

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

March 2012 Newsletter

President: Eileen Brooks

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President's Letter

In December, I did some research for our end-of-the-year (2011) Report to the GFWC - General Federation of Women's Clubs. The GFWC is our parent organization. Our non-profit status derives from our membership in the Federation.

The 2011 end-of-the-year numbers for our Club are astounding and affirming:

- 21 Committees and Interest Groups
- 150+ of our members volunteered their time in service to our Club, each other, and/or our chosen non-profit for this year - Haven Family House
- 4089 Hours volunteered
- \$4000. Brought in from the 2011 Children's Concert for our Philanthropic giving
- \$4925. Raised through fundraising for the General Fund
- \$5500. Donated as in-kind donations to Haven Family House
- \$32,500. Generated from facility rentals

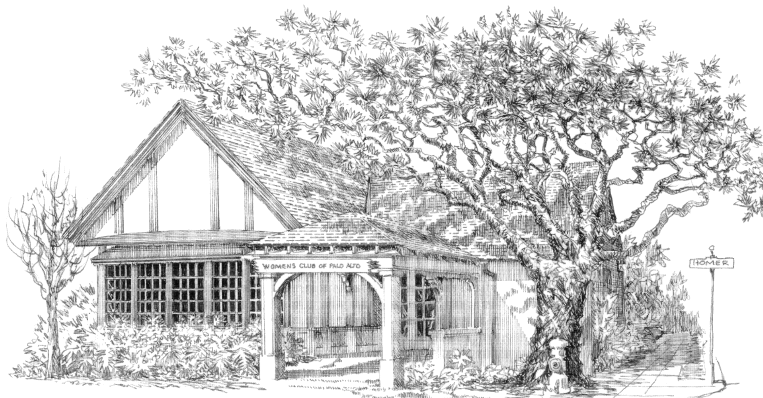
We should all be very proud of our active and engaged membership.

Thanks for all you do -

-Eileen Brooks

Planning for the Future

The Club's strategic planning process is nearing completion after nearly two years of discussions, retreats, meetings, member surveys, and other input from a large number of our 200+ members. There will be an evening meeting in April (date to be announced at a later date) for any interested Club members to hear more about the plan, and volunteer to get involved in some of our new initiatives. Stay tuned...



Wednesday, March 21

Program: Clara Foltz: The Trials of California's First Woman Lawyer

Barbara Babcock,

Author of Foltz' Biography,

Stanford Professor of Law, Emerita,

HOSTED BY EMILY RENZEL

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 Emily Renzel for guest reservations or if you need a vegetarian meal at: marshmama2@att.mnet

Look Inside!

Book Group • History Corner

• Board Business

• Eldercare Support Group & Program

• Kitchen Tour • History Walks • Evening Social

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Book Group

Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.
at the Clubhouse

If you are not on the email list, call Jeanne McDonnell in case a change of date or venue is necessary. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, and are reading humorous books in our spring series.

On March 27 at the Club, we will discuss P. G. Wodehouse, *Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves*.

The rest of the books this spring are -

April: David Lodge, *Small World*

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

June: Dave Barry and Alan Zweibel, *Lunatics*
— *Jeanne McDonnell*

History Corner San Jose Women's Club

Creating the California Federation of Women's Clubs in 1900 strengthened Clubs' community influence. The first two projects of CFWC were children's welfare through educational reform, and protection of redwoods. Later that year, the owner of a phenomenal stand of redwoods intended to start logging. The San Jose WC, with their City's and Santa Cruz's Trade Boards, urged Congress to create Big Basin National Park.

The SJWC 's participation in the endeavor brought civic awareness to preservation of natural resources, then something of a novelty. One Club member, writer Carrie Stephens Walter, was appointed to a standing Save Big Basin committee. She attended a meeting at Stanford hosted by President Jordan, at which some members of our Club would certainly have been present.

SJWC's president, Louise Jones, camped out in Big Basin with others to better understand the terrain. While there, they organized Sempervirens, which continues to preserve important natural features of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

In 1901, the new President of the SJWC, Mrs. E.O. Smith, went with a group to Sacramento that successfully convinced the state to purchase 3800 Big Basin acres.

Source: Essay by Cameron Binkley in *California Women and Politics*.

— *Jeanne McDonnell*

Board Business

February, 2012 Board Meeting

- The Board heard a report from Luncheon Chair, Vicki Sullivan, regarding the efficacy of the current Luncheon Assessment process. The process is working fine, with Luncheon chairs either below or at budget. \$5. Lunch fee also seems to be sufficient, at this time.
- The Rentals Committee reported \$7000. in rentals for the month of January.
- The Board discussed the possibility of requiring new members to join in committee work and/or other Club duties. A small task force will meet to list ideas and bring them to the March Board meeting.
- The Board discussed the possibility of holding a Neighborhood Reception. The idea had good support. E. Brooks will look into this further.
- The Board approved a re-write of the current Membership Renewal Form to better capture member's interests and skills.
- Membership Chair, Sandy Voorhees, reported that we have 22 women on our current waiting list.
- President Eileen Brooks sent a congratulatory letter on behalf of our membership to Carl Clark of Menlo Park. Mr. Clark, who is 95, was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinction and Device at a ceremony at Moffett Field. This is a long overdue award, as African American combat troops were not awarded deserved distinctions because of past military prejudice.

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

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Caregiving from Near and Far Monday, March 12

5 – 6 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Learn about Geriatric Care Managers and other resources that can help you coordinate care for your loved ones, or yourself! Talk about these and other family caregiving issues with Beth St. John, LCSW, Geriatric Care Manager at Older Adults Care Management, and Lisa Hendrickson, CEO of Avenidas.

For more information, contact Contact Carol Muller at cblue@stanfordalumni.org

Committee and Interest Group Updates

Community Outreach

Community Outreach continues to work at Haven Family House twice a month (2nd and 4th Wed., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) and plans another “give-away” later this spring. We are exploring other volunteer opportunities in our community and have had two meetings at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital about their needs, particularly in the outpatient Women’s Clinic. (Over 20% of our Armed Forces are women.) Community Outreach meets the 4th Wed of the month at 4pm in our clubhouse. Join us! Contact Donna Bohling for more info donna@bohling.com.

History Walks

Join the History Walks group on Tues., March 6, for an Art Walk in San Francisco that includes 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!

Bridge Group

March 1 and 15

10:30 to Noon - Cont. Beginners Bridge with Prue

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

2 to 4 - Players Bridge with Prue

NEW BEGINNER EVENING CLASS! Prue is available to start a new group of Bridge players - 1st and 3rd Thursday’s of the month - March through June. 8for \$90. We need 8 ladies to commit. 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, Prue is away April 5.

Philanthropy

The Nancy Cassidy fundraiser exceeded its goal. Much of our success was due to the support of our sponsors – member Nancy Cassidy, member Leika Kejriwal, Webster House, Lucile Packard Foundation, member Leannah Hunt, Peter Pham Private Mortgage Advisor, Mark and Elizabeth Schar, and Round Table Pizza. Linda Larsen kept everyone happy with a great selection of treats. This week we meet to start the process of selecting recipients. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, from 1 – 3 p.m. For more info, contact Sarah French at 650.329.9091.

Eldercare Support Group

The Palo Alto Woman’s Club Eldercare Support Group will meet on the second Thursday of March, March 8, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse in the “board meeting” room (small room on the right as you enter the house). This group is for those who are caregivers who would like to have a peer support and sharing group. The discussions will be confidential, 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.

Rentals Marketing 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.

Spring Kitchen Tour

Saturday, May 19, 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.

JOIN A WINNING TEAM

The Rentals Committee is looking for a new member Qualifications:

*Likes meeting new people

*Likes making a sale

*Likes contributing 41% of the total Club income

Contact Margaret Feuer at portulaca@earthlink.net or any member of the Rentals Committee.

Monthly Evening Drop-in Social

Tuesday, March 13

5 – 7 p.m. At the Clubhouse

Stop by and enjoy appetizers and wine and free-flowing conversation with your club mates. Nourish old friendships and make new ones! \$5. gets you appetizers and wine. Contact Celiene O’Hara celienet@aol.com for more info

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 1 and 13 - Bridge, 10:30 a.m -noon; 2-4 p.m.at the Clubhouse.
Contact Mary Haverstock at mgh956@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 6 - History Walk - Art Walk in San Francisco
Contact Lolly Osborne at lolly@osbofamily.com

Wednesday, March 7 - Board Meeting 5-7 pm at the Clubhouse

Thursday, March 8 - Eldercare Support Group, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.at the Clubhouse

Thursday, March 8 - 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.

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Contact Carol Muller at cblue@stanfodalumni.org

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More info from Celiene O'Hara at celienet@aol.com

Wednesday, March 21 - Luncheon – Clara Foltz: The Trials of California's First Woman Lawyer -, Barbara Babcock, Stanford Professor of Law, Emerita. Hosted by Emily Renzel

Tuesday, March 20 - Investment Club, 6:15 pm at the Clubhouse. Call Carol Martin 408.923.2492

Tuesday, March 27 - Book Group at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse
Call Jeanne McDonnell 321.5260.



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