

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

May 2011 Newsletter

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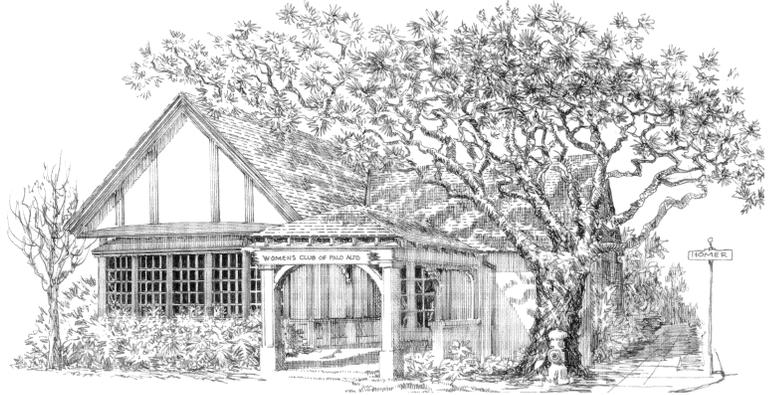
Presidents' Letter

This is the final Presidents' message as our two-year term ends this month. Who knew that working as a team for the past two years would be so personally enriching for both of us? We have had two great Boards of Directors to work with and their support and engagement has made such a difference in making things happen. The new Board for 2011-2012 was unanimously elected in April and we are confident that the Club will be in energetic and capable hands going forward. It has been so gratifying to see the growing interest and involvement of our members, especially the newer ones with a real willingness to step up and make a contribution.

In our April message we mentioned several changes and accomplishments that have occurred over the last two years. There are a few other important ones that need to be noted. The revamping of our website happened in the summer of 2009 thanks to new member, Donna Bohling. Our website is now a dynamic communication tool for members and also gives the public a window into our organization both for information and rentals. We hope to make some further additions this summer so please watch for changes.

Another accomplishment this past year was the creation of a yearbook/directory with lovely photos of our members. Joann Meredith along with Julie Jerome and Barb Spreng deserve heaps of the credit for this terrific addition to Club. The feedback and appreciation from members has been overwhelming. While we can't do this every year we hope to do it again in another couple of years so hang on to your photo yearbook until that time comes again. We will be issuing a non-photo yearbook

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Wednesday, May 18 Philanthropy Awards

Installation of Club Officers

HOSTED BY SARAH FRENCH AND JULIE JEROME

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. Email Julie for guest reservations juliejjj@aol.com. If you are a vegetarian and are attending the luncheon in May, please e-mail juliejjj@aol.com and let her know.

Look Inside!

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Book Group

Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m.
at the Clubhouse

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

This is the 4th book in our American culture series. In June, we will discuss Anne Tyler, *Digging in America*.

We meet the fourth Tuesday at the Club unless a change of date or place is necessary. Contact Jeanne McDonnell if you are not on the email reminder list. New members welcome.

June 28, Anne Tyler, *Digging in America*

Jeanne McDonnell.

Kudos Corner

Boots Gould for earning her 50 year membership pin.

Lolly Osborne for photographing our events and organizing our newest interest group, Historic Walks.

Kay Remson and Nancy Fiene for contacting our local high school music departments for entry into the California Women's Club Federation state music contest.

Judy Gittelson for organizing the Art Contest and congratulations to 17 students whose art work was submitted to the District competition.

Jeanne McDonnell, Peggy McKee, and Marilyn McDonald for maintaining our historical records.

Jan Heilman for graciously organizing the Greeters and Check-In table for monthly luncheons.

Mary Haverstock, for organizing Bridge for Club members.

History Corner Club Minutes, 1894, June through December

When the history committee transcribed early club minutes, we were somewhat surprised to learn that the women welcomed ideas that were radical for the era. In the first months of their founding, they hosted prominent speakers who advocated change.

On June 13, 1894 secretary, Mrs. A. P. Zschokke wrote: "Pursuant to a call for a general meeting of the ladies of Palo Alto...quite a number met..." They approved minutes of the "last W.C.T.U meeting." Apparently the club evolved from the national organization trying to outlaw alcoholic beverages.

They elected Mrs. E. L. Campbell their first President. Club presidents all went by their husbands' names until the 1980s. Mary Campbell "made a stirring address, congratulating Palo Alto upon being no longer a sort of half-orphan but now having both city fathers and mothers, thus ensuring a prosperous future, a nurturing of its spiritual and refining issues as well as its material welfare."

Committees started were Home, Philanthropy, Education, Art and Literature. Margaret Schallenberger and Milicent Shinn were both invited to speak on the subject of children's rights and development.

The labor movement figured among their interests. When a speaker failed to appear, Mary Campbell filled in, speaking on "The Ancient History of strikes, showing that the organization of labor was as old as the race."

In December, Dr. Ross on "the Woman question" said, "What woman shall do and have, or not do and have involves her civil, social, political, and moral rights. One of the primary rights of woman is the right not to marry, to earn a living, to enter industry. This involves a right to enter Universities and professional schools, to be measured by the same standards as men and to receive equal pay for equal work." The married woman has rights to the sacredness of her person, to equal control over the children, to hold property independently, to divorce on the same grounds as men, to be judged by the same standard, not to lower women's but to raise men's standard." He favored women's voting rights, two years before a majority of California men voted against a woman suffrage provision.

—*Jeanne McDonnell*

Presidents' letter continued

in the Fall.

Many other more subtle changes have taken place during our term especially in the area of organizational infrastructure, job descriptions, written adoption of policies and procedures as well as operational guidelines. Generally members may not notice these but our hope is that it will make operations for the new Board run more smoothly.

It has been a rewarding experience to work with all of you. We appreciate the opportunity you have given us to celebrate our rich history as we begin planning for the future. As we look back on all that has been accomplished and the friends we have made, we are thankful for the commitment you make, with your unique talents and interests, to ensure that the Woman's Club continues to be a dynamic, and cherished, organization.

Sandra and Christine

Membership

Everyone should have received the 2011-2012 membership renewal application and cover letter. Please complete both sides of the form. Return envelopes were not included in the mailing.

Checks should be written to: The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Please return forms and checks to:

Sandy Voorhees
Membership Chair
165 Primrose Way
Palo Alto, CA 94303

In Memoriam

Sue Flakoll, a 10 year member of the Woman's Club died on February 11, 2011. Sue was an energetic and enthusiastic member who always greeted everyone with a smile. She loved being a part of the Woman's Club where she had many friends. She worked for many years at Walter Hays elementary school and was an active member of the Palo Alto Garden Club. Her passion was gardening and hospitality. She will be deeply missed.

Outreach Committee

On May 21, the Outreach Committee will sponsor another Give-Away at Haven Family House. We would love any donations you might be able to make. The most pressing needs (used but clean, please) include pots and pans, sharp knives, cutting boards, kitchen sponges, washcloths, twin & double mattress pads, manual can openers, coffee makers, lamps and lamp shades of all sizes, bath mats, mixing bowls, cereal and soup bowls, flatware, shower curtain liners, & pocket calculators. You can drop items off at Sue Krumbein's back porch, 2371 Bryant, PA.

This event will take place on Saturday morning, May 21, at Haven Family House where we will be offering clothing for adults and children, books, toys and games, and some household items. Residents can shop at 10am, after we've set up, and at about 11:30, we clean up and put things away. The morning is lots of fun, and we'd love to have you join us. Contact Sue Krumbein at HYPERLINK "mailto:suekrumbein@yahoo.com" suekrumbein@yahoo.com if you're interested in joining us.

The BIG DRAW

The BIG DRAW got off to a great start....we sold almost \$2,000.00 worth of tickets, but that's only one third of our goal....so with that said, do bring your checkbooks or cash to the next luncheon. We will be selling tickets before the meeting, and we need and want all to participate to the best of your ability. We have some fabulous gifts, including the iPad, weekend away, wine and most likely there will be a surprise along the way...don't miss out.

We need your support for our Club. Thanks a bunch to all of you who have already given us your financial support!

Sarah French and Elizabeth Moder-Stern



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 4 - Board Meeting 5:00 pm at the Club House

Tuesday, May 10 - Drop In Social 5:00-7:00 pm at the Club House
Hosted by Celiene O'Hara 367-8122. .

Thursday, May 12 - Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs at 7:00 pm at the Club House
This month's movie is TBA. Hosted by Melaine Bales Hennessey and Jeanne Aufmuth.
Call Melaine at 650-326-0776 for more info.

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