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Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

As we reflect on this remarkable season at the Carmel Woman's Club, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication, creativity, and wholehearted spirit each of you has brought to our centennial year. Page after page of this newsletter shines with examples of what makes our Club so special: meaningful programs, inspired speakers, joyful celebrations, and the steady rhythm of friendship that carries us forward.

This spring and early summer were truly memorable. We learned from experts whose insights broadened our understanding of the world—from disaster response communications, to the rich photographic history of Pebble Beach, to the extraordinary evolution of women's clubs over the past century. Each program was a reminder of how curiosity, lifelong learning, and community engagement continue to define who we are.

And what a celebration we shared at the "I Am Woman" 100th Year Fashion Show—a glamorous, heartfelt tribute to a century of service and style. The energy in the room perfectly reflected the spirit of our membership: vibrant, generous, and joyous. I am so grateful to everyone who helped bring that unforgettable day to life.

Our Annual Meeting and Luncheon was yet another reminder that the true heart of the Carmel Woman's Club lies in its members. Gathering together, reconnecting, and dreaming ahead with one another reaffirmed the deep bonds and shared purpose that have sustained this Club for 100 years.

As we move forward with the exciting programs for fall—welcoming Mayor Byrne, hearing from community leaders and visionaries, gathering for Holiday Magic—I am inspired by the enthusiasm and collaboration I see all around me. None of this happens without you. Your time, your ideas, your warm spirit, and your willingness to pitch in create the magic that defines this Club.

Thank you for your remarkable contributions, for your camaraderie, and for the joy you bring to every gathering. It is my great honor to serve as your President in this historic year, and I look forward to the vibrant season ahead. Stay tuned... another newsletter is coming soon.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
Tina DeMaria, President*

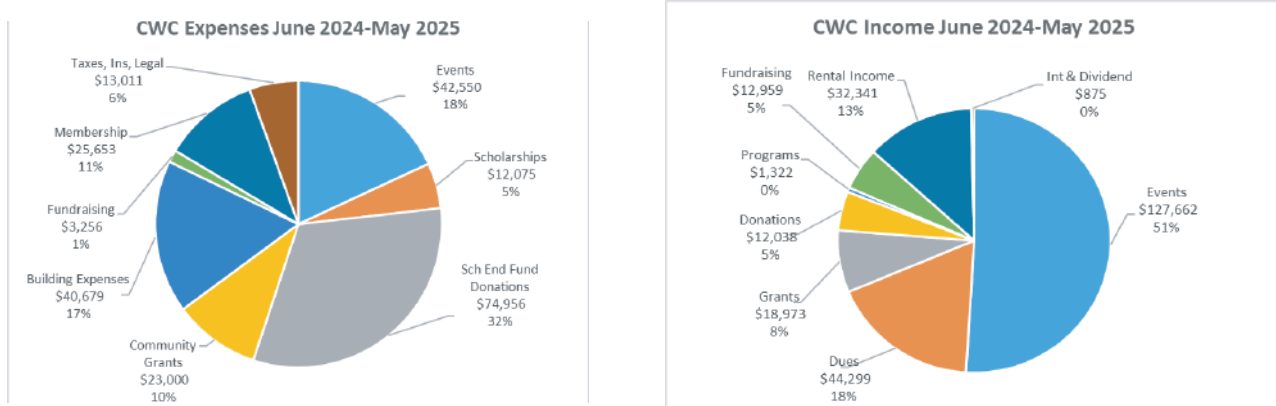
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CWC Committee Reports

2024-2025

Financial Report by Tina DeMaria - 2024-2025 was another successful fiscal year. Events raising a record \$127,652 and dues exceeding \$40,000! Our rentals and fundraising also were very successful. We donated almost \$75,000 to our Scholarship Endowment Fund and provided over \$35,000 to scholarships and grants. Thank you!!!



Membership Report by Paula Russey - With another year of record breaking membership we ended the year with 475 Members! Thank you to everyone who has supported our club and our philanthropies.

Facilities Report by Teresa Basham - The clubhouse is looking great with our newly refinished wood floors. Thank you to everyone for the support and enthusiasm!

Scholarship Committee Report by Mary Luster - The Scholarship Committee met and approved 13 scholarship grants for the 2025-2026 academic year. To date the Carmel Woman's Club has awarded 93 scholarships totalling \$108,675. We hope to continue to support these inspiring women and expand our scholarship program.

Scholarship Recipients:



UPCOMING PROGRAMS EVENTS (ALL PROGRAMS START AT 2:00PM)

January 19, 2026 – Meg Waite Clayton, NYT Bestselling Author of Typewriter Beach– in conversation with BBC Journalist & CWC member, Alison van Diggelen, author of The Love Project.

February 2, 2026 – Susan Elwood – “Driving into the Future”, Recruitment and Outreach Manager, will speak about the mission and breath of Meals on Wheels. CWC will take this time to also celebrate the life of Jackie Craighead and her dedication to spearheading this program and so much more. Wear your favorite hat in Jackie’s honor!

February 16, 2026 - Cheryl Sharp – “The Solid Self – Love Starts with You – Married or Single,” Cheryl will deliver insight, laughter, and that little nudge women often need to put themselves back on their own priority list.

February 19, 2026 – BINGO NIGHT AT THE CLUBHOUSE – Save the Date!

March 2, 2026 – Astronaut James Hansen Newman – “An Insider to Outer Space”- James Hansen Newman, current provost of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, American physicist, and former NASA astronaut who flew on four Space Shuttle missions will share his pathway to space.

CWC Programs in Review!

April 7, 2025

Disaster Relief Communications Specialist

Brian Steckler

Brian captivated the audience with his engaging presentation on Disaster Response Communications. Drawing from 40 years of experience, including two decades in the U.S. Navy as a cryptologist and communications officer, he shared compelling real-world examples and actionable insights. Now a faculty member at the Naval Postgraduate School, Brian trains future leaders in this critical field.

His passion for effective communication during disasters resonated with everyone, highlighting its crucial role in saving lives and ensuring safety. He also introduced Starlink which is transforming internet access in rural and remote areas, allowing households to stream and connect without traditional cable, fiber connections or cell towers. For questions or guidance, contact Brian Steckler at 831.402.1584 or email Brian@steckler.com.



CWC Programs in Review!

April 21, 2025

“Glamorous Pebble Beach in Historical Photos” with Barbara Briggs-Anderson

We are thrilled to express our gratitude for Barbara Briggs-Anderson’s outstanding presentation at our recent event. As the Curator of the “Julian P. Graham Historical Photographic Collection” in Pebble Beach, CA, Barbara showcased an impressive selection from her archive of over 27,500 historical images, captivating our audience with engaging stories and insights. Her passion for preserving history, combined with her warm and enthusiastic delivery, made for a truly memorable experience. It was an honor for us to sponsor this event, and we look forward to future collaborations with such a remarkable individual.



President’s Award & Honors

This year, President Heidi Mozingo had the pleasure of presenting the annual President’s Award to Deb Aitchison, in heartfelt recognition of her extraordinary dedication to the club. Deb has graciously chaired both the Annual Lobster Fest and the Craft Fair, and through her thoughtful leadership and tireless efforts, more than \$110,000 was raised in support of the Scholarship Endowment Fund. We are deeply grateful for Deb’s commitment and generosity.

President Mozingo also honored club member Annee Martin, owner of Ami Carmel, for her continued and generous support of the club through her delightful pop-up parties and McGives donations. Annee’s kindness and community spirit have made a meaningful difference, and we thank her sincerely.



CWC Programs in Review!

May 5, 2025

"I am Woman" 100th Year Celebration & Fashion Show

Chaired by Debbie Lent

What a dazzling day at the Carmel Woman's Club Fashion Show! We celebrated 100 years of fashion and service with glamorous clothes, fabulous music, and unforgettable character. Beyond the sparkle, the afternoon honored the joy of serving women in need—supporting education that helps reimagine their lives and the lives of others. Huge thanks to everyone who joined us, and to the incredible team who made it all happen—you turned history into haute couture, and purpose into pure celebration!



CWC Programs in Review!

May 19, 2025

Neal Hoteling ~ The 100 Year History of the Carmel Woman's Club

A huge thank you to Neal for bringing our history to life with such charm! He walked us through the rise of Woman's Clubs in the 1920s and shared some delightful stories about our own club—helping us understand our past a little better (with a few important corrections along the way!) and sparking ideas for an even brighter future. And yes, he even tackled the great mystery of why we spell it Woman's instead of Women's! What a fun and inspiring way to celebrate our Centennial Year.



CWC Programs in Review!

June 2, 2025



Our recent Carmel Woman's Club Membership Luncheon was a wonderful opportunity to come together, reconnect, and celebrate the friendships that make our club so special. Over a delicious lunch, we recapped the year's highlights, shared ideas, and looked ahead with excitement as we planned for the future. A particularly meaningful moment was meeting our scholarship recipients and hearing about what they are studying, their goals, and the bright paths they are pursuing—an inspiring reminder of the impact our support can have. As always, the joy of gathering with good friends made the afternoon truly memorable, proving once again that when we blend purpose with camaraderie, something beautiful always follows.





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A festive graphic for a bingo event. At the top, the text "Save the Date!" is written in a large, cursive font. Below it, "Thursday, February 19th 2pm-4pm" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. A banner reads "at the Woman's Club Clubhouse". In the center, a bingo card is displayed with the word "BINGO" at the top and numbers 7, 23, 32, 42, and 49 in the first row. The word "BINGO!" is written in large, 3D block letters. Surrounding the text are illustrations of a wine bottle, a plate of cheese, a slice of pizza, a gift box, and a glass of wine. The background is a warm, golden glow with confetti and stars.

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**Bingo, Prizes, Food,
Wine, and tons of Fun!!**

More info coming soon... Save the Date!