



PWC *News, Reviews & Coups*

News What's Happening?

The following is a list of upcoming club events. Please check your directory for further details such as cost and reserving your spot.

2012 EVENTS EVENING GROUP

Friday, Feb 10 - Crab Feed

Third Thursdays at 6:30 pm:

Feb 16 - Indulge Your Sweet Tooth

Mar 15 - Mad Hatter Tea

April 19 - Accessory Swap

May 17 - Evening in Paris;
Installation of Officers

DAY GROUP

Friday, Feb 10 - Crab Feed

Third Tuesdays at 11:30 am:

Feb 21 - Past Presidents' Luncheon; Identity Theft-2

Mar 20 - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, live music

April 17 - Scholarship Lunch

May 15 - Spring Tea

Enjoy the upcoming club events. Please check your directory for more details.

Club Objective

The objective of this organization shall be to unite the influence and enterprise of the women of the organization: to promote educational, moral, and civic activities; to endeavor to carry out its programs; to stimulate club spirit; and to create a center for social and intellectual advancement.

— Article II of the Petaluma Woman's Club By-laws 2007

ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB FEED & RAFFLE

February 10, 2012 - 6:30PM Dinner

Presale Tickets \$40

Crabby says, "Get tickets early - it's a sell-out!"

Fundraiser for Clubhouse Restoration Fund
Co-Chairs: Louise Benanti, MaryJo Jacobs, Julie Mastrup

To volunteer, or for tickets, call Louise at 762-5485

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

Evening Group's member directory is now on our Website! To access the directory, go to www.petalumawomansclub.com.

On the membership page, click on "MEMBERS LOGIN" (located on bottom left). Use the usual username and password (Ask officers if you've forgotten).

EVENT TIPS

RSVP!

In an effort to support our committees to plan effectively, please RSVP for each monthly event.

Day Group: call the reservation hotline at 707-765-8866 by 12:00 noon on the Saturday before the event. Events are \$15, or \$20 at the door/late reservations. If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, you will be billed.

Evening Group: Please call the reservation hotline at 707-237-5314 by 5 pm Friday before each event, (yes or no) or email: membership@petalumawomensclub.com. Events are \$15, or \$18 at the door/late reservations (unless otherwise announced). If a reservation is made, but the member doesn't attend, she will be billed \$15.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This year, every Evening event will take place on the 3rd Thursday of the month in our historic clubhouse.

Please make a note on your calendar. Postcard reminders have been discontinued!

Check your annual yearbook for more event details.

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Evening Group President's Letter

Hello, PWC Friends,

We are thrilled to be participating in this year's **Butter & Egg Days Parade** taking place on Saturday, April 28th. This will be a great opportunity to introduce (or remind) the community about our club.

Our clubhouse will be open on the day of the parade to welcome passersby to come inside for cookies and lemonade and to find out more about the club. We will also be decorating a float and riding in the parade.

TWO COMMITTEES NEEDED

We will need volunteers for a committee to decorate the float (a float making workshop will be held on Feb 1 by the Petaluma Downtown Assn. 769-0429), and another committee to be hostesses for our clubhouse Open House that day.

Sign up sheets will be available at our events, or call Amy Malaise if you'd like to help. We hope everyone is able to participate in some way, either by riding on the float and/or being a part of a committee.

Our Webmistress, Shannon Storms, has added a member's directory to our Web site. Go to the membership page to access the directory, and click on "Members Login" at the bottom left of page. Username and Password are available from board members.

If you have not already checked out our **FACEBOOK FAN PAGE**, please do! We have 58 "Likes" and need to get that number up -- it's another way to let locals know we exist...

ANNUAL NOMINATING CALL

Lastly, this winter we will be asking for volunteers for our annual Nominating Committee. This committee will select members for the PWC Auxiliary Board (that's us!) for the 2012/2013 club year. I can say from experience, this is an easy committee to be a part of, and you don't have to worry about who is going to be doing the dishes!

EVERYDAY IS A GIFT; LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST.

Danielle Couch
Evening Group President



NEWS BYTES

EVENING GROUP:

Please email or call Amy Malaise with your ideas for extraordinary future Evening Group events!!!
amalaise@juno.com or 658-1351.

BOOKMARKS HERE!

The Evening Group has its bookmarks available now.

These have the dates and themes of up-coming meetings through August, 2012. Perfect as reminders to stick up on your fridge!

STAR IS BORN!

Member Naomi Tickle will be meeting with a TV company from England, here to interview her for their series. She will be reading the faces of famous stars. Naomi says, "Should be fun!"

HALL OF FAMER

Shirley Pozzi, longtime PWC member, went to Tulsa OK to attend a ceremony honoring her father, Ed Normi, who was posthumously inducted into the National Midget Auto Racing Hall of Fame. He had an illustrious 23-year career in open-wheel car racing, and is considered one of the all-time best in the sport.

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MEET NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER BIOS – Evening Group

By C.G. Broderick, New Member Liaison

Janie Pansini Ronchelli

Janie Ronchelli became a PWC member in 2004, then moved to Marin County. She is thrilled to be in touch with PWC again and hopes to make many more good friends. Janie is a newlywed, first time marriage for both parties, and they live in Penngrove. Janie is a semi-retired pediatric Nurse Practitioner, having worked most of her career in the South Bay and San Francisco, and most recently in Marin. Janie enjoys volunteering, gardening, walking, golfing, baking and loves to sing

IN MEMORIAM

Jomar Lococo

As many of you know, PWC lost beloved club member and treasurer Jomar Lococo in a car accident on in December. Kind and generous, smart and sassy, Jomar will be sorely missed. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. Services have not been planned at this time. We will be sure to let you know when service arrangements are in place.

Monique Muhlenkamp



DAY GROUP EVENTS

Business meeting: 11:30 am, Luncheon: 12:00, Program: 1:00 pm.

\$15.00 unless otherwise noted.

February 21, 2012 - Past Presidents' Luncheon and second part of our Identity Theft program. This is a special time to honor past presidents of our Club, as they share the highlights of their terms in office. Cindy Owen of *Checking In With You* will continue her talk about identity theft, a very important topic, not only for seniors, but for everyone.

March 20- St Patrick's Day Luncheon. Enjoy the music of Alec Fuheman, an accomplished solo guitarist and teacher from Petaluma. Alec has taught many students over the years, and will bring an exciting array

of musical styles for us to experience. (Continued on next page.)

Next Issue Deadline:

April 1, 2012

Covers May, June, July

Send information to alice.forsyth@comcast.net or Lyndi@sonic.net or mail to L. Brown, P.O. Box 1030, Penn Grove, CA 94951.

WE'RE ON THE WEB! at www.petalumawomansclub.com

and facebook!

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Make note in your directory!

BOOKS

Here is a list of Amy Malaise's top five picks for good reads of 2011, from her book blog.

5. **Leftovers** by Tom Perrotta

A very clever look at those left behind after a Rapture-like event.

4. **Faith** by Jennifer Haigh

A beautiful look at faith and truth.

3. **Night Circus** by Erin Morgenstern

Whimsical and wonderful. I was a little disappointed by the ending, but it was a truly enjoyable read.

2. **Night Strangers** by Christopher Bohjalian

Extremely creepy read in the tradition of Rosemary's Baby and Wicker Man.

1. **Dovekeepers** by Alice Hoffman

Beautiful historic tale about a group of women in the last Zealot stronghold in the desert after the fall of the Temple of Jerusalem. Sad and beautiful.

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DAY GROUP EVENTS

April 17 - Scholarship Luncheon. Once again, it is our pleasure to sponsor three deserving young women from our local high schools. Come to meet these young ladies and show your support for their achievements.

May 15 - Spring Tea - \$20.00 We will welcome Cheryl Feuerborn, a past member of the Club, who will show us the art of flower arranging. Cheryl belongs to several garden clubs and has won many awards and ribbons at competitions and fairs for her arrangements.

EVENING GROUP EVENTS

February 10 - Friday Night Crab Feed

All you can eat crab feed - the best in town! 6:30 pm
Presale tickets only, \$40.00, including wine, home made dessert, and raffle fundraiser for PWC Restoration Fund.

February 16, 2012 - Indulge Your Sweet Tooth

Who doesn't love sweets on occasion? Especially around Valentine's Day! Sample chocolate and other decadent treats from local specialty businesses, as the clubhouse is turned into a sweet wonderland.

March 15 - The Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Wear your best or wackiest hat for this wild, non-traditional tea party! We'll have a hat contest, and a tea cup auction! Bring in a tea cup and saucer (found or thrift shop) and we'll have an auction with proceeds going to Mentor Me Petaluma. Also, Nominations for the 2012-2013 Auxiliary Board of Directors will be announced.

April 19 - Waste-Not, Want-Not Accessory Swap

Clean out your accessory drawer, and swap for new pieces for Spring. Swapping is the new shopping! Bring jewelry, hats, handbags and scarves to exchange. (You need not participate in the swap to attend.) Leftover items will be donated to Alphabet Soup benefitting the Petaluma Educational Foundation.

****Elections for the 2012-2013 Board of Directors****

May 17 - An Evening in Paris

You may not be able to afford a flight to Europe, but you can still enjoy a "Springtime in Paris" experience. Come and enjoy an evening all about the City of Lights. Ooooh la la!

Also: Installation of new Board of Directors. Mais oui!

RECIPE

Easter is April 8th, so if you have to feed a crowd at your Easter brunch, try this crowd pleaser.

Baked French Toast

1 lg. loaf sweet French bread cut into 1" slices
 6 large eggs, 1/2 cup milk,
 1 cup half & half
 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 1/4 cup softened butter
 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 1 Tbsp corn syrup

Butter a 9X13 baking dish. Cover bottom with slices of bread. Fill gaps with pieces of bread. Combine eggs, milk, half & half, vanilla and cinnamon. Mix well with whisk, and pour over bread. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In small bowl, mix butter, brown sugar and corn syrup. Spread evenly over bread. Sprinkle with chopped nuts and bake 30-40 minutes until puffed and golden brown.



VOLUNTEER ROUND UP

HERE IS A RECAP OF THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES MENTIONED IN THIS ISSUE

CRAB FEED

Louise is looking for more servers to help at the crab feed. Serve, set up and clean up jobs available. Apply now! The more the merrier! If this is for you, call Louise at 762-5485.

BUTTER & EGG DAYS PARADE

Theme: River of Dreams: Then and Now. Help build a stand-out float! We need a committee chair and some creative, energetic people. There will be a float decorating workshop on Feb. 1st at Petaluma Arts Center, 7-9pm. Call 769-0429: **RSVP**

Open House on Parade Day - Clubhouse Hostess committee needed. Sign up sheets for these will be at events or call or email Amy Malaise: 658-1351; amalaise@juno.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Help select our leaders for the upcoming year. Easy, fun, uses only your brain, no heavy lifting involved. Contact President Danielle Couch at 762-6677 or dcouch@ontrac.com

AND - "Like" PWC on our facebook page!
www.petalumawomansclub.com

TEA TALK

Earl Grey tea is named for a 19th-century Englishman who served as a diplomat to China, where he learned to enjoy the orange-scented tea blend that still bears his name.

The British drink an average of six cups of tea per day per person.

From "A Mad Tea Party" Alice's Adventures in Wonderland:

"Take some more tea," The March Hare said to Alice, very earnestly.

"I've had nothing yet," Alice replied in an offended tone, "so I can't take more."

“You mean you can’t take *less*,” said the Hatter, “it’s very easy to take *more* than nothing.”

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BONUS RECIPE

If you need a treat for Valentine’s Day, Easter, or Mother’s Day, here’s an indulgence that’s pared down on time and calories:

Chocolate Pie Light

- 1 prepared graham cracker crust (store bought is easy)
- 2 pkg. Jello instant sugar free chocolate fudge pudding mix
- 2 3/4 cups fat free milk
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

Pour milk into mixing bowl. Sprinkle in pudding mix and beat with

wire whisk until thickened,
about 2 min. Fold in
chocolate chips.

Pour pudding mixture into
pie crust. Chill. Serve with
whipped cream

garnish, if desired. Enjoy the
raves.

(This recipe was invented by
Alice Forsyth for special
dietary needs of family
members.)