

The WOMAN'S CLUB of Palo Alto

275 Members

9 Special Events

**12 Special Interest
Groups**

12 Committees

1 Board

1 Club

275 Shared Hearts

Our Mission

- **Friendship**
- **Self-Improvement**
- **Community Service**
- **Historic Preservation**

2021-2022 Report to the Members



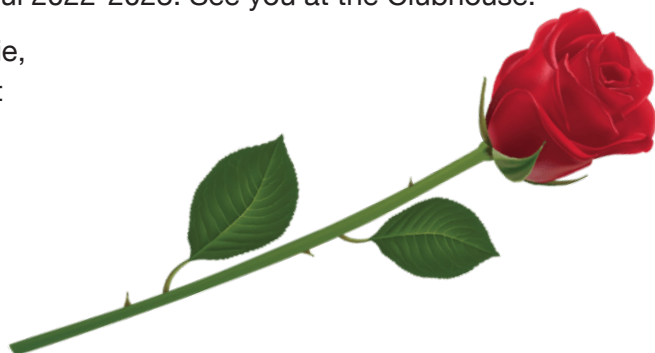
Dear Members

This has been an eventful year!

We were able to start holding luncheons, committee meetings, interest group meetings and special events in the Clubhouse, after a year and a half COVID closing. The year started off on a high note with our “Roaring 20s” opening night, and the events continued through the year. Many thanks to the Programs Committee and the Class of 2021 for organizing these. The Club also sponsored two amazing evenings: a “Pecha Kucha” and, a Woman’s History Month Panel. The precedent has been set for future important community events hosted by the Club.

Our “regular” activities have not suffered! Special interest groups are thriving and meeting at the Clubhouse. Our luncheon committee has provided us with wonderful lunches every month. Community Outreach and Grants continue to give back to the community through donations and monetary grants. Our Club is vital and meaningful, and provides all of us with Friendship, Self-Improvement and Community Involvement! I look forward to a vibrant, fun and meaningful 2022-2023. See you at the Clubhouse!

Pat Emslie,
President



CLUB LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

Board President Pat Emslie
First Vice-President Jenn Wagstaff-Hinton
Second Vice-President Sue Krumbein
Recording Secretary Lisa Knox
Corresponding Secretary Maria Spasojevic
Treasurer Paula Collins
Finance Officer Nomi Trapnell

Directors 2021-2022

Archana Appanna
Lee Langhammer Law
Ellen Rosenblum

Directors 2020-2021

Abby Bradski
Lisa Knox

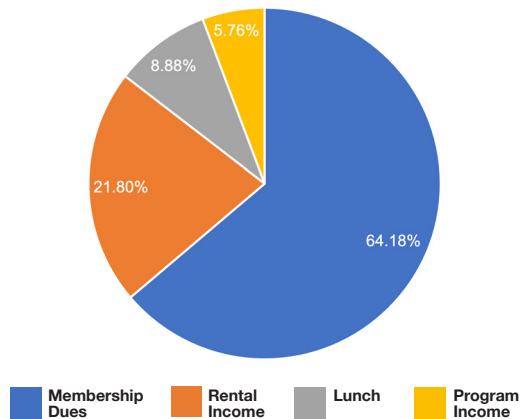
GAVELEERS (PAST PRESIDENTS)

Emily Renzel, Chair
Eileen Brooks
Wanda Cavanaugh
Paula Collins,
Margaret Feuer
Sarah French
Julie Jerome
Carol Lippert
Sue Krumbein
Sandra Pearson
Christine Shambora
Sharon Small
Jana Stevens
Vicki Sullivan,
and Margaret (Boots) Gould,
Gaveleer Emeritus

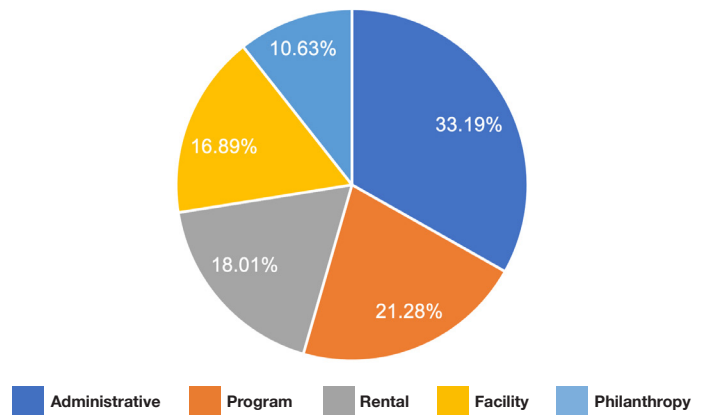


FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2021-2022

INCOME 2021-2022



EXPENSES 2021-2022



INCOME 2021-2022

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| Membership Dues | \$97,157.00 |
| Rental Income | 33,000.00 |
| Lunch Income | 13,437.90 |
| Program Income | 8,724.27 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 250.26 |
| Stripe deposit | -1,184.05 |
| Total Income | \$151,385.38 |

OPERATING EXPENSES 2021-2022

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| Administrative | \$41,440.38 |
| Program | 26,564.25 |
| Rental | 22,488.48 |
| Facility | 21,092.57 |
| Philanthropy | 13,265.67 |
| Adjustments | -33.09 |
| Total Expenses | \$124,818.26 |
| Net Operating Profit | \$26,567.12 |

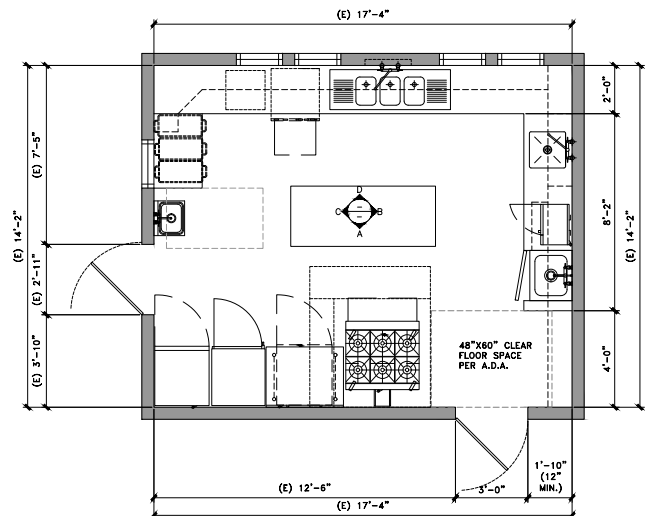
We were able to end up “in the black” in 2022, despite very little rental income. The Club added 40 new members this year, and these dues contributed to our overall financial stability. Our total assets stand at a healthy \$970,722! Thanks to Nomi Trapnell, our Finance Officer, for her continued hard work.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

In 2020-21 we were able to do substantial improvements to the Clubhouse including the roof and the floor.

Our next step is to renovate our kitchen. We will replace old cabinets and counters, and get new appliances which maintain the historic character of the Clubhouse while meeting County Health and ADA requirements.

This spring we started our “Kitchen Kickoff”; a capital campaign to finance the changes, which are projected to happen in 2024.



Proposed floor plan of the new kitchen.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

PHILANTHROPY 2021-22

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| Community Grants | \$12,555 |
| Community Outreach | 32,585 |
| Total Philanthropy | \$45,140 |
| Hours dedicated to community service | 761 |

COMMUNITY GRANTS: RECIPIENTS

Move Mountain View
 Redwood City Education Foundation
 Upward Scholars
 Youth United for Community Action

COMMUNITY SERVICE: RECIPIENTS

Buena Vista Mobile Home Park
 California Youth Connection
 Cards for Essential Workers - Palo Alto Police and Fire Departments
 Downtown Streets Team
 Family Giving Tree
 Life Moves Family House
 Life Moves Mountain View
 Peninsula Healthcare Connection
 Ravenswood School District



COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

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| By Laws/ Parliamentarian | Karen Rohde |
| Capital Projects | Anne Gregor |
| Communications | Maria Spasojevic |
| Community Outreach | Lezlie Glare, Ellen Rosenblum |
| Finance | Nomi Trapnell |
| Fundraising | Sue Krumbein |
| Gaveleers | Emily Renzel |
| Grants | Margo Ogus, Holly Rubenstein |
| History | Laura Bajuk |
| Hospitality | Lee Langhammer Law, Susan Kaye |
| Luncheons | Lolly Osborne, Liza MacMorris |
| Membership | Sue Krumbein |
| Philanthropy | Ellen Rosenblum |
| Programs | Archana Appanna |
| Recognition | Meg Monroe |

The Club's Committees keep us running! We encourage all members to join a committee and have a hand in how we operate. Our chairs put in long hours and do an exemplary job.

Special mention goes to our luncheon committee who are the unsung heroes of our Club! From October through June (except January when we were closed because of COVID) they provided excellent lunches and beautiful table decorations. They were the consistency in our "Back to Normal" year, giving our members something to enjoy and look forward to every month.



INTEREST GROUPS

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| Book Club | Carolyn Pierce |
| Bridge | Nancy Bjork |
| Cine Circle | Shannon Griscom |
| Hiking | Ann Meyer, Jill Olson |
| History Walk | Lolly Osborne |
| Investment Club | Julie Jerome |
| Knit and Stitch | Judy Foley |
| Lunch Bunch | Sharlene Carlson |
| Mahjongg | Mary Griffith |
| Museum Fridays | Ginny Bechtold, Judy Frost, Bea Garsh, Jean Pressey |
| Mystery Book Club | Susan Kaye |
| Non-Fiction Book Club | Perry Meigs |
| Yoga | Mary Ann Norton |

Our Interest Groups are thriving! Many of the pre-COVID groups are still going strong: Book Club, Bridge, Cine Circle, History Walks, Investment Club, Knit and Stitch, Lunch Bunch, Mahjongg, Museum Fridays and the Mystery Book Club. We've added a Hiking Group, a Non-Fiction Book Club and Yoga to this varied mix. There's something for everyone! We're encouraging all groups to meet at the Clubhouse, so find groups that interest you and come on down! Also, if you have an idea for a new group, be sure and let us know, as we'd love to expand our interests.



PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

One of the challenges we faced this past year was “coming back” after the COVID shutdown. Most members were tired of Zoom, and were looking forward to returning to the Clubhouse in person. Our Programs Committee took on the challenge, combining special events and programs sponsored by the Class of 2021.

Special Events

The Club was extremely fortunate to experience a wide variety of exceptional special events and programs this year, which involved our community. Pecha Kucha was an evening where five local non-profits gave us information about their organization in fast-paced 20-slide presentations. Over 150 people attended, 58 of whom were not members!

The Women’s History Panel was another special event where three local women who are active in our community participated in a discussion led by local community leader Mary Hughes. The panelists were Mora Oommen, from YCS, Millicent Grant, from the East Palo Alto Senior Center, and Sarah Cody, who is the Public Health Director of Santa Clara County. We had 140 attendees, many from our local community.

After a 2-year absence, the Palo Alto May Fete Parade and Fair were held in downtown Palo Alto. Members of the Club marched in the Parade, and were also privileged to ride in antique cars! We had a table at the Fair (which is an event for local non-profits to promote their

activities) and handed out “Famous Women in US History” coloring books to children and adults.

Our Clubhouse roof was replaced last year during our COVID closing. We were able to do this largely because Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian helped us get a grant from the County. We held a brief ceremony to thank him for his help, and gave him a painting of the Clubhouse.



PROGRAMS – CLASS OF 2021

Our newest class of members, the Class of 2021, elected to do a series of evening fun programs as their class project. They started out with a bang, with our Club Opening in September. The theme was the Roaring 20s, and members were invited to dress up in period dresses. Over 100 members attended, and it was a wonderful “welcome back” after the COVID closing.



PROGRAMS – CLASS OF 2021 (cont'd.)

GALENTINE'S DAY

Chocolate and valentines were the theme of the evening. Member Liz Medina presented different varieties of chocolate, which 50 members taste-tested, while dressed in Valentine's Red.



MARDI GRAS

Whodunnit? Mardi Gras and a Murder Mystery were combined for a great program. Roles were assigned for the mystery, and we had to use clues to guess the culprit (it was president Pat). Over 50 members attended, dressed in masks and beads, and enjoyed New Orleans treats.



PROGRAMS – CLASS OF 2021 (cont'd.)

FLOWERS AND FRIENDSHIP

Spring means flowers, and our members gathered to assemble lovely bouquets in our “Flowers and Friendship” event. Flowers were provided - all we needed to bring were our scissors.



HEALTHY RECIPES

At our “Healthy Recipes” evening, members brought healthy dishes, which were shared with all, along with yummy signature cocktails. A recipe cookbook may be in the future!



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