

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

November 2012 Newsletter

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President's Letter

November highlights our "Community Involvement" with two large projects - our third Annual Donation Drive (November 14) and our Philanthropy Grant Application process (Due December 1.)

Donation Drive:

Four years ago, a few WC members (thanks Deanna Dickman, Diana Wahler, Sue Krumbein and Lolly Osborne) got together with the idea of bumping up our Club's Community Involvement. They called the project *Be The Change* and it really was the re-birth of our Outreach tradition. *Be The Change* has grown into our vital and active Community Outreach Committee which, in turn, offers our general membership opportunities for volunteering and donating to those in need.

This year's Donation Drive benefits the Haven Family House transitional housing center in Menlo Park and the Fisher House on the campus of the Palo Alto VA, which houses families of severe trauma injured military personnel.

(See boxed donation list inside.)

Philanthropy Grant Applications:

This tradition began early on in our history and was called the "Scholarship Fund." Small gifts of \$100. - \$500. were awarded. The focus of these awards gradually evolved towards nonprofits benefiting women and children. The Philanthropy Committee screens the applications, does site visits to the applicants and recommends Grant recipients. This year, we are awarding \$15,000. in grants to local nonprofits.

All Grant nominees come from you - our membership. You can access the application online at our website or contact the Philanthropy Co-Chairs (Jackie Schoelerman and Rezvan Moghaddam) for more info.

—Eileen Brooks



Wednesday, November 14

Endowing Palo Alto's Future: Palo Alto Community Fund's (PACF) Impact on Local Nonprofits

Michael Trigg, PACF Board member
and past President

HOSTED BY NANCY FIENE AND ADELE SELZTER

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 Nancy to reserve for a guest or if you need a vegetarian meal at:
tjfiene@aol.com

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Board Business

October, 2012 Board Meeting

- Treasurer Leika Kejriwal presented financial reports indicating that our yearly Budget is on track.
- The Board discussed the importance and relevance of moving the Strategic Plan Professional Management Goal Group up from Jan. '14 to Jan. '13. The Board expressed concern of the sustainability of the outlay of volunteer time by members to maintain and improve the Clubhouse. The Professional Management Goal Group will study the current model and research other models.
- The Board agreed that the Rentals Marketing Committee should place an ad in the Palo Alto Weekly to solicit Holiday rentals of the Clubhouse.
- The Board heard the Insurance update report from Donna Bohling. To cover our current needs and to become compliant with state and federal employee and tax laws, our current property policy may be amended and our current liability and tax relationship with our House Manager will be adjusted. We also received firm guidelines for the insurance our Renters must secure when they rent the Clubhouse. These Insurance issues are ongoing but should be resolved by the Nov. 7 Board meeting.

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

Contact our Webmistress, Christine Shambora, with submissions. Contact our Calendar keeper, Donna Bohling, with events to be scheduled.

VOLUNTEERING FOR VETS Thursday, November 1, 10-noon at the Clubhouse

We honor our Veterans at the Palo Alto VA with Tray Favors for meal trays. Supplies provided. Stop by the Clubhouse anytime between 10 and noon. Enjoy coffee, tea, etc., lots of laughs, music to stick stickers by (thanks, Sue Kemp) and get a warm, fuzzy feeling from spreading gratitude and cheer.

More info from Eileen at eibrooks@hotmail.com

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History Corner

Club Women Then and Now

Ten years ago, we did an oral history interview with Georgia Spears, who had been Club President in 1994-95.

Several versions are still told about the Club's revival. Georgia's included herself and Liz Kniss. One day, as she was entering the clubhouse, Liz was passing by and said she had been curious about the club. Georgia invited her in for a look around. As a result of that conversation, Georgia said that they got nine women from the City Council and the School Board to join.

Among bits of local history, Georgia mentioned that her mother, who kept chickens and ducks, lived for 60 or 70 years in Palo Alto on Parkinson, near Newell.

And as to lunch, Georgia said that during her time they had only tea, coffee and dessert, which I remember enjoying, especially the elegant tea service. They also had "sections" (what we call Interest Groups), including bridge, as we do now.

Apologies: In the September newsletter I wrote that Alice Park let her home be used as a school. Her importance to history is undeniable, her papers have been preserved at the Hoover Institution and at the Huntington Library, but Anna Zschokke, our club's original secretary, helped launch the first public school in Palo Alto by letting students and teachers use her house for classes.

—Jeanne McDonnell

November Donation Drive Wish List

Specifically requested items by the Haven Family House and the Fisher House:

- **Sheet sets** – twin, full, queen and
- **Comforters** – twin, full, queen

All should be new or very gently used and clean. Please bring your donations to the November 14 Luncheon.

These simple donations mean the world to needy families at Haven Family House and Vet's families at the Fisher House.

Committees, Interest Groups, Announcements and Events

- **House and Grounds – Two events for everyone**
Bulb Planting and Pot Luck – Saturday, November 17, 10:30 am – 1 pm at the Clubhouse. Enjoy our fall garden, plant some bulbs and eat a delicious Pot Luck lunch. Bulbs provided. **Decorate the Clubhouse for the Holidays - Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am.** We need everyone's help. Please join us to make our house gorgeous for the month of December We'll put up the tree, the menorah, wreaths, decorate the mantle, and add other lovely touches. Contact Sue Krumbein at suekrumbein@gmail.com.
- **Community Outreach** – The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month WCPA Outreach members volunteer at Haven Family House. Our monthly planning meeting is the 4th Wednesday of the month, 4:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Join us! Contact: Lolly Osborne at lolly@osbofamily.com
- **Philanthropy** - The deadline is December 1st for turning in your nonprofit nomination forms for the WCPA Philanthropy Grants. Please turn in your nomination forms to Jackie Schoelerman, jackie@apr.com, or 650-855-9700.
- **Woman's Club History Walk, Tuesday, December 11** - A visit to the Metropolitan Club of San Francisco. The "House That Women Built" just passed its 97th year and is a Category I historic building. We will tour the building following a walk to the Marines Memorial Building, a lunch stop and a stroll about Union Square. Please join us! Meet @ Caltrain, California Ave., Palo Alto for the 9:37am #135 train. Wear sturdy walking shoes, no jeans today – your best walking outfit for the "Club", and \$\$\$ for lunch & train. Return by train to Palo Alto @ 4:19pm. RSVP to lolly@osbofamily.com
- **Eldercare Support Group** meets Thursday, November 8, 11:00 AM to 12:30 pm in the Board Room. If you are in a new role as caregiver, you're welcome to join us "Caregiver" includes care of spouse, relative, parent, friend or self. Contact Cathy Dolton – cathyjd@comcast.net, 650-321-5950.
- **Bridge** – 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Clubhouse
 Beginners: 10am-Noon. NOTE: Nov. 1 Beginners meet at Meg Monroe's. Contact Meg Monroe at Monroe.meg1@gmail.com
 Advanced Beginners: 2.15pm-4.15pm; Open Play: 2.15pm- 4.15pm. Advanced Beginners and Open Play contact Nancy Bjork @ ncbjork@gmail.com
- **Rentals Marketing** – The holidays are coming! Our lovely, historic, circa 1916, Clubhouse has some available rental dates open during the November/December Holiday season. If your boss or friends are looking for a Holiday Party venue, please refer them to Helen Gracon or rentals@womansclubofpaloalto.org.
- **Book Group** – Korea is our subject this fall. Two books for Nov. 27, read one or both, *Pyongyang* by Guy Delisle and *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson. Call Jeanne McDonnell for info or in case of a venue change.
- **Knit/Stitch Group** – 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 2-4 pm. Contact Sarah French for more info at frenchelmore@yahoo.com
- **Cine'Circle and the Reel Buffs** – Thursday, November 8, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse This month's movie is TBA Hosted by Melaine Bales Hennessey Call 650-326-0776 for more information.

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

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 online at www.landmarkleaders.org

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Reflections on Women in the Media, featuring
 the documentary "Miss Representation," with dis-
 cussion led by Diana Diamond, journalist. \$15.

Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Reproductive Realities: Choosing Our Future,
 featuring Linda Williams and others. \$25.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Music to Our Ears: Midpeninsula Maestros, fea-
 turing the Albany Consort. \$25.

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 1 – Volunteering for Vets, 10-noon at the Clubhouse.

Contact Eileen Brooks at eibrooks@hotmail.com

Thursday, November 1 and 15 – Bridge, Beginner w/Prue, 10-noon (Nov. 1 at Meg Monroe's); Intermediate w/Prue and Open Play, 2:15-4:15, at the Clubhouse. Contact Nancy Bjork at ncbjork@gmail.com

Friday, November 2 and 16 – Knit/Stitch Group, 2-4 pm. Contact Sarah French at frenchelmore@yahoo.com

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

Thursday, November 8 – Eldercare Support Group, 11 am-12:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

Contact Cathy Dolton at cathyjd@comcast.net

Thursday, November 8 – 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, November 13 – Drop-in Social – 5-7 pm at the Clubhouse. Contact Celiene O'Hara at celienet@aol.com

Wednesday, November 14 – Luncheon – Endowing Palo Alto's Future: PACF's Impact on Local Nonprofits – Michael Trigg, Palo Alto Community Fund Board member and past President.

Hosted by Nancy Fiene and Adele Seltzer.

Saturday, November 17 – Bulb Planting and Pot Luck – 10:30 am – 1 pm at the Clubhouse.

Contact Sue Krumbein at suekrumbein@gmail.com

Tuesday, November 20 – Investment Club, 6:15 pm at the Clubhouse. Call Jana Stevens at 650.327.0370.

Tuesday, November 27 – Book Group, 7:30 pm. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321.5260 for meeting venue.

****November Luncheon Date Reminder****

November 14, NOT November 21



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