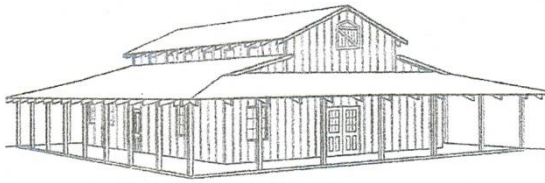


# CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



March 2010

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual General membership meeting was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 4th, at Peter Coakley's Carmel Valley Lodge. About 35 members attended and heard our President Pro Tem, Richard Barratt talk about the accomplishments the Historical Society had made during 2009, the construction of our History Center, including our fund-raising project of selling personalized floor tiles for the building and plans for the coming year.

Richard thanked Peter Coakley for the use of his Conference Center and for his work with the Mariposa History Center in obtaining several working outlines for us to use in setting up and administering our History Center.

He introduced June Plumlee, our "Saleslady Extraordinaire," who has been personally responsible for the sale of almost 30 of the floor tiles for the Center.

Richard thanked Randy Randazzo, current president of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Board, for his support of the Center and for working with the Park Board on negotiations in our common interests.

He then introduced Donna Kneeland, who is currently the grant writer for the Society.

Richard asked Reggie Jones, our Building Coordinator, to elaborate on the construction progress.

Reggie credited the contractor, Tim Scherer and his company, with an outstanding job, paying a great deal of attention to details in constructing a Center of which the Society and community can be very proud.



Reggie said the next project will be the installation of the utilities followed by the alarm system. We are still waiting for PG&E to set up their schedule for this work. He also mentioned that he attended the February 10th Park Board meeting and received approval for an easement to allow Cal-Am Water to run their water supply to our building and ultimately to our sprinkler system.

He was very pleased how well people had responded to the tile project as 251 tiles have been sold bringing in over \$36,000, and gave credit again to June Plumlee. He reminded everyone that tiles are still available and can be ordered by calling him at 659-4338.

Treasurer Art Taylor was called upon to give a summary of the Society's income and expenses for 2009. Art said as of January 1, 2009, our funds available in Certificates of Deposit at First National Bank, our account at the Community Foundation for Monterey County, and in our checking account amounted to

\$242,880.34.

He stated that not only did the tile sales bring in \$36,190.00 in 2009, but donations to our Building Fund amounted to \$39,786.50. In addition, membership dues, fund-raisers, grants, memorials, bank interest and miscellaneous receipts amounted to an additional \$16,485.61, for a total income of \$92,461.61 for the year.

Expenses for construction, insurance, cost of the tiles, phone service, office expenses, etc amounted to \$320,995.60. Our cash on hand December 31, 2009, was \$14,346.35.

He further mentioned that as of February 28, 2010, our checking account balance was \$37,688.37.

Richard asked Elizabeth Barratt, the Society's Archivist and author, to tell members about her book, "Images of America: Carmel Valley," on sale and the proceeds from book sales will go to the Society. She also would be giving a talk and slide presentation at the Carmel Valley Library on March 6th and invited everyone to come.

Maxine Callinan, our Membership Chairman and also Chairman of the Gigantic Rummage Sale said this year's Sale would be held the weekend of August 28-29, at Hidden Valley Seminars. In order for people to have more opportunity to make their donations, beginning March

6th, the History Center would be open from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the first Saturday of every month through August. She invited everyone to stop by and see the interior of the building after Elizabeth's talk. If you have donations that need to be picked, arrangements can be made then, or by calling her at 659-4925.

**MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY!**

During the meeting, Richard announced the Society has been offered the opportunity to raise a substantial sum to help complete our Center. A donation of \$25,000, has been made to us from the Linda Corr Foundation. We are embarking on an effort to double this amount by asking members to join together and help us match this generous grant. A donation in any amount will be welcomed and will be acknowledged in writing.

In the coming weeks, a special letter will be sent to all members explaining this exciting program. It will describe the ways for you to be recognized on a permanent donor plaque in the Center and how you can be a part of this great opportunity to finish the interior of our History Center. If you want more information now, please call Richard at 659-2751.

The Board of Directors was re-elected by acclamation. Richard asked if there were any comments or questions and to talk to a Board member about your concerns. He called attention to the informational albums of pictures and posters that have been put together by our Historian, Stephanie Culbert, and encouraged members to see how far we have come. Then the meeting was adjourned.



**GRANTS AND GIFTS**

Roy and Jeanelle Kaminske, who have been very generous to our Society, have given \$1,000 to our Building Fund. Susan Pius, a very loyal member, has sent us \$600 as a result of the sale of her piano. We extend our deepest thanks to them. We could not have come this far without the backing of our members.

The Family Trust of Life Member, Tom Branson, who passed away last October, has graciously donated \$10,000 to the Historical Society. Tom and his wife, Erin, have been enthusiastic supporters of the Society, donating both their time and resources to help the Society for many years. Our sincere thanks to the Branson family for this generous donation.

**RENEW NOW AND SAVE!**

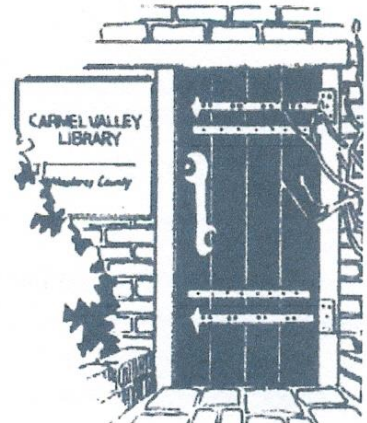
In order for our History Center to be self-sustaining, and to keep up with the general administration and maintenance, we find it necessary to raise our yearly membership dues.

Beginning June 1, 2010, the new amounts for membership will be:

Single	\$20	Family	\$25
Business	\$50	Lifetime	\$300

If you would like to avoid the increase, you may renew your membership now by calling Maxine Callinan at 659-4925, for a renewal form or by just mailing your name and dues to P.O. Box 1612, Carmel Valley, CA 93924-1612.

**NOTES FROM THE CARMEL VALLEY LIBRARY**



*The door handle on the original front door of the library is a wrench salvaged from an Alaskan canning factory by one of the Buckeye Restaurant owners. The door and its handle are stored safely in the back shed, just as other interesting tidbits of history are stored safely inside, on the shelves at your library.*

*Friends of the Carmel Valley Library*

The next First Saturdays talk will be held April 3rd, and feature Douglas Pease, CFP, discussing "Roth IRAs: To Convert or Not to Convert." The talk will begin at 10:15 AM.

*Visit your local Library and see all the new ways to make your life more exciting!*



**BUILDING NEWS**

By Reggie Jones

We continue to wait for the second work package from PG&E. We have received the Electrical package but the Gas package is still being worked. The delay is not all bad. It's helped in the ongoing interaction with the Park Board regarding an easement request we have made and also the onset of dry weather will help the trenching operations necessary for installing all the utility hook-ups. In our next newsletter we hope to report some visible progress.

**SAVING OUR**

**HISTORY**

As we move toward the opening of our History Center, we remind members that this is your Center and we want to display the artifacts of Carmel Valley with their stories. Perhaps you have a table that graced the parlor of a ranch many years ago. Is there an old tool that a grandfather used regularly to build and repair items around the house and barn? It would be a good addition to our collection. Maybe there are dishes from "the old days" that everyone remembers - we'd be happy to hear the stories about them and display them appropriately.

Also, if you know of someone who has lived in the Valley a long time and would be interested in sharing some of the stories of the early times, we'd like to interview that person on video tape to preserve their recollections. Call Maxine Callinan at 659-4925, and she will arrange a time and place to talk to them.

**"DODIE" WILLIAMS**

With sadness, we note the passing away of Dodie Williams. She and her late husband, Roger, were ardent supporters of the Historical Society and the building of the History Center. For many years they stored and protected the farm implements from the Berta Ranch and last year Dodie let us use one of her garages to store donations to the Gigantic Rummage Sale. She had graciously allowed us the use of one of her Valley Village Storage units to house the 14 glass display cabinets we acquired from the closing of K-Mart in Seaside. Roger also served on the Board of Directors. We will miss her and we send our sympathy to her family.



**REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY**

On March 1, Board members Elizabeth Barratt and June Taylor gave a talk to the Seniors Luncheon at the Carmel Valley Community Center, on the progress the Society is making toward the opening of the History Center. Elizabeth spoke about her new book and announced that equipment from the locally historic Hatten Farm will be donated to the Center. She reminded everyone that she would be giving a talk and slide presentation on the book Saturday, March 6th at the Carmel Valley Library.

June talked about the completion of the shell of the Center, the work that will be going forward soon to complete the building and the fund-raising efforts to achieve that goal. She outlined the plans for the Gigantic Rummage Sale, to be held in August at Hidden Valley Seminars. and

asked everyone to save their gently used items for this big event. She invited everyone to stop by after Elizabeth's talk to see the inside of the Center.

The Society wants to be an important part of the community, so if you belong to another local organization and would like a Board member to speak to that group about the progress of the Center or give them information on the Society, please call Richard at 659-2751.

"Images of America: Carmel Valley" are on sale through the Society. Just call Elizabeth at 659-2751, for your copy. The cost is \$23.75, tax included and Elizabeth will sign and dedicate a book to anyone you wish. Elizabeth will also be a member of the local writers' round table, a presentation of the Carmel Valley Association's Valley Voices Series, on Sunday, April 11th, at 2:00 PM, at Sanctuary Bible Church, Carmel Valley Road and Schulte Road. Everyone is invited to come and meet some of the writers we have in this area.

**TO REACH US**

If you have a story to share or an item of interest to our members, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038.

The tiles for the Center with your personal notation or to spotlight a business are still needed and can be ordered from Reggie Jones.

And don't forget to call Amanda Gates at 659-9132, to have the horseshoes of a favorite horse imbedded in the Center's Ranch section.

