

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

October 2014 Newsletter

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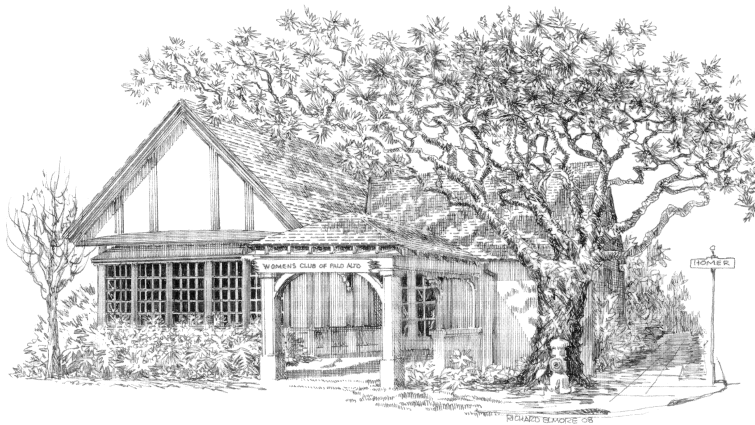
President's Letter

Dear Club Members,

We had two wonderful club get-togethers in September. Huge thanks to all who made our New Members Orientation and Reception such a lovely event. Lolly Osborne planned a very informative session for the new members, including a brief history of the club given by Sue Krumbein. Be sure to welcome our new members when you meet them at a future luncheon or while riding a bus to the Oakland Museum (Oct.10), knitting, discussing a book at book group, or enjoying any of our range of interest groups.

So what can you expect this year at the Woman's Club? Diana Diamond and her Program Committee have lined up some exciting speakers, starting with Larry Magid, who warned us in September about our passwords and other technology issues. Through this year, we will meet the new Superintendent of Palo Alto schools, look back at our November election, and hear about the Cantor Arts Center. Very soon, we should have a new ADA ramp installed, leading to the ball room side door. Our interest groups are up and running. Check the calendar on the back page for more information. Remember, friendship and self-improvement are two of our goals as a Woman's Club. Please bring to the October 15th luncheon as an Outreach donation **canned and non-perishable foods**. Our October luncheon meeting will feature as speaker Jamie Workman, talking about California's water problems. Unless we all get out there and perform a rain dance, we could have another dry winter with ominous results. How do we portion out water to farmers, businesses, and still try to water our landscape? Come listen to October's speaker.

Vicki Sullivan



Wednesday, October 15th Luncheon Program: "The Heart of Dryness"

Jamie Workman, founder of AquaJust, a program on California's water supply.

HOSTED BY LOUSIE BEATTIE AND ADELE SELTZER

11:15 AM Member and Guest Sign-in

11:45 President's Welcome, Luncheon is Served

12:30 Program & Dessert

LUNCHEON is offered at \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for guests. E-mail Louise Beatty to reserve for a guest or if you need a vegetarian meal. at ldbeattie@gmail.com

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Woman's Club of Palo Alto Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 3, 2014

Eileen Brooks Information and Report re the Federation of Woman's Clubs. Brooks described the National, State and Local levels of the Woman's Club organization. We pay \$50,000 per year in various dues and our Club should access the benefits of the greater organizational levels. Our Club derives our tax-exempt status from the Federation and our Club must perform "good works" in order to maintain that status. As an example, Eileen mentioned the backpacks we provided to foster children. The Federation provides various other options to local chapters. These have included education seminars such as leadership education, report writing classes, and art and music competitions. The State Federation also sponsors educational seminars. Brooks recommended that a Director be appointed to follow through on District, CF and GF information that she would provide to the Board.

Appointment of Advisors. Sullivan asked for approval of various Board advisors she had appointed, including the parliamentarian, auditor, historian, archivist, and numerous committee chairs and interest group contacts as listed in the 2014-15 Yearbook..

No Treasurer's Report. due to absence of treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS.

Lippert provided an update of activities over the summer concerning the plans for an accessible ramp and the kitchen update.

ADA Compliance. Carol Lipper reported that after much prior discussion and investigation, we have proceeded with a plan to create an accessible pathway in the side yard that will be attractive and will allow entrance through the side door.

The City of Palo Alto has approved the plan. We submitted the plan to a number of contractors for bids, received two bids and accepted the low bid of \$35,000. In the near future further embellishments for the side yard will be planned.

Kitchen Update. The House and Grounds Committee arranged for new counter tops, a sink and back splash.

AED. Glanckopf reported the **automated external defibrillator** will be located in the anteroom off the kitchen. H&G Committee will demonstrate its use on September 22. Board members should attend that training.

Rentals. The Rentals Committee will make a presentation at the new member meeting about rentals, hoping to get volunteers from that group. They will also seek members at the first luncheon meeting. Member dues www.womansclubofpaloalto.org

pay 19% of our budget; donations provide 4%, and rental income pays 68%. Because of this, we rent the building quite often and have "bumped" interest group meetings ten times. This is unfortunate but the Club needs two more years of rentals to determine the best balance.

NEW BUSINESS

Piano Issue. Christine Shambora, H&G Chair, reported on issues with the pianos. The Steinway piano on the stage cannot function and the piano on the ballroom floor is old and barely useable. The House and Grounds Committee has discussed the options and gathered information about costs. The Steinway is not tunable and requires major restoration. The cost of that restoration according to a piano expert may be \$5000 to \$7000. It is valued at \$30,000 and is about sixty years old. The floor piano is not worth even maintaining. Renters generally don't want to use the piano, especially if they have to pay extra for the Steinway. The Board discussed the issues at great length. There was a general desire to keep the Steinway as refurbished. One general thought was to seek member financial support. The Board determined to create a committee to look into this in depth. Hilary Jones volunteered to work with the issues with Shambora and Lisa Sten and Silvie Way volunteered to help. This volunteer committee was appointed to investigate the issues and report back with ideas to finance the cost, including the idea of asking for member financial support.

Luncheon Issue. Issue regarding charging lunch committee members in addition to \$850 allotment. Luncheon Chair wanted reimbursement to Committee members for their donations when total amount was not spent. Motion to deny any reimbursement to luncheon committee members passed unanimously.

September 10th New Member Reception-Lolly Osborne, Membership VP Osborne reminded Board members of the plans for the new member meeting and reception on September 10th. New members meet in Fireside Room at 5 pm for orientation session. At 6 pm, after the orientation session, interest groups will set up tables to explain their group and get signups. Board members and other members will attend a general reception for new members and interest group signups. Board members contribute money and/or food for the reception.

Yearbook corrections

Shirley Iverson

email should be shirleymivy@gmail.com

Carol Diamond should be Carol not Carolyn,

Judy Creek phone should be 650-329-8718

Committees, Interest Groups, Announcements & Events

October 15 Luncheon Collection

Canned and Non-Perishable Food. We will deliver items to the Food Bank at All Saints' Church. World Food Day is October 16. Recognize the need!

Rentals Committee Happy Hour

All club members are welcome to join the Rentals Committee Happy Hour on Friday 7th November at 5pm at Il Fornaio. We promise not to talk 'business' or press anyone into joining the committee – This is just a social! Please RSVP to Carol Lippert at calippert@gmail.com

Philanthropy Committee

2014/15 Grant Cycle. The Philanthropy Committee will convene its first meeting in October with nine new members joining the efforts. Each year the committee, using funds allocated by the Board, awards grants to local community organizations. Priority areas for awards are social services, education, libraries and programs that serve women and children. Only organizations recommended by our members are considered; unsolicited proposals are not accepted. Nomination forms will be available at the November luncheon and on the Club website. Grants will be announced and presented at the May Luncheon.

Mystery Book Group

The October meeting will be at Sandy Voorhees' house due to a rental on 10/9. We will discuss *The Dinosaur Feather* by S.J. Gazan. This book has a very capable, independent female lead with scientific research at the center of the plot.

Book Group

October's book is *Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China* by Jung Chang. We meet Oct. 28, 7:15 PM at the clubhouse.

Federation News

FREE Leadership Seminar presented by the California Federation of Women's Clubs. Hone your skills. Oct. 18, 10:30 am. Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe. **Writing Contest for members** – Fiction, Non-fiction, Poetry. **Writing Contest for youth** – got grandkids who are budding novelists? **Arts, Crafts and Photography Contests for members** – enter and maybe get some kudos for your talents. Contact E. Brooks for more info. 650.493.5114

Museum Fridays

Get on the Museum Bus! **Houghton Hall exhibit at the Legion of Honor Nov. 14; Grace Cathedral Grand Tour Dec. 12.** \$25. check for each date made out and sent to Eileen Brooks reserves your seat.(Sept, and Oct. sold out, so reserve now!)

History Corner

World War I and the Suffragists

A convenient over-simplification of the achievement of suffrage for women in the United States and the United Kingdom was that women leveraged their valuable contributions to their nations' wartime economies—doing the work of their menfolk off in the Great War—into the vote. This idea is, to a certain extent, accurate: American women sold war bonds, organized Belgian and other relief, formed an Overseas Service under the auspices of the YMCA, and coordinated their efforts in the Women's Committee of National Defense under the leadership of suffragist Dr. Anna Shaw. In more direct war work, women served as nurses, worked in munitions factories, and served in the navy and marine corps. Women's war work increased support for expansion of suffrage. Both the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920 and Parliament's Representation of the People Act of 1918 (which extended the franchise to married women over the age of thirty) occurred after the conclusion of the Great War. These acts represent the culmination of years and decades of suffragists' efforts who mobilized their sisters and resisted or incorporated the support their husbands and fathers to secure "votes for women." Public roles for women did not, however, begin in 1914 at the onset of the Great War. Women had been active and mastered important organizational and administrative skills in temperance work, church groups, settlement house work, and labor unions before the turn of the 19th century. In California, white middle class activists reached across the racial divide to African American, if not to Asian American, women at that time

Peggy McKee

Membership Chair Report

We greeted 20 new members to our WCPA roster. On September 10th we welcomed them to the club amid slide shows, interest group presentations and socializing. It was a very energizing evening! The data base is up to date and the membership is full with 12 prospective members on the waiting list. New member sponsor packets are available in the membership folder in the office. Address inquiries to lolly@osbofamily.com Your new 2014-15 RED directories are ready for pick up at the clubhouse. These booklets are invaluable to stay in touch with club activities. Please check our website weekly for calendar updates and instant answers to many questions. *Lolly Osborne*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Oct. 1, Townie Bikers, 11:00 am. Planning meeting at Judith Steiner's home
For information, contact Judith Steiner or Shannon McEntee

Wednesday, Oct. 1 Board Meeting, 5 - 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

Thursdays, Oct. 2 and 16, Intermediate and Advanced Bridge, 2:15 – 4:15 pm at the Clubhouse,
contact Nancy Bjork at ncbjork@gmail.com

Fridays, Oct. 3 and 17, Knit & Stitch, 2-4 pm
Call Sarah French for location at 650 329-9091

Wednesdays, Oct. 8 and 22, Outreach, 9:45 am to 12 noon.

Work at Haven Family House. Contact Anne Ercolani at ajecpa04@yahoo.com

Thursday, Oct. 9, Mystery Book Club, 6-7:30 pm at Sandy Voorhees' home
Book: The Dinosaur Feather by S.J. Gazan. Contact: Deanna Dickman at [650-326-1796](tel:650-326-1796).

Thursday Oct. 9, Ciné Circle, 7:30 -9:00 pm

Location and movie to watch TBD. Contact Rezvan Moghaddam at 650 571-1794

Friday Oct. 10, "Museum Friday" Oakland Museum of CA: Inspirational Points.
Contact Eileen Brooks at eibrooks@hotmail.com

Tuesday, Oct. 14, Drop-in Social, 5-7 pm, at the Clubhouse,
For information, contact Celiene O'Hara, [650-367-8122](tel:650-367-8122).

Wednesday, Oct. 15, Monthly Luncheon, Speaker: Jamie Workman, founder of AquaJust

Tuesday, Oct. 21, Investment Club, 6-8 pm at the Clubhouse.
Questions? Ask Rosemary Busher

Wednesday Oct. 22, Outreach Meeting, 4 pm at the Clubhouse
Contact Eileen Brooks at eibrooks@hotmail.com

Tuesday, Oct. 28, Book Group, 7:15 pm at the Clubhouse.
Book: Empress Dowager Cixi by Jung Chang. Contact: Anne Ercolani at ajecpa04@yahoo.com



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