February 2015

Coming Events

“A Bee’s Life,” by apriarist John Russo at Carmel Valley Ranch

“Human Trafficking in Our Own Back Yard” - Rising International

Scholarship; and Grants Awards Luncheon at Los Laureles Lodge

Scams & Scoundrels—Subject of February Lunch

THERE are very few things more intimidating than finding yourself a victim of identity theft. It’s one thing to lose some jewelry, or a credit card, or even an iPhone. But to lose your persona? It becomes an uncontrollable invasion of self. You can never get it back.

Ramifications of this personal affront were carefully dissected and discussed by two professionals in the field at the February Carmel Valley Women’s Club luncheon at Quail Lodge. Yes, it’s a bite out of your lifestyle, but there are ways to mitigate the fallout.

“Follow some of the rules, and your data will be less susceptible to fraud,” stated Donna Galletti, a crime prevention specialist with the Monterey County Sheriff’s Office, “For on-line activity, keep your firewall up to date; keep financial data out of your emails; check your privacy setting each month; don’t announce you’re going on vacation; notice what’s posted about you on line; remember, once something is posted, it stays posted.”

She mentioned that hackers can hack into everything and they do it because they can. Many hackers serve time and then they get hired by large corporations to protect their interests.

She also reminded her audience of everyday activities to check: beware of bogus phone calls (recently for “jury duty”), use a shredder for everything; monitor your bank statements; don’t put outgoing mail in your mailbox for pickup; lock and alarm your vehicle—even in your driveway! Keeping doors and windows locked when you’re not home was a no-brainer.

Her partner, Nancy Deering, formerly Undersheriff and now newly retired from the Sheriff’s department, discussed the welcome changes in the roles of women in law enforcement. She said promotions used to be very political. At one time there were only four female sheriffs in all 50 counties in the State of California. Every four years, she noted, if a new sheriff was elected, he’d come in with his new crew and they were always men.

But times have changed, thanks to new police academy training rules and a re-arranging of priorities, and even though women’s sizes might be smaller than their counterparts, they are taught specialty training skills—using stun guns and tasers, among others, and are equally up to the job in policing and booking. “Times have changed,” opined Nancy, “this is not your grandfather’s force—now he could be a she.”

A Q&A period brought out many worries from the audience. What about human trafficking? New controls for police? Will they be wearing cameras at all times? Could this be a problem for a person being interviewed? Both Donna and Nancy fielded questions with a solid understanding of their subject—and with humor.

The Quail Lodge luncheon ended with a raffle basket created by the ever prescient Pinkie Terry and was swept away by Sally King.
Luncheon (contd:)

(Top; row, from left) Betty Bunce and Marion Klein; (center) Lillian Ezcher; (right) visitor BJ Bartlett with Judy Tschirgi; (row 2, from left) June Fellows and new member Diane Miller; (center) visitor Gail Swihart, Monique Gardiner and new member Taresa Blair; (right) new member Carol Raj and Anita Dunsay; (row 3, from left) Quail Lodge banquet manager Sarah Cruse with Co-president Peggy Dickson; (center) Michelle Hill and Diane Dell’armo; (right) Sandy Day, Whiz Lindsey and Denise Denison; (bottom row, from left) Pinkie’s chocolate party raffle; (center) Ursula Cameron, visiting from Germany with Lys Fischbeck; (right) Peigi Duvall.
March Lunch—It’s the Bees’ Knees at Carmel Valley Ranch

The social life of the bee has a fascinating history. There is a strict division of labor in the hive—queens lay eggs, nurse bees and foragers take care of the kids, and drones, well, they’re waiting around for that honey to turn into mead, and then it’s party time.

But there’s much more, and you can get the inside scoop at the upcoming CVWC lunch, Wednesday, March 4th, at Carmel Valley Ranch when Beemaster John Russo reveals all in his talk, “A Bee’s Life and Society.”

Learn of the intricacies and misconceptions about these insects so vital to our own food sources. For instance, you think honey is collected from flowers? Wrong. It’s part of the bee’s complex social structure—and colony collapse could undo all this.

John Russo is founder of Carmel Lavender, where he has been cultivating and processing the plant’s essential oils since 2007. He has introduced thousands of people each year to beekeeping and lavender. He’ll also introduce you to some extraordinary honey products.

So make your date now. Here’s what’s in store for your lunch: you’ll begin with a special seasonal soup, then on to two entrees, a PLT salad of Italian pancetta peppered bacon, lettuce and tomato with buttermilk jalapeño ranch dressing; OR a Fulton Valley chicken breast with green beans, sweet corn and tomatoes in a cipollini Madeira jus. Dessert is a profiterole with vanilla ice cream and chocolate fudge sauce. Coffee and tea is included, and an open bar will soothe the palate.

All this for just $35!

Here’s all you need to do:

- Contact our own Penny Wood at 659-0934, or you can e-mail her, at pennyw45@yahoo.com and give her the number of people in your party and your choice of entree.

- Mail your check made payable to CVWC Foundation PO Box 407, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

You can also reserve your space online, following a few easy steps. Your reservations will await you at the Ranch. To make your reservation, go to carmelvalleywomensclub.org

Act now! Encourage your friends, neighbors and acquaintances to attend also. Reservations must be made by Friday, February 27th, and space is limited to 70.

The lunch location is at the Ranch’s Golf Club House, which is 1 Old Ranch Road, on the left before the hill. The lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a fascinating seminar with this engaging and knowledgeable speaker. See you at lunch!

Message from Peggy Dickson and June Dawson

Dear Members,

It’s always encouraging to hear what you like and how we are liked.

Earlier this month, a friend who sits on two local boards told us that the Carmel Valley Women’s Club is admired for the impressive amounts we award in scholarships and local nonprofit grants each June.

It happens because you make it possible with your commitments. Our July 2014 survey sent to all members told us that we should strive this year to raise $25,000 for our Foundation to distribute.

That brings to mind our upcoming 66th annual Spring fashion show fundraiser, the Fashion Parade. You can help us raise funds in several ways:

- Reserve the date with your RSVP card now (space limited to 200)
- Invite your friends to join you at one of our five special Runway tables
- Sell raffle tickets for spa, lunch & shopping prize (and buy some yourself)
- Contribute monetarily as a sponsor or underwriter
- Donate auction items (collectables, etc.), or...
- Think of others as you shop on April 1st for a silent auction item, or get together with friends and bid on our live auction “experiences.” It’s a way to share the fun or purchase a gift for someone special.

Ideas? Questions? Contact Fashion Show & Fundraising Co-Chairs: Ann Flood, Connie Hong-Smith or Sally King. Their committees and the officers are ramped up to provide classy, fun and inspiring experiences. More details appear in our newsletter and website.

Your commitment and comments are always appreciated. Buzz about ‘em anytime, or make further contact at the upcoming March 4th luncheon, “A Bee’s Life and Society” at Carmel Valley Ranch Golf Clubhouse. See you there.

June and Peggy
CVWC Co-Presidents
Fashion Show Preview—50 Shades...of Grey?

Editor’s Note: Another exciting chapter by our esteemed fashion maven, Ann Flood, as we approach our 66th annual show, titled this year, Fashion Parade! Here is her latest installment.

FASHION MEETS FREUD
By Ann Flood

I just thought I’d whip up a little bit of interest for the coming Fashion Show...
1. Chanel No. 5
2. The Right Red Lipstick
3. A Foundation that Fits
4. Audrey Hepburn
5. Clint Eastwood
6. Spanish Bay
7. Stilettos
8. Champagne
9. The Little Black Dress
10. A Freudian Slip
11. Epiphany
12. Pink Cadillacs
13. Calvin Klein Underwear
14. Haute Couture
15. Tuxedos
16. Patrick James
17. James Bond
18. The Bond Girls
19. Unforgettable
20. Frank Sinatra
21. Marilyn Monroe
22. Heaven
23. The Music Maker
24. Dirty Dancing
25. Fireworks
26. Red Roses
27. A Mantra Mane
28. Models nailing It
29. Cashmere Sweaters
30. Getting Carried Away
31. Vogue
32. Sunshine
33. Lolipops
34. Star Child
35. Parading Around
36. Judy Garland
37. Fred Astaire
38. Sixth Avenue Jewels
39. Jean Harlow
40. Skinny Jeans
41. J. Jill
42. Blue Suede Shoes
43. Black Leather Boots
44. Cole Haan
45. Tony Bennett
46. Benefit Community
47. Diamond Studded Bras
48. Spas
49. Wines
50. YOU!

What did you think I was going to say?

Fashion Show Shops

HERE’S the lineup of extraordinary boutiques and shops to fill the runway with hot, new styles. You might see a dog collar or two, but no dogs.

For ladies fashions, it’s Carried Away Boutique in Pacific Grove, Epiphany in Carmel and J. Jill in Carmel Plaza. For accessories and gifts, look for items from Cole Haan and Sixth Avenue Fine Jewelers, both in Carmel. Men’s fashions hail from Patrick James in the Barnyard, and duds for kids come form Heaven Boutique and Star Child, both in Carmel. Guess who’s Fashion Show MC? Our own Erin Clark!
Fashion Show Fun Stuff—LIVE Auction Items!

IN New York's current Fashion Week, the kinky, off-the-wall annual sartorial revue, there is always the bullet aimed at the pageant's own shock and awe audience.

This year, Fifty Shades of Grey filled the runways with harnesses, studs and ball bearings, strappy pants, corseted bodices, latex-look tees and dog collars.

Will fifty shades of grey fill our own fashion revue this April? Hang on! Runway designer Ann Flood will tell all as she describes the latest in primal wear notched up to take advantage of a host of different shades. She’s outlined 50 of them for you elsewhere in this newsletter, and grey is just one.

But there’s so much more on the docket for the Fashion Show! Look for live and silent auction items that will produce a frenzy of bidding activity! Here’s a snapshot of the first one, so be ready to bid!

LIVE AUCTION ITEM #1—Enjoy a week-long vacation in Colorado for six people at the Mountain Lodge at Telluride (dates to be determined by you). This fanciful holiday provides both summer and winter activities, from golf to snowshoe skiing, while you take in the majesty of the Rocky Mountain setting. Your architecturally exquisite accommodations offer every accoutrement.

Two other live auction items—involving food and parties—will appear in the next issue.

Here are some important Fashion Show details to remember:

- Save the Date—April 1st
- Look for your invitation; it’s already been sent
- Invite your friends, neighbors and shopping pals
- Donate your treasure now for silent auction
- Call Connie Hong-Smith, 659-8169, or Sally King, 659-2631, for pickup.

Next issue: Two more live auctions items; scads of silent items to consider; review of the Fashion Revue; a look at the models; a sample of the shops!

Clip. Save. Fill Out. Send In. Support!

CARMEL VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB presents

Luncheon, Fashion Show, Live & Silent Auctions & Raffle
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at The Inn at Spanish Bay

Annual Scholarship and Community Nonprofit Fundraiser

___ DONATE an item for auction (Donations by March 25th)
Donation: Gift certificate or Item(s) • Your name will appear in program
Auction Item Description __________________________ Value: $_____

___ DONATE a monetary contribution $_____

___ ATTEND the Fashion Show and Luncheon—$75 per person OR
___ PURCHASE a Runway Table for 10—$850

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Please mail or email this completed form to:
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Checks payable to CVWCF

THANK YOU, proceeds go to CVWCF Foundation’s annual scholarship and community nonprofit funds
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CV Public Library Update

WORD has it that the “sale pending” sign outside the charming stone repository of literature in our fair village, also known as the Buckeye, brings good news with it. The purchaser of our library wants the building to continue to be a library and is negotiating terms for a new lease with the County. Committee members of the Friends of the Public Library have met with County administrators and hopefully the stage is being set to maintain “continuous library operations” in the Village.

A long term commitment is sought and Supervisor Dave Potter’s office has already received tremendous public support. Stay tuned here for more information about the fate of our Buckeye Building.

Also in the News

CHUCK and Valerie McKay have recently made the news in a lengthy piece by Herald writer Dennis Taylor. The couple was featured for their long-time valuable service to the community. Valerie was a member of the Women’s Club and for many years she edited a summary of her book club activities which appeared in this newsletter. The Women’s Club sends congratulations to the two of them for lots of good deeds.
New Pieces of the Frame—Monterey Art Museum

IF visual art is your bent, and the history of Monterey County your passion, you won’t want to miss this opportunity to learn more of both when Monterey Art Museum curator Julianne Burton-Carvajal offers a special guided tour of the museum’s newly reinstalled art exhibit, “Open Walls,” featuring an interactive, community created environment. It features permanent works along with art from its newest exhibition, the Community Partnership Gallery. This tour is being offered exclusively for CVWC members and their guests on Thursday, March 12th, at 11 a.m. The session lasts from 40 to 60 minutes and an optional lunch is included at 12:30. The tour is limited to 25 guests and if you’re not a museum member, the cost is a mere $10.

Some permanent works include early California paintings by notables William Ritschel, Armin Hansen, Evelyn McCormick, Gottardo Piazzoni and Margaret Bruton. Photography by such luminaries as Carleton Watkins, Edward Weston and Ansel Adams are on display.

This is a rare opportunity to see and hear about these world-famous artists and their works. Dr. Burton-Carvajal is a noted author and editor and is exhibitions curator at the museum as well. To reserve your space, contact Peggy Dickson at 236-7323 by March 9th.

The Museum is located on Pacific Street, across from Colton Hall. The lunch will take place at Jack’s Restaurant in the Monterey Plaza Hotel and includes free 2-hour parking options in the hotel’s lot. Call now for a great afternoon of art history.

CVWC Scholarship Rules Get an Update for 2015

YOUNG graduates from the class of 2015 will be applying for scholarships under updated and more user friendly guidelines as they look for continuing education assistance from the CVWC. The Foundation Board has moved to limit the dollar amount for any individual scholarship; to $3,000, and only one per student will be awarded during the school year.

Other requirements: Female students shall have a high school diploma, although an award can be made with the stipulation that a degree will be forthcoming at a later date.

The recipient shall be a Carmel Valley resident from the 93923 and 24 zip code areas, and shall have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

The recipient shall demonstrate that she actively participated in extracurricular activities either at school or in the community.

The recipient must be enrolling in an accredited college or university. Financial need is a consideration, but not a requirement for a scholarship.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1st and must be submitted by mail only. Finalists may be asked for adult references. They will be interviewed in May and recipients will be notified in June.

It continues to be the goal of both the club and the foundation to make funds available to local scholars and community nonprofits through its many fundraising activities.

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CARMEL VALLEY WOMEN’S CLUB
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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, Taresa Blair, Diane Miller, Carol Raj. If you’re interested in joining an active group of women donating time and funding to our community, call Membership Chair, Linda Law, at 659-3574, or by email, lindallaw@sbcglobal.net.

CV Village Highlights

For those of you who don’t live in Carmel Valley, there is just one question to ask: why would you live anywhere else? Oh, sure, there’s the lure of the sea, the madcap night life of downtown Carmel, the martial arts program at the Monterey Sports Center, but what else?

Carmel Valley Village has just added another nugget in its golden ring and you won’t want to miss it! It’s a brand new Farmer’s Market premiering Friday, March 20th, from 2 to 6 pm in the parking lot behind the Community Center. An estimated 20–25 vendors will be on hand weekly offering local viands and produce. Now aren’t you sorry you don’t live here?