



# 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.*

### 2011-2012 EVENTS

#### EVENING GROUP

(All events begin at 6:30 pm)

**Nov 17** - "Mad Men"  
Cocktail Party

**Dec 15** - The Royal Bridal  
Shower

**Jan 19, 2012** - Membership  
Mixer

**Feb 16** - Indulge Your Sweet  
Tooth

**Mar 15** - Mad Hatter Tea

#### DAY GROUP

(All events begin at 11:30 am)

**Nov 15** - Thanksgiving

**Dec 20** - Mother-Daughter  
Luncheon

**Jan 17, 2012** - Identity Theft

**Feb 21** - Past President's  
Luncheon

**Mar 20** - St. Patrick's Day

**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

## START A NEW HOLIDAY TRADITION

### FESTIVAL OF TREES

Start a new holiday tradition! Bring your family and friends to Petaluma's Downtown Theater District in December and share in this amazing family holiday experience.

View beautifully decorated trees, including the Petaluma Woman's Club tree, and ~ sip cocoa with your kids ~ visit local shops ~ listen to carolers ~ vote for your favorite decorated tree ~ enjoy various entertainments ~ shop for items on your holiday gift list. All trees and ornaments on display are available for purchase, bidding and raffle.

Opening night is December 3rd from 5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. with tree lighting at the Theater Square fountain. Also open on Dec. 9th and 10th from 5:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Funds raised will be given to several charities: Mentor Me Petaluma, The Rwanda School Project, and Fine Arts Programs for Petaluma Schools.

## BIG CHANGE FOR FUNDRAISER!

RESCHEDULED FOR

## OCTOBER, 2012

BE SURE TO CHANGE YOUR CALENDAR FOR

## ANNUAL SPAGHETTI FEED

& BAKED GOODS AUCTION  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

## 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 \$18 at the door/late reservations. If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, you will be billed \$15.

**Evening Group:** call the reservation hotline at 707-237-5314 by 5 pm Friday before the event, (yes or no) or email: [membership@petalumawo-mansclub.com](mailto:membership@petalumawo-mansclub.com). Events are now \$15, or \$18 at the door/late reservations (unless otherwise announced). If you make a reservation and don't show up, you will be billed.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

**As of January 1, 2012, monthly postcard reminders will be discontinued, so please make a note on your calendar.**

# ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB FEED & RAFFLE

February 10, 2012 - 6:30PM Dinner

**Presale Tickets \$40**  
Get tickets early - it's a sell-out!  
Fundraiser for Clubhouse Restoration

**Co-Chairs: Louise Benanti, MaryJo Jacobs, Julie Mastrup**

## MEET NEW MEMBERS

### NEW MEMBER BIOS – Evening Group

By C.G. Broderick, New Member Liaison

**Kat Calhoun** -- Who am I? An educator and entrepreneur. I love music and dance! After retiring from engineering, I'm following my passion for learning and helping others via education and a network marketing business. I tutor math and train tutors to help students with reading, writing, math and study skills. "Able to Learn" plans include opening a tutoring center where we can deliver a wide range of services. I try to go out dancing at least once a week. I play bassoon in a woodwind quintet. I love anything that has to do with water: swim, kayak, canoe, snorkel, windsurf, or just walk by the waterway with my Corgi. I'm a recreational tri-athlete, too.

## IT'S OUR BUSINESS

### UPDATE FROM PWC TREASURER

At the Executive Board meeting on September 2011, a motion by Linda Biddle was made to appoint Jomar Lococo as Treasurer of the Day Group. The motion was seconded by Sue Deal and carried. The by-laws provide for the appointment by the President of the Executive Board in times of emergency.

At the same meeting, there was a motion put forth (S. Deal) to consolidate the financial holdings of both the day and evening groups into one set of accounts as soon as feasible. The motion was seconded (L. Biddle) and carried. The current by-laws allow for this under the same provision.

Jomar will be working on the consolidation over the next few weeks. She will continue to provide both boards with monthly financial statements.

## EVENING GROUP:

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

### Membership

Remember that prospective members can join anytime. A prorated dues structure allows us to calculate remaining dues for any time of year.

Members must be 21 years of age to attend our events that include alcohol. There a couple of events annually that are appropriate for children

### FROM THE ARGUS FILES

*55 Years ago*

The Petaluma Woman's Club sponsored Charm School, with classes conducted by Camile Donnaye, covers phases of posture, grace and poise. Classes are for housewives, teenagers, children, career girls and business women.

Reprinted from Oct. 11, 1956  
 Petaluma Argus Courier files.

### UPDATE OF BY-LAWS

By **Connie Mahoney, Parliamentarian, Day Group**

It has been a policy of the Woman's Club to review and revise the by-laws every five years. This was last done in 2007, and due to be done again in 2012. The first committee meeting will be held in January. Three members of each club have been appointed by their president. The Day Group will be represented by Marilyn Williams, Louise Benanti, and Connie Mahoney, parliamentarian. The Evening Group will be represented by Debbie Payne, Paula Pang and Margaret Steacy, parliamentarian.

### WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW?

By **Danielle Couch, Evening Group President**

Who - The Petaluma what club?

What - What do they do?

When - When does this happen?

Where - Where does all the fun take place?

How - How do I join?!

Unfortunately, we are the best kept secret in Petaluma, when we should be the best known club! This year we will be working hard to get the word out about our club. In October, we displayed a Day of the Dean altar in the window of Athletic Sole, a downtown shop. A BIG thanks to Carmen Sherbondy, Jomar Lococo and Mimi Pallas for all their work making a fabulous altar to commemorate our past members.

Amy Malaise will be working to put a committee together for the Festival of Trees, which takes place in Theater Square, December 3rd, 9th and 10th.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that we will be taking part in the Butter & Egg Days Parade in April of 2012! Team Ghilotti has graciously volunteered to drive us through the parade route in one of their flatbed trucks. This will allow all members (Day and Evening Groups) to sit comfortably during the parade. If you know of any other opportunities where club members can participate in local events to spread awareness of our club, please let me know.



## TIDBITS

### BOOKMARKS HERE!

The Evening Group has its bookmarks available now.

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

### GETTIN' SPIFFY

The ongoing maintenance of our wonderful clubhouse is showing! Now we have a stylish lamp post by the front steps to improve lighting, and new wallpaper. The floors will be refinished and the old stove repaired soon.

### Next Issue Deadline:

January 1, 2012

Covers February - April

Send information by Jan. 1 to [alice.forsyth@comcast.net](mailto:alice.forsyth@comcast.net) or [Lyndi@sonic.net](mailto: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](http://www.petalumawomansclub.com)

and facebook

### To mail to PWC:

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Petaluma 94953-0285

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P.O. Box 4914  
Petaluma 94955-4914

## IN MEMORIAM

### BETTY MOREHEAD, SEPTEMBER 22, 1924 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2011 By Susan Price

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

One of the greatest blessings and honors for me was that of knowing Betty Morehead as a friend, Petaluma Woman's Club president and co-founder of PWC Club II (Evening Group) with Connie Mahoney. Betty joined PWC in 1970 and served as Club president from 1973-74. She enjoyed all her years with the Club. In 1995 and throughout the beginning process of starting Club II, Betty and Connie were always there for the guidance of this young group of women. Never once did she have an unpleasant thing to say, any anger or impatience in her voice. Always listened and gave comfort and advice when and where needed. Her daughters, Melanie Morehead and Myrna Moritz, joined Club II in 1996, as the second generation of the Club.

Betty was a generous selfless, kind woman, always thinking of others. She loved to go shopping and out for lunch. Her favorite meal was a hamburger from Burger King or the like.

While a simple woman, Betty had great taste in her home, her clothing and, of course, jewelry. She truly loved the Petaluma Woman's Club, anything Oklahoma, especially when the Oklahoma Sooners were playing football. Betty was a voracious reader, subscribing to and reading probably five daily newspapers, along with books, especially history and politics. Always clipping articles that she felt would be of interest to her beloved grandchildren, Michael and Lauren Moritz. She was so very proud of her family...telling favorite stories of Myrna and Melanie as babies, children and adults...she was very proud of their accomplishments. She was also very close to her sister Ann Graham. Up until the last three or four years, every day she would write a letter and fax it to her sister, Ann, in Texas. Ann would in turn fax back daily, as well.

She loved to travel either with her family or with her dear friend Connie Mahoney to many wonderful places around the globe.

We will never forget her. We will always love and remember her and hold her memory in our hearts.



### PETALUMA AFTERNOON DANCE

First Wednesday of each month, 1:00 - 3:30 P.M.  
Ballroom and Swing Music by Steve Luther  
Produced by member CG Broderick  
at Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma

\$7 per person, refreshments included  
November 2, December 7  
For information, call 237-5314

## THANK YOU

### The Last Dance

The Petaluma Afternoon Dance, sponsored by our Club, has been fun and a lot of joy for dancers. However, attendance hasn't been enough to keep it spinning. The last dance will be on December 7, 2011. Congratulations to CG Broderick and her helpful volunteers for creating the dances, and giving a new segment of our community a chance to see our wonderful Clubhouse!

### DAY GROUP EVENTS

#### NOV. 15 - Thanksgiving

This one is not to be missed! Enjoy music from the lead singer of *The New Christie Minstrels*, the '60s sensation that rocked the nation. Come hear William Florian enchant us with songs, stories and humor.

#### DEC. 20 - Mother-Daughter Luncheon

come enjoy Due Zigghi Baci (Two Gypsy Kisses), the European cafe music of Michael Van Why and accordionist Sheri Mingnano. They will sing Christmas tunes in English and Italian.

#### JAN. 17, 2012 - Identity Theft

Protecting your personal information is essential as identity theft is on the rise. Seniors are attractive targets, since most have built up good credit ratings, retirement funds, etc. Cindy Owen of *Checking in with You*, will give a talk about the ABCs of keeping your identity safe.

### Arabian Nights Event

Chair Debbie Payne wishes to thank her committee for all the hard work, the beautiful decorations, and everything else that made the event a big hit. Special thanks go out to Alnisa Wood, instructor at Petaluma Parks & Recreation Dept. for the wonderful belly dancing.

Real Doner came through with a fabulous middle eastern meal of chicken skewers, rice, carrot-tomato-onion salad and bread. This little gem of a cafe is located at 307 F St. Delicious thanks go out to them!

### Thanks from a Student and Mother

*This touching letter was received from the recipient of our annual scholarship through "Petaluma Woman's Club II Scholarship Fund" at SRJC Foundation. Your gifts to the fund make a difference! Gifts can be made anytime, or given in memory of or to honor someone, or to mark a special occasion.*

Dear Scholarship Sponsors:

When I made the decision to go back to school and pursue higher education, it took a leap of faith, to give up my security and that of my daughter to do so. Stepping out on faith is not something I do often or easily. I do, however, believe that dreams make life brighter and that mighty dreams can come true. That is something I long for my daughter to know as well.

Making the decision to go back to school was a hard one, since I am a single parent and don't have family with financial means to help in a crisis. I know it was right, though. One thing I was sure of when making that decision is that I would not survive it without the financial help of strangers, through scholarships.

When I think of people such as the sponsors of my scholarship, I often wonder what it is that made them extend their generosity to strangers. Is it because they value education as much as I do? Is it because they believe dreams are as important to life as I know them to be? Is it because they know that acts of generosity and kindness that enable people to live those dreams? Whatever the reason, I admire that, and I'm grateful there are so many of them who have given to so many like me.

It was a warm, sunny day when I went to the mail and found my scholarship award letter. I was surprised to see it there. When I opened the letter, I started thinking how this could mean that I don't have to choose between rent and textbooks, between the responsibilities of motherhood and continuing my education. I have to do what is best for my daughter above all else. It is nice to know that I won't have to choose, that I can continue striving for my dreams. For that, I am truly grateful.

Sincerely,

Tracie Smpson

## EVENING GROUP EVENTS

### **NOV. 17 - “Mad Men” ‘60s Retro Cocktail Party**

The Sixties weren’t all about the hippies. Put on your best Jackie Kennedy retro, New Look or mod attire and join us at this “Mad Men” inspired evening.

### **DEC. 15 - The Royal Bridal Shower**

We had the Royal Wedding but what about the Royal Bridal Shower? Bring a household “shower” gift or warm coat to be given to the Petaluma Peoples Services Center.

### **JAN. 19, 2012 - Membership Mixer**

This will be a fun and laid back way to get to know your sister members through games and other activities. Find others who like to go walking, start a book club, share gardening, etc.

### **FEB. 16 - 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.

## MEMBER ADVENTURES

### **HALF DOME OR BUST!**

**By Debbie Daunt**

When one thinks about our Club, what comes to mind is our beautiful clubhouse, friendship and gathering to enjoy the company of women in an atmosphere of acceptance and support. There are three of us club members who took the concepts of friendship, acceptance, and support to a new level. We gathered together to challenge ourselves, both mentally and physically, to climb Half Dome in the magnificent Yosemite National Park.

It began as a new goal. After our little ladies’ walking group reached our spring goal (the 10-mile D Street loop) Leslie Malloy suggested Half Dome. I was up for the adventure and Sandra Machado joined us. The three of us “trained” through the summer and ascended Half Dome on September 12, 2011. It was an adventure none of us will ever forget, and we attribute our success to the support we gave to each other and received from our walking partner, Esther Schau. We completed the 16-mile hike, with the 5,000 foot altitude change, in 12 hours. (Not bad for three ladies that are each over a half-century-old!)

Now when you think of our Club, think of the accomplishments that are possible for each of us with the support of our friends. Leslie, Sandra and

I are not just tea sipping members of a women’s club. We are adventurers from the Petaluma Woman’s Club who reached great heights and made it to (what felt like) the top of the world through the friendship and support that we are privileged to share with all of our PWC members.



## OTHER IDEAS FOR CRANBERRIES

Use dried cranberries in a salad with fresh spinach, walnuts, celery and blue cheese crumbles with a balsamic vinegar and walnut oil dressing.

Add dried cranberries to your turkey stuffing. Good with cornbread stuffing, sausage stuffing, and bread-walnut-onion celery stuffing.

Include leftover cranberry sauce in your next-day turkey sandwich.

Add dried cranberries to oatmeal cookies, banana bread, bread pudding.

Use cooked cranberry sauce as a filling in puff pastry squares. Cut defrosted sheet into 4" squares, add about 1 Tbsp of sauce, and fold over into triangle, pressing edges together with a fork. Bake as directed on package until golden brown. Cool and drizzle with powdered sugar glaze (use milk, water or orange juice in glaze).

Add 1 tsp cranberry sauce to the middle of each corn muffin before baking.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## HOLIDAY FEASTING

The holidays wouldn't be complete with feasts for every occasion during this festive season. One of the accompaniments that remains on the table during the holidays is derived from a fruit that is native to America -- the humble cranberry. This versatile berry can be used as a condiment in relishes, as a bright addition to apple or pear pies, in pastries, and in the stuffing for pork or chicken, to name a few uses. It's also medicinal, as a juice (besides delicious alcoholic drinks), it changes the pH balance in urine, decreasing bacteria for a healthy bladder.

To demonstrate the many uses of the cranberry for the feasting season, here are a few ideas for what we usually refer to as cranberry sauce.

**Basic sauce** - add water and sugar and cook until berries pop, about five minutes, releasing the pectin that thickens the sauce (follow directions on package of fresh or frozen cranberries).

**Enhanced basic sauce** (About 15 min. total time.)

1 Tbsp. canola oil

1/2 c. chopped onion

1 1/4 c. sugar

1/2 c. water

1/4 c. port wine (or orange juice)

1/4 tsp. ground ginger

1 - 12oz pkg fresh cranberries

2 tsp. grated orange rind

Heat oil in med. saucepan on med. heat. Add onion, saute for 4 min. Add sugar and water, then next 3 ingredients. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 5-8 minutes, until cranberries pop. Remove from heat and stir in orange rind. Cool, then chill. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

**Additions:**

**South of the border** - Add 3 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro, 1 tsp grated lime rind, and 1 minced chipotle chile canned in adobo sauce.

Or just start with 1 bag of cranberries, 1/2 c. packed dk brown sugar, 1/2 chopped red onion, juice and zest of one lime, and 2 tsp chopped, seeded jalapeno chile. Pulse in food processor until finely chopped. Chill.

**To basic sauce,**

**Apple-cranberry** - add 2 c. diced apple

**Raspberry-walnut** - add 1 c. fresh raspberries and 1/2 c. chopped walnuts

**Dried cherry** - Bring to boil 1 c. dried cherries & 1 c. cherry juice, remove from heat, let stand 10 min. Drain, add to basic sauce.

Taken from Cooking Light; Every Day with Rachel Ray, and my imagination. Enjoy! A.F.

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