

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

February 2012 Newsletter

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President's Letter

We continue to be a happy, busy club.

Save the Date - Thursday, Feb., 9, 10-noon at the Clubhouse. We will gather again to honor our Vets. This month, we'll be doing two things:

- Making and signing regular Valentine cards for VA Vets and putting together tactile Valentine cards for the blind Vets. Lolly Osborne has led this activity before and will guide us.

- Making Valentine Goody Bags for the Vets. A few heart candies and some homemade cookies should do the trick.

Those who attended the Dec. card signing will tell you we had a ball. Join us!

The sold out (!) Nancy Cassidy Concert will fill our Clubhouse with joyful noise on Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. Many thanks to the hard working Philanthropy Committee, headed by Jackie Schoelerman and Carol Lippert. Also, many thanks to our wonderful members who bought tickets and CDs in support of this important fundraiser.

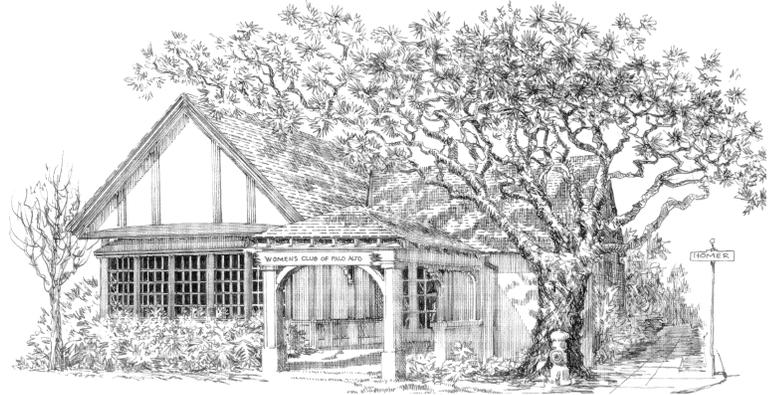
The monthly Drop-in Social in January was well attended, with wine and appetizers graciously served by Celiene O'Hara. February's Social is on Tuesday, February 14 (Happy Valentine's Day!), 5-7p.m. at the Clubhouse. Stop by and enjoy some great conversation, meet up with old friends and make some new ones.

As the Kitchen Tour planning moves along, I encourage you to work on this elegant (and lucrative) Woman's Club event. Contact Nancy Macleod.

There is always something going on. Bookmark or "Favorite" our website: www.womansclubof-paloalto.org to stay up on Committees, Interest Groups and other WC events.

You all really do make this club soar. Thanks!

-Eileen Brooks



Wednesday, February 15

Program: Hedy Lamarr: Beauty, Brains and Bluetooth

Richard Rhodes,

Pulitzer Prize-winning author

HOSTED BY GRACE HINTON AND CAROLINE WILLIS

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 Grace Hinton for guest reservations or if you need a vegetarian meal at: grace_hinton@yahoo.com

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Honor Our Vets

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Spring Book Group

**Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 p.m.
at the Clubhouse**

Humor books comprise our spring 2012 list. Meetings are at 7:30 pm in the board room on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Selections made and voted on at the last meeting and by email are:

February: Jerome K. Jerome, *Three Men in a Boat (To Say Nothing of the Dog)*

March: P. G. Wodehouse, *Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves*

April: David Lodge, *Small World*

May: Calvin Trillin, *Tepper Isn't Going Out*

June: Dave Barry and Alan Zweibel, *Lunatics*

If you are not on the Book Group's email reminder list, call Jeanne McDonnell in case a change of place or date is necessary.

— *Jeanne McDonnell*

History Corner

The Woman's Club of Evanston

When I was growing up outside of Chicago, one of the pillars of my mother's social life was the Woman's Club of Evanston, founded in 1889 by a group of twenty women who first met in their various homes with a motivation to carry out good works for their community. Social reformers such as Jane Addams and Frances Willard spoke at their gatherings. The women advocated for compulsory school attendance, among other issues. Their first organized endeavor raised \$3600 for an emergency hospital to treat typhoid and small pox victims. This rented house became the nucleus for Evanston Hospital. The Evanston ladies were also interested, like our founding members, in suffrage, inviting luminaries such as Susan B. Anthony to speak. They won the right to vote in local elections, sending one of their members, Louise Stanwood, to serve on the School Board in 1892. With the help of their husbands, they purchased property in 1912 to build a clubhouse (still standing at 1702 Chicago Ave.,) and secured its recognition on the National Register of Historic Places.

You might recall that the Palo Alto women bought the property of our Club House in 1916, and a group is now working on securing its status on the National Register of Historic Places.

— *Peggy McKeel*

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.

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Board Business

January, 2012 Board Meeting

- The Board approved the Finance Committee recommendation of naming and maintaining three separate bank accounts: Operating Budget, Operating Reserves and Capital Reserves. Account percentages will be recommended through the upcoming Budget and approval process.
- The Luncheon Committee Chair will meet with the President and the Membership Chair to review the efficacy of the new Luncheon process, using the Sept. – Jan. Luncheons as indicators as well as member feedback.
- Rentals reported ahead-of-Budget Rentals for Sept. – Dec., 2011.
- The Board approved H&G recommendation to have a full house inspection done.
- The Board approved the date of the Kitchen Tour – May 19, 2012.
- The December Holiday Party netted \$335. All expressed happiness as the desire was to just break even.
- The Board approved the Rentals Marketing Committee recommendation that the Woman's Club maintain a Facebook page to explain/attract rentals. Jessica Shambora, Christine's daughter, is a well-placed Facebook employee who has volunteered to help us with that task.

Complete Board meeting Agenda and Minutes are available for general membership review. Please contact Eileen Brooks, President.

eibrooks@hotmail.com

Check out our Website!

www.womansclubofpaloalto.org

Our Webmaster (Webmistress?), Donna Bohling, has posted photos of many past Woman's Club events. She has also posted archived photos that show our history well. Make a habit of checking our website for all information Woman's Club related.

Future Luncheons:

No guests will be accepted for the April Luncheon. Our speaker is *Cutting for Stone* author Abraham Verghese. We anticipate a full house from our members and those listed on our waiting list.

Please note a typo in the Yearbook regarding the June Luncheon. June 20 is the correct date, not June 15.

Committee and Interest Group Updates

Community Outreach

Community Outreach took a hiatus the month of December and returned in January, refreshed and ready to roll! Our first visit to Haven Family House (HFH) on Jan 11th was busy! HFH received many, many donations of household goods in the month of December and the storage closets were overflowing. Our team of 6 Woman's Club ladies worked hard and achieved a lot. We will be back at HFH on Feb 8th and Feb 22nd. If anyone would like to join us and see what this is all about, please contact Donna@Bohling.com. Community Outreach meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the clubhouse. At this month's meeting, we will be discussing new outreach projects for next year. If you have ideas for volunteer options, please come to our meeting. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

History Walks

Please put this date on your calendar!

Join the History Walks group on Tuesday, March 6, for an Art Walk in San Francisco that will include a tour of Crown Point Press, a brief look at museums in SOMA, and a visit to four Geary Street galleries. Immerse yourself in the art and artists of Northern California We'll take the 8:31 a.m. train, do some walking, enjoy a bag lunch in the city, and return home mid-afternoon. To sign up for this event, contact Lolly Osborne at lolly@osbofamily.com. Hope to see you there!

Please add the Woman's Club Spring Kitchen Tour to your calendar of upcoming events!

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

To let us know how you can help with this important Club fundraiser, and for more information, contact

Nancy MacLeod at 650.888.5276 or nmacleod@homes2buy.com.

Nancy Cassidy Concert is Sold Out!

However...You can still support our Philanthropic mission by purchasing Nancy Cassidy CDs.

The Woman's Club Philanthropy Fund receives 1/3 of the purchase price.

CDs can be donated back and distributed to local pre-schools and elementary schools.

Contact Jackie Schoelerman at Jackie@apr.com

Bridge Group

February 2 and February 23 (Prue is away on the 16th - so we will meet on the 23 instead)

10:30 to Noon - Continuing Beginners Bridge w/Prue

2 to 4 - Open Play (please note the time change!)

2 to 4 - Players Bridge with Prue

Contact Mary Haverstock mgh956@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the Bridge mailing list.

NEW BEGINNER EVENING CLASS! Anyone interested in a New Thursday evening Beginner's Bridge Session? Prue is available to start a new group of Woman's Club Bridge players! The lessons would be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month - March through June. 8 sessions for \$120. We need 8 ladies to commit so please let me know if you are interested! Contact Mary Haverstock if you have any questions or are interested in signing up for the new evening time - mgh956@gmail.com

*April Dates - April 12 and 19 as Prue is away on April 5.

Eldercare Support Group

The Palo Alto Woman's Club Eldercare Support Group will meet on the first Thursday of February, February 2, 10:30 - 12 noon, at the Clubhouse in the "board meeting" room (small room on the right as you enter the house). We anticipate making this a regular meeting. This group is for those who are caregivers who would like to have a peer support and sharing group. The discussions will be informal and based on members choices. Please join us if you're able. Cathy Dolton will facilitate. RSVP to Cathy, but come even if you didn't get a chance to call cathyjd@comcast.net.

If you are interested in a program featuring an expert on a particular eldercare topic, please let Carol Muller know and we can also schedule an occasional meeting on such topics. We do have a volunteer with expertise in eldercare legal issues (who is NOT trying to develop business for herself..!), in case that interests you. Contact Carol Muller at cblue@stanfordalumni.org.

Rentals Marketing Member Incentive!

Bring in a full rate Rental of \$1200/6-hour weekday or \$2000/full day weekend to receive \$100. Support our Club, Clubhouse and Activities. Contact Helen Gracon hgracon@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 1 - Board Meeting 5-7 pm at the Clubhouse

Thursday, Feb. 2 - Eldercare Support Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Clubhouse

Thursday, February 2 - Bridge, 10:30 a.m.- noon; 2-4 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Thursday, Feb. 9 - Volunteering for Vets, 10 a.m. - noon at the Clubhouse

Thursday, Feb. 9 - Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. Movie TBA. Hosted by Melaine Bales Hennessey and Jeanne Aufmuth. Call Melaine at 326.0776 for info.

Saturday, Feb. 11 - Nancy Cassidy Concert, 10:30 a.m. Contact Jackie for info: Jackie@apr.com

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Drop-in Social - 5-7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

More info from Celiene OíHara at celienet@aol.com

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - Luncheon – Hedy Lamarr: Beauty, Brains and Bluetooth -, Richard Rhodes, Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Hosted by Grace Hinton and Caroline Willis

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Investment Club, 6:15 pm at the Clubhouse. Call Carol Martin 408.923.2492.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Book Group at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

Call Jeanne McDonnell 321.5260.



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