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A Message From the President

Illuminating the Library



Pamela Neiman
CPLF President

As the Carmel Public Library Foundation President this year, I have been so inspired by the continued growth in our community outreach especially during these challenging times. With your support, we found new ways to move our mission forward of keeping our library open, relevant and thriving.

As I reflect on this year's achievements, I am proud of the Foundation's ability to successfully pivot from in-person community programs and events to a virtual format. This enabled our community to join even when the pandemic kept us home. The programs which included Community Nights with the Library, our Fireside Chats and Local History Lecture Series were successful in bringing relevant and meaningful information to participants.

Last year, we received an extraordinary gift from one of our Carmel residents and library devotees, Marjorie Perrine. We are honored to have been the beneficiary of this bequest. She was a pioneer in women's education and earned her engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). She was the only woman in her graduating class of 1950. In 2011, sixty one years later, my eldest daughter earned her engineering degree from RPI. Ms. Perrine's legacy continues in support of the Carmel Public Library Foundation and in my heart, for opening the door for women, like my daughter, to the field of science. The successful sale of the Perrine residence added to the Foundation's endowment and will allow us to achieve our mission for generations to come.

Another key accomplishment was keeping the tradition of celebrating the magic of the holidays with the annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser hosted in partnership by the Hofsas House in Carmel. Through the encouragement of a young enthusiastic past attendee, Rocket Rerig we transitioned the event to a curbside pickup and had a virtual sharing of the children's gingerbread house creations. This was one of the many ways we kept our partnerships and feeling of community vibrant this year.

Our annual event, *The Presidential Edition*, featured the best-selling author and historian, Douglas Brinkley, in conversation with distinguished Naval Postgraduate School Professor John Arquilla. It was held virtually and was our most successful event in many ways. In the nine-year history of this program, we had the largest support by local individuals and business sponsors. The anticipation of this event rippled through our community and illuminated the Carmel Public Library Foundation. We are grateful for all your support.

In summary, I would like to personally thank each of our supporters and board members for all that you do to support our Foundation and the Library. As Sidney Sheldon, American Writer and Producer, said "Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life." I am proud of the way our library engages the community and improves our lives and I am confident we will continue to open windows to the world in the years to come.

—Pamela Neiman

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Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

As we emerge from a year where all of our lives have been indelibly altered by a threatening pandemic, a thunderous cry for social justice, a reckoning with Mother Nature and a foreseeable, yet ill-timed economic shift, we remain incredibly grateful. Grateful that we were able to step outside into our beautiful wooded areas for a hike and over to the inspiring jagged coastline for an ocean stroll. Grateful to live in a community where neighbors care for neighbors by bringing food to those in need and comfort through friendship and kindness.

And at the center of our community, we are grateful for our library and dedicated librarians who, through all of the challenges of this year maintained their commitment to serve our community by providing essential information and resources. They even took on becoming deputized to ensure a trusted place for ballot drop off during our recent Presidential Election.

With your support we were able to bring forth relevant discussions through our online programs like the *Fireside Chats* with topics such as "Same Storm Different Boat"

providing an empathetic glimpse into what others were experiencing this past year, as well as provocative discussions lead by famed author, Michael Katakis, "Can Literature Inform During a Time of Plague." Our annual event featured acclaimed author, and presidential historian, Douglas Brinkley – providing insights and context over several decades of the American presidency. We then finished our season with the remarkable Dr. Payan, whose efforts to repurpose our land and restore natural habitats for both animals and humans were truly uplifting.



It is thanks to you that our library continues to stay open, relevant and thriving. Thank you all for your generous support!



An Update from the Library Director

Ashlee Wright, Library Director

At this time libraries in our region, including ours are still under a protective health policy mandate that precludes our library buildings from fully opening. However, starting June 7, you'll be able to visit the interim Outdoor Library, behind the Park Branch

Library. Browse for books, check out your own items, and pick up your holds, all without scheduling an appointment! And, Summer Reading starts June 7th too, so don't forget to sign-up online. Thank you for your support during these challenging times. We are so grateful to be able to continue to serve our community.



*To build up a library
is to create a life.
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–CARLOS MARÍA DOMÍNGUEZ

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Often when we think about supporting the Carmel Public Library Foundation our first thought is to make a monetary contribution. Please know that the



Carmel Public Library Foundation also accepts gifts of stock or certain other appreciated items.

That said, the way in which you give may have an impact on your financial plan. For many, donations of highly appreciated assets like stocks or mutual funds is a more tax-efficient way to provide support compared to cash donations.

If you're interested in becoming a Sterling Circle member, or would like to learn more about our wonderful library, let us know. We want to hear from you! The size and conditions of your future gift are entirely up to you. Any level of support is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director, at (831) 624-2811 or visit our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org.



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Annual Contributions	\$ 113,295
Legacies & Bequests (unrestricted)	\$ 4,500
Events & Fundraising Benefit	\$ 119,406
Grants	\$ 15,500
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Aaron Flink is Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Pebble Beach Company. Flink leads multiple facets of the Company's business interests, including sales, marketing, retail, technology and its sponsorship and licensing program. Flink also oversees the long-term strategy efforts of the Company.

Flink came to Pebble Beach Company in January 2018 from Heritage Group, a venture capital and private equity firm focused on healthcare where he served as a Principal. There, he was responsible for identifying, evaluating and investing in private healthcare technology and service businesses.

Aaron is originally from upstate NY and received his B.A. from Williams College and his MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Flink and his wife, Michelle, reside in Carmel and have two daughters.



Pinney Allen began a professional life in Atlanta in 1979 that saw her as a leader in law, a passionate member of the education, philanthropic, and political communities and a wife and mother. Arriving at the 80-lawyer firm of Alston, Miller & Gaines as its eighth woman attorney, Pinney chaired the firm's executive committee, served on the firm's 15-member operations council, managed the firm's tax services area, and led major client

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Pinney is active in the community, serving on the boards of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation. Pinney is a Harvard University and Harvard Law School graduate. After forty years in Atlanta, Pinney and her husband, Buddy Miller, decided to start their next chapter in Pebble Beach, California, where she now resides.

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