

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## March 2015 Newsletter

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### President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope you enjoyed last month's speaker. Dr. Max McGee has an incredible store of background knowledge about preparing students for the future careers our high school graduates will eventually pursue. At our March luncheon, Jane Stocklin and Susan Woodman will show slides and outline the steps that led to our Palo Alto show place, wonderful Gamble Garden. Our speakers have dedicated many volunteer hours to creating Gamble Garden as a public garden and an educational platform for school children and adults.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR . . . .

It's time for the **Annual Business Meeting** for members of the Woman's Club. Mark the date on your calendars: **March 19, 2015, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Each year the Board reviews with the membership where we've been, where we're going, and what we think it is going to take to get us there. This year is no exception. We will have three presentations with opportunity for you to comment.

As your President, I will review my goals for this organization and the year's accomplishments.

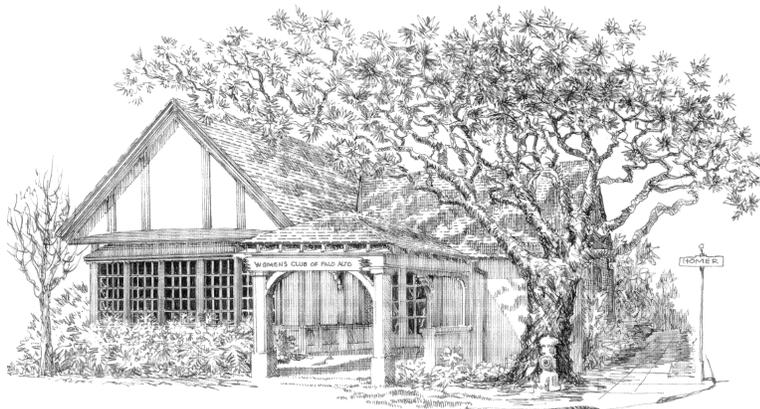
Finance Officer Meg Monroe will present the Finance Committee's proposed budget for next year, Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Members of the recently Board appointed committee to evaluate the various alternatives for the Club to balance revenue sources will report on their progress.

Everyone will be notified by e-mail when the Finance Committee's proposed budget for next year is available on the cloud. Printed copies will also be available at the March luncheon. Our club needs your participation and insights. Put **March 19 at 5 p.m.** on your calendar! Be there or be square. If you have an opinion about how to maintain our club lifestyle without raising dues, let your voice be heard. Come and be part of the solution. From my modest "Discretionary Fund", I am offering **free pizza** to the first 200 people who show up!

Besides the **Monthly Luncheon on March 18<sup>th</sup>** and the **Annual Business Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>**,

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**Wednesday, March 18th Luncheon**  
**Program: "A 99 & 44/100% Look at**  
**Gamble Garden:**

**A History of the Gamble Family"**  
Jane Stocklin and Susan Woodman,  
Gamble Garden members

HOSTED BY CHERIE DONALD AND EMILY RENZEL

**11:00 AM** Doors open for visiting  
**11:50** President's Welcome, Luncheon  
is Served  
**12:20** Business Meeting  
**12:30** Program & Dessert

LUNCHEON is offered at \$10.00 for members  
and \$15.00 for guests. E-mail Emily Renzel to reserve  
for a guest or for a vegetarian meal at marshmama2@att.  
net

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there are a number of other exciting events that you really should think about attending. I rode with the Townie Bikers last month and I enjoyed a wonderful excursion along the shoreline to Mountain View. This month the route takes us along Atherton's quiet streets to a lunch spot on the Alameda. "Still Alice" will be discussed by the Ciné Circle Wednesday, March 11. Julianne Moore just won the Academy Award as Best Actress for her sensitive portrayal of a woman with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. If you didn't sign up already, you missed the Museum Bus going to Alcatraz to see the Ai Weiwei Exhibit. There's also the History Walk, going to explore the Sutro Baths on March 31. Our newest members are putting on a BUNCO Night on March 26. It should be lots of fun, and another opportunity to share a meal with club members. Throughout this month there are book groups, a film group, knitting, and bridge playing going on. Join in and enjoy your membership. Through the Woman's Club you will meet new friends by riding a bike, taking a history walk, joining us on Museum Friday, or at least dropping in at the monthly Tuesday Night Social!! See you at lunch!

—Vicki Sullivan

### **Woman's Club of Palo Alto Executive Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2015**

Jack Morton, WCPA accountant, presented and answered questions regarding the WCPA tax return. The report as presented passed unanimously. Margaret Feuer showed plans for a plaque indicating our status on the National Register of Historic Places. Feuer asked for and got an allocation of \$1500 to cover the costs of the plaque. Feuer will return with exact details of style, size, and cost. Lolly Osborne, Co Chair of the Centennial Committee presented general proposals for our 2016 celebration. Lolly wants our members to be excited, participating, and well-informed about any Centennial plans. The Board expressed pleasure with some of the initial ideas for the Centennial. There were no amendments to the minutes as presented. Barry reviewed the budget and answered questions about the total cost of the exterior ramp and delight in the restoration of the Steinway piano. The treasurer's report passed unanimously. Lolly Osborne reported that there are eighteen women on the WCPA waiting list at this time. The 2014 class is planning a Bunco Dice Game on March 26. Tickets will cost \$15. The event is billed as a friendship-raiser for members and friends. Chair Margo Ogus reported that the

### **History Corner The Great War**

Even though the United States did not enter World War I until 1917, events commemorating its trials and tribulations have been all over the media since 2014. The Hoover Institution presently features a powerful exhibit, "Women and the Great War," through March 21. It's worth a trip. It is a familiar story to many Peninsula residents how, in 1917, the government "leased 25,000 acres of land in and around Menlo Park to establish a...training center called Camp Fremont." Menlo Park became a "boom town" as recruits from all over the West poured into the area to train as part of the 8th Infantry Division in preparation for deployment to France. At Camp Fremont, soldiers honed a variety of skills. Rifle drills took place at what is now the intersection of Foothill Expressway and Page Mill Road and artillery practice in present-day Foothill Park and the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve. The ladies of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto sent aid for Belgian Relief and sponsored entertainments for the troops. Late in the war, as part of the Allied Intervention, 5000 soldiers went from Camp Fremont not to France as originally planned but to Vladivostok, Russia, with a dual role: if possible to help the anti-Bolshevik forces; encourage Russia to continue its military efforts against the Central Powers. Neither effort turned out to be successful, and the American doughboys spent two miserable winters in Eastern Siberia. Camp Fremont closed down shortly after the war. According to Jerry Lawrence and Brian Bondurant in their "War Relics in the 'Valley of Heart's Delight,'" as recently as 2008 Palo Alto park rangers uncovered a 75mm artillery shell beside a deer trail in the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve.

—Peggy McKee

Committee On Revenue Sources and Equity is proceeding apace. The committee has interviewed thirty-one Club members regarding revenue sources. They will also do a brief survey of all members. The Committee will report at the March General Meeting and make a presentation to the Board before the end of the Board year. She asked that Board members attend the March meeting to hear the discussion so as to act with awareness when the report comes to the Board.

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## March Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, March 4, Board Meeting**, 5 - 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

**Thursdays, March 5 and 19 Bridge** 2:15 – 4:15 pm at the Clubhouse. On other Thursdays, practice bridge at members' homes. Locations TBD Contact Nancy Bjork at [ncbjork@gmail.com](mailto:ncbjork@gmail.com)

**Friday, March 6 and 20 , Knit & Stitch**, 2-4 pm. Call Sarah French for location, 650 329-9091

**Tuesday, March 10, Townie Bikers**, Meet at Judith Steiner's house. for 11AM ride to Atherton, lunch on the Alameda, noon. Fast and slow riders welcome! Contact Judith at [jsteiner@jsteiner.org](mailto:jsteiner@jsteiner.org)

**Tuesday, March 10, Drop-in Social**, 5-7 pm, at the Clubhouse. For information, contact Celiene O'Hara, 650-367-8122

**Wednesday, March 11 and 25, Outreach**, 9:45 –Noon. Committee volunteers will sort donations at Haven Family House. Contact: Anne Ercolani at [ajecpa04@yahoo.com](mailto:ajecpa04@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday, March 11, Ciné Circle**, 7:00 -8:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Movie: *Still Alice*  
Contact Shannon Griscom or Rezvan Moghaddam

**Thursday, March 12, Mystery Book Club**, 6-7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Book: *Eva's Eye* by Karin Fossum. Contact: Deanna Dickman at 650-326-1796

**Friday, March 13, Museum Bus** to Alcatraz and Ai Weiwei Exhibit @LARGE, 8:00 am – 3:45 pm  
Contact Eileen Brooks (Sorry – sold out!)

**Tuesday, March 17, Investment Club**, 6-8 pm at the Clubhouse. Questions? Ask Rosemary Busher

**Wednesday, March 18, Monthly Luncheon**, Speakers, Susan Woodman and Jane Stocklin, "A 99 44/100% Look at the Gamble Garden: A History of the Gamble Family".

**Bring kitchen and/or bath items to help aged out Foster children set up a first apartment.**

**Thursday, March 19, Business Meeting**, All members encouraged to attend, 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse, light supper included.

**Tuesday, March 24, Book Group**, 7:15 pm at the Clubhouse. Book: *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy, Contact: Anne Ercolani at [ajecpa04@yahoo.com](mailto:ajecpa04@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday March 25, Outreach Committee Meeting**, 4:30 pm, the Clubhouse. Contact Eileen Brooks

**Thursday, March 26, BUNCO Night** 7:00 – 9:00 at Clubhouse. Sponsored by the Class of 2014.

Send \$15 to reserve a spot to Carol Diamond, 2349 Carol Ave. Mtn.View 94040.

**Tuesday, March 31, History Walk**, Sutro Baths & Tour, Golden Gate National Park. \$25 cost + lunch at the Beach Chalet. Send your check to Lolly Osborne, 887 Loma Verde PA 94303



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