

# The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

## June 2014 Newsletter

President: Victoria Sullivan

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### President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

The May luncheon was a culmination of our WCPA philanthropic efforts. Your generous donations at renewal time and your dues make the grants possible.

Our last luncheon this year is June 18th, with speaker, Amir Ruben, CEO of Stanford Hospital. He will talk about the hospital's growth and the impact of the Affordable Care Act. Bring your questions!!

At the end of this luncheon Lolly Osborne moves from Luncheon Chair to Membership Chair, plus setting up History Walks. Thank you Lolly for finding luncheon chairs and streamlining menus. Other leadership changes include Leika Kejriwal, who organized the treasurer's role and established a paid position of bookkeeper to work with Rental Committee and club treasurer. Thank you Leika for organizing our fiscal issues. I am sorry to see Carol Muller move out of the area. She had great vision to create Landmark Leaders and lead it for two years. Eileen Brooks and Donna Bohling will step down as Rental co-Chairs. They set up a wonderful coterie of volunteers who have taken on the job of renting our clubhouse, morning, noon, and night! Thank you Eileen and Donna for setting up the Rentals Committee as a profitable business!! Thank you also for taking on the Centennial Celebration Committee. Eileen also replaces Lolly as Outreach Chair. Our efficient and gracious Dean of Committees and first VP Marlene Prendergast is switching jobs after spending a year visiting the Standing Committees to understand and encourage their activities. She becomes Recording Secretary, and Carol Lippert takes on the VP role. Annette Glanckopf spent the last two years tracking new and departing members as Membership Chair. She switches to Corresponding Secretary, replacing Donna Grider who is going off the board after helping put the newsletter on-line. Jackie Schoelerman is ending her term as Director, but has agreed to continue as co-Chair of Philanthropy with Rezvan Moghaddam. Christine Shambora continues as Chair of House and Grounds and will oversee kitchen improvements and the start of the ADA Ramp work. All these wonderful women run your club, participate in so many activities, and deserve



**Wednesday, June 18th Luncheon**

**Program:  
Issues Facing Stanford Hospital**

Amir Ruben, CEO of Stanford Hospital

HOSTED BY JEAN PRESSEY AND GINNY LEAR

**11:00 am Member and Guest Sign-in**

**11:45 President's Welcome, Luncheon  
is Served**

**12:15 Program & Dessert**

Luncheon is offered at \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. E-mail Jean Pressey [jean.pressey@gmail.com](mailto:jean.pressey@gmail.com) to reserve for a guest. The meal will come from Lyfe and it is vegetarian and gluten-free.

**Remember to send in your Membership  
Renewal and DUES by June 15th**

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lots of applause for their dedication. No one lasts forever as a board member. So just say yes if you are asked to take on a job for your club. Want to enhance your membership? Join a committee or come discuss a book or a movie or join the bike group. Isn't that why you joined this club? Enjoy your summer. *Vicki Sullivan*

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## Executive Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2014

The first order of business was to meet with outgoing Rentals Committee (RC) chairs. Vicki thanked Eileen Brooks and Donna Bohling for their 'amazing' job of organizing an effective group of volunteers who made rentals activity so successful. RC exceeded the budget goal by at least 30%. Eileen, Donna, and Carol Lippert, incoming co-chair, presented the Rentals Committee Report to the Board. The board was urged to set a calendar for FY 14-15 of WCPA events that should not be 'bumped' for rentals. The day before and the day of the monthly luncheon are already blocked out. RC wants someone/a company to provide 'on call emergency coverage' during rentals. Carol will present a proposal for On-Call Emergency coverage during rentals at the next board meeting. Such a person needs to be insured and bonded. RC should work with the treasurer to determine what additional support could be provided by the Bookkeeper. RC asked approval for a full price rental rate for FY14-15 of \$3,000 plus \$500 deposit to cover 'emergency on-call service'. The hourly rate will be \$300 with the same 6 hour minimum. These rates are competitive within our area. RC further urged that By-Laws be amended to require the Chair of RC be a member of the Board. RC also suggested funds in excess of the budgeted rentals amount be allocated to the Capital Fund. RC made several observations. Balancing club use by members and rentals will always be an issue. Given the

### Kudos for Hard Work Well Done!

The membership adopted next year's Organizational Budget at the May luncheon. This is the culmination of hard work and long hours by many members. Committee Chairs and Officers determined budget needs for activities they oversee, and set the stage for effective programming for next year. The Finance Committee took the requests and molded them into a proposed budget, reviewed by some 25 members who participated in the Annual Business Meeting on March 20. The revised budget then went to the Board for approval April 5 and to the membership for adoption May 21, 2014. A long road but worth the effort. For a copy of the adopted budget contact Meg Monroe. Particular thanks go to Finance Committee members: Marlene Prendergast, Annette Glanckoph, Leika Kejriwal, Laura Miri-Martin, and Margo Ogus. Prez. Vicki Sullivan exhibited her devotion to the process by attending every meeting. Together they all spent many hours creating new capital budget documents; organizing and participating in the Annual Business Meeting; and reviewing operating budget income projections, requests, and documents. Thanks for the dedication of so many hours by this group.

*Meg Monroe, Finance officer*

current immediate capital needs for deferred maintenance it would be wise to rent the club as much as possible for three years, then re-evaluate. Carol Lippert and Joanne Jones will be the Co-chairs of RC for FY14-15. Leika presented the Treasurer's report—we are in good shape as we near the end of the fiscal year. Income looks higher as membership dues are now posted when received. Carol Lippert reported on the ADA Access Ramp. Plans have been submitted to the City and Carol is getting bids for the work. About \$64,000. is available for this work. The Board-approved contract with Cathleen Torres for back office support to the RC was cancelled. Volunteers will cover this function. In Annette's absence Vicki handed out the proposal for purchase and installation of the AED Machine (heart defibrillator). If this particular machine is applied and the medical event is not a heart attack, there is no ill effect on the patient. The issue is referred to the next Board meeting for action. The June meeting is moved to May 28, 2014 for better attendance. At this meeting the old Board meets with the new Board. The following items will be on the June agenda: allocation of funds from the Painted Chair Event; creation of a new interest group, bicycling, headed by Judith Steiner; Landmark Leaders future and retention of the domain name; further discussion of the use of the Club by non-profits; Fundraising Strategy Working Group Report.

### History Corner

#### The Woman's Club and the Great War

Here it is, June, 2014, and I am reminded that it marks the centennial of the outbreak of the Great War, even though the United States did not join the conflict until April, 1917. Early in the war, Germany occupied Belgium but made little provision for feeding its population. Herbert Hoover stepped up to the plate to establish and oversee the Commission for the Relief in Belgium. The Woman's Club responded to Hoover's call for volunteers to raise money and gather the necessities of life for transport to Belgium. The Guy Miller Archives of the Palo Alto Historical Association has photographs of Palo Alto's Belgian Fairs and Belgian Markets. The Woman's Club can be proud of its participation in this humanitarian enterprise. In 1917, when Camp Fremont was built in nearby Menlo Park—one of its chief buildings designed by Julia Morgan—the Woman's Club provided hospitality and held gatherings and socials for troops of the 8th Division of the US Army stationed there. I like to reflect on how "Community Work" has always characterized the activities and commitments of the "ladies of the club."

*Peggy McKee*

## Committees, Interest Groups, Announcements & Events

### June Luncheon

Amir Rubin, President and CEO of Stanford Hospital & Clinics will speak. The topic: "Transforming Healthcare at Stanford Hospital and Clinics". Mr. Rubin will talk about exciting new healthcare technologies. He will discuss how Stanford is answering the call from patients to "know me, show me, coordinate for me, and apply the leading edge." Mr. Rubin will also discuss what the Affordable Care Act has meant locally. Afterwards he will invite questions. So bring questions for the discussion.

### Have You Got a Bad Case of the Bumps?

From time to time the Rentals Committee needs to bump your activity for a chargeable rental. If this is affecting you we can try to reschedule your event to a time when the clubhouse is clear. Or if it is a persistent problem, consider changing your event to a Monday. Monday is the least requested day for rentals! Please feel free to contact a Rentals Committee Co-Chair to discuss how we can help you. *Joanne Jones & Carol Lippert*

### Attention, Interest Groups & Committees!

Enjoy summer and please, please remember to send your events, meeting dates, and times to Donna Bohling, webmaster and maintainer of the calendar. Send whenever you are ready, don't wait until Sept! Event and meetings from this year WILL NOT be automatically rolled onto the calendar. Email the full schedule for the year and I will update our online calendar (available on our member login page, password is Rose with a capital R). Send details too! Already know which books will be read in Book Club? Already know where the History Walks will be? Will you meet at the clubhouse or someone's home? Look for two NEW interest groups beginning the fall – Museum Day and Bike Riding. Many members depend on the club calendar to plan their month. *Donna Bohling*

### Membership Renewal

Membership renewal letters have been mailed. Don't forget to renew by June 15th. The renewal form is also on the Woman's Club web site. *Annette Glanckopf*

### Book Group

Tuesday, June 24 7:15 pm at the Club, we will discuss the last in our member-favorites series, *Persuasion* by Jane Austen. In June we also will select next fall's books. If you want to join the group, contact me and I will put you on the email list. *Jeanne McDonnell*

### Ciné Circle

"Chef" is the movie for discussion at Ciné Circle Thursday, June 12, 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse.

### Mystery Book Group

June 12th, 6:00-7:30pm – We will talk about the first Maisie Dobbs novel by Jacqueline Winspear. *Maisie Dobbs* is set in France and England before and during World War I, and is dedicated to the author's two grandparents who experienced the tragedies of the war.

### Bridge

Bridge continues through summer Thursdays at 2:15, the first and third Thursdays at the Club, and other times at a home. For details and questions, call Nancy Bjork.

### Philanthropy

Any club members who are interested in joining the Philanthropy Committee, please contact Jackie Schoelerman or Rezvan Moghaddam.

### Landmark Leaders

The Landmark Leaders Speakers' Series over the last two years has engaged more than 500 attendees, achieved the objective of community involvement and education, plus added to the club's capital fund, though not designed as a fundraiser. The leadership for Landmark Leaders is moving on, and if Club members want to see this kind of activity continue, new leaders should step up NOW to let the Board know of their willingness to help. Contact Vicki Sullivan/Carol Lippert asap to let them know of your interest.

### History Walk:

Tuesday June 3rd, a tour of Foothill College Campus 9:30-11:30am. Learn about 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 guides are Betsy Bechtel and Kathy Torgersen, PAWC members and supporters of Foothill Community College. This walking tour is followed by lunch in a campus cafe. Carpool with club friends. We will meet at Foothill parking lot. Contact Lolly for RSVP and parking pass: [lolly@osbofamily.com](mailto:lolly@osbofamily.com)

### Haven Family House Dinner for Fathers and Families. Tuesday June 10th 5-7pm

Please help cook @ 2pm @ WCPA, and/or help transport food & serve @ HFH, 5-7pm. Contact Lolly Osborne.

### Environmental Volunteers ECO Center Tour & Talk

June 11th Wednesday, 3:00pm, Baylands Area (Old Sea Scout Bldg) Sponsored by the Outreach Committee & Wanda Cavanaugh, hostess. Questions? Ask Lolly Osborne

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, May 28, 5-7pm Incoming, Outgoing Board meeting** for June at the clubhouse.

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

**June 5 and June 19, 2:15-4:15pm Advanced Bridge,** at the clubhouse, contact Nancy Bjork at [ncbjork@gmail.com](mailto:ncbjork@gmail.com)

**June 5 and June 19, 10 am-12 noon Beginner Bridge,** , at the clubhouse.  
contact Nancy Bjork at [ncbjork@gmail.com](mailto:ncbjork@gmail.com)

**Friday June 6 and June 20 2-4pm Knit/Stitch** Contact Sarah French

**Tuesday, June 10, 5-7pm Haven Family House Dinner for Fathers and Families.**

Meal prep at the Clubhouse kitchen on June 10 at 2pm. Please join us to cook and/or serve. Contact Lolly Osborne.

**Tuesday, June 10, 5-7 pm Drop-in Social,** at Emily Renzel's home, 1056 Forest Ave. PA 94301.  
For more information, contact Celiene O'Hara, 650-367-8122.

**Wednesday, June 11 and June 25 9:45-12 noon Workdays at Haven Family House.**

**Wednesday, June 11 3:00pm, Environmental Volunteers ECO Center Tour & Talk,**  
sponsored by Outreach Comm. Baylands Area (Old Sea Scout Bldg)

**Thursday, June 12, 6:00-7:30pm Mystery Book Group** –We will discuss *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear, and choose the next books and dates. Contact: Deanna Dickman, 650-326-1796

**Thursday, June 12 , 7:30 pm Ciné Circle** at the Clubhouse to discuss "Chef".

**Tuesday, June 17 6 pm Investment Club** at the clubhouse. Contact Rosemary Busher

**Wednesday, June 18, Luncheon,** Issues facing Stanford Hospital, Guest speaker Amir Ruben, CEO of Stanford Hospital, Hosted by Jean Pressey and Ginny Lear

**Tuesday June 24, 7:15 pm Book Group,** at the Clubhouse. The book is *Persuasion* by Jane Austen  
Contact: Anne Ercolani

**Wednesday, June 25 4pm Outreach Meeting** at the Clubhouse.



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