

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

September 2011 Newsletter

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President's Letter

Summer was grand for me, though not as care-free as in previous years.

While I had plenty of good, Cape Cod time, there were many WC accomplishments and issues to follow:

- New chairs - thanks to the House and Grounds Committee for taking the lead and getting this huge, budgeted project done from start to finish. As you sit happily at our next WC Luncheon, remember to thank those who made your comfort possible.

- Board Retreat - happened Aug. 24, so too late for a report in this newsletter, but Board Business will be a regular Newsletter feature, going forward.

- Some new committees under consideration -
 - Membership - may morph into a many-pronged job requiring a few more hands as we work to engage and involve our membership

- Communications - will now require additional attention as we embrace the digital age.

- Fundraising - with an eye towards present and future building maintenance and improvements, Philanthropy and our Clubhouse's 100 year birthday (2016)

All important issues and tasks deserving collaborative committee work.

- WC 2011 Handbook - thanks to Julie Jerome for coordinating this effort. It will be distributed at our September Luncheon.

And last, but certainly not least -

- The New Member Orientation and Reception to be held on September 8 - thanks to Sandy Voorhees (New Members) and Bobbi Fox (Reception Food and Flowers) for putting together what should be an enjoyable evening. Please attend and enthusiastically welcome our new members.

A hundred other WC details took up some time. I was thankful for beach Yoga.

Welcome back -

-Eileen Brooks



Wednesday, September 21

The Day the Queen Came to Stanford Jeanne Kennedy

Retired Community & Patient Relations Director
at Stanford University Hospital

HOSTED BY PAULA SANDAS AND CHRISTINE SHAMBORA

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 Paula for guest reservations or if you need a vegetarian meal at: paula_sandas@yahoo.com. NOTE: Guests for this luncheon limited to 5. First reserved, first served. Email Paula early!

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Book Group
Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.
 at the Clubhouse

***Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson**

We will discuss *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson, the first in our fall series of books with subject matter relating to Ireland and England.

Subsequent books are:

October *Annie Dunne* by Sebastian Barry

November *22 Britannia Road* by Amanda Hodgkinson

December *Half a Life* by V. S. Naipaul

January *The Hand that First Held Mine* by Maggie O'Farrell

New members welcome. Contact Jeanne McDonnell
 jfmcd@aol.com — *Jeanne McDonnell.*

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The Big Draw Wrap-up

Enormous Thanks to Elizabeth Moder-Stern and Sarah French for pulling together this wildly successful end-of-the-year fundraiser.

Our net was \$4625.!

And the Winners were:

iPad 2 - Betsy Bechtel

Monterey Dunes Weekend - Connie Fasani

Cambria Weekend - Rezvan Moghaddam

1999 Kuleto Villa Jeroboam - Daksha Dave

Tub of Wine - Vicki Sullivan

WC 1 Year Membership - Deanna Dickman

Sheraton Hotel 1 night stay - Gloria Hom

Waterford Crystal Ice Bucket - Donna Bohling

William-Sonoma \$25 Gift Certificate - Ursula Cooney

Custom Floral Arrangement

from Seasonal Celebrations - Kathy Torgersen

Suggestion Box

There is a Suggestion Box located on the table in the foyer during our regular monthly Wednesday Luncheons. Please feel free to contribute your ideas and/or concerns.

A Parking Reminder

There is plenty of parking in the Cowper Street Parking Garage across from The Garden Court Hotel. While the weather is fine, enjoy the three block stroll up Cowper Street to the WC Clubhouse.

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History Corner
Dr. Mary Campbell

Our first Woman's Club of Palo Alto Board President, Dr. Mary Campbell, was a Suffragist and supporter of Susan B. Anthony. Dr. Campbell is quoted in *The Life and Work of Susan B. Anthony* by Ida Husted Harper, p. 830, regarding an event in 1895:

"A friend, Mrs. Mary Grafton Campbell, wrote from Palo Alto that she heard [Stanford University] President Jordan say every remaining day and evening of the semester were filled, and when she exclaimed, 'But Miss Anthony is coming, what about her?' he replied, 'There will be room for Miss Anthony if we have to give up classes.' Immediately he wrote her [Miss Anthony] a cordial invitation to visit the university, offering to pay her traveling expenses and expressing a wish to entertain her in his home. She accepted for herself and Miss Shaw, and they spoke to as many students as could crowd into the chapel. Mrs. Stanford sent a personal invitation for them to attend the reception for the first graduating class in her San Francisco residence. As soon as they arrived in California they were presented by Mrs. Stanford with railroad passes throughout the State."

Anna Howard Shaw later became Susan B. Anthony's successor as head of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

—*Jeanne McDonnell*

**The Community Outreach
 Committee
 Announces its 2nd Annual
 October Donation Luncheon**

Donations go to Haven Family House.
 Greatest Needs

NEW

Socks & Underwear – all sizes, M/W/C

Kitchen & Bathroom Cleaning Supplies

Bed pillows (.99 cents each at Ikea)

NEW or GENTLY USED

Dinner plates, shower liners, curtains and rings

Toilet paper, light bulbs, table desk lamps

Blankets and comforters, (sizes twin, full and queen), desk lamps and tables

Bring items to the October Luncheon

& fill our Donation Tables!

We guarantee you'll feel great!

Community Outreach

The speaker for the October 19th luncheon will be Dr. Doty, from the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education at Stanford University. Dr. Doty will talk about why we are altruistic and the way we benefit along with those we help. This topic fits in well with our work at Haven Family House, the organization which we will sponsor again this year. For Outreach info, contact Donna Bohling, donna@bohling.com.

House and Grounds

Garden Installation

The House and Grounds Committee will replace the landscaping at the corner of Homer and Cowper. The work will be done between October 23 and November 10. The project is being funded by a Palo Alto Garden Club grant and some additional money from the House and Grounds budget. To see the plans, join us at the Sept. 8th Reception at 6:30pm at the Clubhouse. For H&G info, contact Sue Krumbein, suekrumbein@yahoo.com

Writing Group

Do you like to write? Interested in exploring your creativity with other Club members? Then sign up for the Women's Club Writing Group, starting a new session on Sept. 13th. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 12:30-2:30, at Terri Lobdell's home located about a mile south of the Women's Club (Sept.-Dec. and then Feb.-May). We write to prompts during the two-hour sessions, share our writing as desired, and provide each other with positive feedback. No previous experience is required. **Note:** *You do need to sign up with Terri in advance. (This is not a "drop-in" group.) Contact Terri Lobdell, at terri.lobdell@gmail.com or 650-321-5944, for more information.*

History Walks

Four history walks are planned for the 2011-12 year.
October 25, 2011 – Guided walk in Golden Gate Park
December 6, 2011 – Tour Grace Cathedral when it's decorated for the Christmas season!
March 6, 2012 – Take an Art Walk in San Francisco with a guide.
April 17 or 24, 2012 – Learn the history of Lauriston, an estate on Windy Hill.

Contact Sue Krumbein suekrumbein@yahoo.com or Lolly Osborne lolly@osbofamily.com

★ New Member Orientation ★ and Reception

**New Member Reception
Woman's Club Clubhouse
Thursday, September 8
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

The general membership of the Woman's Club is invited to gather in the Ballroom for a Reception honoring our new members and celebrating the start of our 2011/2012 year.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres donated by local restaurants and a no-host wine bar.

****Committees and Interest Groups will have displays and sign-up sheets. Come learn about the opportunities for friendship and service available at our club.****

Help kick off our new year at this happy event!

Woman's Club Bridge is Back!

1st and 3rd Thursdays, Beginning September 15
 10:30 to Noon - Beginning Bridge Lessons with Instructor Prue Saunders - \$15 per person. (This new additional time is contingent upon getting a commitment from 10 ladies)

Noon to 2:00 - Open Play (come play on your own)
 2:00 - 4:00 - "Players Bridge" with Instructor Prue Saunders - \$15 per person. Prue will give a brief lesson supported by hand-outs.

Contact Mary Haverstock for information and to sign up - mgh956@gmail.com or by phone - 650-325-5259.

Knit and Stitch

The knit/stitch group will meet on the first and third Fridays of the month from 1-3pm, location to be announced. Contact Christine Shambora (christine@theshamboras.com 650 868-7523) with questions.

Philanthropy

Help us make a difference in our community: Join the Philanthropy Committee's newest Fund Raising and Grant Giving project. Call or email Jackie Schoelerman 650-855-9700 jackie@apr.com

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Thursday, September 8 - New Member Reception at the Club House, 6:30-7:30 pm.

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

Hosted by Celiene O'Hara 367-8122. .

Thursday, September 22 - Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs Movie and meeting time TBA.

Please check your email for more details. Hosted by Melaine Bales Hennessey and Jeanne Aufmuth.

Call Melaine at 650-326-0776 for more info.

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