

July—August 2021

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CARMEL VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB

Rearranging Our Lifestyles for a New Beginning

CVWC Wraps an Exciting Year with Winning Scholars for Lunch

Sign up inside for the
upcoming CVWC Sea-
son Opener at Prim's in
Carmel!

With a collective whoop, over 60 people crowd-sourced the final—and only—lunch meeting of the Carmel Valley Women's Club 2020-21 season at Los Laureles in June. CVWC members braved the balmy, sunny afternoon to celebrate the winners of the club's 72nd scholarship lunch.

To say this was a breakaway moment was to define one and a half years' worth of cloistered living bursting forth into free access to actually shake hands, hug and speak directly to one another.

The main attraction was the awarding of over \$20,000 in scholarships to nine excellent female candidates on their way to colleges and universities in the fall.

The club's foundation which had collected and allocated the gifts for the scholarship fund, was there to hand out awards.

Scholarship chair, Anne Cowles, welcomed four of the winners who were present with their families. It was a welcome sign that things were returning to normal and the Covid fear that had splintered the entire area was on its way elsewhere.

Ann Cowles headed the scholarship committee, joined by Connie Hong-Smith and Cynthia Rivera. The three interviewed over a dozen bright, young graduates, selecting nine to benefit from the CVWC

Foundation's largesse. One was a winner two years ago, when she began her pre-college studies. She reapplied with excellent grades, qualifying to finish up in marketing and management at Sonoma State.

The three others who were present told their audience of goals and interests they hoped to pursue: Emily Wooler, is headed for Oregon University to study psychology; Eden Laine is checking into Arizona State, and Samantha Scattini has signed

onto journalism, still undecided about where.

Other winners had equally lofty goals—forestry, conservation, humanities, architecture, general sciences.

They dined with family members, posed for pictures, chatted with attendees, and generally confirmed to us all of the importance of our continuing scholarship program—something the CVWC does so well, year after year.



Four of this year's winners, from left, Samantha Scattini; Eden Laine, Jenifer Solano and Emily Wooler. There were nine winners in all.

June Lunch: Meeting out the Scholarship Winners



Top left, Jackie Lynch, Judi Zaches, Demi Briscoe, Pat Grey; (center) Stephanie Byrne, Penny Wood; (near right) Cretia Butler; (far right) Anita Dunsay, Ann Cowles; (Row 2, left) Sandra Day, Joy O'Rourke, Demi Briscoe, Bonnie Reimann; (left center) winner Jenifer Solano, with mom Magdalena and dad Yununen; (Row 3, left) Cynthia Rivera, Linda McKee; (center left) Lys Fischbeck with daughter Shellie; (center right) Joyce Moffat and daughter; (far right) Linda Davey, Linda Law; (Row 4, left) Kathy Kaminski, (near left) winner Samantha Scattini and mom Julia; (near right) mom Kasey Silva with daughter, winner Eden Laine, (far right) mom Teresa Wooler and winning daughter Emily; (bottom row) Judy Tschirgi and luncheon hostess Pinkie Terry; (Far right) winsome winners.

Mary Adams Brought Local News to CVWC Lunch in March



District 7 Supervisor CVWC's first Zoom meeting
Mary Adams discusses area happenings and what's in the future, on Zoom

Computer wizard Pat Gray arranged the successful hookup. Although many had purchased lunches, the meeting was open to all, at no charge.

Mary's discussion centered on the problems facing our current pandemic situation and how we can address reentry. The time was March; Big Sur had just reopened; Monterey County was facing a huge loss of occupancy taxes; the local fires had thrown everything off course and people had been displaced from homes and shelters. Everything she discussed made sense, and scores of questions and comments followed. A great way to start our monthly programming!

MANY CVWC members, starved for local news and entertainment on a larger, more worldly scale, opened their computers, laptops and iPhones to an updated virtual luncheon in March, the first membership meeting in over a year, as we

celebrated a post pandemic event of the club, and the first of the season.

Mary Adams, Fifth District Supervisor (pictured bottom, right), had joined on Zoom to talk about what's happening and what's

about to happen in our area. Luncheon attendees, all 23 of them who had ordered a sumptuous lunch created by Jerome Viel of Jerome's Carmel Valley Market, nibbled and listened as they processed the information.

CVWC Season Opener—New Member Reception at Prim's, Carmel



Wednesday, September 8, 2021

3—5 PM

Refreshments and Entertainment

on the Patio at Prim's across from the Barnyard!

Enjoy a selection of fine wines and hors d'oeuvres from Jerome's of Carmel Valley as you snack, shop and catch up on the latest happenings!

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Join the party! Welcome in the 2021-2022 season!

CVWC Club and Foundation Meetings Set Agendas



Board members (standing, left to right) Cynthia Rivera, Pinkie Terry, Penny Wood, Kathy Kaminski, Pat Gray, Renee Wagner, Jackie Lynch. (Seated) Connie Hong-Smith, Ann Cowles, June Dawson, Stephanie Byrne.

EYES set on a new agenda, new times, new programs, new members, new ideas, the boards of club and foundation met several times over this summer working out schedules for a full season ahead.

Even though the COVID variant is still around, caution is the magic word, and masks, if necessary, will be put into service. In the meantime, the plan goes on. President Kathy Kaminski alluded to this in her

message, inviting all to participate in the upcoming favorites such as the Holiday Extravaganza and other member delights—dinners, movies, the lot. So stay tuned for more info as new plans unfold.

And don't forget to reserve for the upcoming season opener at Prims in Carmel. See you then!

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Other CVWC Prospects for Speakers This Season

PROGRAM director Renée Wagner has had a slew of potential speakers lined up for the non-existent 2020 season. She has revived several just in case we were able to begin the luncheon series again. And here are two more:

GEORGE SHILLINGER, a scientist, founder and president

of the Upwell Turtles project which explores ways to reduce threats to sea creatures, including endangered turtles, blue whales, sharks and other sea animals facing global depredation from humans and ecological changes. Dr Shillinger is based in the San Francisco area, but also works out of Monterey.

DAVID BULLARD, director and founder of Right at Home, an assisted living project that provides in-home care built around specific needs of the individual. Right at Home ser-

vices are available in the Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay areas. It also offers cognitive support. The program serves all ages.

Can you think of anything more important right now than programs like this?

Both speakers have indicated to Renée they are willing to speak at any time. The test will be how our upcoming Season Opener works out. If all goes well, we could be back in business, so show your support and attend these special, new events!

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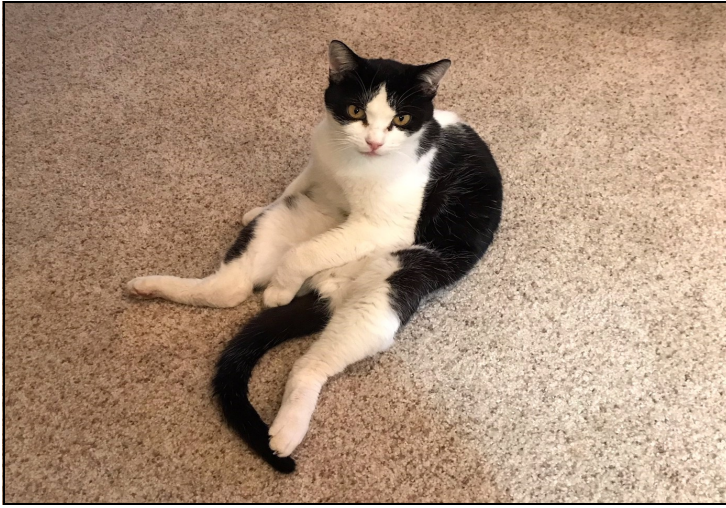
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Profiles—Cody: *The Cat's Meow*



HAVE you heard about Cody? A familiar whiskered sort. A tough, roustabout with a swagger, a take-no-unsolicited-cat-treats kinda guy, but still with a bit of the Beau Brummell personality—a true gentlecat who has achieved neighborhood class status. He resides at White Oak in Carmel Valley Village. From there, he ventures forth.

He is ageless. There is not an inch of his little black and white body that isn't in need of a scratch, a pat or a cuddle, and that keeps him on the move.

He came to this author's attention when he popped over the backyard fence into the lap of Jackie Lynch one evening around cocktail time. After a few stretches and yawns, he sat blinking on her deck, while he was rubbed, petted and fussed over. Jackie is one of his many supporters, all of whom keep an eye on him.

At that point, no one was actually sure who he really lived with, but depending on the time of day, he might be breakfasting with Jackie, taking an unplanned lunch with a neighbor down the block, or an unscheduled dinner with a friendly family across the street. Evening sleepovers were

spent with Jackie or her next door neighbors.

When Cody was missing (which occasionally happened), everyone fussed. (Cody's private life was, well, private, but there was great and continual speculation.)

A circumstance of serious concern came when the entire Village of Carmel Valley was forced to evacuate in summer 2020 due to the wildfire threat. As people packed bags and boxes, suitcases and folders carrying precious memorabilia and documents, not a thought was given to the little feline forager. Police cars cruised nearby, shooing everyone into action. Cars were loaded, police put locks on doors and everyone was hustled out.

This author and Jackie headed for comparative safety in the hills of Tierra Grande. As we were ushered out of town, neither of us thought about Cody. He was on his own.

...Until the next day, when we both exclaimed, "Where is Cody?" It's not easy outsmarting the police who don't want you back to visit. So it took a bit of planning to sneak back in via car. When we were finally appre-

hended, an officer asked what we thought we were doing. Did we know there was an evacuation? If we forgot something, didn't we know it was not within reach? We stated our mission and he said, "Animals know how to get out of the way of danger," an insipid analysis, we thought, of a critical time.

When we finally made our way back to White Oak, the streets were empty. It didn't take longer than one shout to find Cody waiting. He was thinner, dirtier, and he had lost a bit of *joie de vivre*. But he was ready to forgive and ready to join us for a repast. And although he had recovered from his abandonment, his circumstances had changed.

It turned out Cody did have a family; they did reside in White Oak; there was a relationship, no matter how strained, with this sophisticated, acclimated cat. Suddenly he sported a collar and a micro-chip, and there was a for sale sign on the property he had occasionally called home. Within less than a week, he disappeared like a fly in the mouth of a frog. Gone. Family missing.

Alerts were issued and a relative was found who explained that Cody had been "relocated" (stolen, claimed Jackie) to Arizona.

Jackie was devastated, but clear-eyed about her intention to locate her cat. The relative stayed in touch, informing Jackie that Cody's former owners had met with disaster, with one of them passing away, and the other, abandoning any interest in caring for their charge.

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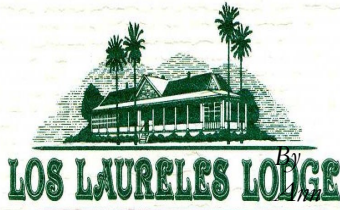
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A Message From Our President

LADIES,

It is my pleasure to be your new president for 2021-22. One of the many things I have learned from this amazing group of ladies is to appreciate all we have and to savor every day. With that in mind, I am excited to step into this role and to bring you the best ideas and plans for our coming year and beyond. We will have some of our favorite things, like our Holiday Extravaganza. And we will continue with our smaller events, like Dinner and a Movie and Wine Tasting Bingo. We also hope to have a few new ones to add to the list.

And, as always, we remain determined to raise funds annually through the CVWC Foundation to help as many deserving young women as possible earn scholarships!

We—your new board—are very interested in your input and views, so if there is anything you would like to suggest, feel free to contact me by email, designergirl@prodigy.net or my home number (831)298-7181.

I'm truly looking forward to the season ahead!

*Warm regards,
Kathy Kaminski*



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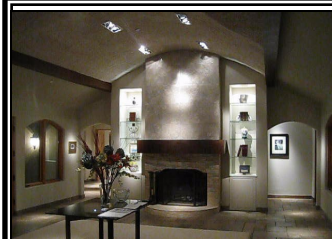


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The Life of Cody (Continued)

Cody passed hands through several homes and states and lifestyles, some involving a barage of cats and dogs and perhaps even a goldfish or two, before landing in the Southern

California home of a woman who was allergic to cats. It was then that Jackie got the call: "Come get your cat."

American Airlines assisted her in collecting the little wanderer

and she and Cody reunited near Joshua Tree. Cat carton in hand, the two of them made the trip back to Monterey and Cody took one look at her living room and knew that all was well and he was finally home, this time for good. Jackie had a small party for his friends and neighbors

who saluted his return. Champagne and cat treats were served, and the guest of honor curled up in her lap. Each day around 5 o'clock, Cody hops over the fence into Jackie's arms, as he did that day two years ago, when the two of them first discovered each other.

Membership Renewal—Just Fill Out & Send in With Your Check

Carmel Valley Women's Club Renewal Application

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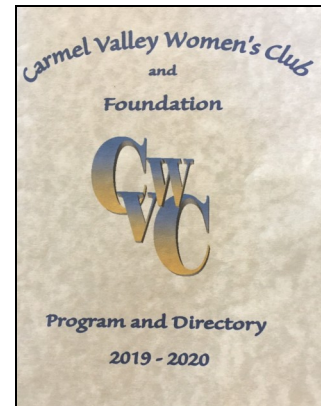


CVWC New 2021-22 Directory

PINKIE Terry says there's just a few weeks left to register for club membership, and you won't want to miss out on being published in the new 2021-2022 directory which is set to appear in your hand (as long as you pick it up at our next outing) in October.

Membership is still only \$40, and every dollar goes to pres-

entation of our various events, luncheons, printing costs, advertising and other expenses the club incurs. Your last date to register is October 15th, so don't delay. Fill out the form in this newsletter and send it in before that date. Stay up-to-date on all that's happening in our Village through your local CVWC!



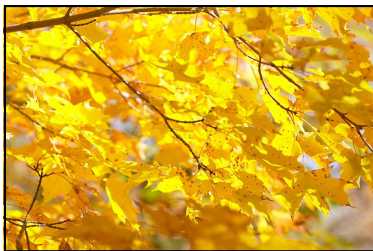
Who We Are...

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 a new member of the CVWC, **Wendy Crockett**. If you're interested in joining an active group of women donating time and

funding to our community, call Membership Chair, Kathy Kaminski, at 831-298-7181, or send an email designergirl@prodigy.net



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