

# CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## BUILDING INTERIOR PROGRESS CONTINUES

By Reggie Jones

We are in the final stages of work on the building interior, and we urge every one of you to "come and see" if you are able. Window sills and final framing of windows and exterior doors are complete. Installation of lights and electrical outlets are more than 50% complete. Heating ducts are being installed. Floor and wall tile for the bathroom has already been donated and will be installed soon.

On October 25th, AT&T hooked up our telephone line, so we can now complete our security alarm system which will be connected via telephone to local authorities. The interior doors are being purchased. By December we can expect to have a clean presentable building in which to hold a Christmas party or other events.

For all this we are in debt, literally and otherwise, to Tim Scherer and Regency Construction. We are grateful for Tim's professionalism and enthusiasm. We need to pay off our debts and finish the building. You can help. If you are thinking about charitable donations before the end of the year, we would be very appreciative if you would look to the Historical Society. Also, you may consider donating stock for tax purposes. The Society has established an account at Charles Schwab & Co. in Carmel, to receive direct transfers. If you have questions or need details, please call Art Taylor at 659-2038. We are a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible. We are so near---yet not near enough!

## GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE BRINGS OUT SHOPPERS

Hidden Valley Seminars was abuzz with activity for three days in early September. The Society was holding its annual Gigantic Rummage Sale! Over the past several months, members brought their donated sale items to the History Center or had them picked up, and Chairman Maxine Callinan and her helpers Anne Jones and June Taylor sorted and priced each one. On September 9th, 10 trucks picked up everything from the Center, moved them to Hidden Valley where about 20 trained and veteran aides worked to arrange and display everything. Many hands made light work and we were ready for shoppers bright and early the next day.

We'd like to add our special thanks to Judy King, Katie and Faye Messenger for thinking of us with their donations of many household items. And to our faithful "advisors" Susan Pius, who rounded up all our cashiers, and to Anne and Rod Mills who gave us the support and direction we needed. And "Over the Top" congratulations to Maxine Callinan who did such an outstanding job organizing the Sale, worrying about the details and coordinating everything to come together just as it was supposed to. She did a SUPER job!

Our Sale brought in \$7932.10 to our Building Fund. This includes early sales through the year. And to all those who brought in Sale items, remember, we couldn't have done it without you!

### TO ALL WHO MADE THE SALE A SUCCESS

Fred Ask	Vicki Andrews	Lance and Jennifer Boen
Beverley Brownell	Martha Campbell	Jeff Cornell
Denny Craviotta	Pat Cummings	Robin Currie
Ben Czaja	Mary Ann Dalton	David Fairhurst
Susan Francis and Husband	Mary Gale	Jenny Gronroos
Ruth Pryer Hardisty	Anne Jones	Sally Jones
Judy King	Robert Keator	Kate Kennedy
Faye Messenger	Francesca Kourmarios	Chuck McKay
Jack McKay	Ellen McGrath	Ann and Rod Mills
Michael Milaki	Konny Murray	Katie Neal
Susan Pius	Haven Roberge	Nancy Scarpetti
Patricia Taylor	Cheri Van Bilber	Paula Washington
Penny Wood	Richard Barratt	Elizabeth Barratt
Reggie Jones	Ellsworth Gregory	Stephanie Culbert
Dr. Susan Moein	Art Taylor	June Taylor

**MANY, MANY THANKS!**

## CAN YOU HELP?

Board member Elizabeth Barratt received this request by e-mail asking for assistance in locating family members. If you can help, we know Mr. Ramos would appreciate it very much:

### "Seeking contact with Borondas

I once met my father's cousin, Tim Boronda, in Carmel Valley but have since lost contact with all Borondas. (My father's mother was Guadalupe Castro. Her grandmother was Maria Refugio Boronda, the 15th child of Juana Cota and Jose Manual Boronda.) I'd like to meet relatives and share stories and pictures. The best way to contact me is via email. George Ramos. [guramos@aol.com](mailto:guramos@aol.com)"

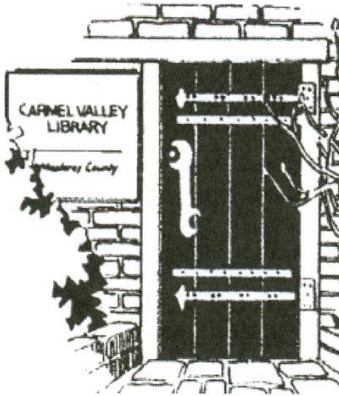
On a related note, if you know of someone who has lived in the Valley for a long time and remembers how things were "way back then," please let us know. We would like to make their stories part of the history of Carmel Valley. You can call Elizabeth Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038, and we will make arrangements for an interview so we all can share their memories.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

In early Carmel Valley, there was establishment called "The Bucket." Who owned it? Why was it called the "Bucket?" It might also have been called "The Bucket of Blood." How did that name come about? Where was it located? Let us know what you remember about it by e-mailing your answer to [jltayl@mindspring.com](mailto:jltayl@mindspring.com). We'll share your answers in the next Newsletter.

More recently, do you remember all the acorns that were simply everywhere last fall? Where are they now? Mother Nature never ceases to surprise and keep us on our toes.

## NEWS FROM THE CARMEL VALLEY LIBRARY



By Doug Pease

Join us for a very special morning of stories from old Carmel Valley, as Elizabeth Barratt, author of *Images of America: Carmel Valley*, tells tales of life in Carmel Valley for the Pioneer Borondas, on Saturday, November 5th, at 10:15am, hosted by the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library.

Elizabeth Barratt, a fourth-generation Californian, is a founding member of the Carmel Valley Historical Society. Barratt is also a Commissioner, Fifth District, on the Monterey County Historical Advisory Commission. She has served two terms as Recording Secretary of the Commodore Sloat Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. An avid Central Coast history buff, her columns and feature articles have appeared in Central Coast newspapers and magazines for the past 30 years.

Mrs. Barratt has two forthcoming books this year: *"All Saints' Episcopal Church, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California: Our First One Hundred Years,*

*1912-2012"*, and *"A Country Doctor in the Valley of Heart's Delight: the Life and Times of Pioneer Gilroy Physician and Mayor, Heverland R. Chesbro MD."*

This program is free to the public. Seating is first come, first served. Refreshments will be served. For information call 659-2377.

November 19 Wine Tasting Fundraiser 5:30pm at Hidden Valley. Explore your own taste in wine with oenologist Rich Tanguay. Enjoy wine and food. Make your silent auction bid on local quality wines. Tickets available at the library desk, \$25 per person.

The holidays are coming and Elizabeth's book on Carmel Valley would be a great gift for a local friend or someone who lived here once upon a time. The price is \$23.50. All the royalties from the sale of her book have been donated to the Society's Building Fund and they have made a substantial difference in our building progress.

We are indeed fortunate to have Elizabeth as a member of our Board. She is a wonderful source of historical information not only for Carmel Valley but for Carmel, Monterey, as well as Gilroy.

Elizabeth and her husband, Richard, have prepared a slide show and talk about her book *"Images of America: Carmel Valley."* If you would like them to present their program to an organization, please call or e-mail her to set up a date.

Signed copies of her book are easily obtained by calling Elizabeth at 831-659-2751, or e-mailing her at [hrh&qe3@gmail.com](mailto:hrh&qe3@gmail.com). She can arrange for delivery and your holiday shopping will be a little easier.



## BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

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The Society has again signed up as a designated charity in Birdies for Charity during the AT&T National Pro-Am Golf tournament in February 2012 that is sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation. By becoming a part of this event, we are able to gain a 15% return on any donations sent to the Foundation but specified for the Society. Here's how it works.

A donation of say, \$100, would be made out to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation (not to the Society) and in the lower left hand corner of the check, name the Society as the charity of choice. After the tournament is played in February, and all the donations totaled, the Society will receive \$115 for that initial donation. And there are other ways to earn that 15%.



Many "birdies" are accomplished during the tournament (a birdie is one stroke under par). You can pledge a certain amount to be paid for each birdie shot. When the birdies from all the golfers are added up, you will be billed for the amount you pledged per birdie. This donation will also earn 15%. You can also guess how many birdies will happen during the four days of play. If you guess the exact number, you will win a lovely prize.

In January, we will be able to select a representative to compete in a "Closest to the Pin" contest. The golfer will have two shots to hit the ball as close to the pin as possible at a 65-yard hole on a course in Pebble Beach. Are you a regular golfer?

How's your swing? We could use your talents at this contest – an extra prize of (\$whatever) can be made to the Society if your ball lands close to the pin – or even *in* the hole!

We are very proud to be a part of this national tournament. Members' donations returned over \$15,000 to us last year and that amount would definitely help us toward finishing the History Center. We urge you to consider becoming a part of this contest for the Society.

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By Richard Barratt

As we move into the holiday season I'd like our members to know what I'm most thankful for when it comes to the Society. It's your Board of Directors!

Art and June Taylor have been the mainstays of the organization for years - Art keeping our finances straight as we move forward, and June insuring the transparency of the operations with her newsletters, correspondence and much, much more.

Our fund raising efforts on the part of all, especially Maxine Callinan, with the now famous Gigantic Rummage Sale, Elizabeth Barratt's book, the one and only stand alone history "Carmel Valley," and Dr. Susan Moien, with her membership efforts through her many one-on-one contacts. All this and so much more.

Our own "Mr. Corporate Memory," Ellsworth Gregory keeps track of our holdings and keeps the Board on the straight and narrow with his vast network of contacts in the Valley, and much, much more. Reggie Jones has been the mover-and-shaker in getting our beautiful History Center building up, and as this note goes to press, he's working diligently to get the building running as well. The general membership tasked the Board to get this done and Reggie as responded brilliantly, and much much more!

In preparation for the opening

of the History Center, Stephanie Culbert continues, among many other things, to insure the Society's extensive library is ready to go into place. And, of course, this is only a part of Stephanie's efforts. There is much more.

All of us in CVHS need to tip a cup of thanks to these wonderful folks who've been working so diligently on behalf of the Society without any formal leadership. So much has been accomplished through their efforts. Thanks to them we're close to completing the project set before them. One great way to thank them is to join in the effort to secure the remaining funds necessary to complete the History Center.

And I thank each and every one of our members as well - and so much more.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Even though our regular General Membership Meeting is not scheduled until March of 2012, it's not too early to start thinking of nominees for new members to the Board of Directors. We are in need of new thinking, new ideas and members who share the excitement of preparing our History Center for its Grand Opening.

We need to do more things in the Community on a bigger scale and we want to involve everyone in the Valley to be a part of this outreach. Perhaps you have some thoughts on how to make things happen better and faster. Maybe you know of someone who would exactly fit this criteria. Let us know.

And if you have a story to share, the name of a long-time resident we could interview, have any questions about the Society or want to know the history of a building or interest spot in the Valley, please call us. You can call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038, and if we don't know the answer immediately, we'll find someone who does. Let us hear from you!