

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday, May 13 - Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs at 7:00 pm at the Club House
Hosted by Melaine Bales and Jeanne Aufmuth. Call Melaine at 650-326-0776 for more information.

Tuesday, May 11 - Drop In Social 5:00-7:00 pm at the Club House
Hosted by Celiene O'Hara 367-8122. .

Wednesday, May 19 - Luncheon at 11:30 am at the Club House
Philanthropy Awards
HOSTED BY NANCY SCHOENER AND PAT STARRETT

Tuesday, May 25 - Book Group at 7:30 pm at the Club House
Call Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

May 2010 Newsletter

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Presidents' Letter

This month completes our first year as co-presidents and we appreciate your confidence in electing us for a second term. It has been a year of both rewards and challenges. Of course it goes without saying that the biggest accomplishment this year has been the completion of the restroom renovation thanks to so many hard working members who were recognized at the April luncheon.

A new website (womansclubofpaloalto.org) thanks to new member, Donna Bohling, has facilitated better communication with members and improved interface with the community especially in terms of rentals. The website has been used this spring to sell Kitchen Tour tickets and sign ups for the picture directory. We hope you will use the website more often as we continue to develop and enhance the content.

The Community Outreach Committee has moved from a trial to a permanent committee of the Club. Hard work and increased participation has allowed the Committee to expand their efforts and make plans for more activity in the coming year. The leadership of Vicki Sullivan along with Sue Krumbein, Lolly Osborne and Eileen Brooks are responsible for making this happen.

A more challenging issue was the decision by the Board to recommend a dues increase. We realize this was controversial but we hope you will understand the thoughtful consideration given this recommendation. It has become apparent during the recent budget process, that there is a need to allocate more money for the regular upkeep and maintenance of the clubhouse. In the past many of these tasks were



Wednesday, May 19 Philanthropy Awards

Installation of Club Officers

HOSTED BY NANCY SCHOENER AND PAT STARRETT

11:30 Member and Guest Sign-in

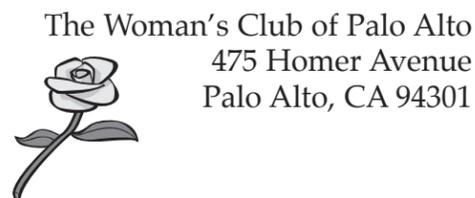
12:00 Luncheon is Served

12:15 President's Welcome
Program & Dessert

Luncheon is offered at \$5.00 for members, \$10 for guests. Call Pat Starrett for guest reservations 424-9988.

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Book Club, History Corner,
Kitchen Tour, Art Contest,
Kudos Corner, Rentals Update,
Ciné Circle details



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Book Group

Tuesday May. 25, 7:30 p.m.

The Piano Tuner by Daniel Philippe Mason

We will discuss *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Philippe Mason, the fourth in our Asia series. At our June 22 meeting, we will discuss *Under the Dragon*, by Rory MacLean and consider a topic for our fall list. We often decide on the precise books to be read by email early in the summer. New Members Welcome.

-Jeanne McDonnell,

Presidents' letter continued

done either by member volunteers or on a less consistent schedule by paid help. We no longer have volunteers to do the work so the increased income from dues will allow the Club to insure these tasks are covered on a regular basis.

These are but a few of the highlights of this past year. Next month we will begin to outline some of our goals for this next year. Our hope for the membership this next year is that more of our members will become active on Club Committees. We will be taking sign ups at the May and June luncheons. Please give these opportunities serious consideration. Your commitment is sure to result in a stronger connection and a greater sense of community with the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

Cordially,
Christine and Sandra

KUDOS CORNER

- The Finance Committee, **Joan Johnston, Lanie Wheeler, Anne Ercolani, Melaine Bales** and **Joanne Meredith** for their hard work this year and especially in preparing the 2010-2011 budget
- **Pat Davis, Jana Stevens, Aino DaRosa, Delia Laitin** and **Caroline Willis** for our beautiful new restrooms and all they did to make them possible
- **Lolly Osborne** for the many wonderful photos she has taken of Club events this year

History Corner

Women's Airforce Service Pilots

It is relevant in 2010, as we approach the 65th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, to recognize women--especially local women--who "did their bit." I refer to the Women's Airforce Service Pilots, known by the acronym WASP, which lasted from 1942 to 1944. 25,000 women applied to the program, 1700 served, and 38 gave their lives for their country. The women faced resistance and criticism, but they persevered. Eleanor Roosevelt encouraged and defended them, "We are in a war and we need to fight it with all our ability and every weapon possible. Women pilots, in this particular case, are a weapon waiting to be used." For two years, these brave women ferried planes to their military destinations, tested them, put them through their paces, and even maintained them.

Last year President Obama honored the women with a Congressional Gold Medal, "The Women's Airforce Service Pilots courageously answered their country's call in a time of need, while blazing a trail for the brave women who have given, and continue to give, so much in service to this nation..." Two Bay Area women, Marcella Tucker of San Jose and Barbara Squire of Los Gatos, were among those honored in March, 2010, at a ceremony in Washington.

The *San Jose Mercury News* interviewed Squire and Tucker, who told of their fascination with flying, their acceptance, training, and experiences as pilots, and their delight at the recognition WASP finally received. "It was just a fantastic opportunity for women in those days," Tucker said. Astonishingly, when the program was disbanded in 1944, its records were sealed. For a generation, the WASP story was virtually unknown to the general public, even to WWII "buffs," nor did the women receive veterans' benefits. Now, a website supports and tells the WASP story (<http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us/wasp/index.htm>); go also to www.youtube.com, type in "women's airforce service pilots" and follow links to interviews and contemporary newsreels of the heroic WASP women.

—Peggy McKee

APPLAUSE.....APPLAUSE FOR THE RENTAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

A very special thanks to **Emily Renzel, Margaret Feuer** and **Elizabeth Moder-Stern** for a spectacular year managing our clubhouse rentals. In spite of the challenge of being without the Clubhouse during our bathroom remodel, rental income for 2009-10 is projected to be over \$50,000!

We want to recognize and thank **Elizabeth Moder-Stern** for 8 years of service as a rental chair and look forward to seeing where she will pop up next! The Rental Committee is looking for volunteers to join them and contribute in a very important way to the financial well being of the club. Contact Margaret Feuer or Emily Renzel for further information.

Kitchen Tour

The Woman's Club Kitchen Tour is fast approaching. The date is Saturday, May 15th, from 10 am to 4 pm. There are some exciting additions to this year's tour. The Williams-Sonoma Store at Stanford Shopping Center will be giving a cooking demonstration and tasting in the rear garden of one of the homes on tour, located on Coleridge Avenue, between 11 am and 1 pm. There are 5 homes on this year's tour, and 2 of them are located on Coleridge Avenue. Charles Sumner and Birge Clark, well known architects, designed these homes in the 1920's and 1930's. A new home, located on Southwood Drive, has an amazing outdoor pizza oven and kitchen. The homeowner's personal chef will be baking pizzas for sampling throughout the day in the outdoor pizza oven. Cookies and beverages will be served at another 1930's home, located on Maple Avenue. A charming 100 year old bungalow, located in downtown Palo Alto rounds out this exceptional tour. Information about how to obtain tickets can be found on our website at www.womansclubofpaloalto.org. Information about the raffle can be found on the insert in the newsletter.

Cine' Circle

Thursday, May 13 - Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs at 7:00 pm at the Club House

This year's Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film, *THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (EL SUCRETO DE SUS OJOS)*, is our featured movie. Hosted by Melaine Bales and Jeanne Aufmuth. Call Melaine at 650-326-0776 for more information.

Membership Renewal Forms Due May 31, 2010

Please don't forget to complete and return your Membership Renewal Form by May 31st! New Membership Chair Sandy Voorhees doesn't want to spend half the summer tracking down late forms. We've got more than 40 people on the Wait List and would hate to offer YOUR spot to a prospective member because you jetted off to Ibiza and forgot to return your form before your departure. Also, a reminder that Financial Aid is available to members who find this year's dues increase taxing. Aid is limited to the amount of increase in any particular year (in this case \$50.00) and is completely confidential. Interested members should contact Sandy Voorhees, sandyvoorh@aol.com, to request an application.

Woman's Club Student Art Contest

The Second Annual Palo Alto Woman's Club Student Art Contest drew students from the area to the temporary judging site of Art For Well Beings (due to the remodel at the Woman's Club). The 2010 contest yielded district winners-four first place, two honorable mentions so off go our students to the state competition. Congratulations to our student winners - Xenia Rolfs, Gustav Rolfs and Naoki Minaki. And thank you very much to our judges, Paula Sandas and Michael Pauker.

Judy Gittlesohn

Palo Alto Woman's Club Chair, Loma Prieta
District Student Art Contest