



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

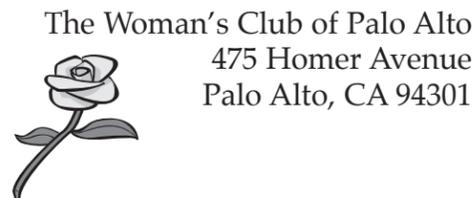
Wednesday, November 4 - Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, November 10 - Drop In Social 5:00-7:00 pm
Hosted by Celiene O'Hara 367-8122

Thursday, November 12 - Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs at 7:00 pm at the Club House. This month's assigned movie is the critically acclaimed coming of age story, *AN EDUCATION*. Hosted by Melaine Bales and Jeanne Aufmuth. Call Melaine at 650-326-0776 for more information.

Wednesday, November 18 - LUNCHEON MEETING 11:30 am
Cecile Andrews Author of *Less is More, Slow is Beautiful* and *Circle of Simplicity*
Less is More, Pursuit of Happiness in Troubled Times
HOSTED BY CAROL MACPHERSON & CAROL MULLER

Tuesday, November 24 - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260



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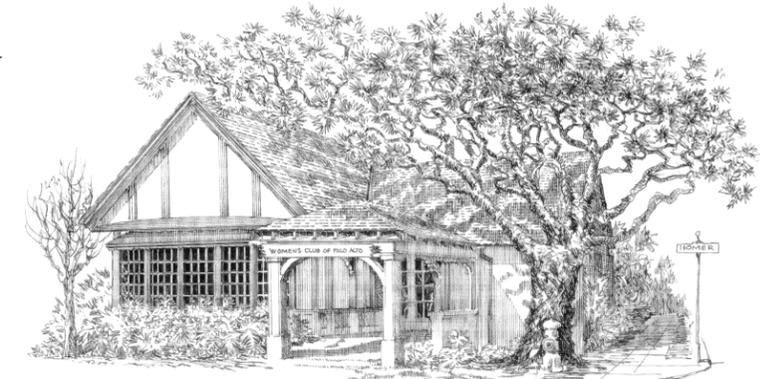
Presidents' Message

Last month I (Christine) had the opportunity to work with Margaret Feuer and Aino Vieira da Rosa, members of our Woman's Club, in putting together a presentation about the history of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto for the Palo Alto Historical Association. Many of us have heard Margarets' talks and yet I never grow tired of hearing those stories again. This particular talk was a little bit different in two ways. First, we were able to include over 80 historic photos. Secondly, Aino Vieira da Rosa, a practicing architect, spoke in detail about the building of the clubhouse and its architectural history. Whenever I revisit our club's past I always come away with a renewed reverence and gratitude for our very distinguished history and the legacy those women created. Many of the things that epitomize Palo Alto, schools, street trees and libraries to name just a few, started with these women. When I look around today, I continue to be impressed with the accomplishments as well as the dedication to community and club, of our current members. Many serve in leadership positions in our club and community and more give selflessly and quietly to make a difference. We are thankful that those foresighted women started something that continues to bring us together in friendship and service.

If you are interested in hearing the presentation that was given to the Historical Association it will be broadcast on our local Comcast channel 30 in November, Wednesdays at 8pm, Thursdays at noon and Saturdays at 1pm. The title of the program is "Heritage".

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Cordially, Christine and Sandra



Wednesday, November 18

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in Troubled Times**

HOSTED BY

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11:30 Member and Guest Sign-in

12:00 Luncheon is Served

**12:15 President's Welcome
Program & Dessert**

Luncheon is offered at \$5.00 for members, \$10 for guests. Advanced registrations required.

Another Chance for Childrens' Books:
Please bring a new or slightly used book for a school age child to the November 18 luncheon

Look Inside!

Book Club, History Corner,
December Meeting Details, Outreach Report,
House & Grounds Report
New Guest Rules for Luncheons

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Book Group

Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.

The Secret River

by Kate Grenville

Book Group meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday November 24 at the Club to discuss the third in our series of Australian books, *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville. We send out reminders and notify of any changes by email, so if you plan to come and are not on our email list, call Jeanne McDonnell to confirm time and place of meeting. We could meet as much as a week early for Thanksgiving.

-Jeanne McDonnell

Seriously, It's Fun

Kitchen Tour 2010

We have started planning for another Kitchen Tour next spring and we hope each club member will participate.

The serious part is that the Women's Club needs additional income to maintain our beautiful house and to support our programs. The fun part is working with fellow club members to make this a successful event.

Save the Date: May 15, 2010 and call now to volunteer your services. For more information call Co-Chairs Elizabeth Moder-Stern (325-6057) or Debbie Nichols (328-5998).

Change in Guest Policy for Luncheons and Dinners

It is a continuing challenge to plan for the number of attendees at our luncheons and dinners. Therefore the Board has decided to reinstate the policy of requiring members bringing a guest to call ahead and notify the luncheon Committee hostess for that month no later than 48 hours before the date of the luncheon. The Board also decided to limit any guest to attending only one luncheon or dinner per year.

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History Corner

About Mrs., Miss, Ms.

The history committee has examined the club's handwritten minutes up to about 1950. The neglect of women's first names stands out to our present way of thinking. Presidents are Mrs., usually with their husband's first name or initials, occasionally with their own. In 1921, Lela Bentley duplicated Mary Campbell's use in 1894 of her own first name, but neither of them set an example that anyone followed. Starting in 1995, women's first names became the custom. In 1997, Ms. originated and has remained. Of 73 presidents between 1894 and 1995, nine used their first names, according to our current yearbook, which lists only one president as Miss Elizabeth Bonn, 1984-86.

The entrenched custom could have hidden the identity of Emily Elliott Pardee, who remarried. She was referred to as Mrs. Karns, president from 1909-1911, and Mrs. Dixon in her 1919-20 term of office.

The argument about female nomenclature lit up in the 1970s, but the issue started earlier. In 1934, the National Woman's Party campaigned to make Mrs. the common preface for all women, as Mr. was for all men. There was little public notice of this, but two prominent women differed when asked their opinions. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor from 1933 to 1945 under Franklin Roosevelt, the first woman Cabinet member, in her private life was Mrs. Paul Wilson, in public, "Miss." Congressman (the word used in a Nebraska newspaper reference) Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts, served for 35 years in the House of Representatives. In 1934, she said a woman should take her husband's name.

Lucy Stone may have been the only American woman of her time to marry but retain her single name. She opposed unjust marriage laws, and her husband, Henry Browne Blackwell, worked with her in the woman suffrage movement.

Jeanne McDonnell Peggy McKee

Recipe for October Soup

The soup recipe served at the October luncheon is posted on the Woman's Club website under *announcements*

December Party features Spanish Cuisine

Featuring Chef Machado
Reservations Required

Remember that great paella we had at the Woman's Club Wine Tasting & Auction event a couple of years ago? Oh, you missed it? Well, then I have good news for you! **Our December holiday party will feature Spanish cuisine courtesy of Chef Machado, including his wonderful paella.** The Dinner Committee will prepare tasty tapas side dishes and a dessert table you have to see to believe. Here are the details:

Date: December 16, 2009

Time: 6-9pm

Place: Clubhouse

Cost: \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for a guest (one guest per member)

This event requires a reservation to attend and for planning purposes, the deadline is December 2nd. Reserve your spot by sending a check and the name of your guest if you are bringing one. No member will be excluded as long as reservations are made by the December 2 deadline. Checks should be made out to Woman's Club of Palo Alto and mailed to Christine Shambora, 1565 Castilleja Ave, Palo Alto, CA, 94306.

House and Grounds Update

Our bathroom design committee is in the process of finalizing drawings and we are very close to submitting our plans to the City for approval. With the help of **Cody Anderson Wasney Architects** we are making progress and are compiling a materials list. We need storage space for our procurements until the installation begins early next year. If you know of any available space, please give me a call.

Here is a list of items accomplished recently:

- New carpet in the Bride's Room and stage stairs
- The kitchen scrubbed
- The windows cleaned inside and out
- The rain gutters cleaned –**Complements of the Hyman Family Gutter Service**

Community Outreach Committee

Children's Book Drive

Thank you so much for bringing and donating over 200 children's books at the October 21, 2009 luncheon. That was this year's first collection of items by the Woman's Club, and it was such a success. If you didn't bring a book and still want to do that, we will accept donations at the November 18th luncheon as well. The recipients of the books will be Belle Haven School and St. Elizabeth Seton School.

We are pleased to announce that the fall **Be the Change** event will take place on **Friday, November 13** – a Happy Hour at the Clubhouse – from **5:30 to 7:00pm**. We will be featuring the **Support Network for Battered Women**. Paula Keene, who directs the organization, will speak as will a woman who went through their program successfully. Come and enjoy wine and cheese at 5:30pm, with the program beginning at 5:45pm. As we did last spring, we will be collecting things for this organization. Among their greatest needs are **toiletries and towels for both the kitchen and bathroom**. If you attended the Oct. 21st luncheon, you got a more comprehensive wish list. The complete wish list is posted on our website under *announcements*. The Outreach Committee looks forward to seeing many of you at this second Be the Change event!

- A new welcome mat for the front door
- Ballroom curtains and shades repaired and adjusted
- New curtains for the Board room doors ordered
- The Fire Suppression System updated and serviced

Next up:

- Rodent prevention: house sealed, ivy trimmed
- New faucet at the Kitchen sink
- Ballroom floors to be polished
- Seasonal flowers in the front garden
- Hang the Boardroom curtains

Whew – what an amazing committee!

Jana

Please notify Pat Davis, Sunshine Chair, if you hear of members experiencing illness or difficulties so she be in touch to offer support.

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