

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## April 2012 Newsletter

President: Eileen Brooks

Editor: Carol Hubenthal

### President's Letter

Two years ago, a couple of WC members had a crazy idea – what if we actually planned for the future of our Club? What if we thought strategically about where our Club is going and how we might get there? What if we came up with a plan for the preservation of our Clubhouse? What if we asked our membership what they thought about all this?

So began our Planning for the Future Team which turned into a Working Group which turned into a Committee which facilitated brainstorming sessions and round tables and gatherings and workshops and surveys for all.

You all had the opportunity to voice your opinions and contribute your ideas. Discussions were always lively and enthusiastic. Members were engaged and interested in planning for our future.

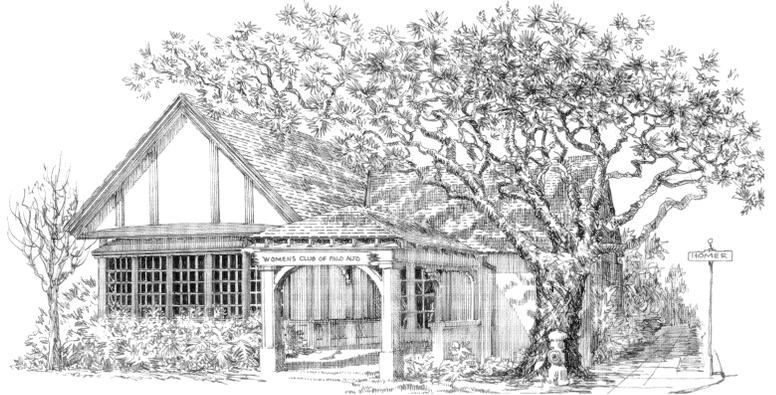
Several of you joined in the process to collect, analyze, coordinate and collate the data. Break out groups tested theories and fretted over wording. Meetings invariably ran late, as attendees became engrossed in their creativity and involvement. Collaboration and cooperation flowed happily.

Much, much, much hard work was done to lay this groundwork.

And, now we have a Blueprint, a Design, a Timeline, a Plan! On April 19, we will all meet at the Clubhouse to hear the Goals that you all believe will keep us strong and productive now and make us even better in the years to come. There is more hard work ahead, but with this Plan firmly in hand, we can look forward confidently to a vibrant and secure future.

On we go...

*-Eileen Brooks*



**Wednesday, April 18**

### "The Bedside Examination: Ritual & Reason".

Abraham Verghese, MD, MCAP Professor for the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Stanford Medical School, Senior Associate Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine and bestselling author of *Cutting for Stone*

HOSTED BY NINA MOORE AND ELENA-SMIRNOV-OTIS

**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,  
Email Elena Smirnov-Otis if you need a vegetarian meal*

*NOTE: Because we expect a full house from our membership, no guests will be accepted for this Luncheon.*

### Look Inside!

- Book Group • Planning for the Future Roll-out • History Corner • Board Business
- Kitchen Tour • History Walks • Evening Social

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## Book Group

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

If you are not on the email list, call Jeanne McDonnell – 650.321.5260 - 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. We will discuss *Small World* by David Lodge.

The remaining two books this spring are -

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

June: Dave Barry and Alan Zweibel, *Lunatics*

— Jeanne McDonnell

## History Corner The Outdoor Art Club

In the last several History Corner articles, Jeanne McDonnell and I have reported on the activities of other women's clubs. In 1902, the same time that other women were joining together, a group of Mill Valley ladies noticed workmen cutting down Redwood trees near their town square. Shortly thereafter, thirty-five civic-minded Mill Valley women founded the Outdoor Art Club. They immediately involved themselves in naming the streets and avenues of their town, holding "clearance days" to get rid of debris around the Old Mill, sponsoring school playgrounds and Mill Valley's first library, to name just a few of their activities. In 1903, the members formed a Building Association to purchase land for a clubhouse. By early 1904, they had raised sufficient funds to engage Bernard Maybeck to design it. The clubhouse opened in November of that year. One of the early and continuing commitments of the Outdoor Art Club was conservation: the club played a major role in maintaining hiking trails around Mount Tamalpais, and the members continue to work to advocate for preservation of local Redwoods. As of 2012, the 400 membership supports the Club's mission statement, "To preserve the natural scenery of Mill Valley..."

—Peggy McKee

## Planning for the Future

Two years of meetings, planning, focus groups and surveys have produced an amazing plan. Join us for the results on Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 at the Clubhouse. We'll roll out our recommendations, take comments and invite your participation in working groups. Pizza, beer and wine. Do let us know you're coming. RSVP to Julie at [juliejjj@aol.com](mailto:juliejjj@aol.com)

Julie Jerome and Barbara Spreng

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## Board Business

### March, 2012 Board Meeting

- The Nominating Committee presented its 2012/2013 Board slate.
- Treasurer Joanne Pinsky reported that we have \$205,790.90 in the bank.
- The Rentals Committee reported \$5650. in rentals for the month of February.
- Philanthropy Liaison, Kay Remsen, reported that the Philanthropy Committee had a net profit of \$6875. from the Nancy Cassidy Children's Concert.
- Bobbi Fox, Special Events Coordinator, reported that the Kitchen Tour planning is progressing well and that ticket sales will begin at the March Luncheon.
- Donna Bohling, Community Outreach Chair, reported that Outreach members volunteered 56 hours in the month of February.
- The Bylaws Committee submitted a Proposal to update the Operating Rules to provide a format, criteria and process for bringing forth the names of members to be considered for Honorary Membership status. The Board approved the Proposal.
- A Proposal was submitted to consider ways of welcoming and integrating new members into the Club, including greater sponsor involvement. After discussion and input, it was decided that an amended Proposal will be re-submitted at the April Board meeting.
- The Board approved, in concept, a Speaker Series for the 2012/2013 Club year. Carol Muller will convene a committee to work on this project.
- The Board approved a request from Kate Fruchterman to use our Club as the sponsoring Club for her grant application to the state CFWC. Kate is a Paly grad (and former Madrigal), majoring in Music.

Complete Board meeting Agenda and Minutes are available for general membership review. Please contact Eileen Brooks, President. [eibrooks@hotmail.com](mailto:eibrooks@hotmail.com)

## Check out our Website!

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Our Webmaster, 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.

**NOTICE:** 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 on our waiting list.

**Committee and Interest Group Updates**

**History Walks**

**April 24th Tuesday- Private Property Tour,  
Windy Hill, Portola Valley**

A mansion called Villa Lauriston was built between 1921-1925 in Portola Valley. 5 additional buildings, each charming and historical, were constructed on this acreage at the same time. The story of the owner, Herbert Law, and the architect-engineer, George Schastey will be told. A walk of about 2 miles will allow us to view these properties and hear stories from an owner of one of the smaller structures. Wear sturdy walking shoes. We will carpool @ 9:00am (location to be determined). Bring lunch and water.

Contact: Lolly Osborne, [lolly@osbofamily.com](mailto:lolly@osbofamily.com)

**Bridge**

**April 5** – Open Play – (no Prue) – 2-4 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

**April 12 and 19** 10:30 to Noon - Continuing Beginners Bridge with Prue; 2 to 4 – Open Play; 2 to 4 - Players Bridge with Prue

Please contact Leika Kejriwal at [leika.kejriwal@gmail.com](mailto:leika.kejriwal@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the Bridge Group mailing list.

**Eldercare Support Group**

The Palo Alto Woman’s Club Eldercare Support Group will meet on Thursday, April 12, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. We can share info from the Geriatric Care Manager talk. One topic we can review, now that we’ve met twice, is what we hope to get out of our time together. All are welcome. Caregiver is defined widely to apply to spouse, parent, other family member, friend or self. The whole world of health and caregiving is exploding in lots of different directions. We all have something to teach each other from our own experiences. Cathy Dolton will facilitate. RSVP’s appreciated, but not necessary. If anyone needs a ride please let Cathy know. RSVP to Cathy, but come even if you didn’t get a chance to call [cathyjd@comcast.net](mailto:cathyjd@comcast.net).

**The Rentals Committee** is looking for new members. This vital committee serves a necessary and indispensable function in the financial health of our Club. Be a part of this winning team.

Contact Margaret Feuer at [portulaca@earthlink.net](mailto:portulaca@earthlink.net) or any member of the Rentals Committee.

**Nominating Committee  
Report, 2012-2013**

**Nominations:**

President (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) ..... Eileen Brooks  
 First Vice President (1<sup>st</sup> Year).....Sue Krumbein  
 Second Vice President /  
 Membership (1<sup>st</sup> year) ..... Annette Glanckopf  
 Recording Secretary (1<sup>st</sup> year) Marlene Prendergast  
 Corresponding Secretary (1<sup>st</sup> year)..... Daksha Dave  
 Treasurer (1<sup>st</sup> year) ..... Leika Kejriwal  
 Finance Officer (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) .....Barbara Spreng

**Directors:**

**Term Expiring 2013**

Donna Bohling, Leannah Hunt, Ginny Lear, Kay Remsen

**Term Expiring 2014**

Carol Lippert, Lolly Osborne, Jackie Schoelerman  
 Nominating Committee Members:  
 Marlene H. Prendergast, Chair, Diana Diamond,  
 Barbara Foster, Ginny Lear, Sandra M. Rickard

**Monthly Evening Drop-in Social  
Tuesday, April 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](mailto:celienet@aol.com) for more info

**The Knitting Group**

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



**Spring Kitchen Tour**

**Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Our Tour features five beautiful kitchens in Palo Alto. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle drawing for wonderful prizes.  
 Admission - \$30. per person Contact Ticket Chair Julie Jerome at 650.493.8645  
 Proceeds support the Club’s philanthropic giving and preservation of our historic Clubhouse.



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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 4 - Board Meeting** 5-7 pm at the Clubhouse.

**Thursday, April 5 - Bridge, Open Play** (no Prue) - 2-4 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Contact Leika at [leika.kejriwal@gmail.com](mailto:leika.kejriwal@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, April 10 - Drop-in Social** - 5-7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Contact Celiene O'Hara at [celienet@aol.com](mailto:celienet@aol.com)

**Thursday, April 12 - Eldercare Support Group**, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Contact Cathy Dolton at [cathyjd@comcast.net](mailto:cathyjd@comcast.net)

**Thursday, April 12 - CineíCircle 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.

**Thursday, April 12 and 19 - Bridge with Prue, Beginners** - 10:30 a.m. - noon; Players and Open Play - 2-4 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Contact Leika at [leika.kejriwal@gmail.com](mailto:leika.kejriwal@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, April 17 - Investment Club**, 6:15 pm at the Clubhouse. Call Jana Stevens at 650.327.0370.

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