

October 2019

## Coming Events

Celebrate Monterey's 250th anniversary at

November 6th

CVWC 2019 Big Holiday Fundraiser at Rancho Canada

December 4th

Community Foundation of Monterey County to discuss CV plan

January 8th



## CVWC October Lunch at Earthbound Farms

A beautiful, bright, sunny day found CVWC members checking out the pumpkins, squash, strawberries, carrots and heavenly delicacies lain before them in sumptuous array at the October luncheon at Earthbound Farms. Over 35 people attended, with 4 new members welcomed.

The attraction, besides the good eats and drink, was CERT member Wanda Vollmer who prepared a memorable lecture on what to do in an emergency, specifically for our neck of the woods. Her group, the Certified Monterey Community Emergency Response Team, has a mission of meeting with individual families in their homes and outlining the best ways for them to defend themselves in a disaster.

The timing was perfect, in that we Western seaboard homeowners were acknowledging the 30th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake which caught the attention of millions of people as it jostled the entire state. (And just to add a bit of macabre histrionics, our area experienced a mild shaking of our own just a few days post to the luncheon.)

She outlined her plan to an absorbed audience. "The decisions you make shouldn't be emergency-driven," she stressed. "Planning in advance is the best strategy; always



Just a small portion of Earthbound's edible landscape. Several piles of similar size abound.

have your important items at the ready." She then produced a "starter kit," explaining each item and the purpose it can serve. You can purchase the kits pre-made, she advised, and personalize them—home, car and work. She reeled off dozens of necessities and demonstrated by waving a can of water with a 50-year expiration date. She then reminded her constituents, "Don't forget your animals."

In a widespread emergency, she cautioned, *don't* count on the police. "Sometimes they can get to you, and sometimes they can't."

Wanda passed out sign up sheets deliverable to an emergency response team, and suggested that everyone learn how to perform certain tasks such as turning off water and gas. He audience was in tune and ready to respond.

The luncheon ended with several announcements from Vice Prez Renee Wagner filling in for Cynthia Rivera regarding upcoming lunches. Pat Gray addressed new monthly club meeting groups such as opera, knitting and movies, and asked for people to lead them. Kathy Kaminsky, chair of the Holiday Extravaganza, pitched an overview of desired silent auction items and asked for assistance in collecting them—a memorable start, and a new look for the CVWC!



Wanda Vollmer with Ann Cowles

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## Holiday Extravaganza

Wednesday, December 4th,  
2019

11 A.M. - 2 PM

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## *Lunch at Earthbound Farms, contd:*



(Top; left) Earthbound manager Janna Jo Williams and Les Terry; (upper near left) Jackie Lynch, Bruce Wagner; (near right) Francine Kissler and Elizabeth Blackman; (far right) Sally Voss (new) and Judy Zurlinden; (row 2, middle left) visitors Brooke and Dallas Brown; (row 3, left) group gathering; (middle) Wendy Fields, Joanne Noto, Melissa Womack; (right) Helayne Williams (new), Marilyn Clifton and Judie Riley; (row 4, left) the messenger delivers; (center) the message resonates; (right) raffle creator Kathy Kaminsky and Patti Burrows; (bottom left) Earthbound's groaning board, (center) the welcome signs; (right) raffle winner Demi Briscoe.



## *A Lunch for the History Books: Monterey's 250th Anniversary*



(Left, Laurie Huelga, City of Monterey, and (right) Ellen Martin, Executive Director of First Night Monterey)



TWO hundred and fifty years ago, Don Sebastian Vizcaino, Spanish soldier, explorer and entrepreneur, piloted his galleon into the commodious harbor in the Central Coast, to the amazement of native Americans who were members of over 200 tribes along the coastal inlets. Brooking no opposition, he named the rich landscape Monte Rey and claimed it for the Spanish Count under whose order he was sailing. The rest, as they say, is

history, and it comes alive when the CVWC presents its **November lunch Wednesday, the 6th. Hours are 11:30 to 1:30 at the Gardener Ranch in Carmel Valley.**

To facilitate the discussion, two speakers will be on hand: the first, is Laurie Huelga, Communications Manager for the City of Monterey, who is coordinating this year's series of historical ventures for the city. She will explain every detail of the entire

next season, plying you with information and inviting you to join in the excitement. The second speaker is Ellen Martin, Executive Director of First Night Monterey, the event that initiates the year's first fun-filled activity. First Night kicks off the entire celebration on New Year's Eve in downtown Monterey.

Both speakers will entertain you with historical and fun facts. Here's the bountiful buffet in store for you at the luncheon:

You'll begin with an array of four robust salads: Asian Chicken, Bay Shrimp Pasta Salad, Greek Salad with Pita Bread and Hummus, and a Grilled Vegetable Platter. Brownie Bites and Lemon Bars complete the sugar overload. The entire meal is a mere \$45 IF (and that's a biggie) you're a current member.

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### **TO DO:**

- **Contact our own Penny Wood at 624-3081, or you can e-mail her, at [pennyw45@yahoo.com](mailto:pennyw45@yahoo.com) and give her the number of people in your party. No need for a menu. Then mail your check made payable to CVWC Foundation, PO Box 407, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, or bring it with you.**

You can also reserve your space online, following a few easy steps. Sign in to this address: [www.cvwc.clubexpress.com](http://www.cvwc.clubexpress.com). Your website is now open.

While you're at it, renew your membership right now. Just include a \$40 check and keep your membership to the CVWC current. Make your reservation for the luncheon **before November 1st, and it's just \$45.**

## *Membership Renewal—Just Fill Out & Bring With You!*

### **Carmel Valley Women's Club Renewal Application**

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PUCCINI seems to be the composer of record these days, as the Met presents the scintillatingly beautiful "Madama Butterfly," Wednesday, November 13th at Century Cinemas in Del Monte Center.

Once again, patrons are invited to purchase tickets in advance at Fandango or Cinemark and select seats around H11. If you were among the initiants last month, you'll recall that seating is assigned. You and your friends will find yourselves in a group of other like-minded CVWC members.

The dinner beforehand this time will be at **California Pizza Kitchen**, also in Del Monte Center. It's a bit of a hike to the Cinema, so the dinner will begin at 4:45. Plan on moving your car closer after dinner. Be sure and make your dinner reservations with Jackie Lynch ([jackierlynch@comcast.net](mailto:jackierlynch@comcast.net)).

The opera begins at 6:30.

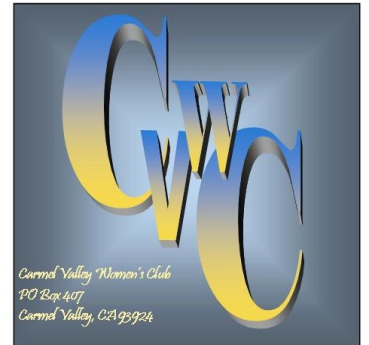
David Belasco's tragic tale which became a Broadway hit in the early 1900s, was a fixation of Italian composer Giacomo Puccini who fashioned it into the beloved opera of unrequited love. It has become a staple of operatic repertoire around the world.

Set in Japan in the early Twentieth Century., it is the story of a Naval captain, Pinkerton, who weds the young, beautiful Cio-Chio-San in a marriage of convenience while he is stationed there.

As you might imagine, things go downhill after Pinkerton vanishes, and Cio-Cio-San becomes the victim of cold-shouldered ardor.

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Upcoming: Philip Glass's "Akhnaten," Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess." Give it a try; you'll be back!



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## December's Holiday Extravaganza Approaches



*A charming committee of five is currently planning big events for the forthcoming Holiday Extravaganza. Keep your calendar open for the date.*

Committee chair, Kathy Kaminski, noted, “The holidays are fast approaching, so we all need to start planning for our annual Holiday Extravaganza. We need your help to make this one of our best fund-raising events yet. As chair of this event the planning committee and I have exciting things to offer.”

She continues, "We will have live music, wonderful holiday baskets, Christmas treasures and other great gift ideas. Our venue will be held at the former Ran-

cho Canada Clubhouse in the beautiful Palo Corona Regional Park.” **Save the date, Wednesday, December 4th**, and make a reservation for yourself and a friend.

“We do need your gently worn and forgotten treasures, wine, donations of gift cards to make this year the best it can be. You can call me at 831-298-7181 to arrange for a pickup of your donations.”

Kathy has selected a keyboard artist who will serenade the group through the entire afternoon. A silent auction only is planned this year, and that can include wines and artwork, china.

silver, glass and wooden materials. Furniture is always appreciated, along with throw rugs and linens. In the clothing department, committee members are looking for new or gently used hats, belts and scarves, along with suits and coats, gloves, and don't forget the jewelry! Whether you bring the donations separately, or bundled together, the committee will rearrange and combine for various baskets and cases.

Other committee members are Demi Briscoe, Penny Wood, June Dawson and Peggy Dickson. This is the new year's biggest fund raiser! Get onboard!

## *A Message From Our President*

Dear Members:

Following last summer's self examination, the CVWC is definitely on its way to redefining events, goals, special interests, new subjects, advertising, promotion and community presence.

Already outlined are several subjects which have found interest among all of us. The first, "A Night at the Opera," brought in nearly a dozen members and friends to a cozy dinner spot in Del Monte Center and a wild evening of the Metropolitan Opera's production of "Turandot." Our opera night was nothing short of a good time.

We started with a light dinner at Lalla's, and then a quick dash across the street to the production at the Del Monte Cinema. The music was beautiful and the

costuming was fantastic. We're all looking forward to doing it again.

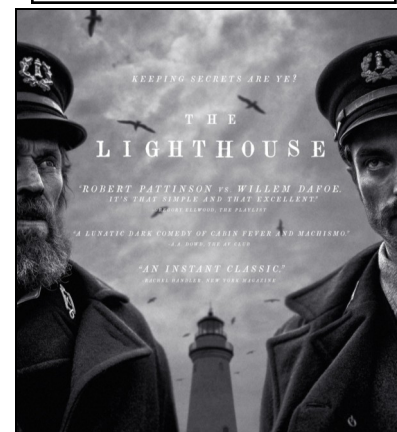
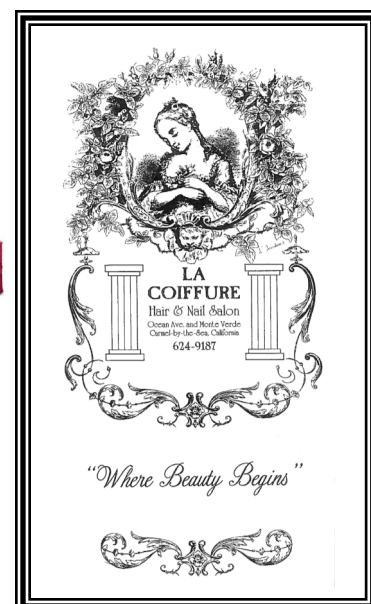
And there's more: we looking to plan a wine and bingo evening. We hope to have a sign up at the November luncheon.

This being fall, and Thanksgiving on it's way, I'm reminded of things to be thankful for. I am very thankful for the dedicated ladies who do so much to keep the club running. Planning the luncheons, doing the banking, writing the newsletter, keeping the website up-dated, planning events, scholarships, allocations, and the list goes on!

Thank you, ladies!

*Cynthia*

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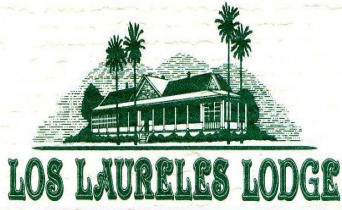


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## Lunch & Movie—New Club Start



PAT Gray has undertaken the newest venture, a regular club engagement of lunch and a movie. Pat, who has successfully piloted this idea in other clubs, suggests it as a new venture for our own organization. Once a month or once every two months, CVWC members and friends will meet in the afternoon to dine and enjoy a movie. Most likely, you'll visit Del Monte Center, but not

always. The one thing for certain, members will be meeting with members to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment—something the club board decided earlier this summer, was in short supply.

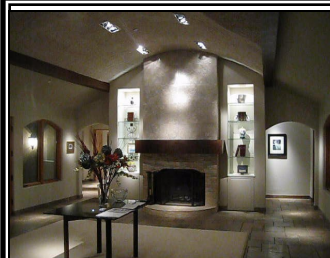
Pat offers as an opening gambit, a showing of **The Lighthouse**, Wednesday, October 30th, at Del Mote Center. Afternoon starts at 1PM with lunch at LaLaGrill, then a 2:15 movie.

Purchase tickets in advance at Fangando or Cinemanrk. Seating is assigned, so if you want to seat as a group, select a seat near G8. If you can't make lunch just come to the movie. Contact her at [pat@patgrayincolor.com](mailto:pat@patgrayincolor.com) to let her know about reservations.

## In Memoriam, Maxine Matthei



MAXINE Matthei, former CVWC member, passed away at her home in Wisconsin this past September. She and her husband moved to Carmel in 2008. She joined the CVWC in 2010, along with her daughter Kimberly Briggs. The Women's Club offers deepest sympathy to her family and will send a donation to her favorite charity in her name.

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## *Friends of Cachagua Children's Center Promote Summer Programs*

THE special programs aimed at providing summer enrichment for students in the Cachagua/Tassajara areas of Carmel Valley have made considerable progress in the past three years of its existence.

Its funding facilitator (and CVWC board member), Pat Gray, has been monitoring all the positive signs since its inception. From a first-hand account, she sees the program creating a positive influence on children in a variety of fields. This year there were sessions in science, art, yoga, sports and games. Field trips included Los Padres Dam, Hastings Reserva-



tion, Carmel Beach and Palo Corona Park.

"High school students were able to volunteer and earn community service hours," she says. "A healthy snack was provided each day and a pizza lunch was offered the last day. All of this is without charge to the families," she explained.

"Without this support these youngsters wouldn't be able to afford these enrichment activities in a close-to-home setting."

The CVWC was instrumental earlier this year in providing a grant for the summer program. Pat noted that the Pebble Beach



Foundation became involved as well, donating funds to our local YMCA so that the organization could run the two-week summer camp this year for Cachagua Children's Center. The \$1,500 received from the CVWC was added to that to purchase supplies for art and science. Your CVWC dollars at work!



## *Want to Buy an Airport? Carmel Valley Beckons You*

SPEAKING of funding, if you're interested in investing Big Time in this magnificent piece of land just east of the city of Carmel, this piece of heaven called Carmel Valley which many of us also call home, has an open air strip where many of us run, walk our dogs, picnic, store our supplies, welcome Santa (at Christmas, of course) ride our horses, and, most importantly, fight our fires and rescue our citizens, and it

has a for sale sign on it. It's been there for at least 15 years.

The only thing this strip of land doesn't have on it is an airplane. And that's because it can't legally be used for an airport any longer. Reason: too close to Tularcitos Elementary School, and in its present condition, it doesn't pass the smell test for planes.

But it offers great promise for all of the other items mentioned, plus dozens of other

potential events.

CVWC member Cynthia Hall is a member of the board of directors of the year-old Carmel Valley Save Open Space organization, established to find a means to purchase this property and turn it over to the Carmel Valley Parks District to maintain as an open public space for all to use. It served its purpose well (below), particularly for the devastating Basin fire of 2008.

The sale price is around 3 million, give or take a hundred thousand, and Cynthia says, "It's a golden opportunity to purchase it and have that as a safety net for our community. The thing is to be proactive and purchase it now." The CVSOS is now a non-profit 501 (c) (3) and the board is looking for members, hopefully some from outside Carmel Valley. If you're interested please contact Cynthia ([cynthiahall@comcast.net](mailto:cynthiahall@comcast.net)).



*Santa's annual helicopter fly in at Christmas*



*Staging at the CV Basin fire, August, 2008*



*Aerial view of the staging area with sleeping quarters*

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## *Christmas Open House and Shopping To Help Pets*

CONNIE Hong-Smith is alerting all members to the Christmas Open House Fashion Fling, lending support to all animals on the Central Coast.

The event takes place November 8th from 10 am to 5 pm at Melanie's Pebble Beach home at 22 Poppy Lane. Items for sale have been gathered by unique vendors around the

country. The theme, of course, is the holidays. Champagne and cookies will be in the glasses and on the plates.

Businesses contributing to the event will donate 20% of their sales to Snip, Mobile Spay and Neuter and Max's Helping Paws Foundation. If you're interested, please RSVP to:

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## *Who We Are*

THE Carmel Valley Women's Club is a social organization consisting of community-minded Monterey Peninsula women concerned with the welfare of Carmel Valley, the education of Carmel Valley's young women, and the individual needs of its membership.

## *Who's New?*

WELCOME to new members of the CVWC, **Marsha Kelly, Kim Jordan, Sally Voss.**

If you're interested in joining an active group of women donating time and funding to our community, email Membership Chair, Judy Zurlinden at [jbz1950@gmail.com](mailto:jbz1950@gmail.com).



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