

# *The Woman's Club of Palo Alto*

## *October 2016 Newsletter*

President: Carol Lippert

Our 122nd Year



### **President's Letter:**

#### *Dancing as Fast as We Can*



Dear Members,  
Friendship, Community Involvement, Self Improvement. These goals of our Club seem increasingly cogent, even in our 110th year. This year, the elements are blended a little differently than last, and I hope you will enjoy them even more.

The Woman's Club enjoys non-profit status. Our rental income is not taxed, but our responsibilities include using our club for community involvement. Our goal is to offer our building to other non-profits at least three times per year this year — thus our August “summer social” with the League of Women Voters. It was a great success, and we would like to continue this practice. If you believe your favorite non-profit would like to use our club, it's easy. Ask them to write a proposal to the board explaining the type of event, the date, and how the event would help the non-profit,

and the community. The board will review the proposals. We will contact you, the sponsor, ASAP, with results and further discussion. Remember, it's three events this year, and a time that fits in the rentals calendar.

A nature walk with Carolyn Pierce is coming up — join us on Saturday, Oct. 8. See the calendar for details, or ask Carolyn herself. All of us who joined before Lolly Osborne's “membership class” idea can experience a little extra friendship next Saturday morning for a walk in the Baylands. Hope to see you there.

Are you wondering what happened to the music at the luncheon? The wonderful Sue Kemp is recovering from an illness — we miss her, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The Suggestion Box will be in the lobby for the October luncheon. Feel free to share ideas. If you sign it, we'll call you back!

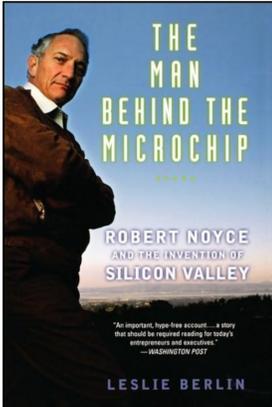
Warmly, *Carol*

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## Fresh Insights at Our October 19 Luncheon



Please join us for lunch Wednesday, Oct. 19, when Silicon Valley historian and Stanford visiting scholar Leslie Berlin presents “Fresh Insights into Silicon Valley History.” Author of “The Man Behind the Microchip: Robert Noyce and the Invention of Silicon Valley,” Leslie also is project historian for the Silicon Valley Archives, a division of the Stan-



ford University Department of Special Collections. In this capacity she is working to find and preserve key papers and artifacts related to the history of Silicon Valley. Her research interests include the history of the semiconductor industry in Silicon Valley and the role of leadership in high-tech business.

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| 11 a.m.    | Doors open     |
| 12 p.m.    | Lunch served   |
| 12:20 p.m. | Club business  |
| 12:30 p.m. | Speaker        |
| 1 p.m.     | End of program |

Special thanks to our October luncheon co-chairs Nancy Alexander and Connie Fasani! If you would like to bring a guest or if you would like a vegetarian or gluten-free meal please get in touch with Nancy (nalexander@alexanderlaw.com) or Connie (conniemfasani@gmail.com). Lunch costs \$10 for members, \$15 for guests.

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## New-Member Bios

Our Club welcomes 29 new members this fall! We publish their brief bios, alphabetically and six at a time, in the newsletter beginning this month:



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### Elaine Andersen



Although I spent most of the past 38 years commuting to Los Angeles where I was a professor of Psychology, Linguistics and Neuroscience at USC, since 1965 my heart has belonged to the Palo Alto/Stanford community. My husband, Dudley and I moved to California from the East coast in 1965. I earned my BA, MA, and Ph.D. at Stanford, our son was born at Stanford Hospital, and both our kids (Kara and Scott) went to Palo Alto schools. More recently, I served for several years on the board of the Bring Me A Book Foundation, was a mentor for the Peninsula College Fund and was a member of the Foothill College Commission. Currently, I serve on the Foothill-DeAnza Colleges Foundation Board, spend a fair amount of time helping with our daughter's nine-year-old twins, and am devoting a great deal of energy to helping elect candidates who we firmly believe can make a positive difference for our community, our state and our nation.

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### Amy Andonian



I am currently the President and CEO of Avenidas. Prior to joining Avenidas, I served as the Vice President of Home Care & Support Services for the Institute on Aging, providing leadership for the agency's fee-for-service home care, care management, fiduciary, and social day services throughout the Bay Area. Before that, I worked for six years as the Program Director of Caregiver Services for Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County in San Jose, California. I am also an active member of the Aging Services Collaborative of Santa Clara County (ASC) and currently serve on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Adult Day Services (CAADS). I received a BA in Human Biology with concentrations in Public Health and Gerontology from Stanford University. In addition, I am a graduate of Santa Clara University Leavey School of Business's California Program for Entrepreneurship.

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## Mary-Louise Boyd



I have lived in Palo Alto for 25 years and am a second generation Californian from San Mateo. I have an educational and career background in marketing and currently work for several non-profits. When I'm not glued to a computer screen, I can be found hiking on a trail or attending lectures at Stanford.

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## Margaret Carney



I am originally from NYC and moved to this area in 1971. My two sons graduated from Menlo Atherton High School and the UCs and still live not too far away. They have blessed me with four grandchildren. Two and a half years ago, I sadly lost my husband to cancer. I am a registered nurse and when I retired from Stanford, I luckily got a one-day-a-week job at Kaiser Redwood City. There I work as a Psychiatric Advice RN and enjoy the mental stimulation as well as the "pin money." I am active in the Lions Club in Menlo Park, which runs the Menlo Park Farmers' Market where I schedule the musicians who play every week. Also I get the opportunity to give away the money the Lions earn with the fees the farmers pay weekly. Our Lions Club is fortunate to be able to donate to the many worthwhile organizations in our local area. About a year ago, I got involved with Random Acts of Flowers. We recycle flowers from Safeway, Trader Joe's, local, and San Francisco florists, arrange beautiful bouquets, and deliver them to local hospitals, nursing homes etc. It is a wonderful addition to our community, and we are always looking for volunteers to join. I continue to take classes in watercolor, spend time seeing movies with friends, and work out at the YMCA. I am looking forward to being active in the Woman's Club and making new friends.

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## Lie-Yea Cheng



I have resided in the Palo Alto area since 1986, when I started my Ph.D. program in materials science and engineering at Stanford. I have worked for Intel, Lam Research and Applied Materials in technical capaci-

ties. When my two children were young, I made a career detour to patent prosecution since the job utilized my technical and industry background and offered flexibility for me to care for my children. I currently work for an international semiconductor manufacturing company, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation, as a patent program manager. As I was born and raised in Taiwan, my cultural and language background is huge asset to my current job. I have two children, Nathan and Olivia. Nathan is a sophomore at the University of Michigan and Olivia is a sophomore at Palo Alto High. I have done extensive volunteer work for their schools and was quite active in the PTA and site council. I also support their Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and volunteer for their soccer teams. I enjoy walking with my husband and our dog, Bella; a six-year old Wheaten Terrier. In addition, I enjoy traveling and skiing with my family. I decide to join Palo Alto Woman's Club to meet women in Palo Alto with similar interests.

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## Denise Ching



I received my medical degree from Duke University and am a surgical oncologist at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Through Bay Area Cancer Connections, I have been leading talks and Q&A sessions since 2009. I firmly believe in the strength of women's friendship to be able to accomplish significant common goals and would like to be a part of that through the Woman's Club.

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## Townie Bikers Rally



Join us for fun local rides with a lunch stop! All riders at all levels are welcome. Our first ride will be October 11 to Los Altos. We will meet at 11 a.m. at the California Avenue pedestrian/bicycle underpass near the train station. If you plan to ride, please email or text me at [jeanmac@alumni.stanford.edu](mailto:jeanmac@alumni.stanford.edu) or 650 248-7294.

— Jean MacDonell

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## Mystery Book Group

The Mystery Book Group meets the second Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. For the next meeting October 13 we are reading “The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins. The discussion will be moderated by Annette Ross. The November book will be “Deja Dead” by Kathy Reichs.



-- Shelley Sweet

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## Snowden in October

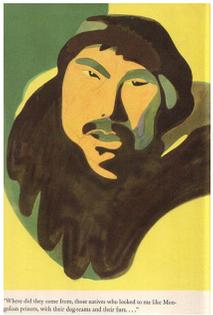
The Cine Circle will meet Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse to discuss “Snowden.” If attending, please RSVP to me at nancywong8@gmail.com.



-- Nancy Wong

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## “Kabloona”



The Book Group discusses “Kabloona” by Gontran de Poncins on Tuesday, October 25, at 7:15 p.m. at the Clubhouse. A classic of travel literature, it recounts the author’s life with the Inuit in the Canadian Arctic. New readers are welcome.

Our Fall Series theme is “explorers and exploration.” November through January books are: “The Moor’s Account” by Lalia Lalami; “Wind, Sand and Stars” by Antoine de Saint-Exupery and “The Passionate Nomad Life of Freya Stark” by Jane F. Geniesse.

-- Margaret Feuer

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## Community Outreach Report

Members of the Outreach Committee were honored by the staffs of LifeMoves



(formerly InnVision/ShelterNetwork) and Haven Family House at a tea in September. The Outreach Committee and the Woman’s Club have supported Haven Family House for more than six years with twice-monthly volunteering, Mother’s Day and Family BBQ special events and luncheon collection donations. Through this partnership we have helped hundreds of families break the cycle of homelessness and move on to successful employment and permanent housing.

If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact Anne Ercolani, our Haven Family House liaison. Our volunteer days are the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:45 a.m. to noon.

Thanks to all who brought early-reader books to our September luncheon collection, benefiting 10 Books A Home. This East Palo Alto/eastern Menlo Park non-profit sends volunteers into family homes to tutor young readers and engage the parents in this vital learning activity. Results are impressive -- when the whole family reads together, everyone wins. Success begins at home!



At the Oct. 19 luncheon we’ll be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for the food bank at All Saints’ Church. The Downtown

Streets Team has taken over the operation of the food bank. This is a great example of groups coming together to help all in need. Let’s do our best to feed the hungry.

Our next Outreach Committee planning meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

--Eileen Brooks

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## Tree-Planting Opportunities

At our March Centennial Celebration, one of the historic scenes involved Woman's Club members planting and watering trees. That is definitely one of our proudest legacies. This fall, we will partner with Canopy to, once again, plant trees. (And it just so happens that Canopy's executive director, Catherine Martineau, is a member of our Club!) Here's the plan:



“Come volunteer for the upcoming Sister Neighborhood Tree Plantings! Join Canopy as we unite the residents and volunteers of Palo Alto and East Palo Alto for a joint community effort to grow the tree canopy and friendships. Part 1 is in the University Village Neighborhood in East Palo Alto on Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Part 2 is in the Midtown neighborhood in Palo Alto on Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign up to volunteer at [canopy.org/get-involved/volunteer-signup](http://canopy.org/get-involved/volunteer-signup) and join us for one or both days!”

This activity is being sponsored by the Outreach Committee. If you're interested in joining us, just sign up at the link provided above, or contact me at [suekrumbein@gmail.com](mailto:suekrumbein@gmail.com) or 650-380- 8482. I look forward to planting a tree with many of you!

-- Sue Krumbein

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## Walk Through History



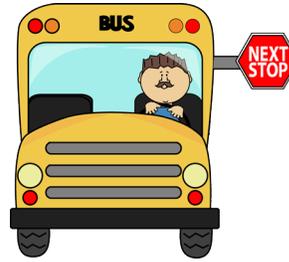
Join us for the first History Walk of the season! We'll take Caltrain and BART to Oakland and enjoy a tour of the amazing murals in the

Uptown neighborhood. Then we'll get lunch at Caffè Teatro in the beautiful Rotunda Building. To join us, you must have a **CLIPPERCARD**. If you have questions or want to join, contact either of us at [suekrumbein@gmail.com](mailto:suekrumbein@gmail.com) or [lolly@osbofamily.com](mailto:lolly@osbofamily.com).

-- Sue Krumbein and Lolly Osborne

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## Museum Fridays – Get on the Bus!



Join us for art-filled Fridays at the Bay Area's great museums. Here's our schedule so far:

**Oct. 7:** Cantor Art Center to see “Soulmaker: The Times of Lewis Hine” We'll get a private lecture and tour by Stanford Professor Alex Nemerov. The event is sold out, but we have a wait list.

**Nov. 11:** Rosie the Riveter Museum followed by lunch at Assemble Restaurant. The event is sold out, but we have a wait list.

**Dec. 9:** Our annual San Francisco Holiday trip this year will be a docent-led tour of Mission Dolores followed by lunch at Restaurant LuLu- \$90.

**Jan. 13:** Asian Art Museum to see a docent-led tour of “The Rama Epic: Hero, Heroine, Ally, Foe.” Lunch on your own at the Museum Café. \$57.

**Feb. 10:** DeYoung Museum to see “Frank Stella: A Retrospective” followed by lunch on your own at the Museum Café. \$32.

**March 10:** Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive to see “Hippie Modernism: The Struggle for Utopia.” Lunch included. \$74.

**April 11:** SFMOMA for a docent-led tour of the Doris and Donald Fisher Collection. Lunch on your own. \$65.

Reservations are confirmed only with receipt of check. No refunds. Make checks payable to Eileen Brooks and mail to: 780 Montrose Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303

--Eileen Brooks

## History Corner

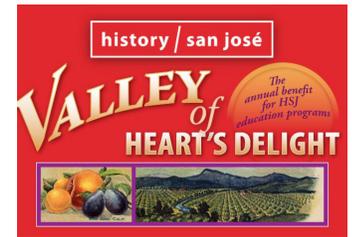
### *Silicon and the Valley of Heart's Delight*

The October program features Leslie Berlin, project historian for the Silicon Valley Archives at Stanford University. For many “old-timers,” its identification as “Silicon Valley” is a concept, an idea, the latest dot on the spectrum of the Santa Clara Valley’s history.



Indeed, “Silicon Valley” is not actually a valley but a term to describe what has become a global phenomenon. After World War II, the proximity of Stanford University, the ready availability of venture capital, and Defense Department investment during the Cold War all contributed to what became Silicon Valley, an engine of change and innovation. Its heroes include icons like Steve Jobs, Bill Hewlett, David Packard, and the Intel “trinity” of Andy Grove, Robert Noyce, and Gordon Moore. They and others transformed the Valley from fruit orchards into a high-tech hub. “Back in the day, the Valley told a different story. Founded in the 18th century by the Franciscans, Mission Santa

Clara gave its name to the valley where the original settlers at first raised cattle but later moved into agriculture. A Mediterranean, temperate climate and beautiful scenery produced the name, “Valley of Heart’s Delight.” San Jose, one of the oldest cities in California, became a rail head and thriving metropolis based on the profitable fruit industry. Prosperity and jobs lured immigrants from all over the world to work in the orchards and canneries. Del Monte and Sunsweet both originated in Santa Clara Valley. Diversity was, from the outset, a hallmark of the “Valley.” It still attracts immigrants from the world over; it still has its mild climate; it is still, for many, the “Valley of Heart’s Delight,” despite its new moniker.



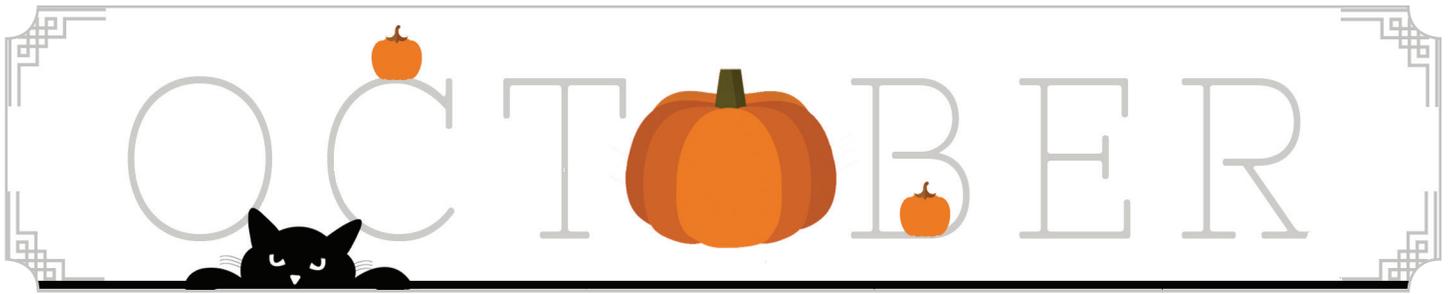
-- Peggy McKee



## Photos From the September Luncheon







Thursday, Oct. 6: Bridge Group meets at the Club from 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. for lessons from Prue Saunders. The lessons are \$15 each, payable directly to Prue. For more information, contact Nancy Bjork.

Friday, Oct. 7: Museum Friday group heads to Cantor Art Museum for a private tour by Professor Alex Nemerov of the Lewis Hine photography exhibit. Sold out – wait list. Contact Eileen Brooks.

Friday, Oct. 7: Knit & Stitch meets from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the home of a volunteer hostess. Contact Ginnie Noh for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 8: Friendship Walk and lunch in the Baylands. Meet at 10:20 a.m. at the Mountain View entrance to the Baylands near the end of San Antonio Road. No need to RSVP. For more information contact Carolyn Pierce.

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Townie Bikers will meet at 11 a.m. at the California Avenue pedestrian underpass near the train station and bike to Los Altos. RSVP to Jean MacDonell.

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Volunteer at Haven Family House, 9:45 to noon. Contact Anne Ercolani.

Thursday, Oct. 13: History Committee meets at 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Contact Margaret Feuer.

Thursday, Oct. 13: Bridge Group meets for practice at a member's home. For information contact Nancy Bjork.

Thursday, Oct. 13: The Mystery Book Group meets at the Club from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins. For more information contact Susan Kaye or Shelley Sweet.

Tuesday, Oct. 18: The Investment Group meets at 6 p.m. at the Clubhouse. For more information, contact Julie Jerome.

Tuesday, Oct. 18: The Cine Circle will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse to discuss "Snowden." RSVP to Nancy Wong.

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Monthly luncheon featuring Silicon Valley historian Leslie Berlin. Outreach Committee will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for the food bank at All Saints Church. Doors open at 11; lunch served at noon; meeting over by 1.

Thursday, Oct. 20: Bridge Group meets at the Club from 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. for lessons from Prue Saunders. The lessons are \$15 each, payable directly to Prue. For more information, contact Nancy Bjork.

Saturday, Oct. 22: Plant trees with Canopy, 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Sue Krumbein.

Friday, Oct. 28: Knit & Stitch meets from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the home of a volunteer hostess. Contact Ginnie Noh for more information.

Tuesday, Oct. 25: The Book Group meets at the Clubhouse to discuss "Kabloona" by Gontran de Poncins. Contact Margaret Feuer.

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Volunteer at Haven Family House, 9:45 a.m. to noon. Contact Anne Ercolani.

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Outreach Committee Planning Meeting, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Contact Eileen Brooks.

Thursday, Oct. 27: Bridge Group meets for practice at a member's home. For information contact Nancy Bjork.

Saturday, Oct. 29: Plant trees with Canopy, 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Sue Krumbein.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 - History Walk: Oakland Murals Tour. Contact Lolly Osborne at [lolly@osbofamily.com](mailto:lolly@osbofamily.com).

Friday, Nov. 11: Museum Friday group heads to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond for a private tour with a National Park Service ranger, followed by lunch at Assemble Restaurant. Bus transportation and lunch \$72. Sold out – wait list. Contact Eileen Brooks.

Friday, Dec. 9: Museum Friday group heads to Mission Dolores for a private tour, followed by lunch at Restaurant LuLu. Bus transportation and lunch \$90.