

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

May 2012 Newsletter

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President's Letter

Three interesting and gratifying recent events:

Our Strategic Plan roll-out was a huge success. The energy in the room was high. Barbara Spreng and Julie Jerome led us through a well-designed exercise of understanding, contributing and eating/drinking. We all left that meeting with a new or renewed sense of commitment to our club and clubhouse. Our dedication and continued interest going forward will be the proof. Thank you all who attended and/or requested information. Thank you all who signed on to learn more and to help the Plan move forward.

I attended the **Loma Prieta District (LPD) Woman's Clubs Convention** for a day and a half in Carmel. Each attending President gave a 3 minute report on her Club. Without exception, the most important aspect of each report was the Club's commitment to community improvement – through volunteering, service projects, community outreach and philanthropic giving. Even though each Club may have a different style or culture, all Federated Woman's Clubs share the common goal of service to others. I will continue to find ways to offer you all opportunities to serve our community. (I think we already have the "social" aspect of our Club covered!)

Our club has received 3 very large and anonymous donations:

\$2000. for our Philanthropy Committee

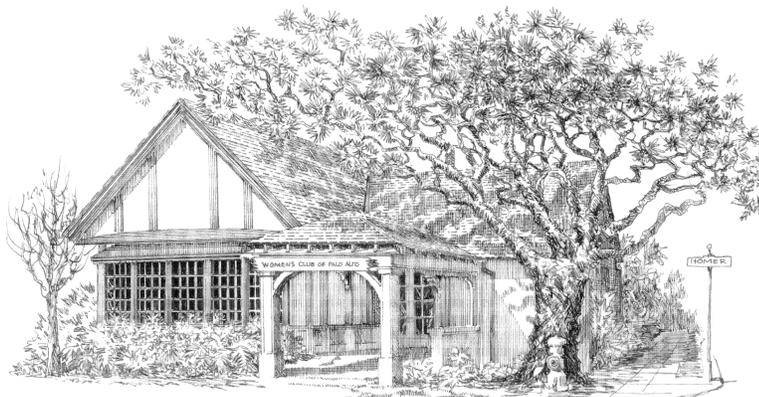
\$5000. for General Support

\$5000. for Building Reserves

On behalf of us all, I graciously accept these donations and thank those who have chosen to support our Club in this very generous way.

On we go...

-Eileen Brooks



Wednesday, May 16

Annual Philanthropy Awards; Installation of 2012/2013 Board 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 if you need a vegetarian meal at: juliejji@aol.com

NOTE: No guests will be accepted for this Luncheon. In addition to our Award recipients, we will be hosting the major donors to the Nancy Cassidy Concert event. Thank you for your understanding.

Look Inside!

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Book Group

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

In May, we will discuss the fourth in our humor series, *Tepper Isn't Going Out*, by Calvin Trillin. Our last meeting of the season will be June 26 and the book will be *Lunatics* by Dave Barry and Alan Zweibel. Our fall reading will be novels about Korea, and we will decide on those books in June. If you are not on the group's email reminder list, contact Jeanne McDonnell in case any change of date/time/place has been required.

— *Jeanne McDonnell*

History Corner

Women's Clubs of Delaware

A New York Times article of March 3, 1912 explained that the Women's Clubs in Delaware have initiated "a vigorous movement" to correct the lack of any college in Delaware that admitted women, not even a normal school for teachers. Clubs were working to secure funds from the State for a women's college in a separate building somewhere near the Delaware College campus, so that the Faculty could teach there without too much inconvenience. Gaining support for co-education instead of a separate establishment would have been nearly impossible, having been eliminated in the state for 20 years, and still the norm.

That the confidence of women in Delaware happened one year after California women gained full and equal voting rights is more than coincidental. California women's voting rights empowered women nationally.

Historians have yet to credit women's clubs for their broad and inclusive roles in moving our society toward equity in education and social services. One exception that occasionally draws some notice is Chicago, a onetime center of care for the poor and disabled through the help of women's clubs.

— *Jeanne McDonnell*

Save the Date!

Thursday, May 10, 10 am - noon
Volunteering for Vets

We will be honoring our Vets at the VA for Memorial Day with "tray favors" - folded, decorated cards that sit on inpatient's meal trays. Join us at the Clubhouse as we decorate and sign. (We need patriotic stickers - stars, flags, hearts and flowers.)

Board Business

April, 2012 Board Meeting

- The Board approved the Philanthropy Committee's grant nominees: Music in the Schools Foundation, Just Read, Dream Catchers, Child Advocates, Youth Community Services, Ecumenical Hunger Program, and WANDA (the Women's Achievement Network and Development Alliance).

- The Rentals Committee reported \$5225. in income for the month of March.

- Bobbi Fox, Kitchen Tour co-Chair, reported that the Kitchen Tour raffle prizes already top \$3000. (with more to come) plus the addition of a Grand Prize raffle for a two-night stay at a Carmel home.

- Sandy Voorhees, Membership Chair, reported that we have 29 women on our waiting list!

- Barbara Spreng, Finance Chair, reported that the 2012/2013 Budget process is moving along and her committee expects to present a Budget draft to the Board at the May Board meeting.

- A Proposal submitted to implement Ways to Embrace and Engage New Members was approved, in concept, by the Board. The Proposal suggests greater sponsor responsibility in helping new members feel welcome and involved.

- The Speaker Series Committee, chaired by Carol Muller, reported that the focus of the proposed 2012/2013 Speaker series will be Women's Leadership in Ideas and Action. Speakers will be local women.

- Barbara Spreng, co-Chair with Julie Jerome of the Planning for the Future team, submitted the draft Strategic Plan to be presented to the general membership for comment and review.

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

Check our website often to stay current on our Woman's Club issues. Events and activities are listed on the Clubhouse online Calendar. Newsletters and photos are archived. Contact our webmistress, Donna Bohling, with comments and/or suggestions.

Committee, Interest Groups and Events

Community Outreach

Thank you to all who brought toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo and other toiletry items to the April lunch. All the donations will be used at our May 5th Give-Away at Haven Family House. We **welcome** all members of the Woman's Club to join us May 5th to see firsthand what a difference we are making to this community! Contact Donna Bohling or Sue Krumbein for info if you can make it.

Eldercare Support Group

Eldercare Support Group will meet on the 2nd Thursday, May 10, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. New members are welcome. We share ideas, concerns, triumphs, challenges, friendship and laughter. One topic for future discussion is how do we take care of ourselves. If you would like, sign-up for our e-mails so you can keep up on lecture meetings and resource materials we send. Contact Cathy Dolton at cathyjd@comcast.net.

Investment Club

Investment Club Seeking New Member. Do you have an interest in learning about the stock market? WCPA has an Investment Club that formed in 1998. Several original founding members are still active. We have weathered two major stock market dips and consistently invest every three months. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at the clubhouse, where we learn about investing. Each member (limited to 15) is responsible for tracking designated stocks with a shared stake in our investments. We are looking for a new member to join us. Interested? Contact Jana Stevens, Pat Sanders or Rosemary Busher for more information.

The Palo Alto Historical Association has published a new book, *Palo Alto Remembered: Stories from a City's Past* by Matt Bowling.

The book will be available for sale at the May luncheon for \$25 (includes tax.)
Cash or checks only, please.

Philanthropy Committee

The Philanthropy Committee will award grants to 7 local nonprofits at the May 16th Luncheon. Several of our guest sponsors will be joining us to share our excitement. Gentry Magazine will join us to cover our Philanthropic mission for their publication.

Bridge

May 3 and 17

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 if you would like to be added to the Bridge Group mailing list.

Spring Kitchen Tour Tickets and Raffle

Tour is May 19 - Tickets \$30.
Kitchen Tour Raffle Tickets - 2 Great Raffles
Fabulous Prizes worth over \$3000!
Regular Raffle Prizes (so far!)

- Free night at the Garden Court Hotel
- Meals for 2 at Il Fornaio
- Meals for 2 at Bon Vivant
- Free passes to the Oshman Jewish Center \$20.00 value
- Free night at the Keen Hotel
- \$10 value toward dinner at Lyfe Restaurant
- Wine from Four Seasons
- Overnight in a Jacuzzi Room at the Sheraton
- Sunday brunch for two in Restaurant Soleil at the Westin

Regular Raffle tickets 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10,
4 for \$10 if you hold a Kitchen Tour ticket

GRAND PRIZE Raffle:

A 2 night stay in a beautiful 3 bedroom,
3 bath private home in Carmel!
Grand Prize Raffle tickets 1 for \$25, 5 for \$100.

Tickets online from our website or call Julie
Jerome at 650.493.8645.

*Proceeds support the Club's philanthropic giving and
preservation of our historic Clubhouse.*

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 2 - Board Meeting 5-7 pm at the Clubhouse.

Thursday, May 3 - Bridge, Beginners w/Prue, 10:30 am-noon; Players w/Prue and Open Play, 2-4 pm at the Clubhouse. Contact Leika at leika.kejriwal@gmail.com

Saturday, May 5 – Community Outreach Committee sponsors a GiveAway at Haven Family House, 9 am- noon. Contact Donna Bohling at donna@bohling.com

Tuesday, May 8- Drop-in Social - 5-7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.
Contact Celiene O'Hara at celienet@aol.com

Thursday, May 10 – Volunteering for Vets, 10 am - noon at the Clubhouse.
Contact Eileen Brooks at eibrooks@hotmail.com

Thursday, May 10 - Eldercare Support Group, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.
Contact Cathy Dolton at cathyjd@comcast.net

Thursday, May 10 - 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.

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

Wednesday, May 16 – Luncheon – Philanthropy Awards and Installation of 2012/2013 Board Officers.
Hosted by Julie Jerome and Sarah French.

Thursday, May 17 - Bridge, Beginners w/Prue, 10:30 am-noon; Players w/Prue and Open Play, 2-4 pm at the Clubhouse. Contact Leika at leika.kejriwal@gmail.com

Saturday, May 19 – Spring Kitchen Tour, 10 am – 3 pm. Contact Nancy MacLeod
nmacleod@homes2buy.com

Tuesday, May 22 – Book Group, 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321.5260.



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