

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

April 2010 Newsletter

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 7 - Board Meeting 5:00 pm at the Club House

Thursday, April 8 - Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs at 7:00 pm at the Club House

This month GREENBERG featuring Ben Stiller as the unlikeable hero, Roger Greenberg. Hosted by Melaine Bales and Jeanne Aufmuth. Call Melaine at 650-326-0776 for more information.

Tuesday, April 13 - Drop In Social 5:00-7:00 pm at the Club House

Hosted by Celiene O'Hara 367-8122. Call Celiene for location.

Wednesday, April 21 - Luncheon at 11:30 am at the Club House

Judge Luckey, director of Palo Alto Children's Theatre

HOSTED BY BARBARA CARLITZ & ELLIE HEISTER

Tuesday, April 27 - Book Group at 7:30 pm at the Club House

Call Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260

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Presidents' Letter

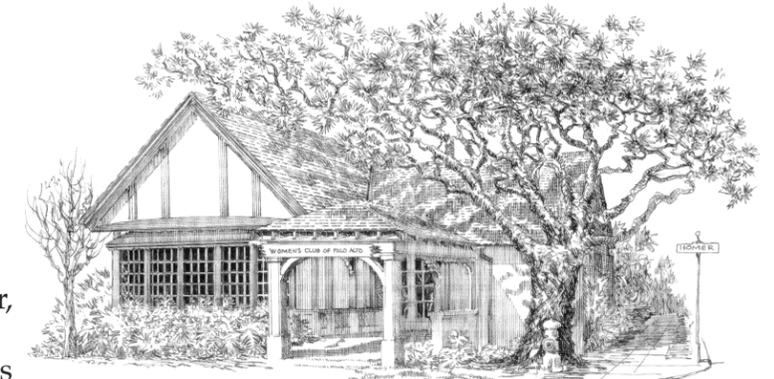
Dear Members,

The April luncheon promises to be a stimulating and festive affair. We will be celebrating the "christening" of the newly renovated bathrooms. (Yes, the project will be completed on schedule and all club committees may meet at the clubhouse in April.) Don't miss our speaker, Judge Luckey, the dynamic new director of the Children's Theatre. Our only item of business is to vote on the proposed slate of the Executive Board for 2010-11.

Tickets will also be on sale for the May 15 Kitchen Tour. In addition to featuring five spectacular homes, this year's event is bigger and better than ever. The committee, under the leadership of Elizabeth Moder-Stern and Debbie Nichols, has added unique features (a personal chef in one home will provide pizza tasting in the garden; at another home, William Sonoma will be doing a demonstration; and in yet another you'll find delicious refreshments baked by many of our members). We hope each of you will attend and bring a friend. This is our major fundraising event of the year. It's also an opportunity to strengthen our community of women as well as raise awareness of the Woman's Club. Tickets are \$30 and are tax deductible; raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. You may purchase tickets at the April luncheon or send your checks (payable to the Palo Alto Woman's Club) to Debbie Nichols. We hope to see you all there.

With appreciation,

Christine Shambora and Sandra Pearson



Wednesday, April 21

Judge Luckey

Newly appointed director of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre, formerly founding artistic director of Youth Theatre company in Atlanta

Arts Education, Nurturing Creativity Vital for Navigating the Contemporary World

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11:30 Member and Guest Sign-in

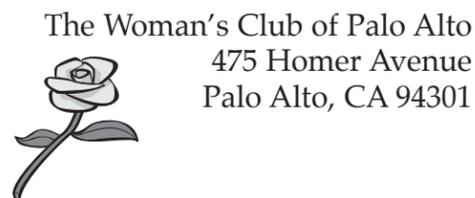
12:00 Luncheon is Served

12:15 President's Welcome Program & Dessert

Luncheon is offered at \$5.00 for members, \$10 for guests. Call Ellie Heister for guest reservations: 328-9602

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Book Group

Tuesday April. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Sky Burial by Xinran

We will meet at the clubhouse, if it is available as expected. If not, we will meet at the home of Shulamith Rubinfien. Members of the Group are reminded by email, so if you want to come but are not on Jeanne McDonnell's email list, call her ahead to confirm place of the meeting .

Our books this session are about Asia. Those remaining are May 25, *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Philippe Mason, and June 22, *Under the Dragon* by Rory MacLean. New members welcome.

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June-*Under the Dragon* by Rory MacLean

-Jeanne McDonnell,

SAVE THE DATE 2nd Annual Kitchen Tour Saturday, May 15, 2010

5 Fabulous Palo Alto Kitchens
Tickets now available \$30.00

The committee's goal is 2 tickets per member. Treat a friend, bring a family member and support our one major fundraising event of the year.

For more information contact
Debbie Nichols – 650.329.8558

Kudos Corner

Judy Gittelson for coordinating the District Art Contest; 4 of our entries placed first!

Margaret Gould for 25 years of service and Edith Kaiser for 50 years of service in the Woman's Club

Caroline Willis and the Nominating Committee for recruiting the 2010-1011 Board of Directors slate.

Cordially, Sandra and Christine

History Corner Sara Bard Field, Overland in an Overland

I actually got tears in my eyes recently when I watched the DVD, *Iron-Jawed Angels*. That film features Alice Paul, deserving of headlines, but others too made extreme sacrifices that women should vote. The campaign required years of battle, which Sara Bard Field complained was unfair, requiring so much of women's time and efforts.

She was a convincing speaker when she lectured in 1912 as a representative of the Oregon College Equal Suffrage League. At the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, a convention of women voters, only western states then, sponsored a cross country car excursion, waving farewell to three women, a driver-mechanic, the car owner, and Field as the woman suffrage speaker. (A fourth bowed out early in the trip.)

Over the 3,000 mile track, there were no roads in the modern sense, to Washington D.C., she gathered 100,000 signatures and much publicity. Their car experiences made news as well as the petition she carried for signatures. The manufacturer advertised the Overland as good for your wife, claiming among other features that the large steering wheel turned easily—"Strength is not a bit necessary, a young girl can handle it."

In Washington, photographers and writers were on hand to report on a caravan of suffragists, led by Field. who carried the signed petition up the Capitol steps to urge Congress and President Wilson to vote in favor of an amendment by which all American women should gain full and equal voting rights. This was the kind of peaceful drama fostered by Alice Paul.

In her later years, Field lived in Saratoga, became known as a poet, and continued women's rights activism. She was credited with getting an equal rights phrase into the United Nations Charter.

Jeanne McDonnell

Notice of Dues Increase

The Woman's Club voted to increase the annual dues from \$100 to \$150 at the March 17 meeting. Members for whom the increase will present a financial hardship are encouraged to request a scholarship. This is a confidential process and does not require financial documentation for approval.

DO YOU LIKE TO HIKE? Wildflower hike in beautiful Edgewood Park

Celebrate Earth Day (April 22) with a hike at Edgewood Park to view spring wildflowers. Edgewood, with both meadow and sylvan terrain, is noted for its flowers. We will meet by the large notice board at the inner parking lot at 9:00 a.m. The hike will gain 600 feet in altitude and will cover about 3 miles, at a leisurely pace. Edgewood is located at the Edgewood Rd. turnoff of Hwy. 280 in Redwood City. The park is the first right off Edgewood Rd. and is clearly marked. Water and bathrooms are available near the trailhead. For questions call Jean Pressey 521-0360.

Woman's Club Hikes - great way to stay and shape and get to know each other better.

Woman's Club Dish Hikes - Grace Hinton & Hedy McAdams are coordinating weekly Dish hikes this summer (2010) - every Wednesday in June, July, August, and maybe September. one or both of us will be there between 7:45-8:00 with hike to leave promptly at 8:00 a.m. loops takes about 1.25 hours. email us if you have more questions: grace_hinton@yahoo.com, hedy01@mediationpaloalto.com

Woman's Club Baylands Hikes - Jean Pressey and Carolyn Emmerson are coordinating Baylands hikes - with times and places TBD.

Please note change of email for Carolyn Emerson to: che.emmerson@gmail.com

Community Outreach

At the March luncheon, members of the Outreach Committee enjoyed sharing their enthusiasm for various outreach activities with the membership. Outfitted in their lime green t-shirts, they talked with members about what the committee has done, what it hopes to accomplish, and what it's like to be on the committee. Two new members joined the committee, and many remarked on how much they liked what the Outreach Committee was doing. The committee appreciates the enthusiasm of the membership and looks forward to bringing more programs to the club.

—Sue Krumbein,

True Elegance, a Benefit Tea Sunday, April 25, from 2 to 5 p.m.

A few years ago, Woman's Club of Palo Alto generously donated a one-time use of their clubhouse to a silent auction held at the Loma Prieta District Convention. Trynie Hermary of GFWC Peninsula Hills Women's Club entered the highest bid. For her one-time use of the clubhouse, her club will be presenting "True Elegance", a benefit tea Sunday, April 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the ballroom of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave. Donations of \$40 per person (\$300 for a table of eight) will benefit Shelter Network and the Redwood City Education Foundation. For tickets call (650) 399-6561.

Slate of Officers and Directors for 2010-2011

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