

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 1 - Board Meeting 5:00 pm at the Club House

Tuesday, September 7 - Philanthropy Committee meeting - 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse

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

Thursday, September 9 - Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs at 7:00 pm at the Club House

This month's movie *The Kids Are All Right*

Hosted by Melaine Bales and Jeanne Aufmuth. Call Melaine at 650-326-0776 for more information.

Wednesday, September 15 - Luncheon at 11:30 am at the Club House

Mary Hughes Political Consultant, The 2012 Project: A National, Non-Partisan Campaign to Encourage Accomplished Women from Underrepresented Fields to Run for Congressional and State Legislative Offices

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Tuesday, September 28 - Book Group at 7:30 pm at the Club House

Call Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

September 2010 Newsletter

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Presidents' Letter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a summer of rest and recreation and are ready to reconnect with old and new friends at the Woman's Club at our first luncheon on September 15th. This year our goal continues to be building a stronger sense of community.

As a member, strengthening a sense of community begins by participating.

- Don't miss your obligation to work on a lunch committee-this is more than just a job. It is a chance to work along side and get to know other members. Check your luncheon assignment when you pick up your Yearbook and exchange with a friend if you have a conflict.
- Come to the luncheons. We plan interesting speakers. The doors open at 11:30 so come early to connect with old and new friends.
- Attend the Book Group, Cine Circle, Tuesday Night Social, Hiking Group or the Writing group. Start a new group. Based on your expressed interests we are launching groups interested in bridge and knitting.
- Join one of our Club's standing Committees; House & Grounds, Rental operations, Philanthropy, Community Outreach or special events. We need your help to make these things happen and this is a great opportunity to get to know other members. The Kitchen Tour this year is one place we will really need your help and your commitment asap to move ahead with planning.

There will be an opportunity to sign up to join one of the existing groups, if you haven't already



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11:30 Member and Guest Sign-in

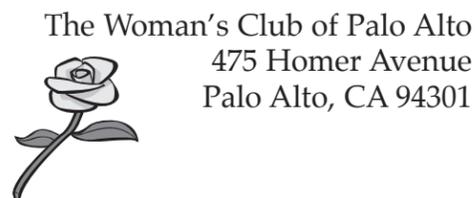
12:00 Luncheon is Served

12:15 President's Welcome
Program & Dessert

Luncheon is offered at \$5.00 for members, \$10 for guests. Call Iris Korol for guest reservations 321-0638.

Look Inside!

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Book Group

Tuesday September. 28, 7:30 p.m.

The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood

Here is our list for fall. One of us usually volunteers to lead the discussion by doing extra research, and Anne Saldich will be our pro in September. We meet the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sometimes adjust the date for holidays or meet elsewhere if the building is rented.

Sept. 28 Margaret Atwood, *The Blind Assassin*

Oct. 26 Gabrielle Roy, *The Tin Flute*

Nov. 23 Alistair MacLeod, *No Great Mischiefs*
(Unless we adjust for Thanksgiving.)

Dec. 28 Alice Munro, *Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage*

Jan. 25 W. O. Mitchell, *Who Has Seen the Wind*
-Jeanne McDonnell,

(Contact me for questions or if you are not on email list.)



The New Yearbook is almost here!

Thanks to 198 Club members whom had their photo taken for the new yearbook. A huge thanks to Joann Meredith, Julie Jerome and Barb Spreng who made this possible and saved the Club nearly \$1000 which would have been spent to print our regular yearbook. We are hopeful that the yearbooks will be available by the September luncheon. You may pick up your yearbook then or they will also be available at the October luncheon. If you know you are going to be away both those months ask a friend to pick yours up and save us the cost of mailing. The yearbook will contain luncheon assignments for the year and you will also find your assigned month printed next to your name in the directory listing. Won't it be fun to finally put names to faces among our membership.

History Corner Margarita Espinosa

It seems fitting, as our children and grandchildren return to school, to reflect on the life of one of Palo Alto's great educators. Margarita Espinosa was principal of Castilleja School, 1941-1971.

She grew up on Middlefield Road after her father was lured to Stanford by David Starr Jordan. She graduated from Castilleja, then headed by its founder, Mary Ishbel Lockey, in 1922 and from Stanford in 1927, where she earned a Master's degree in 1928. She returned to Castilleja, first to teach and then to lead the school after Miss Lockey. Miss Espinosa (she was never "Ms") carried on Miss Lockey's mission to educate young women with "the best of the old and the best of the new."

She guided the school through its dark days of declining enrollment and near bankruptcy. After World War II, Miss Espinosa focused Castilleja students on a rigorous academic curriculum, community service, athletics, and extracurricular activities. She told the parents, "...Castilleja is primarily college preparatory. Ninety-nine percent of each graduating class enters colleges..., and Castilleja is fully accredited" She was committed to educating young women, not just to be wives and mothers, but to be aware and concerned citizens.

Celebrating Castilleja's 50th anniversary in 1957, the yearbook staff thanked Miss Espinosa for her leadership and accomplishments: peak enrollment, a new Latin room, a longer school day; and pledges to renovate or construct buildings more appropriate to Castilleja's mission. She presided over a major building campaign. As these improvements cost money, Miss Espinosa and the Board made the difficult decision to drop the lower grades (1-6.)

When she retired as principal in 1971, Miss Espinosa joined the Peace Corps and taught young women at Ewah University in South Korea.

In 1992, the Senior Coordinating Council (now Avenidas) honored her with a Lifetimes of Achievement Award, and she was featured in "Voices of Palo Alto," a booklet produced in 1994 by the Palo Alto Centennial committee. I had the good fortune to be hired by Miss Espinosa and to witness her dedication to educating and preparing young women for their life's journey.

—Peggy McKee

House & Grounds Report

The following projects have been approved and will be underway during this club year:

In progress:

- New hardscape and landscaping for the Cowper side of the building.
- Cushion for the bench in the Women's restroom
- Black & White Photos for the Ballroom

Completed by September:

- Wallpaper for the Foyer
- Additional speakers for the Ballroom & Fireside Room
- Additional amplifier and second microphone for the Ballroom

Thanks to Delia Laitin and Caroline Willis for heading up the landscaping project. Their plan will beautify that side of the house and improve access and useability of the kitchen and Fireside entrance.

Jana Stevens managed the wallpaper project and will oversee installation of new speakers, mic and amplifier. We are so grateful to Jana for all the expertise and hard work she gives to the Club. Jana will be moving on from Chair of House & Grounds so we are looking for her replacement. If you are interested please contact Jana Stevens or Christine Shambora.

COME WRITE WITH US!

Do you like to write? Interested in exploring and expanding your creativity? Then consider signing up for the Women's Club Writing Group, starting a new session this fall, with its first meeting on Sept. 14th. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 12:30-2:30, at the Women's Club (Sept.-Dec. and then Feb.-May). There is no homework or advance preparation. We write to prompts during the two-hour sessions, share our writing as desired, and give positive feedback only. No previous experience is required. It's fun, easy and a wonderful way to get to know other members. If you are interested, contact Terri Lobdell, at terri.lobdell@gmail.com or 650-321-5944. Note: Attendance at all sessions is not required, but you do need to sign up with Terri in advance, receive some information about how the group works, and plan to come to most of the sessions as your schedule allows. (It is not a "drop-in" group.)

Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee delightfully announces that Haven Family House is the featured organization this year. Representatives from Haven Family House will speak at the October luncheon. There you will have the opportunity to learn more about this successful community organization. Throughout the year, we will include, in the newsletter and on the website, information about volunteer opportunities at Haven Family House as well as specific needs that they have. To find that information now, go to this link <http://www.womansclubofpaloalto.org/wcpa/Announcements.html>. You can bring a donation for HFH to any Woman's Club luncheon, and someone from the Community Outreach Committee will accept.

Haven Family House, part of Shelter Network, is a 24-unit family shelter located on Van Buren in Menlo Park. It provides shelter and support to families who would otherwise be homeless. Families usually stay at Haven Family House for 3 months and then move into their own apartment because the adults have gotten jobs. During their stay at Haven Family House, they concentrate on job and living skills while their children go to school or to the onsite day care facility. Haven Family House offers a comprehensive program.

We look forward to sharing information with you about this local organization. It is a very important and successful program which we're excited to be highlighting.

Presidents' letter continued

done so, or for you to indicate a preference for a new group at the luncheon.

Please take the time to read our monthly newsletter where we share important information. We will increase our use of the website especially for announcements and volunteer opportunities. To keep members better informed we will send out a brief summary of board minutes each month by email. We are considering a separate meeting once a quarter to allow more discussion of Club matters.

Please give us your feedback and suggestions on these ideas and topics. We want to hear from you. The Woman's Club belongs to all of us.

Cordially,
Christine and Sandra