

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## October 2012 Newsletter

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### President's Letter

Huge Thanks to all who made our New Member Orientation and Reception such a success. Special thanks to Bobbi Fox, Annette Glanckopf and Sue Krumbein for their wonderful contributions to our special evening. Our new members have a row of roses on their nametags – seek them out and welcome them. They are a remarkable group of women.

Thanks also to all who brought canned goods to the September Luncheon. Shirley, the coordinator at the All Saints Food Closet, was so appreciative. According to her, our donations arrived just in time – their shelves were getting bare.

As our 2012/2013 season takes off, so does our Strategic Plan implementation. Chair Marlene Prendergast will coordinate the Goal Groups as they begin the work agreed upon by our general membership. If a Goal Group member asks for your help or expertise with a specific item or idea, please pitch in and do your best. This is important to the successful future of our Club and Clubhouse. We really are all in this together. Also, please fill out the online survey [www.surveymonkey.com/s/pftfWG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pftfWG) by October 2 so that we have complete information to work with.

There is already a buzz in Palo Alto about our Landmark Leaders Speaker Series. Big names and big thinkers have agreed to be part of the series, a testament to the professionalism of the committee and to the influence that our Woman's Club is gaining in the community. This harkens back to one of the original tenets of the Club – to provide a venue for art, music and literature and a forum for education and ideas. Series tickets are available online at [www.landmarkleaders.org](http://www.landmarkleaders.org). Buy them now!

–Eileen Brooks



**Wednesday, October 17**

### **Program: Guilt and Relationships**

Professor Herant Katchadourian  
Stanford Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry  
and Human Biology

Hosted by  
MELAINE HENNESSEY and DIANE MCGRATH

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 and \$10.00 for guests. Email Melaine to reserve for a guest or if you need a vegetarian meal at [melainehennessey@gmail.com](mailto:melainehennessey@gmail.com)*

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## Board Business September, 2012 Board Meeting

- Treasurer Leika Kejriwal presented financial reports and received Board approval to study options for investment of Club assets allowing for liquidity needs, to start tracking restricted donations properly, to respond to requests, as policy, to donations to the Club with an IRS letter and to streamline the reimbursement process for member expenses.
- Finance Officer Meg Monroe received Board approval for proposals: Issue 1. That the Board direct the Finance Committee to identify and evaluate the array of accounting issues, identify the most urgent for action and present the Board with recommendations for action or direction. Issue 2. That the Club change the schedule for approval and adoption of the Budget to end in May rather than June to insure the transaction of business without a special meeting. Issue 3. That the Board clarify the hourly rate of pay for the House Manager.
- The Board approved Membership Chair Annette Glanckopf's proposal to encourage new member sponsors to be more actively involved in their new member's integration into Club. The recommendations were included in the New Member Orientation booklets and will be attached to the New Member Application Forms in the WC office.
- The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto invited the Woman's Club to co-sponsor two of its Candidates Forums for the fall election. The Board had concerns about cosponsoring certain but not all of the various community forums and concluded not to accept this invitation.
- After the Board retreat in August at the Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club, Ms. Ginger Harris, PALB President suggested that Woman's Club members might enjoy a lawn bowling get together with free lessons. WC Club member Helene Pier proposed this to the Board. The consensus of the Board was to further explore this opportunity.
- The Board accepted the appointment of Rezvan Maghaddam as co-chair (with Jackie Schoelerman) of the Philanthropy Committee.
- The Board reviewed and heartily accepted Luncheon Committee Chair Vicki Sullivan's excellent "Guide to Successful Monthly Luncheons or Dinners." The Board agreed that this document will serve to promote ease in chairing monthly Luncheons and/or Dinners.

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

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## History Corner

### Women's Clubs and the National Register of Historic Places

For the past several months, Jeanne McDonnell and I have been writing about the Woman's Club movement, other clubs like and unlike ours, and highlighting the roles that women played in the cultural and social life of their communities. The clubs, founded by civic minded women after the Civil War, worked to support education, build libraries and hospitals, plant trees, clean up urban mess, to mention just a few of their activities: "...the women's clubs were an essential vehicle for women's activity outside of the home." Many of the clubs raised money to purchase land and build a clubhouse. In California alone, fifteen of these clubhouses have applied for and received recognition on the National Register of Historic Places. Julia Morgan participated in, contributed to, or designed the original clubhouses for Sausalito and Berkeley. Our clubhouse, which predates those two, was designed by Charles E. Hodges, and opened its doors at its present location in 1916. It has earned a National Historic Building designation but is not yet listed on the NRHP.

*—Peggy McKee*

*Check out our Website!*

[www.womansclubofpaloalto.org](http://www.womansclubofpaloalto.org)

*Checking our website often is the best way to stay current on our Woman's Club issues. Events and activities are listed on the online Calendar.*

*Newsletters and photos are archived.*

*Contact our webmistress,*

*Christine Shambora,*

*with comments and/or suggestions.*

### Free 3-Hour Parking...

Is always available at the Cowper Street parking garage, across from the Garden Court Hotel.

While the weather is fine, park there and take a lovely stroll to our Clubhouse for meetings and luncheons.

## Committees, Interest Groups, Announcements and Events

- **Eldercare Support Group- 2nd Thurs. of the month.** Next meeting – Thurs., Oct. 11, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Board Room at the Club. New members always welcome. Caregiver applies to caring for spouse, parent, other family members, friend or self. We share in a trusting atmosphere of friendship. For info or a ride, contact Cathy Dolton at 650-321-5950 or [cathyjd@comcast.net](mailto:cathyjd@comcast.net)

- **House and Grounds – Nov. 17 Event for the General Membership!** We have purchased many bulbs and will hold an event to plant those bulbs and enjoy the garden. Join us on Sat., Nov. 17, between 10:30am and 1:00pm to plant bulbs and enjoy a potluck lunch. RSVP to [suekrumbein@gmail.com](mailto:suekrumbein@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

- **Bridge – 1st and 3rd Thurs. at the Clubhouse.** To join, email Leika at [leika@leikak.com](mailto:leika@leikak.com)  
**Beginners: 10AM – Noon** We need more players for this group! Give Bridge a try! Prue Saunders is a very patient teacher. Fun is guaranteed! **Advanced Beginners: 2.15PM – 4.15PM** Beginners who have been taking lessons for a couple of years and players who want to brush up their skills and learn the new conventions. Instructor: Prue Saunders. **Open Play: 2.15PM- 4.15PM** Players who want to get together at the club and play with other mem-bers.

- **Rentals – The Holidays are coming!** Remember that our beautiful Clubhouse is available to rent for private parties. Recommend us to your friends, family and colleagues and LIKE us on Facebook. Contact [rentals@womansclubofpalo-alto.org](mailto:rentals@womansclubofpalo-alto.org) or check out the Venue Rental pages on our website.

- **Book Group – Korea is our subject this fall.** We meet on the 4th Tues. at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse unless an adjustment has to be made due to another use of the building, as in the case in Oct., when we will meet on 10/30 to discuss **The Living Reed by Pearl Buck**. Two books for Nov. 27, read one or both, Pyongyang by Guy Delisle and The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson. We also suggest checking Korea on Wikipedia. Call Jeanne McDonnell for info. Welcome, our five new members!

- **Knit/Stitch Group – 1st and 3rd Fri. of the month, 1-3 pm.** Contact Sarah French for info at [frenchelmore@yahoo.com](mailto:frenchelmore@yahoo.com)

- **Community Outreach – The 2nd and 4th Wed. at Haven Family House.** Join us. We will explore additional activities that would be "Done in a Day" projects. Contact: [lolly@osbofamily.com](mailto:lolly@osbofamily.com)

- **WCPA History Walk – Tues., Oct. 9, Golden Gate Bridge and Fort Point.** GGB is celebrating 75 years! We will walk on the bridge, visit the "International Orange" Art Exhibits (FOR-SITE Foundation) at Fort Point and have lunch along Chrissy Field. Wear sturdy walking shoes, bring water and lunch & dress warmly. 8:45am meet to carpool at Stanford Shopping Center parking lot behind PF Chang's, corner of Quarry & El Camino. Bring \$5 for drivers and parking. Home by 3:00pm. RSVP to Lolly Osborne [lolly@osbofamily.com](mailto:lolly@osbofamily.com) 650-799-1958(c) (WC members only.)

- **Volunteering for Vets – Thurs., Nov. 1, 10-noon at the Clubhouse** – Stop by the Clubhouse for a cup of coffee and some visiting as we make tray favors honoring our Palo Alto VA Vets for Veteran's Day. Supplies provided. Contact Eileen Brooks at [eibrooks@hotmail.com](mailto:eibrooks@hotmail.com)

**LANDMARK LEADERS SPEAKER SERIES**  
*An Evening Series for the Community*  
*presented by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto*

Timely topics, global issues, local expertise  
Five ticketed events open to the public; limited seating, so purchase your tickets early!  
Series cost is \$95, savings of \$20.  
Available online at [www.landmarkleaders.org](http://www.landmarkleaders.org)

- **Tues., Oct. 23, 2012, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Getting Into The Game: 40 Years of Title IX**, featuring Tara VanDerveer and others \$25/ticket

- **Tues., Dec. 4, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Reflections on Women in the Media, featuring the documentary "Miss Representation,"** with discussion led by Diana Diamond, journalist \$15/ticket

- **Tues., Jan. 22, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Reproductive Realities: Choosing Our Future**, featuring Linda Williams and others \$25/ticket

- **Tues., Mar. 12, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Music to Our Ears: Midpeninsula Maestros**, featuring the Albany Consort \$25/ticket

- **Wed., April 24, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Orchestrating Musical Success**, featuring acclaimed pianist and musical entrepreneur Wu Han. \$25/ticket



## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

**Wednesday, October 3** – Board Meeting, 5-7 pm at the Clubhouse.

**Thursday, October 4 and 18** – Bridge, Beginner, 10-noon; Intermediate and Open Play, 2:15-4:15, at the Clubhouse. Contact Leika Kejriwal at [leika@leikak.com](mailto:leika@leikak.com)

**Friday, October 5 and 19** – Knit/Stitch Group, 1-3 pm, Contact Sarah French, [frenchelmore@yahoo.com](mailto:frenchelmore@yahoo.com)

**Tuesday, October 9** – History Walk, Golden Gate Bridge and Fort Point, meet at 8:45 a.m. at PF Chang's (corner Quarry and El Camino) to carpool. Contact Lolly Osborne for info [lolly@osbofamily.com](mailto:lolly@osbofamily.com)

**Tuesday, October 9** – Drop-in Social – 5-7 pm at the Clubhouse. Contact Celiene O'Hara, [celienet@aol.com](mailto:celienet@aol.com)

**Thursday, October 11** – Eldercare Support Group, 11 am – 12:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

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

**Thursday, October 11** – Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs – 7 pm at Harriet Berner's house. Movie TBA. Hosted by Melaine Bales Hennessey. Call Melaine at 326.0776 for info.

**Tuesday, October 16** – Investment Club, 6:15 pm at the Clubhouse. Call Jana Stevens at 650.327.0370.

**Tuesday, October 16** – Book Group, 7:30 pm. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321.5260 for meeting venue.

**Wednesday, October 17** – Luncheon – Guilt and Relationships – Professor Herant Katchadorian, Stanford, emeritus professor of psychiatry and human biology.

Hosted by Melaine Hennessey and Diane McGrath.

**Tuesday, October 23** – Landmark Leaders Speaker Series – Getting Into The Game: 40 Years of Title IX, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Panel discussion featuring Tara VanDerveer. Tickets online at [www.landmarkleaders.org](http://www.landmarkleaders.org)

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