

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

September 2012 Newsletter

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President's Letter

Welcome back, everyone. Let's have some fun!

Many have been working behind the scenes this summer so that you all will have another productive and interesting season.

The Program Committee (Barbara Foster, Chair) has put together a fantastic mix of Speakers and Entertainment for our Luncheons.

Thanks to House & Grounds (Sue Krumbein, Chair), not only is our building shiny and bright, but our Kitchen has a bit of a facelift.

Our Website also has a new look that is informative and easy to navigate (Donna Bohling, Christine Shambora, Webmistresses). Check it out - www.womansclubofpaloalto.org

After years of the idea being kicked around, this year's Speaker Series Committee (Carol Muller, Chair) has actually done it! See Page 3 for details of our first Landmark Leaders Series.

History Walks (Lolly Osborne, Sue Krumbein, co-Chairs) have been arranged for another season of educational field trips.

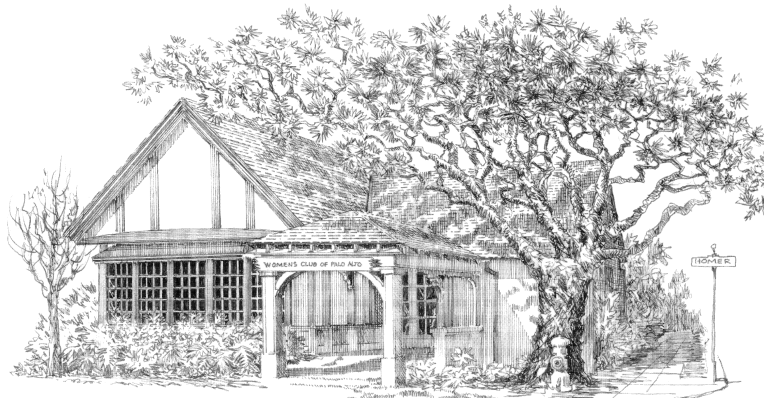
The New Member Orientation and Reception is well in hand, thanks to Membership (Annette Glanckopf, Chair) and Special Events (Bobbi Fox, Coordinator).

In June, July and August, the Rentals Committee (Emily Renzel, Chair) signed a very respectable \$14,750. in new rental contracts!

Our 2012/2013 Yearbook (Julie Jerome, Chair) will be ready for pick-up at the New Member Reception.

See Page 3 of the Newsletter for a complete list of all our 2012/2013 special events – it is quite a line-up. Mark your calendars now!

—Eileen Brooks



Wednesday, September 19

The IPA (Independent Police Auditor) Roadshow

LaDoris Cordell, (Ret.) Independent Police Auditor, City of San Jose

HOSTED BY LOUISE BEATTIE AND JAN HEILMAN

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 Jan to reserve for a guest or if you need a vegetarian meal at: pjheilman@comcast.net

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Committees and Interest Groups

Philanthropy - Please contact Jackie Schoelerman or Rezvan Moghaddam, Philanthropy co-chairs, if you are interested in getting involved in the selection, interview and grant giving award process.

Knit/Stitch Group - ATTN: all knitters and stitchers...We will meet from 1-3 pm on Friday, September 7. We decided to meet at Stanford Shopping Center, outside in the covered area, near Sephora...plenty of chairs, weather will be warm, being outside will be fun. Call Sarah French for additional information, or see you there.

Eldercare Support Group - The Woman's Club Eldercare Support Group has been meeting every month since last February, including July and August. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 11:00am to 12:30pm. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 13, in the Board Room at the Clubhouse. Newcomers are welcome. This is a peer support group. All discussions are confidential. We seek to build trust, share challenges, successes, and experiences with all aspects of caregiving. "Caregiver" includes care of spouse, parent, other family members, friend or self. We also plan a lecture open to the public. Last year's topic was "The Geriatric Care Manager." Cathy Dolton facilitates. Contact information: cathyjd@comcast.net, 321-5950.

Rentals Marketing - Benefits from rental revenue include philanthropy and capital improvements. Rentals is having a good year. Let's make sure this continues by reminding bosses, family and friends - who are looking for a venue - to check us out on Facebook, on our website or in person. Yelp has awarded us a 4 1/2 star rating as a preferred venue!

History Walks - Tuesday, October 9, 2012 - Golden Gate Bridge Walk and Fort Point Art Exhibit. Walk on the Golden Bridge celebrating 75 years! View the "International Orange" site specific contemporary art installations at Fort Point (Civil War structure built in 1861). 8:45am - Carpool from Stanford Shopping Center, meet behind "PF Changs", corner El Camino & Quarry Rds. RSVP: Lolly Osborne.

Book Group - Our fall season focuses on Korea. We will discuss *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea* by Barbara Demick at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse on September 25. Titles to follow are *The Living Reed* by Pearl Buck on Oct. 30; two books for www.womansclubofpaloalto.org

History Corner

Woman's versus Women's Club

Linguistics is one of my hobbies, so I will tackle the question of Woman's versus Women's Club.

Man rules the world. Woman's sphere, they said, is the home. Mankind refers to all of us. "All men are created equal" meant that male citizens could vote. A male author recently used the word "he" to refer to people in general, but pressure from women did succeed in almost eliminating such linguistic discrimination.

The Woman Suffrage movement and the Woman's Christian Temperance Movement originated in the 19th Century, as did the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

Over the centuries, in ways large and small, many women claimed unfairness. Alice Park, an active member of our original club, worked hard for women's rights here and abroad. With our club's encouragement, she made her cottage available for Palo Alto's first school. Our club originated the public library system by creating a free reading room, and many more of the Club's efforts made Palo Alto a better place. Emily Pardee Karns Dixon, twice president of our club, led the successful local drive for California women's voting rights in 1911.

Women's intense activism in the 1970s advanced equality, for example school budgets are now required to contain equal funding for girls' sports. That achievement showed up prominently in the Olympics.

So we honor our historic roots when we say Woman's Club. As one linguist wrote, words of the past do not disappear when others seem to replace them. Arguments can be made for each name. For those of us who honor our foremothers, one way we can express our gratitude to them is by using the original name, the Woman's Club.

-Jeanne McDonnell

Nov. 27, read one or both, *Pyongyang* by Guy Delisle and *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson; *Please Look After Mom* by Kyuung-Sook Shin on Dec. 18; *The Calligrapher's Daughter* by Eugenia Kim on Jan. 29. We also suggest checking Wikipedia for Korean history. If you want to attend and are not on the email list, contact Jeanne McDonnell in case any adjustment to time or place has been required.



Special Events – 2012/2013

New Member Orientation and Reception

Wednesday, September 12 at the Clubhouse

New Member Orientation from 5-6 pm. If you sponsored a new member, please attend the Orientation with her.

General Membership Reception from 6-7 pm. Join in welcoming our new members, learning about our Committees and Interest Groups, hearing the history of our great building and enjoying appetizers and wine.

History Walks

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Golden Gate Bridge Walk and Fort Point Art Exhibit.

December 11, 2012

Metropolitan Club and Marine's Memorial - History of Woman's Clubs in San Francisco.

February 5 or 12, 2013

Stanford Campus – A blend of the Old and the New.

Marguerite Bus from Cal Ave. train station.

April 9 or 30, 2013

Hayes Mansion, San Jose – 44,000 sq. ft. home built in 1905 by George Page.

(Dates clarified as event approaches.)

Woman's Club Holiday Party

Friday, December 14, 2012 – 6-8 pm.

A festive evening gathering for members and guests. Pot Luck. Wine for purchase.

Volunteering for Vets

Thursday, November 1, 2012 – Veteran's Day Tray Favors

Thursday, December 6, 2012 – Signing Holiday Cards

Thursday, February 7, 2013 – Making Valentine's Cards

Thursday, May 16, 2013 – Memorial Day Tray Favors

All dates are 10-noon, at the Clubhouse.

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. Handily available online at www.landmarkleaders.org

Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Getting Into The Game: 40 Years of Title IX, featuring Tara VanDerveer and others.

Tuesday, December 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.

Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Reproductive Realities: Choosing Our Future, featuring Linda Williams and others.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Music to Our Ears: Midpeninsula Maestros, featuring the Albany Consort.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Orchestrating Musical Success, featuring acclaimed pianist and musical entrepreneur Wu Han.

Evening Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 6-7:45 pm.

With accommodating our working members in mind, an evening meeting and program featuring traditional Irish dance, presented by the Greene-Comerford Academy of Irish Dance.

Monthly Evening Drop-in Social **Tuesday, September 11, 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

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

Friday, September 7 – Knit/Stitch Group, 1-3 pm, Stanford Shopping Center, Contact Sarah French at frenchelmore@yahoo.com

Tuesday, September 11- Drop-in Social - 5-7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.
Contact Celiene O'Hara at celienet@aol.com

Wednesday, September 12 – New Member Orientation, 5-6 pm; New Member/General Membership Reception, 6-7 pm - at the Clubhouse. Contact Eileen Brooks at eibrooks@hotmail.com

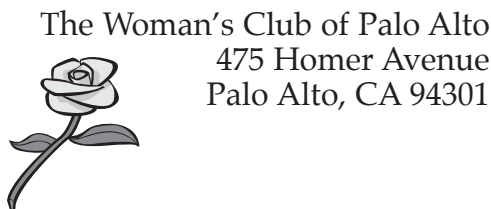
Thursday, September 13 - Eldercare Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.
Contact Cathy Dolton at cathyjd@comcast.net

Thursday, September 13 - Cine Circle and the Reel Buffs - 7 pm at the Clubhouse. Movie TBA.
Hosted by Melaine Bales Hennessey. Call Melaine at 326.0776 for info.

Tuesday, September 18 - Investment Club, 6:15 pm at the Clubhouse. Call Jana Stevens at 327.0370.

Wednesday, September 19 – Luncheon – The IPA (Independent Police Auditor) Roadshow
— Judge LaDoris Cordell, (Ret.) Independent Police Auditor. Hosted by Louise Beattie and Jan Heilman.

Tuesday, September 25 – Book Group, 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321.5260.



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Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement