

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

May 2014 Newsletter

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President's Letter

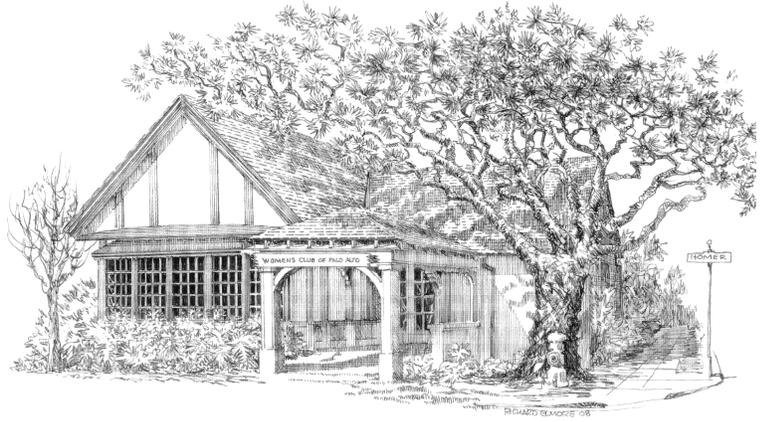
Dear Fellow Members,

May is a special month for our Woman's Club of Palo Alto. At our luncheon meeting, we will vote on new board members, welcoming them to leadership in our club. Connie Fasani and Jan Heilman will step down as board members to take care of other concerns. Their one-year director terms will be filled by Lisa Sten and Sandy Voorhees. Annette Glanckopf, who did a terrific job as 2nd VP for membership, will be the corresponding secretary, replacing Donna Grider. The new 2nd VP will be Lolly Osborne, who has been a director for 2 years and Luncheon Chair. Leika Kejriwal, who really steadied the treasurer's role and organized the book keeping, will turn in her checkbook as treasurer and Gwen Barry will become the new check writer. Margo Ogus was Director and a cheerful temporary recording secretary. She will continue to be a Director. Marlene Prendergast will step away from being 1st VP and Dean of Committees. She will plug in her computer to become recording secretary, and Carol Lippert will take on the job of first VP. Meg Monroe can't switch with anyone. She is too valuable as Finance Officer. We welcome Gloria Hom, Sylvie Way, and Joan Zwiep to the board as Directors. Please congratulate all these women when you see them. They are donating their time and energy to guide your Woman's Club.

Also at the May luncheon, the board-approved Organizational Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 will be voted on for adoption by the membership. See page 3 for ways you can peruse the budget.

And finally, at our May luncheon, we will

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Wednesday, May 21st Luncheon Program: Philanthropy Awards

Installation of Board Officers

HOSTED BY BEA GARSH & LOLLY OSBORNE

11:15 PM Member and Guest Sign-in

11:50 President's Welcome, Luncheon
is Served

12:20 Program & Dessert

LUNCHEON is offered at \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. E-mail Lolly Osborne at lolly@osbofamily.com to reserve for a guest or if you need a vegetarian meal.

Remember to send in your DUES
by June 15th

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes April 2, 2014

Julie Jerome and Emily Renzel were unanimously approved as honorary members. Both have been actively involved in WC activities for over 20 years. Honorees do not pay dues but pay assessments and still have lunch duties. They will be voted on at the May luncheon and awarded pins at the June meeting.

Meg Monroe suggested setting aside one meeting a year, possibly in January, for a financial update to educate members about the state of Club finances, and items that influence the budget. The budget meeting will still be in March. Annette Glanckopf brought up the idea of installing an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) in the clubhouse. Annette will report on installing an AED at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report Rentals income has far exceeded the budget. Membership = 24 on the waiting list.

Membership renewal letters are in the mail. The 70 people who get print copies of the newsletter will be asked if they can give up the print version.

The Painted Chair Project Lolly Osborne reported that we raised \$20,000 from auction plus \$9-10k from tickets. The crowd on Friday was very lively, even spilling out onto the street. 250 people attended on Friday night, 298 tickets sold for Saturday. Proceeds will be split with Pacific Art League. Each club will get \$10-\$11k. 43 club members and 10 spouses helped as volunteers. As we move forward, the whole idea of doing a fundraiser on site is great. Special kudos to Sue Krumbein, Eileen Brooks, for PR and tickets, Donna Bohling for the website. Average chair went for \$225.

Philanthropy Committee Report on Selection of Charities (See p.3 of the newsletter)

The Motion to approve the Philanthropy Committee recommendations was unanimous.

Organizational Budget for FY 14-15 was presented by the Finance Committee.

Action was taken to decide the policy about dividing up proceeds from a fundraiser. The motion that All fundraising proceeds will benefit the Woman's Club preservation and philanthropic giving was passed. The Board will decide the split. Another motion increased the daily and hourly rental rate. Further, any negotiations for a rate reduction for a non-profit must be decided by the board. Also, members get fifty percent off for personal events.

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Book Group

We meet 4th Tuesdays at 7:15 at the club: May 27, *The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John Fowles, and *Persuasion* by Jane Austen on June 24. In May we will choose the category for our fall series, and in June we will select the books. If you want to join the group, contact me and I will put you on the email list.

Jeanne McDonnell

History Corner Wallis/Briones

I once did some research on Sarah Wallis and deep investigation on the life and times of Juana Briones, but just realized that they must have been friends who helped each other. Sarah was with the earliest horse and wagon pioneers from Missouri, the Murphy Party. The Murphy family later purchased from Juana the half of her ranch that is now in Los Altos. Sarah lived in Yerba Buena when Juana did and the place was a small farming community. They both had serious husband problems. Sarah finally made a good choice in Joseph Wallis. With the Gold Rush, San Francisco became dangerous. They both moved to ranch land that is now in Palo Alto. Juana's attorney for her land claims left and became Commander in Chief of Lincoln's Civil War armies. Juana then hired Sarah's husband. Both women later moved to Mayfield, now the California Avenue district. Sarah gathered support for civic causes, arranged community entertainments, and fostered women's voting rights. She hosted Susan B. Anthony at her home.

A state historic plaque and a park honor Sarah. A plaque honors Juana. A park and a school are named for her. One wall of her adobe from the 1840s, mud in a redwood frame, is on display until June 8 at the California Historical Society exhibit. The wall's future is being discussed. My idea: if the wall saviors can raise adequate funding, make a binding agreement with the potential Palo Alto History Museum to display it there forever with some photos and text. Losing the Briones Adobe, the oldest structure in Palo Alto, is sad, but the wall reminds us of a bygone era and, as one historian wrote, "the preeminent woman of Hispanic California."

Jeanne McDonnell

Committees, Interest Groups, Announcements & Events

“Spring has sprung, the grass has riz’, wonder where the budget is?”

After a lively Business Meeting with useful input from members, some pencil sharpening by the Finance Committee and thoughtful revisions by the Board, the Board approved the FY14-15 Organizational Budget and recommended it to the membership. The adoption vote by the membership will be at the May luncheon. To make the budget documents available to members, an April e-blast listed a DropBox: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/b9zc-8mvz5ncyuq7/zfhkV8zffr> for the approved budget documents. The FY14-15 Budget is unique because it includes both an annual operating budget and a capital budget to manage the Club’s cash savings and donations. Check it out! If you have any questions about the FY14-15 Budget contact Finance Officer, Meg Monroe

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal letters have been mailed. Don’t forget to renew by June 15th. Easy as Pie - bring your renewals to the May luncheon.

The renewal form is also on the Woman’s Club web site.

Annette Glanckopf

History Walk

The next History Walk will be Tuesday June 3rd , a tour of Foothill College Campus 9:30-11:30 am. Learn about the new buildings and programs that are currently the community “buzz”. When was the last time you visited our community college? You might be ready for a class! Our guide will be Betsy Bechtel, PAWC member and Trustee of DeAnza/Foothill Community Colleges. This will be a walking tour followed by lunch in a campus cafe. Make carpool arrangements with club friends, and we will meet at Foothill parking lot. Contact Lolly for RSVP and parking pass: lolly@osbofamily.com

Ciné Circle

The movie is “The Lunch Box” and the discussion is at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse, May 8, and Jean Dawes is leading the discussion.

Philanthropy

At the May luncheon, we look forward to awarding our annual grants to 6 very deserving local nonprofit organizations.

The Philanthropy committee received 20 nominations of which 5 organizations were duplicates. We interviewed 11 nominees and selected 6 to receive grants.

Our 2014 Grantees are: Foundation for a College Education, New Voices for Youth, Palo Alto Art Center Foundation’s Cultural Kaleidoscope, Pursuit of Excellence, Racing Hearts, Women SV.

We thank our Nominators: Nancy Spangler, Holly Ward, Annette Glanckopf, Carolyn Zerboni, Diane Rolfe, Kay Remsen, Pat Davis, Helen Pier, Donna Bohling, Eileen Brooks, Harriet Berner, Ellie Mansfield, Sylvie Way, Bonnie Packer, Alice Smith, Carolyn Tucher, Jean Dawes, Gail Moberg, Carol Hubenthal, Ellie Heister.

And our Philanthropy Committee, who spent many hours interviewing nominees and visiting nominated sites if needed: Mary O’Connor, Pat Davis, Rezvan Moghaddam, Gail Moberg, Jan Heilman, Ellie Mansfield, Bobbi Fox, Pat Sanders, Mary Dowley, Diane Wieder, Susan Hartzell, Jean Dawes, Jackie Schoelerman.

*Jackie Schoelerman and Rezvan Moghaddam
Co-Chairs*



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present checks to six local non-profit agencies. Be proud of these groups. Your donations and your membership money created the possibility of awarding grants to these organizations. The awards represent your philanthropy in action, an important linchpin of the Woman’s Club.

Throughout this month there are many ways to spend time with fellow members: book groups, a film group, knitting, and bridge playing. Plus the Drop-in Social is the second Tuesday, May 13th , from 5-7 PM, once again at Emily Renzel’s home. Check the calendar on page 4, join your fellow members, and enjoy your membership.

Vicki Sullivan

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday May 2nd and May 16, Knit/Stitch 2-4pm Contact Sarah French

Thursday May 8, Board Meeting, 5-7 pm at the clubhouse.

Thursday May 8, Outreach, 5:30-7:30pm Mother's day Dinner at the Haven Family House, WCPA prepare and serve meal to 24 moms. Contact lolly@osbofamily.com

Thursday, May 8, Mystery Book Club, 6-7:30 pm at the clubhouse. Book: *The Killing Floor* by Lee Child, the first book of an 18 book series about a drifter and ex-military policeman named Jack Reacher. Contact: Deanna Dickman, 650-326-1796

Thursday May 8, Ciné Circle, 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. The movie is *Lunch Box*.

Tuesday May 13, Drop-in Social, 5-7 pm at Emily Renzel's home, 1056 Forest Ave. PA 94301. For more information, contact Celiene O'Hara, 650-367-8122.

May 1 and May 15, Advanced Bridge, 2:15 – 4:15 pm at the clubhouse, contact Nancy Bjork at ncbjork@gmail.com

May 1 and May 15, Beginner Bridge, 10 am – 12noon, at the clubhouse. contact Nancy Bjork at ncbjork@gmail.com

May 15, Investment Club 6 pm at the clubhouse. Contact Rosemary Busher

Wednesday May 14 and May 28 9:45-12 noon at the Haven Family House workdays.

May 21, Luncheon, Board of Directors Installation and Philanthropy Award

Tuesday June 3, Walk History Foothill College Campus 9:30-11:30am
Meet at Foothill parking lot (contact Lolly Osborne for RSVP and parking pass.
Make carpool arrangements with club friends). Contact: lolly@osbofamily.com

Tuesday May 27, Book Group, 7:15 pm at the Clubhouse. The book is *The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John Fowles. Contact: Anne Ercolani

Wednesday May 28, Outreach Meeting 4pm Outreach Committee Meeting at Clubhouse.



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