$1,000**

VIP Experience: 2 guest tickets to the VIP Reception and the main event. Logo or name on our website, 1 e-blast, 1 dedicated social media post, name inclusion at Centennial events & name listed in event program.

◆ **EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE ~ \$500**

1 ticket to VIP Reception and the main event. Name listed in event program.

Friends and Families Rule ~ Gather your friends or family members and join forces to sponsor a level and support our Scholarship Program. We'll create a custom name for your amazing group and you will enjoy all the benefits of the sponsorship level you choose. At the \$25,000 or the \$10,000 level, record a video explaining why you are passionate about the Carmel Woman's Club and our Scholarship Program.

We are also introducing **Special Member Packages** designed to make it easier than ever to get involved at a level that feels right for you. Not only will you enjoy the festivities of our community celebration on Saturday, Sept. 20th, but you'll also make a meaningful impact on the lives of our CWC scholarship recipients and our community.

◆ **SUPPORTER OF CWC – \$100**

- ★ **1 Celebration Ticket** (a \$10 value)
- ★ **1 Paella Ticket** (redeem for a delicious serving of paella)
- ★ **2 Drink Tickets** (wine or a non-alcoholic option) Enjoy the festive atmosphere and delicious tastes while directly supporting our scholarship program.

◆ **CHAMPION OF CWC – \$200**

- ★ **Everything in the Supporter of CWC package** (Celebration admission, paella, 2 drink tickets)
- ★ **Plus an Exclusive CWC Logo Bag** Take home our limited-edition petite market logo bag as a token of our appreciation. You'll show off your CWC pride and help us spread the word about our educational mission.

**AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [CARMELWOMANSClub.TICKETSPICE.COM/CWC](http://CARMELWOMANSClub.TICKETSPICE.COM/CWC) OR AT ALL CWC PROGRAMS.**

Thank you for standing with us, Carmel Woman's Club Centennial Committee

# Centennial Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

*January 23, 2025*  
*Centennial Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

The Carmel Chamber of Commerce honored the Carmel Woman's Club for a century of service. This celebration launched a year-long series of events, showcasing the remarkable commitment and passion that this organization and its members have demonstrated over the past hundred years. The festivities will include lively decade-themed parties and insightful presentations.



# CWC Programs in Review!

January 20, 2025

Dr. Mihai Nadin author of "Disrupter of Science"

Dr. Mihai Nadin, a world-renowned Artificial Intelligence expert, captivated us with his insights into AI's transformative power. He skillfully highlighted both its promising benefits and potential downsides, emphasizing the irreplaceable value of human creativity and the intriguing possibility of computers that can innovate and even "dream."



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS EVENTS

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| April 7, 2025  | "Hastily Formed Networks". Brian Steckler will talk about what it is like to quickly bring critical broadband internet connectivity to ground zero for early responders, victims, and survivors after a mega-disaster.                |
| April 16, 2025 | Author's Night 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| April 21, 2025 | "Glamorous Pebble Beach in Historical Pictures". Barbara Briggs-Anderson, curator of over 27,500 images for the Julian P. Graham Historical Photographic Collection, will share her favorite photos depicting Pebble Beach's history. |
| May 5, 2025    | CWC Fashion Show & Luncheon - Full of beautiful fashion and beautiful friends.                                                                                                                                                        |
| May 19, 2025   | 100 Year History of Carmel Woman's Club and how Woman's Clubs became popular in the 1920's & 30's - Neil Hotelling                                                                                                                    |
| June 2, 2025   | CWC Annual Meeting & Luncheon - Members Only                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sept. 20, 2025 | CWC Centennial Celebration - Experience a century of history, culture and community spirit! Save the Date!                                                                                                                            |

# CWC Programs in Review!

*February 3, 2025*

*1920's Theme ~ The Roaring 20's*

*Pearls, Pearls, Pearls! Brian Schultz from the Fresh Water Pearl Company*

The Freshwater Pearl Company is an inspiring tribute to Laurene (Coppola) Schultz, a vibrant and determined spirit who bravely battled breast cancer from 2001 until her passing in 2020. Her passion for pearls and tireless advocacy for cancer research live on through this endeavor. Each year, Laurene wrote heartfelt letters seeking funding support, and now her legacy continues with The Freshwater Pearl Company's commitment to donate over 2% of all sales to cancer research. Her story is one of hope, courage, and community support, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew her.



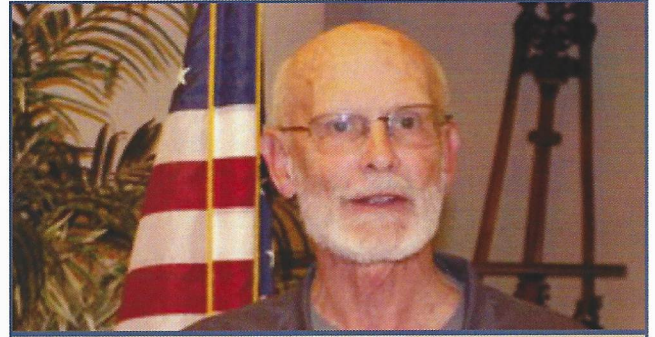
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*February 17, 2025*

*1930's Theme ~ Resilience during the Great Depression*

*Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia ~ Dr. Peter Heublein*

Dr. Peter Heublein, who was Board Certified in Neurology, provided insightful explanations about the differences between Alzheimer's and dementia. In his engaging presentation, he shared valuable knowledge about the nuances of these conditions, helping audiences distinguish between them. Attendees learned not only about the characteristics and progressions of Alzheimer's and dementia but also about the latest research and available resources. Through his expertise, Dr. Heublein equipped participants with a deeper understanding of these complex topics, empowering them with the information needed to support affected individuals and their families.

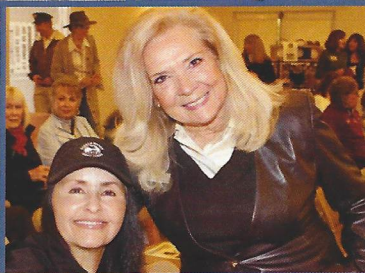
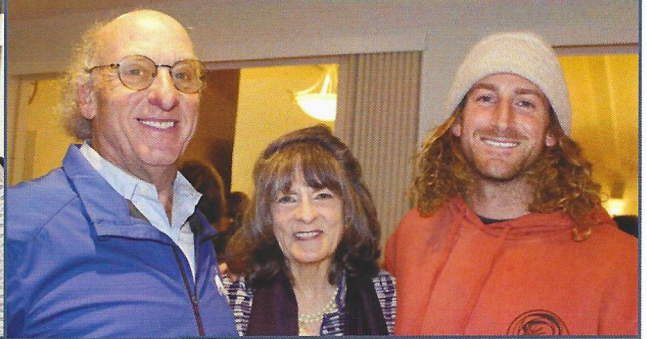


# CWC Programs in Review!

*March 3, 2025*

*1940's Theme ~ Wartime Strength and Community Ties  
Waves of Discovery: Celebrating Marine Science at Our Festival*

Mary Alice Fettis delivered an inspiring talk about the magnificent whales of Monterey Bay at the celebrated "Whalefest" event on April 12-13, 2025. This 15th Annual Whalefest was a vibrant tribute to marine life, featuring enlightening exhibits and interactive activities designed to engage families and ignite a passion for ocean conservation. Esteemed marine biologists and conservationists shared their expertise, enriching attendees' understanding of the vital roles these creatures play in our ecosystem. The highlight for many was the spellbinding whale-watching tours, offering glimpses of these majestic giants in their natural habitat, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



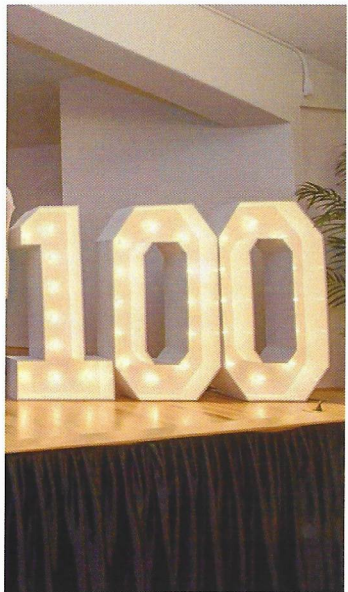
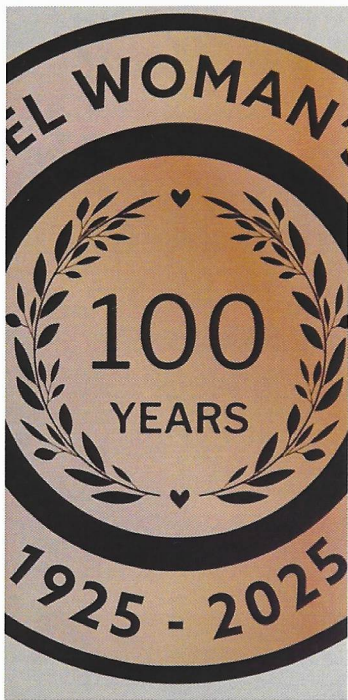
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March 17, 2025

1950s Theme ~ Education & Community Building  
Jack Galante ~ "Carmel's True Beginnings"

A family's journey through time! Jack Galante gave an engaging talk about the challenges and successes of his ancestor and founding figure, James Frank Devendorf. His family spent many years in the area growing grapes and producing superb products. In 2004, with great dedication, Jack opened the first wine tasting room in Carmel-by-the-Sea, honoring his great-grandfather and enriching the town's reputation as a top wine tasting destination in the U.S. His presentation was greatly appreciated for highlighting the resilience and pioneering spirit of the Galante family, whose fantastic wines have illuminated their historical journey and continue to nurture hopes and dreams for the future.





Carmel Woman's Club  
Proudly Presents:

# "I Am Woman"

A Musical Journey Through 100 Years Of Fashion  
Monday

May 5th, 2025

11:30 am - 2:00 pm



At Wedgewood Events

4860 Carmel Valley Road Carmel

*Tickets On Sale Now!*



Members: \$90/ ticket Non Members: \$100/ticket

**"On The Runway Girlfriend's Table"**  
8-10 Guests \$1000/Table

<https://carmelwomansclub.ticketspice.com/cwc-fs-2025>

**Proceeds benefit:**

**Meals On Wheels & CWC Scholarships**

### CWC Fashion Show & Fundraiser ~ May 5, 2025

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets \$90 (member) & \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$100 (non-member)

Additional Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken  Vegetarian Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Who do you want to sit with? (use back if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest1: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest2: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken or  Vegetarian

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Guest3: \_\_\_\_\_

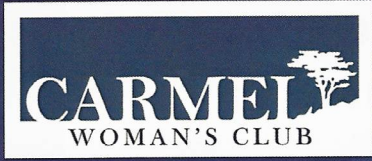
Guest4: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken or  Vegetarian

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Please make RSVP with check or CC (3%fee) info to: P.O. Box 2674, Carmel, CA 93921

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ cc# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_/ \_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_



# AUTHORS NIGHT!

*Come experience a night dedicated to the art of storytelling, connection and creativity!*

## FIRST OF A SERIES

Join us for a night where words come alive and inspire.

Featuring 12 talented, published writers of various genres.

- Evening includes :
- Panel Discussion
  - Book signing
  - Book sales
  - Refreshments

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

CARMEL WOMAN'S CLUB  
9TH & SAN CARLOS,  
CARMEL, 93921

## Buy a Bag! Buy a Mug!

Support the Club  
Mini Market Bag \$65  
Tote Bag \$85  
Centennial Mugs \$20  
Available at Events  
or call Tina DeMaria  
831-594-5506



# Board Member Biographies

## ***Robin Winfield***

### *Prolific Local Artist*

Born in St. Louis, MO., Winfield grew up surrounded by art and artists and was taught a deep appreciation of them by her parents Rodney and Betty Winfield. Before graduating from John Burroughs High School she spent half a year in Tokyo, Japan as an exchange student. Winfield then attended Smith College in Northampton, MA where she majored in Fine Art. In 1979 Winfield worked with her father on a large fabric commission. As a result she found a love of the tactile and continued with a 10 year exploration into wearable arts after moving to Wellfleet on Cape Cod. Having taken photographs since a teenager, Winfield finally found the direction she continues in today. In 1989 a photograph became a focal point on a canvas and her painting finished the story around it. Winfield loves to travel and photograph, mostly architectural subjects and makes her home with her husband Ron Baxter in Monterey CA. She has shown her work in many galleries around the country and opened her own Gallery/Studio in Carmel in 2009.



## ***Deb Atchinson***

### *Fundraising Chairperson*

Deb Atchinson was born in London, Ontario, Canada, and has called many places home, including Calgary, Alberta; Scottsdale, Arizona; Maui, Hawaii; and Mercer Island, Washington, before settling on the Monterey Peninsula. She is a wife to Steve and proud mom to Alexandra and Wil. For the past 30 years, Deb has been an active member of the community, contributing her time and energy to numerous organizations. Her volunteer journey started with the Junior League and grew to include Friends of Hospice, Carmel Youth Baseball, Monterey Peninsula Foundation, Pebble Beach Company Foundation, Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey, Gathering for Women, and more. One highlight was serving as Player Hospitality Co-Chair for the 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach—she had a front-row seat to all the excitement! Since joining Camel Woman's Club in 2018, Deb has served on the board as Fundraising Chairperson. She is currently helping to plan the club's Centennial Celebration this fall. When she's not volunteering, you'll find Deb on the tennis court, golf course, or playing pickleball. She also loves hiking, skiing, and traveling—always up for the next great adventure! Deb's passion for giving back and connecting with others continues to inspire her work with the Carmel Woman's Club.



## ***David O'Neil***

### *Communications Chairperson/ Newsletter*

David was powerfully inspired by the amazing women in his childhood, and continues honoring the guidance of the wise and successful women in his life today. With an accomplished career in Construction, Real Estate and Public Relations, David has been transferring his extensive skills full-time to the Carmel-by-the-Sea community for over four years. Whether volunteering with the Carmel PD, Meals on Wheels, Pac Rep, SPCA, Rotary, or restoring historic Carmel cottages, he lovingly shares his time, energy and resources for the benefit of the community. Now, David is channeling his passion and expertise for the benefit of the Carmel Woman's Club.



## ***Tina DeMaria***

### *Club Treasurer*

Tina DeMaria, current Treasurer and a Past President of the Carmel Woman's Club says "It was love at first sight" when she joined the club and attended her first program. "My Mother, Donna Jett and my Mother-in-Law Kathi DeMaria were both members and had been strongly suggesting I join". Since 2005 Tina has been involved in the club in almost every area. Tina with Mary Luster transformed the annual rummage sale to "Sweet Seconds" and with that success they founded the Women to Women scholarship fund. Tina was able to accomplish her goal of a college degree when she graduated from CSUMB in 2015. "I'm so excited about our Centennial this year! Our club has grown so much. Supporting our members and the entire community during the past 20 years has been pure joy for me. I've recruited all my friends and made so many new friends. Our members are generous, dynamic and really interesting". Tina is also on the Board of Monterey Sober Living for Women and Interfaith Outreach Carmel. When she's not working for our Club Tina loves snow skiing with her husband Jamey and their two grown children, traveling, spending time with her family and enjoying two dogs and one crazy black cat.





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and request to be added to our e-mailing list.



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(831) 624-2866  
www.carmelwomansclubca.org

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## 100 YEARS FOR CARMEL WOMAN'S CLUB!

### Set the Date & Get Tickets!

*Centennial Celebration*  
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DECADES

**100**

*Saturday*  
SEPT. 20, 2025  
*at 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

THE CARMEL  
WOMAN'S CLUB  
SAN CARLOS & 9TH,  
CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

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**SHORTCUTS**  
**GIVING BACK**

Carmel Woman's Club Gives Back for Over a Century

BY RENEE BRINKS

The Carmel Woman's Club is celebrating 100 years of giving back to the community with the goal of raising \$100,000 for their scholarship endowment fund this year.

Early members of the Carmel Woman's Club (CWC), established in 1925, helped name local lanes and beautify city streetscapes. These days, about 425 members continue expanding the group's social, educational and philanthropic footprint.

Club members include women (and a few men) mostly living in and around Carmel. They gather twice a month for programs by authors, artists, chefs, historians and other professionals. After each presentation, attendees chat over tea.

"Basically, it's a place to make connections, be with friends and just have a great time," says Tina DeMars, CWC treasurer.

CWC grants support nonprofits like Meals on Wheels, Carmel Foundation, the SPCA and Carmel Adaptive Aquatics. Since launching its

Women-to-Women scholarship in 2010, the organization has also awarded some \$90,600 to 80 students who returned to school later in life.

"For our centennial, our goal is to raise another \$100,000 for the scholarship endowment fund," says CWC President Heidi Mozzigo.

This year's CWC fashion show and luncheon take place on May 5. On September 20, the organization will host a public centennial celebration at its Carmel headquarters. Festivities include food, music, decade-themed costumes, and displays showcasing CWC memorabilia and a century of community impact.

"We give in small ways and big ways. There's a real ripple effect," DeMars says. For more information, call 831/624-2866 or visit [www.carmelwomansclubca.org](http://www.carmelwomansclubca.org).