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Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy New Year! As we assembled this newsletter, it was such a joy to revisit the extraordinary moments we shared last fall — our Centennial Celebration, inspiring monthly programs, the Craft Fair, and our beloved Holiday Magic Luncheon. Each event reflected the heart of the Carmel Woman's Club: vibrant, generous, and deeply connected. Our membership continues to grow, and the sense of community at every gathering has been truly breathtaking.

We were honored to welcome remarkable speakers this season. Dr. Swick of Ohana offered meaningful insight into adolescent behavioral health and the vital support available to families. Mayor Dale Byrne shared a candid and informative State of the City, helping us understand the challenges ahead and the thoughtful strategies underway to address them. Tiffany DiTuillio spoke about the Blue Zones Project and regional health initiatives that are strengthening our community. And Ann Morhauser, founder of Annieglass, inspired us with her artistic journey and beautiful glass creations. Each program reminded us how fortunate we are to gather, learn, and grow together.

Our fall fundraising efforts were equally impactful. The Craft Fair raised \$5,825 and the Holiday Magic Luncheon raised an extraordinary \$15,276 for CWC Scholarships and Annual Giving. Because of your generosity, our Holiday Granting increased to \$12,000 this year, benefiting 12 local nonprofit organizations we are proud to support, including: Breast Cancer Assistance Group, Carl Cherry Center for the Arts, Carmel Youth Center, Central Coast VNA and Hospice, Chamber Music of Monterey Bay, Community Human Services, Gen Giammanco Foundation, Kernes Adaptive Aquatics, Legal Services for Seniors, Monterey Sober Living for Women, Pacific Repertory Theatre, Salvation Army

These grants are in addition to our continued support of Meals on Wheels following the Fashion Show and the scholarships we award each year. This positive impact is only possible because of you. Thank you for your enthusiasm, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our mission.

We also have exciting momentum within our committees. Membership continues to flourish under Deb A's leadership. Our new Fundraising Committee has formed to strengthen our Annual Fundraising efforts — if you would like to get more involved, please contact me at 831-594-5506. We truly need and welcome your participation. Our Reception team continues to create beautiful, welcoming gatherings at every program and Traditional Tea. Volunteers are always needed to help make these moments exceptional, and we encourage members to lend a hand to carry on this 100 year tradition of service.

We have an amazing lineup of programs and events ahead this year, and I look forward to seeing you at many of them.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,

Tina DeMaria, President

SHARE THE LOVE *Ami* CARMEL

Sip, Shop, and Support
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026
 Extended hours from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Shop to support a great cause. Your purchase makes a difference.

- 20% of all in-store sales from 10am to 8pm will be donated to this month's partner: Carmel Woman's Club
- 20% of all online sales (for 24 hours) on the day of event, will also be donated.
- Customers who shop in-store between 5 to 8 pm receive 20% off their purchases.

CARMEL WOMAN'S CLUB

RSVP Appetizers and Lady Somm curated local Monterey wines available 5-8 p.m. Space is Limited.

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Event updates, sneak peeks, and giveaways:
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CARMEL WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS
Fine Artists Showcase
PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION
 Tuesday
 April 14, 2026
 5:00 pm - 7:00pm
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
 CARMEL WOMAN'S CLUB - SAN CARLOS & 9TH CARMEL

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— Celebrating Our —
Lifetime Members
 Carmel Woman's Club • Centennial Year

As we celebrate a century of friendship, service, and community spirit, the Carmel Woman's Club proudly recognizes the remarkable members who have chosen to become *Lifetime Members*.

Deb Aitchison • Corinna Alandt • Sheila Allaire • Tonya Antle • Karen Basham • Teresa Basham • Geri Bloomer • Dale Byrne
 Patricia Carlson • Cheryl Carter • Olivia Casas • Rochelle Davis • Tina Del Piero • Tina DeMaria • Marti Diamond • Gin Donahue
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Interested in joining this distinguished group? Please contact **Deb Aitchison**, Membership Chairperson.

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

March 16, 2026 - What's Happening at CSUMB? – Dr. Vanya Quinones, President of CSUMB – Dr. Vanya Quinones, president of CSUMB, will share her career-focused learning philosophy and her dedication to creating an engaging and connected community on campus for all.

April 6, 2026 - The Art of Ikebana Floral Design - Mary Callagy will introduce the Japanese art of Ikebana followed by demonstrations by Nancy Bryson and Karen Hewitt from Ikebana International Monterey Bay Chapter.

April 14, 2026 - The Creative Series: Fine Artists Showcare. Join us for a wonderful Showcase Presentation and Discussion 5:00-7:00pm Open to the public.

April 20, 2026 - Grete Pederson ~ Carmel Bach Festival Artistic Director and Principal Conductor - Presenting “Strong Leadership and a Loving Hand.” Grete Pederson is the Carmel Bach Festival Artistic Director and Principal Conductor. Grete will share her journey from Europe to the Carmel Bach Festival stage.

May 4, 2026 - CWC Fashion Show ~ Tickets on Sale Now! See invite on the back cover for details

May 18, 2026 - Dr. Quinn Kennedy ~ Healthy Cognitive Aging - Dr. Kennedy explains and shares studies that demonstrate ways to stave off and maintain good cognitive function as we age.

Centennial Celebration

September 19, 2025

V.I.P. Celebration: "A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DECADES"

VIP guests stepped into a living time capsule as the Carmel Woman's Club marked its 100-year legacy — a century shaped by friendship, service, creativity, and community spirit. The intimate gathering offered distinguished supporters and community leaders a thoughtful preview of the centennial tribute, honoring the generations of members who helped shape local culture and connection.

Historical displays and story walls lined the space, while carefully curated period details brought the Club's remarkable history vividly to life. In a setting both elegant and reflective, guests shared memories, celebrated milestones, and paid tribute to the vision and dedication that have sustained the Club for a full century — honoring the past while looking ahead to the next chapter of service and community impact.



Centennial Celebration

September 20, 2025

Centennial Celebration: "A JOURNEY THROUGH THE DECADES"

Live music filled the air, guests danced across the decades, classic cars gleamed outside, and interactive exhibits invited everyone to step back in time — setting the tone for an unforgettable Centennial Celebration commemorating one hundred years of friendship, service, and meaningful community impact.

Members, friends, and supporters gathered for a day that honored the Club's storied past while embracing its vibrant future. Era-inspired décor transformed the venue into a lively walk through history, with each decade reflected in carefully curated details and joyful touches throughout the space. Laughter, storytelling, themed photo moments, and delicious food and refreshments kept the energy high as longtime members and first-time visitors alike joined in the celebration.



CWC Programs in Review!

October 6, 2025

“Welcome Back Program” by Dr. Susan Swick ~ Ohana

We were truly honored to welcome Dr. Swick, MD, MPH, Executive Director of Ohana, a center devoted to adolescent behavioral health in our community. She offered a thoughtful and engaging presentation, sharing valuable insight into the challenges facing teens today and the compassionate, evidence-based support Ohana provides to young people and their families. Her perspective sparked meaningful conversation and deepened our understanding of the vital role behavioral health services play in strengthening families and our broader community.



October 20, 2025

Carmel Mayor Dale Byrne

We were pleased to welcome Dale Byrne, Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea, for a thoughtful and informative State of the City program. Mayor Byrne provided a candid update on the major concerns facing our community and helped us better understand the practical steps and strategies he plans to implement to address these issues. His remarks offered clarity, direction, and a sense of momentum about how the City intends to move forward. We were grateful for his transparency and for taking the time to keep us informed and engaged in the important work ahead.



CWC Programs in Review!

November 3, 2025

Tiffany DiTuillio ~ The Blue Zone Project of Monterey County

We were pleased to welcome Tiffany DiTuillio, Executive Director of Blue Zones Project Monterey County and Chief Administrative Officer of Salinas Valley Health, for an engaging presentation at the Carmel Woman's Club. She offered valuable insight into the Blue Zones movement and local healthcare initiatives, highlighting how collaboration and community connection support healthier, longer lives. We are grateful for her leadership and commitment to meaningful, lasting impact.



November 17, 2025

Ann Morhauser ~ Founder of Annie Glass

We were honored to welcome Ann Morhauser, acclaimed glass artist and founder of Annieglass, for a truly engaging and creative presentation. Ann shared the story of her artistic journey — from early inspiration to building an internationally recognized brand — offering insight into the craftsmanship, resilience, and vision behind her work. Her reflections on entrepreneurship and artistry were both inspiring and deeply personal. Guests also enjoyed viewing samples of her beautiful glass creations, experiencing firsthand the elegance and innovation that have defined her designs. We were grateful for her generosity in sharing



CWC Programs in Review!

November 23, 2025

CWC Craft Fair Annual Artisan Event

The Carmel Woman's Club hosted its Annual Artisan Craft Fair, welcoming a vibrant gathering of local makers and community members. Guests enjoyed browsing beautifully handcrafted goods while supporting small businesses, and the event created a warm, festive atmosphere that celebrated creativity and connection.



December 8, 2025

Holiday Magic Fundraiser and Luncheon

The Carmel Woman's Club hosted its Holiday Magic Fundraiser and Luncheon on December 8, 2025, welcoming members and guests for a joyful afternoon of celebration and giving. The beautifully decorated event featured a festive luncheon, seasonal cheer, and meaningful fundraising in support of the Club's philanthropic efforts, making it a heartwarming highlight of the holiday season.both her story and her art with us.





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2026 Fashion Show

Carmel Woman's Club Presents:



Floral

The Fashion Show & Luncheon

Monday May 4th 2026 11:30 am

Wedgewood Events

Tickets On Sale Now:

<https://carmelwomansclub.ticketspice.com/cwc-fs-2026>

Carmel Woman's Club

Cordially Invites You To Our

*Fashion Show Luncheon
and Fundraiser*

Monday, May 4, 2026

11:30am - Champagne & Shopping

12:30pm - Lunch

\$95 Member \$105 Non-member

\$1200 Runway Tables (8-10 guests)

*Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels
& CWC Scholarship Fund*

Tickets available at:

<https://carmelwomansclub.ticketspice.com/cwc-fs-2026>



For Questions or Info contact Debbie Lent @ 831-402-3706
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Luncheon Location: Wedgewood Events (Formerly Rancho Canada)
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