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**Petaluma  
 Woman's Club  
 Objective:**

The object of the  
 PETALUMA  
 WOMAN'S CLUB  
 is to unite the influence and  
 enterprise of the women of PWC;  
 to promote educational, moral  
 and civic activities; to endeavor  
 to carry out its program;  
 to stimulate club spirit; and to  
 create a center for social and  
 intellectual advancement.



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**Petaluma Woman's Club Membership Application**

Day Group  Evening Group  Both Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month & Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Interests, Hobbies, Special Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail dues check payable to PWC to: P.O. Box 285, Petaluma, CA 94953-0285 or hand to Membership Chair.**

*For more information on joining please contact: Membership Chair at [membership@petalumawomansclub.com](mailto:membership@petalumawomansclub.com). Thank you.*

**Treasurer's Use Only** DUES:  \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_

## *Welcome! We are glad you are interested in joining the Petaluma Woman's Club.*

To meet the needs of today's busy woman, the **PETALUMA WOMAN'S CLUB (PWC)** offers a variety of fun social events designed for women in the community. Its members gather two times a month at the Clubhouse located at 518 'B' Street in historic downtown Petaluma. Each month there is one luncheon meeting and program and one evening dinner meeting and program.

### *Why Join?*

- ❖ To make new friends and meet other women in Petaluma and surrounding communities.
- ❖ To focus on a variety of topics of interest vital to women in our community.
- ❖ To develop oneself personally and professionally and to network with other women.
- ❖ To carry on the traditions of a club that is over 100 years old.
- ❖ To have fun.

### *PWC Then . . .*

Before the turn of the century, as merchants and businessmen were developing Petaluma from village to town to city, women found time to congregate for social, educational or church-oriented activities. There were sewing circles and choral societies, poetry and musical gatherings. The oldest book of records found the Ladies' Choral Society which was later organized on January 10, 1895 as a branch of the Petaluma Woman's Club. Minutes from meetings state that Mrs. George P.

(Idabelle) McNear, wife of a prominent Petaluma businessman, was President from 1895 to 1900. The Club was reorganized in 1900. It was first named the Woman's Club of Petaluma and later renamed PETALUMA WOMAN'S CLUB. Over the years, new branches of the Club were formed. In 1907, Mrs. Josie P. Hill donated a lot on Washington Street to the Club, which the Club improved as a children's playground. The lot was sold in 1913 for \$2,500. This money was then used to purchase the Putnam lot on B Street for \$3,000. Club approval was received to borrow \$4,000 to build a Clubhouse. The Clubhouse was designed by famous local architect, Brainerd Jones, and contracted out for construction at a cost of \$5,500.

PWC grew and developed during World War I with a focus on transferring properties, funding construction and membership development. The Club often took positions on issues of the day. During the Depression, the membership fell below its previous membership of over 300 members. The Club fiercely supported the Second World War and Club membership rebounded. A surgical dressing program had members producing 20,000 bandages a month. Servicemen in the Petaluma area were treated to the Club's hospitality. Members became part of the "Skywatch" patrol, where two members watched for enemy aircraft from the rooftop of the Petaluma Hotel every evening. After World War II, the Club activities centered on minstrel shows, fashion shows and dinner dances. A student Scholarship program was started in 1956 and continues to this day. In 1972, the Club celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. Over the years, speakers and entertainment have varied from political figures and civic leaders to performing arts programs. *(Excerpted from "Petaluma Woman's Club, The First Hundred Years, 1895-1995," written by Lillian Powis, Published by Gleason Printing, Inc., 1995)*

### *And Now . . .*

In 1995, exactly one hundred years after the PETALUMA WOMAN'S CLUB was founded, Connie Mahoney, a long-time member and past president, was responsible for forming the Evening Group. This Group, formed mainly for women who worked during the day or who were stay-at-home moms, gave these women an opportunity to socialize, network and make new friends in the community. PWC has evolved into a social club with women of all ages and backgrounds that strives to make its programs interesting, exciting and fun.

Petaluma Woman's Club is made up of two groups; a Day Group that meets once a month for a luncheon meeting and program, and an Evening Group that meets once a month for a dinner meeting and program. ACTIVE members of both groups are expected to perform the duties of committee members or co-chairs at one meeting/program a year, as stated in the 2012 Bylaws and Standing Rules. Both groups are thriving thanks to the dedication and hard work of all their members.

### *Dues*

As of 2015, dues for ACTIVE Day and Evening members of PWC are \$70.00. Pro-rated rates apply depending on date joined.

For a listing of upcoming programs and program fees, please visit our website at:

**[www.petalumawomansclub.com](http://www.petalumawomansclub.com)**

### *Contact:*

#### **Membership Chair**

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