

**JANUARY 2020**

## *Coming Events*

*Sardine Factory* **February 5th**  
Chef Burt Cutino regales you with early history

*Community Foundation for Monterey County* **March 4th**  
talks scholarships

*Raising the glass for fund raising for scholarships at LLL* **April 26**

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# CARMEL VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB

*The New Look of the new CVWC*

## *Agri-Tour Takes You into the Fields for Lunch*



*Donna Stewart (left) poses with Evan Oakes and Whiz Lindsey at Quail.*

EVAN Oakes has his following. He is president of the Ag Venture Tours, an enterprising organization that literally takes you into the country, via tour bus, foot or tractor. Want to see what it's like to work a field? You do? Really?

Evan will be happy to oblige you. He didn't say you could keep everything you harvested, but he did bring a supply of veggies and fruits along with him to prove his point.

He was speaking to a group of Carmel Valley Women's Club members and their husbands at the January luncheon at Quail Lodge. He had is audience's attention.

His message was simple: California is the leading agriculture state in the nation providing one-half of the country's fruits, nuts and vegetables. Salinas Valley itself exports nearly half a billion pounds of

fruits and vegetables to the rest of the world each year.

And that's just the beginning. The wine industry is robust, with over 4,000 wineries in California alone. (One of the oldest, Chalone, went into business in 1919, the first year of Prohibition.) The message: Evan wants *you* to see it all, in the fields, on his tour.

Evan achieved his status as agriculture and wine expert through education and experience. He graduated from UC Davis and studied agronomy to better understand the world's food problems. He changed his major to vitaculture and headed to Australia to learn more about the business.

It was there he observed wine growers who used tourists to

work the wine in the fields. The called it "agri-tourism" and it made sense to him. So he brought the idea back to Monterey and began Ag Venture Tours for Monterey County.

At the lunch, he distributed a list of 41 local commodities, from artichokes to spinach, and explained how his customized tours work: he offers half and full day tours (in the fields), wine tastings (in your home if you desire) and speaking engagements. He has also teamed up with our own Mary Chamberlain to offer Gourmet Food and Wine Tours. For more information on both, contact

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*Judy Zurlinden shows off a cauliflower.*



## *Agri-tours at CVWC Lunch, contd:*



(Top left) Bruce Wagner, Dallas and Brooke Brown; (center) Pinkie Terry and Kathy Kaminsky; (right) Wendy Fields and new member Sue Hobbs; (second row left) new member Doris Sanger and Pat Gray; (right) Ed Dickson and brother Gary Dickson and wife Kathy, Judy Tschirgi; (third row, left) Cynthia Hall, Linda Jensen, Alan Williams, Dan Reily; (right) CVWC members; (bottom row, left) Bonnie Reimann and Sandra Day; (right) Judy Colloton, Cynthia Nexis, Cecile Biery.



## Celebrated Chef Burt Cutino at CVWC Lunch



This is the illustrious chef who helped shepherd the renovation of the wharf from a fisherman's net-draped hang-out to a vibrant, downtown seaside tourist attraction. Great food and drink abound, and, as you might imagine, there is an abundance of stories, lore, traditions and people-watching to learn about.

HIS reputation precedes him: famous for his critically acclaimed Sardine Factory Restaurant; one of the founders of the now-famous Rancho Cielo chef's school; a man-about-town and major supporter of events on the Monterey Wharf since the early 1950s. And he'll share all with you on **Wednesday, February 5th, at Rio Grill in Carmel.** You won't want to miss date!

Here's what's in store for the menu: You'll begin with a sensational choice of mustard-soy marinated skirt steak with a yam gratin and sautéed green beans, OR you can tempt your appetite with a house-smoked turkey breast sandwich with bacon, guacamole and tomato chutney. Dessert is a slew of lemon tarts with citrus crema. How can your resist?

### HERE'S ALL YOU NEED 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 your entrée choice, plus the number of people in your party. Then mail your check made payable to CVWC Foundation, PO Box 407, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, or bring it with you. OR, sign up on line.

**Tickets are \$45.** And remember, no walk-ins, no exceptions. **Reservations accepted until noon Friday, January 31st!** [www.cvwc.clubexpress.com](http://www.cvwc.clubexpress.com).

You won't want to drop the ball on this one. See you the 5th.

## Lunch and a Movie

PAT Gray reminds all movie fans that the next big event is in **March at Century Cinemas in Del Monte Center. Lunch is at 1 PM; movie is at 2:15.**

A title hasn't been chosen yet, but she will let you know a week in advance, when the new selections are published. And she is a tough critic. She notes, "I pick movies spouses and significant others don't; I like nominees for golden Globes, Oscars and other winners; I check with Rotten Tomatoes;



## President's Message—A Generous Gift and An Urgent Request

AS the CVWC tackles seismic shifts in its plan and presentation for the coming years, I'm reminded of the French phrase, *plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*, translated loosely, *the more things change, the more they stay the same*.

We are the same, the same closely-knit club that has organized a successful scholarship program producing nearly half a million dollars in grants over its past 75-year history. That hasn't changed as a goal. How we do it is evolving. And in its evolution, we're discovering new inroads in how to continue our philanthropy, and at the same time, develop new programs to promote who we are in the community and attract new members.

To help us along our way, we have just been presented with an outstanding contribution from one of our members, in this case, a gift from a family foundation that will allow us to meet this year's challenge for the scholarship program, and at the same time, give us a chance to reorganize.

The gift is \$5,000, and it comes from The Terry Family Foundation. It is offered as a matching grant for us and a challenge to raise an additional \$5,000 or more to award this year's scholarship winners. This offers us the much-needed breathing room we require to keep our philanthropy

going as we develop new fund-raising activities to replace our fashion show.

**I hope we are all on board with this wonderful challenge grant!** What a beautiful, exciting opportunity to show our community and ourselves just how capable we are at reorganization and production! Climb on board as we head for new horizons.

You will learn more about this fund raising idea in these pages, but **plan on attending the fund raising April event of the CVWC to be held at Los Laureles Lodge. It will take place on Sunday, April 26th, from 1 to 4 p.m.,** and hopefully the CVWC ladies will bring their spouses and others with them. The charge is \$45.00. We'll have hors d'oeuvres, wine, music, and just a few unique auction items. A form requesting your attendance is elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'll look forward to seeing you—all of you—there, with friends, as we raise funds and a glass, and set sail for new adventures in our same/new club!

*Bonne chance,*

*Cynthia*

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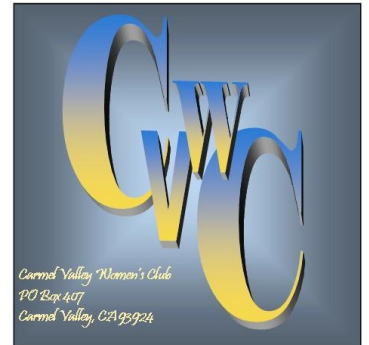
*Bingo! Newest Event in the CVWC Lineup!*

BY any stretch, the first Bingo round for the CVWC was an emboldened success. Over 40 people attended. Some regulars at the Joullian Vineyards Tasting Room in the Village joined forces with CVWC members to bring on the game. Noisy, creative and fun, described many people in the crowd. The price for all the entertainment was \$5 a card, and that included a free glass of Joullian's finest.

The second round takes place February 6th, again at Joillian Vineyards Tasting Room in the

Village. Make your reservation with Connie Hong-Smith now, as we're limited to 25 people.

. It's a great way to spend an afternoon with friends. You can always go to dinner afterwards, and Los Laureles Lodge is steadfastly nearby.



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*Community Foundation and Lunch*

MARCH luncheon speaker Christine Dawson of the Community Foundation will address the philanthropy's 75th anniversary this year. She will also discuss upcoming plans for Carmel Valley Village sites,

information we'll all want to know about. She'll offer a timeline for this year, plus a history of the celebrated Adobes.

Christine has been actively involved in the CVWC Foundation's scholarship program, helping to bring it into existence. She knows where we are right now, and can offer us pertinent advice and support.

Don't miss this important lunch, Wednesday, March 4th, at Plaza Linda in Carmel Valley Village beginning at 11:30.

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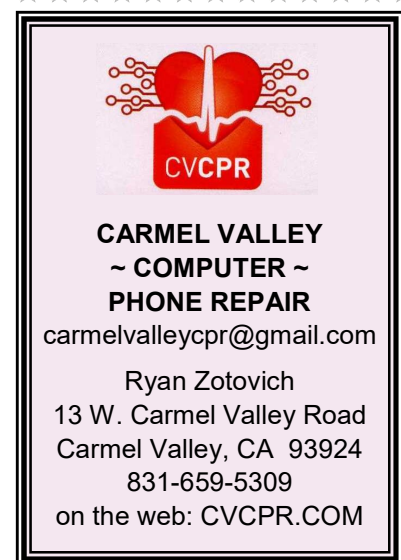
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## In Memoriam—Lois Campbell

LONG-TIME CVWC member, Lois Campbell, has passed away in her home in Moraga. Lois and her husband Ken had retired to White Oak in Carmel Valley in the early 90s. She remained a faithful member of the club even as she lived elsewhere.

Lois was profiled in this newsletter in 2008. She was much loved. A contribution in her name will be sent to the foundation of her family's choice.



## Next Met Opera: Porgy and Bess



AFTER a hiatus of 30 years, George Gershwin's lush "Porgy and Bess" has reappeared on the Metropolitan Opera stage to phenomenal critical acclaim. Audiences are transported back to Catfish Row along the Charleston waterfront for such memorable arias as "It Ain't Necessarily So," "Bess, You is

My Woman Now," "Summertime" and dozens of others, sung by bass-baritone Eric Owens and the sublime soprano Angel Blue.

It all comes to life in the live HD production **Wednesday, February 5th at Century Cinemas in Del Monte Center.** Purchase your tickets in advance from Fandango or Cinemark and select seats around H11 to be in the CVWC group.

Always a hit, dinner beforehand is at PF Chang's at Del Monte. Dinner starts at 4:45 pm, because you'll have to move your cars to make a 6:30 curtain..

Make your dinner reservations in advance with Jackie Lynch ([jackierlynch@comcast.net](mailto:jackierlynch@comcast.net)). This should be a sellout!

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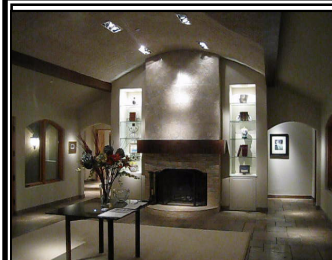


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## Profiles—Stephanie Byrne



STEPHANIE Byrne and husband Bob are soon headed for the Greek Islands, along with other Carmel Valley friends, the latest adventure involving a couple who spends a considerable amount of retirement time exploring the rest of the world.

"Where else have we been?" asks Stephanie. "Ireland, China, New Zealand, Australia, Europe, Thailand, and now Greece coming up. And Crete," she adds.

Some of this curiosity may stem from her early past. She and her sister shared a fluid childhood spent in foreign territory. Both were born in New Jersey and followed on the trail of their father, an executive with Standard Oil, who brought them to Botaga, Columbia for a two-year stint. Then back to Coral Gables, Florida, where Stephanie, by this time fluent in Spanish, graduated from high school in 1965.

Language was her goal, and so she majored in Spanish at a college in upstate New York that offered her an overseas service program challenge in her chosen field, Spanish, and a two-year commitment in Spain.

The program qualified her for an internship at Merrill Lynch. While she was at it, she also took classes at the University of Madrid majoring in art and history.

When she returned to the U.S., she began work in Manhattan, but more adventurous places beckoned. She found herself in San Francisco in 1974. "I started out at Wells Fargo in the Trust department," she says, "and I was soon appointed an administrator; I was there for eleven years."

But her real inspiration came from the real estate business, which she joined in Palo Alto. It captured her attention for 30 years. She specialized in property management and handled many real estate transactions in the Bay area. She then worked for a number of private developers and ended up at Coldwell Banker in Menlo Park.

It was there she met her future partner, a particularly tenacious claims adjuster who handled

three different insurance problems for her. "He denied all three of those claims," she notes. "But after the dust settled from the final one, Bob called me and asked if I was married. A year and a half later, we did just that; got married in an historic church in Palo Alto, where 'Herald and Maude' was filmed."

In 2011, after they both retired, the two trekked down to Carmel Valley to check out the real estate. "We saw this house in the Mid Valley area and that was it, seven years ago," says Stephanie.

The house was the subject of a book by the former owners titled *Under the Carmel Valley Sun*.

"It took them ten years to renovate that house," she continues. "This is their story. They did everything themselves, just like we do now. Bob does the outside; I'm the inside. He's the gardener."

Stephanie's husband is a mover and shaker in the Carmel Valley Garden Club, as is Stephanie. "He's in charge of the annual flower show and I do the silent auction." She's also totally committed to their lifestyle here. "We've made lots of new friends," she says, "and we wind up traveling to other places with them"

As a former horsewoman, since the age of 6, she is still active. In her past, she has shown both

horses and dogs. Her Kerry Blue Terrier took the championship in confirmation at the American Kennel Club show in 2014.

"She passed away last year," intones Stephanie. "Now I have a Bluepoint Siamese who came from a neighbor. She moved to Seattle and I volunteered to take care of the cat. I didn't know it would be permanent, but here she is."

Stephanie is also a tennis player and indulges in aerobics workouts. She joined the Carmel Valley Women's Club in 2014 and since then has participated in nearly every event. Last year, she headed up the fashion show. This coming year, she's heading up the new foundation fundraiser.

Stephanie speaks with evident pride about her sister, four years her junior, who is a photographer.

"She was Barbara Bush's personal photographer at the White House," says Stephanie. "She married a Secret Service Agent for Reagan and Clinton. She's a free lance photographer for the New York times."

Stephanie is currently rearranging her schedule for the CVWC's next big foundation fund raiser. She'll be right in the middle of it, where she belongs.

### ***The CVWC Scholarship Program Needs Your Support!***

☐ Yes! I plan to be at the fund raiser fest at Los Laureles Lodge on April 28th! Please sign me up!

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The AIWF offers events and programs for dedicated wine and food enthusiasts throughout the United States. The local Monterey Chapter would love to get you interested in joining.

You're sure to meet many locals who share your love of food, wine and adventures in dining. For more information, contact Mary Chamberlain: [AIWFMontereyBay@gmail.com](mailto:AIWFMontereyBay@gmail.com).



## *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, **Sue Hobbs and Doris Senger.**

If you're interested in joining an active group of women do-

nating time and funding to our community, email Membership Chair, Judy Zurlinden at [jbz1950@gmail.com](mailto:jbz1950@gmail.com).



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