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## **Please Join Us to Celebrate Dale Byrne Carmel’s Citizen of the Year on Sunday Oct 10th**

The Carmel Residents Association is honored to publicly recognize our worthy Citizen of the Year, Dale Byrne. On Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>, Dale will join a distinctive honor roll of 32 worthy citizens, whom we will also recognize at this year’s 26<sup>th</sup> celebration event. Following the formal 2 PM program with local and regional civic dignitaries delivering certificates of appreciation to our awardee, we invite everyone to mingle with our honoree and enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres, cake, and beverages.

Fred Bologna, President of Carmel Residents Association says “Dale exemplifies 24 x 7 passion and service to Carmel-by-the-Sea. There is much to say about his contributions but, with formation of Carmel Cares and their responses to the impacts of COVID19, he has delivered dramatic value personally and became an amazing pied-piper to recruit committed volunteers to help keep our Village a beautiful place to live, work, and play over the coming years”.

“As a relative newcomer, it is an incredible honor to join this extraordinary group of Carmelites,” said Mr. Byrne, President and Chief Caring Officer of Carmel Cares and Project Manager for Carmel Gives. Dale continues, “Seeing doors closing and budgets being cut, we created new ways to bring together the City, businesses, other nonprofits, and community leaders along with generous donors and passionate volunteers who want to keep Carmel beautiful, safe, and inviting. It’s inspiring to collaborate with so many, including the CRA, as we work to make a visible difference in our quest to take our Village from special to spectacular.”

*Note: Dale knows of this coming recognition and is respecting its public confidentiality until October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

### **Citizen of the Year Background and Event Details**

Beginning in the late 1980’s, and now every second year, CRA honors a prominent Carmel person by naming them Citizen of the Year. Candidates have, through their service, enhanced the lives of residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Please visit the CRA web page for history of this event and a full roster of our prior honorees.

Carmel Residents Association – The 26th Citizen of the Year Celebration. Our event web page is [www.carmelresidents.org/cras-citizen-of-the-year](http://www.carmelresidents.org/cras-citizen-of-the-year) This page will be updated announcing Dale Byrne on Friday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, and then later Oct 10<sup>th</sup> with images plus from of our celebration day.

**Date/Time:** Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> – 2 PM Program, 3-4 PM Mix, Mingle, Munch & Toast

**Location:** Carmel Woman’s Club, SW Corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and San Carlos, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Ca 93921

This event is open to the public, as space allows (Capacity =< 125)

A head shot photo of Dale Byrne and recognition Fact Sheet is attached for your publication and promotional use.

#### **About Carmel Residents Association:**

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The Carmel Residents Association (CRA) is a civic, cultural, and social non-profit organization. CRA delivers its members and the Carmel community: Representative voice with our civic leaders; Community philanthropy contributions ; Volunteer opportunities; Social and educational events; and Membership recognition.