

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

January 2015 Newsletter

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members:

Welcome to a new year of exciting Woman's Club activities. At January's luncheon, we will elect a nominating committee. If Carol Lippert, our First Vice President, asks you to join the committee, just say yes. If the nominating committee asks you to be on the 2015-2016 Board, just say yes. The Woman's Club needs to ensure that new ideas will keep coming, helping this club to evolve with the times. The nominating committee will be charged to replace four terrific directors in their specific slots as directors, although they may serve in a different office, such as one of the officers. Margo Ogus has been an invaluable help with the monthly newsletter, and she is guiding the Special Committee on Balancing Revenue. Hilary Jones has been our Sunshine secretary. Lisa Sten has been liaison to House & Grounds, and Sandy Voorhees is the Liaison to New Members and helps with Greeters. These wonderful ladies need to be replaced by four energetic, enthusiastic new directors.

On another subject, Margo Ogus and Sylvie Way want to hear your ideas related to their **Special Committee on Balancing Revenue**. Send your concerns and ideas to them via e-mail. You will be hearing much more from Margo and Sylvie in the months ahead.

Hopefully your holiday decorations and any lingering guests are put away and your house is back to normal. At our luncheon on January 15th, please support our **Outreach Committee** by bringing to the clubhouse toiletries for women at the Silicon Valley Battered Women's Shelter. Needed items are listed on page three. So I will see you at our luncheon. I feel certain that Heidi Emberling and Chris Kenrick will serve you the best \$10.00 lunch in Palo Alto. Happy New Year!

Vicki Sullivan



Wednesday, January 21st Luncheon

**Program: "The Mystery Behind the
U.S. Attorney's Office
-Past and Present"**

Melinda Haag, U.S. Attorney

HOSTED BY HEIDI EMBERLING AND CHRIS KENRICK

11:00 AM Member and Guest Sign-in

**11:50 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 Chris Kenrick to to
reserve for a guest or if you need a vegetarian meal. at
christinakenrick@gmail.com**

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

House and Grounds Emily Renzel reported on the damaged ballroom floor. It would be best to refinish the floors in the summer when there is less activity in the Clubhouse. Renzel also reported on house key control and concerns over the number of keys distributed.

Treasurer's Report. Gwen Barry reported that the Woman's Club is in compliance with its budget .

Membership. Osborne reported that the newest group of members are really involving themselves in the Club and in activities that they initiate. Currently ten women are on the waiting list for membership.

ADA Ramp Report. In Carole Lippert's absence it was reported that the ramp is nearly completed.

Finance Committee Recommendations. Silvie Way reported for the Committee Several motions were initiated by the Finance Committee and adopted by the Board after discussion:

1) Contingencies and cost overruns on approved capital projects. : A 15% contingency shall be added to the funding of all capital projects under \$10, 000 and a 10% contingency shall be added to the funding of all capital projects over \$10,000. The contingency should be considered a set-aside to address changes in the contract which 1) are unavoidable or 2) benefit the intended objective of the project.

2) Adding capital projects to the approved list during the fiscal year. During a fiscal year, the Board may only add to the approved capital projects list in an emergency when the need is immediate, no other funding option is available, and timing does not allow for going to the membership for a vote. During a fiscal year the Board may adjust funds among the approved capital projects.

3) Allocation of member donations for Historical Preservation (defined as the maintenance of the contents and character of the clubhouse.) The above described funds shall be placed in a line item in the restricted donations reserve fund where they can

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**History Corner
Leadership**

Women have gained status admirably, a small step at a time, without killing or going to war. To quote from a recent New Yorker article, "Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and the world's most powerful woman," is purposely being uninteresting in a speech to her country's governmental representatives. "Merkel is not vain...that helped her, because if you're vain you are subjective. If you're not vain, you are more objective."

I often recall sadly the 200 girl children never found, abducted because attending school might have led to their being in government, or competitive with men in jobs. I study women's progress as reported worldwide because I have personally observed huge change in our country. When I graduated from college, there was one woman-reporter on my hometown newspaper, hired to focus on social life of the wealthy. In the New Yorker issue I mentioned, there are four women writers and ten men. Still no woman president, but Merkel's example matters. Let us one day have power worldwide to jail abductors of schoolgirls.

—Jeanne McDonnell

accumulate and be used, at the Board's discretion, to complete an approved capital project that qualifies as Historic Preservation and/or to complete a fundraising activity related to Historical Preservation.

Report from Special Committee on Revenue Balance. Margo Ogus reported that the following members are on the Committee: **Joan Zwiep, Julie Jerome, Cathy Kroyman, Margo Ogus, Sylvie Way.** The Fundraising Strategy Report completed in February 2014 will be used a starting point for the Committee as many of the initial questions were considered in this report. Meg Monroe chaired the Fundraising Strategy Working Group as a part of the Club's Strategic Planning for the Future Program coordinated by Marlene Prendergast.

—Marlene Prendergast, Recording Secretary

Committees, Interest Groups, Announcements & Events

Rentals

The rentals committee would like to thank Judy Creek who acted as showing agent in November and Leslie McLaren who acted as our screening agent. During the month of December Judy Frost has been screening and Wynne Furth is our showing agent. In January Carol Diamond & Wynne Furth will be looking after screening and showing respectively. It goes without saying how much we value and appreciate all the efforts of our volunteers. Our next rentals meeting will be Monday 12th January at 4:30. Any club members who may be interested in playing a role in the rentals committee are more than welcome to join us.

Townie Bikers meet at 11 on Tuesday, January 13 at the east end of the pedestrian tunnel on California Ave. We'll ride to Los Altos and lunch at Bumbles. Both fast and slow riders welcome! For questions, contact Judith Steiner

Ciné Circle The selected film for the January Ciné Circle Meeting is "Imitation Game" currently in local theatres. Hope you watch it and join our monthly discussion, Wednesday, January 14, 7-8:30pm at the Club. Contact Rezvan Moghadan.

January 21 Luncheon Outreach Collection for the Silicon Valley Battered Women's Shelter

Please bring new, regular size (NOT travel size. Average stay in the Shelter is 6 weeks) shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, toothpaste/brushes, dental floss, body lotions, soaps, Kleenex packets, combs, hairbrushes - and new lipsticks!

Museum Fridays Contact Donna Bohling, Ginny Bechtold or Eileen Brooks

Jan. 9 - Asian Art Museum

Feb. 13 - San Jose Museum of Art

March 13 - Alcatraz and Ai WeiWei

April 10 - TBD

May 8 - Anderson Collection at Stanford

Book Group

The Book Group will meet Tuesday, January 27th at 7:15 pm to discuss *The Man Without A Face; the Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin* by Masha Gessen. We will also choose the remaining three books for our next book series, Pulitzer Prize Winning books. Already selected are: February--*A Bell for Adano* by John Hersey and March--*The Road* by Cormac McCarthy.

History Walks

Dec. 16th, 10 ladies climbed the Filbert Steps to Coit Tower, SF. Sue Krumbein gave us a fabulous narrative about the history of Telegraph Hill and the Coit Tower Murals. Lunch with Eileen Brooks (Dec. view apt.) and a walk back to the train viewing the Holiday wonders of SF left us ready for a quiet ride back to PA.

Feb. 3rd, Tuesday - Levi Stadium Tour. We will have a private tour of the stadium, architecture, art collections, private boxes and roof garden. Carpool to stadium. Send \$25 tour fee to Lolly Osborne 887 Loma Verde Ave. P.A. 94303. Lunch location TBA

Membership

New Members Wait List - Please continue to send names of potential members. Encourage your friends who would enjoy the many activities, outreach programs and desire to continue our Woman's Club history throughout Palo Alto. Lolly Osborne can send you a membership form via email. Would love to hear from you.

Philanthropy

Philanthropy grant applications are available on the Club's website. Deadline to submit your nomination is Jan 16th to the Philanthropy committee for consideration. Please drop off your nominations to the Philanthropy folder in the club's office or deliver to Jackie Schoelerman or Rezvan Moghaddam



January Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Jan. 7, Board Meeting, 5 - 7 pm at Vicki's home, 1345 Webster St. Palo Alto.

Thursdays, Jan. 8 and 15, Intermediate and Advanced Bridge, 2:15 – 4:15 pm at the Clubhouse, contact Nancy Bjork at ncbjork@gmail.com

Thursday, Jan. 8, Mystery Book Club, 6-7:30 pm at Sandy Voorhees' home.
Book: *A Grave Talent* by Laurie King. Contact: Deanna Dickman at [650-326-1796](tel:650-326-1796)

Jan 9th Museum Friday, Visit to Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.

Fridays, Jan. 9 and 23, Knit & Stitch, 2-4 pm. Call Sarah French for location at 650 329-9091

Tuesday, Jan.13, Townie Bikers 11am Meet at the east end of the pedestrian tunnel on California Ave. for a ride to Los Altos and lunch at Bumbles.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, Drop-in Social, 5-7 pm, at the Clubhouse, Contact Celiene O'Hara, [650-367-8122](tel:650-367-8122).

Wednesday, Jan. 14, Outreach, 9:45 am to 12 noon.

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

Wednesday , Jan. 14 Ciné Circle, 7:30 -9:00 pm. **Movie:** "Imitation Game"
Contact Rezvan Moghaddam at 650 571-1794

Tuesday, Jan. 20 Investment Club, 6-8 pm at the Clubhouse. Questions? Ask Rosemary Busher

Wednesday, Jan. 21, Monthly Luncheon, Speaker Melinda Haag U.S. Attorney "The Mystery Behind the U.S. Attorney's Office, Past and Present" **Bring toiletries** for Silicon Valley Battered Women's Shelter

Monday, Jan. 26 Class of 2014 Meeting 4 pm at the Clubhouse

Tuesday, Jan. 27 Book Group, 7:15 pm at the Clubhouse.

Book: *The Man Without a Face*, about Vladimir Putin, written by Masha Gessen.

Contact: Anne Ercolani at ajecpa04@yahoo.com

Wednesday Jan 28, Outreach Meeting, 1 pm at the Clubhouse, following the luncheon
Contact Eileen Brooks at eibrooks@hotmail.com

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