

The WOMAN'S CLUB of Palo Alto

We are a diverse, multigenerational group of women bound by our shared passion for civic engagement, philanthropy, self-improvement, friendship and fun.

More than just a club, we're a community—filled with opportunities to engage, contribute, and deepen our skills and connections.

Another place to call *Home*.

BY THE NUMBERS

250 members

28 new members

9 special events

12 interest groups

12 committees

580+ community volunteer hours

OUR MISSION

- Friendship
- Self-Improvement
- Community Involvement
- Historic Preservation

2022-2023 Letter to Members

Dear Members,

2022-2023 was a wonderful year!

With Covid restrictions gradually lifting, we were finally able to inch back to normal, resuming monthly luncheons, social events, and of course, our interest groups. We started off the fall on a fun note with our Betty the Builder-themed opening celebration. The Program Committee sponsored a host of events throughout last year, including November's Pecha Kucha and the annual March celebration of Women's History Month. Both events were open to the public and packed the ballroom.

For fun, there was our Holiday Party in December, a reception for the Class of 2023 in January, our annual Galentines Day party in February, and a Games Night in April hosted by the Class of 2023. We finished off the year in style with a "May Blooms" floral painting workshop taught by artist, teacher and WCPA member Perry Meigs.

As always, our Luncheon Committee outdid itself, providing tasty fare that paired well with gorgeous decorations and varied and interesting guest speakers.

Special thanks to our interest group chairs who brought us together with Bridge, Mahjonn, hiking and history walks, book clubs, a movie discussion group, knitting, yoga, and informal "Lunch Bunch" and Tuesday night get-togethers where members could connect in person.

The Grants and Community Outreach committees were our public face, tirelessly giving back to the women and children in our community.

Our motto is *Friendship, Self-Improvement, Community Involvement and Historic Preservation*, and our club truly provides all of these.

Thank you for being members!

Pat Emslie
President, 2021-2023



CLUB LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023

Board President Pat Emslie, President
First Vice-President Jennifer Wagstaff-Hinton
Second Vice-President Barbara Hartford
Recording Secretary Lisa Knox
Treasurer Suzanne Attenborough
Finance Officer Nomi Trapnell

DIRECTORS 2022-2023

Archana Appanna
Lezlie Glare
Annette King
Bonnie Packer

DIRECTORS 2021-2022

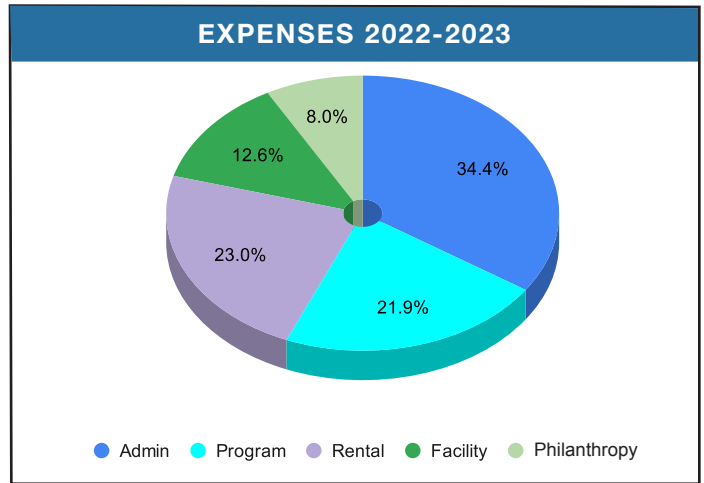
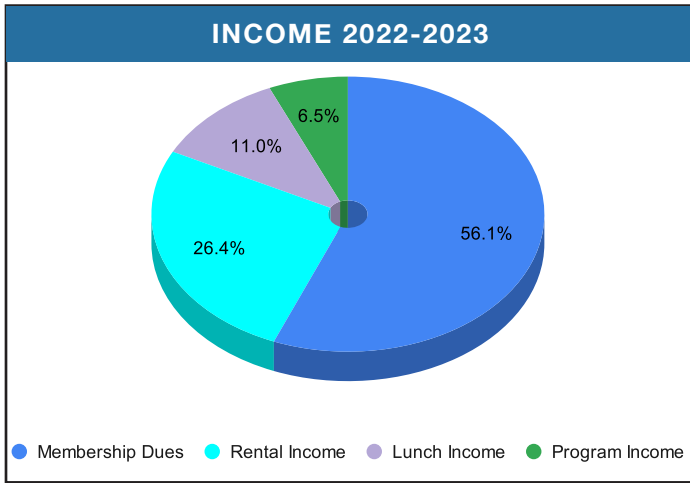
Lee Langhammer Law
Ellen Rosenblum

GAVELEERS

Eileen Brooks
Wanda Cavanaugh
Paula Collins
Margaret Feuer
Sarah French
Julie Jerome
Sue Krumbein
Carol Lippert
Sandra Pearson
Emily Renzel
Christine Shambora
Sharon Small
Jana Stevens
Vicki Sullivan



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2022-2023



INCOME 2022-2023

Membership dues	\$98,000
Rental income	46,000
Lunch income	19,138
Program income	11,409
Interest income	4,861
Stripe deposit	-1,363
Total Income	\$178,045

OPERATING EXPENSES 2022-2023

Administrative	\$50,404
Program	32,066
Rental	33,742
Facility	18,424
Philanthropy	11,778
Total Expenses	\$146,717
Net Operating Profit	\$31,328

We ended FY2023 profitably. Rental income was 110% of budget and membership dues were 92% of budget.

Our total assets stand at a healthy \$1,038,856.

CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

In 2022-2023, we focused on making the clubhouse safer and more functional and attractive. We installed a new fire retardant stage curtain and a new water heater. We completed electrical work for the stage and replaced the footlights with LEDs to ensure stage lights are no longer hot.

Outside, we completed major pruning and cleanup of the landscaping, repaired the sprinkler system, and painted the trim on the front and west sides of the building. These enhancements have greatly improved the appearance of the clubhouse.



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Nadine Rambeau, Executive Director, EPACENTER

“We strengthened our friendships, our community outreach and the preservation of our historic clubhouse.”

~ Jana Stevens



In 2022, our club was recognized for exceptional Community Engagement with a First Place award (for Large Clubs) from the Loma Prieta chapter of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs.

An enduring core value of the Woman's Club has been public engagement and support for local organizations. Funds raised from our philanthropic activities support local community efforts. With the money our Grants Committee raised in 2022-23 we were able to award five local nonprofit organizations providing a wide range of services for adults and young people in our surrounding community. Leaders from these organizations accepted their awards at our annual awards luncheon in May.

PHILANTHROPY 2022-23

Community Grants	\$18,000
Community Outreach	\$30,000
Total Philanthropy	\$48,000
Hours dedicated to community service	581

COMMUNITY GRANTS: RECIPIENTS

- Able Works
- Day Worker Center of Mountain View
- EPACENTER
- Nuestra Casa de EPA
- Rise Together Education

COMMUNITY SERVICE: RECIPIENTS

- Alta Housing
- Catholic Workers House
- Family Giving Tree
- Food Closet at All Saints Church
- Nuestra Casa
- We Hope/Dignity on Wheels
- Ravenswood School District

COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Archivist	Margaret Feuer
By-Laws/ Parliamentarian	Karen Rohde
Capital Projects	Anne Gregor
Communications	Susan Borton
Community Outreach	Carolyn Bradford Ellen Rosenblum
Events & Enrichment	Archana Appanna
Finance	Nomi Trapnell
Fundraising	Sue Krumbein
Gaveleers	Emily Renzel
Grants	Margo Ogus Holly Rubinstein
History	Laura Bajuk
Hospitality	Lee Langhammer Law Susan Kaye
House	Paula Collins
Leadership Development	Donna Sheridan
Luncheons	Lolly Osborne Barbara Gross
Membership	Barbara Hartford



INTEREST GROUPS

If you enjoy films, hiking, books, the stock market, or mental and physical well-being, the Woman's Club has a like-minded group.

Monday Book Group	Carolyn Pierce
Bridge	Nancy Bjork, Sylvie Way
Cine Circle	Shannon Griscom
Hiking	Ann Meyer, Jill Olson
History Walks	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 Group	Susan Kaye
Non-Fiction Book Group	Perry Meigs
Tuesday Night Social	Celiene O'Hara
Yoga	Mary Ann Norton



*"Watching and discussing the movie *The Quiet Girl* was a Cine Circle highlight for me. It was the first time a movie earned straight fives from our group.*

~ Kris Zavoli



EVENTS & ENRICHMENT



Miyoko Schinner, Founder, Miyoko's Creamery

“Activist Miyoko Schinner had the attention of the whole room from word one. Inspiring stuff!”

~ Lisa Knox

Our Program Committee adopted a new name: Events & Enrichment, to better convey its purpose of fostering friendship, enriching lives, engaging with the community, and serving as a steward for our historic clubhouse.

In November 2022 our energizing **“Art in Our Backyard”** Pecha Kucha evening drew more than 100 people, many of whom were members of the general public, to hear lightning presentations from six members of the Palo Alto arts community who showcased how vital art is to our lives.

In December, the **“Mingle and Jingle”** holiday party, our best-attended club event, was a fun night that also raised money for capital and philanthropic projects. The top raffle prize of the evening was a decadent and romantic “Valentine’s Day in Paris” dinner for six people won by two lucky club members and held in the Fireside Room of the clubhouse.

In March, we celebrated **Women’s History Month** with a lively discussion about leadership engagement between local elected leaders engagement and community. Los Altos City Council Member **Nyesa Fligor**, East Palo Alto Mayor **Lisa Gauthier**, and Palo Alto City Council Member **Vicki Veenker**. Once again, our Women’s History panel was moderated by Mary Hughes, longtime activist and wife of State Senator Joe Simitian.



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Incoming Co-President Mary Ann Norton enjoys an early evening History Walk at the Arizona Cactus Garden on the Stanford University campus.

