

# CARMEL VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## ANOTHER BOOK FOR ELIZABETH

Did you see the wonderful article about our Board member, Elizabeth Barratt in the Carmel Pine Cone? Elizabeth has written a book chronicling the history of All Saints Church in Carmel. The Rev. Rick Matters asked her to take on the job of writing the history of the church as it starts its 100-year celebration and Elizabeth said she would be very interested in putting the story together.

In the book she has recorded the stories from church members about their memories of the early church and luckily, many had scrap books with stories of the people and events that shaped its founding. She relates how the members established the first Carmel church, how they dealt with both World Wars, how they contended with the radicals from the '60's, and even fought off arson attacks.

Elizabeth will be a featured speaker at the kick-off reception for the church on Saturday, January 21st, at 2:00 PM, in Seccombe Hall in the church at Ninth and Dolores in Carmel. Her book, *"All Saints' Episcopal Church, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California: Our First One Hundred Years 1912-2012"* will be available there and it costs \$20. The Society is very proud of our "resident author," and for all of her work in writing the histories of Carmel Valley, All Saints' Church and the biography of her great grandfather, Heverland R. Chesbro, M.D., a doctor in early California who practiced in Gilroy.



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## YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

An enormous **THANK YOU** to all who donated to our building fund in response to our December fund-raising letter! We were very fortunate in receiving \$15,470, from this request. And we want to especially thank Roy Kaminske for his very generous donation in memory of his lovely wife, Jeanelle, who passed away last July. We are making great progress finishing the interior of the building and all your gifts will be a great help in this endeavor.

The plans for installing the tiles on the outside of the Center are coming together. The tiles will be an eye-catching focus outside the main entrance and we hope will entice people to seek out their own tile. We will also design a map of tile locations to make it easier to find the your special tile. By the way, if you haven't purchased a tile for yourself – a lasting memory of your time here in the Valley, – please call Reggie Jones at 659-4338, for an order form. And if you have a business in the Village, a tile on our wall is a great advertisement!

This year the Board of Directors hopes to reach out more to the community with more events designed to acquaint the residents with Center and the place it will have in the Village. We will keep you informed about them in the Newsletter and with notices on the bulletin boards in town. We again thank you for your generosity.

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## BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

Once again the Society is participating in the Birdies for Charity part of the AT&T National Pro-Am Golf tournament. And you can also be a part of this program. Donations made to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and designated for the Society will earn a 15% return to us. Here's how you can help.

If you write a check or charge a donation to the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and specifically designate the Society as your charity of choice, when the tournament is over and the proceeds counted, the Society will receive your donation *plus* 15%. You can also try your luck by estimating how many "birdies" (one stroke under par) will be achieved during the four-day tournament and pledging a certain amount per birdie, to be paid to the Society. For example, if you predict 1800 birdies will be shot and you pledge 3 cents per birdie, you will be donating \$54 to the Society, however we will receive \$62.10 because of the 15% bonus! Where else can you earn that rate? And if you hit the exact number of birdies, *you* could receive an additional prize of two airline tickets, one night stay at The Inn at Spanish Bay, and golf for two at the Links at Spanish Bay. (Hint: There were 1798 birdies in the 2011 Tournament).

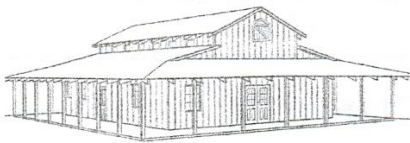
On January 21st, David Hitchcock, a member of the Kiwanis, will compete for us with 65 other charities to hit two balls and try to get them as close to the pin as possible on the 4th hole of the Peter Hay Course at Pebble Beach. If he is one of the 4 closest to the pin he will earn an extra bonus for the Society plus the opportunity to walk with the 49ers and the Giants on

Wednesday, Feb. 8th.. You can make a donation right up to the start of the tournament, February 9th.. Just call Art Taylor at 659-2038, or email him at [cvpar5@mindspring.com](mailto:cvpar5@mindspring.com), and he will get the forms to you right away. All donations are tax-deductible.

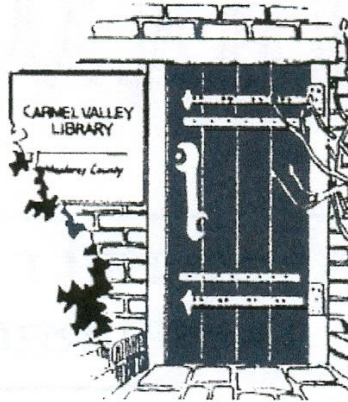
**INTERIOR FINISH  
WORK  
CONTINUES**

By Reggie Jones

The museum—or History Center—is very close to completion. It is a very well constructed building and very impressive inside and out. Please come and see it. Our largest item still remaining is the purchase and installation of a gas furnace. This, together with finalizing the heating and electrical systems, plumbing and flooring, represent a total cost-to-complete of \$40,000.



Members of the Board regularly stop by and keep an eye on the Center and the grounds to be sure there is no vandalism or other problem. The Center has a security system installed and sensor lights come on when anyone gets too close to the building after 8:00 PM in the evening. There are also inside sensor lights and all these precautions will protect the artifacts once the building can be opened. At the moment, CVHS has outstanding bills of \$30,000 so a total of \$70,000 must be raised to complete the building and obtain a building use permit. Then CVHS can prepare to operate the museum and display the extensive collection of artifacts which have been accumulated over many years. There are no technical problems, and just as with the country and the world, CVHS needs funds and will be very grateful for any help received.



**NEWS FROM THE  
CARMEL VALLEY  
LIBRARY**

By Doug Pease

At 10:15 AM on February 4th, twelve members of The Ukelele Club of Monterey will perform the Carmel Valley Branch Library. Think of it, 12 ukeleles in a symphony of sound, hosted by the Friends of the Library as the month's First Saturday Series presentation. It's free and there are refreshments.

Our library is a branch of Monterey County Free Libraries, and MCFL is 100 years old this year. Dial up

<http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/library/localhistory.html> and click through 200 photos to locate views of Anne Hadden, the first librarian, delivering books down the coast on a burro.

**IN MEMORIAM**

We are all deeply saddened to learn that our dear friend, Anne Mills, passed away in November. Anne was the area's champion of animals. She would be on their side in any situation and was a student of their behaviors and conditions, including going overseas to study bats! Anne was an extraordinary gardener and had a way with succulents and cacti that was truly beautiful. She won many first place ribbons at the annual Garden Show each spring.

In 1998, Anne and Susan Pius approached the Society about collaborating with the SPCA for a Gigantic Rummage Sale to be held in the summer. Along with Anne's husband, Rod, the three of them worked tirelessly collecting articles for the sale throughout the year and organizing workers to set it up at the Trail and Saddle Club. Later when the Society worked alone, Anne worked just as hard to make it one of our largest fund-raising events during the year.. She was a remarkable person, had a smile for everyone she met, and worked hard for all she believed in. She will be sadly missed and our sympathy goes to her husband, Rod.



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

Our annual General Membership Meeting is planned for Saturday, March 3rd. It will be held in the History Center from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and we hope to see as many members there as possible. This meeting will give the Board a chance to meet more of our members and to thank you in person for your continuing support for our goals.

A view of our plans for events in 2012, plus an outline of the work that will be needed to see the Center open to the public will be presented. This will be a chance for your questions to be answered and an opportunity to add your ideas and comments.

The need for new Board members and Committees is very important. Our dedicated Board would appreciate your help, as we grow new and fresh ideas are vital to helping the Society become a centerpiece in the Community. If you have a suggestion or even a complaint, we need to hear from you. To attend our meeting and become a more active member in our Historical Society.



**FROM THE  
CHAIRMAN'S  
CORNER**

By Richard Barratt

**PBS, NPR, APR - CVHS?**

Oh sure, I know you've figured this out - all those familiar initials are no surprise to anyone. How about the connection? Got that yet?

In the course of my activities as one of the "gainfully employed" I find myself driving back and forth to various campuses. During my time behind the wheel I take advantage of the excellent radio in the our Buick Rainier to stay abreast of the latest news and glean possible current events to incorporate into my various classes. The Public Broadcasting System (PBS), National Public Radio (NPR) and American Public Radio (APR) are fantastic for this. At home n ewing "drug-of-choice" is again PBS.

I hear you - so what? Just this - they, along with us (the CVHS part), are all reliant on continuing public support for our survival and ability to bring the services our "audience" has come to expect. And we, like those other public entities, have been so fortunate to have such great "fans" who've generously supported our endeavors.

Thanks to you all, the museum—the History Center—is very close to completion. As you know, it's a beautifully constructed and very impressive looking building, inside and out. Still, there remains a bit more to do. The one "big ticket" item remaining is the purchase and installation of a gas furnace. This, together with finalizing the heating and electrical systems, plumbing and flooring, represent a total cost-to-complete of \$40,000.00. CVHS has outstanding bills of \$ 0.00 so a total of \$70,000.00 needs to be raised to complete the building and obtain the building use permit.

Here's where my comparison comes in.

During the last pledge drive for our

PBS stations there was a simple solution suggested. Rather than keep asking for funds to reach the goal, how about just asking one person for the amount needed? One person could end the need for the ongoing "begging" for funds! Makes perfectly good sense to me. One individual would then be able to benefit the whole project and the rest of us would be spared the interminable requests for funds. Anyone set to donate \$70,000.00? How about a couple of folks pledging \$35,000.00? Four pledging \$17,500.00? Well, you get the idea.

The fact of the matter is we continue to need the funding, however the light at the end of the tunnel is getting bigger. Once we're over that hump then CVHS can move forward in preparation for the operation of the History Center and the display of our extensive collection of artifacts. Just as with the county, state, country and the world, CVHS needs funds, and we'll be very grateful for any help received. And please be assured, we're so very grateful for all the help we've received to date helping us to get where we are today. Thank you.

**MEMBERSHIP  
NEWS**

Welcome to our new members, Tom and Kathleen MacDonald and Bruce and Pam Michels!

Our membership rolls continue to grow and we want to strongly encourage all the businesses in the Village as well as every resident in the Valley to join us. If you know of someone who would like to join the Society, please call Maxine Callinan at 659-4925, for a membership form. We welcome everyone so talk to your friends about becoming a member!

Membership dues are:

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| Individual              | \$ 25.00 |
| Family                  | 35.00    |
| Business, Organization, |          |
| Civic Club              | 40.00    |
| Supporting              | 50.00    |
| Lifetime                | 300.00   |

**IT WAS A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Many thanks and kudos to Trudi Hart and Ellsworth Gregory for organizing our Christmas Party, held December 10th at the History Center. Their hard work presenting a such a truly holiday atmosphere was enjoyed by about 45 of our members and friends.

There was a beautiful tree, holiday table decorations, and buffet tables filled with hors d'oeuvres and delicious treats that all added to the party atmosphere. Even the weather cooperated that day. We were pleased that so many of you came out to celebrate the season and to meet some of the other members of the Society. It was a great time to see the progress that has been made on the Center and from the comments we heard, everyone was very impressed.

This was the second year Trudi and Ellsworth organized the festivities and since it was such a rousing success, perhaps we should install them as a permanent party committee?

**TO REACH US**

If you have a story to share, a question, or any item of interest our members should know, please call Richard Barratt at 659-2751, or June Taylor at 659-2038. Remember, we are always looking for a chance to interview long-time residents so don't hesitate to call us to set up a convenient time for everyone. Also, if you have any articles showing the history of our Valley that you are saving for our opening, we would appreciate knowing the stories behind them, who they belonged to and how long those owners lived here. These articles are very important in making the Center truly a *History* Center.

