



SAN JOSÉ WOMAN'S CLUB

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Dedicated to supporting San Jose's arts, culture, history and community since 1894.

The San Jose Woman's Club, one of California's oldest women's organizations, was established in 1894 as part of a nationwide social movement of women's clubs that combined self-improvement with voluntary community work, addressing needs that interested women, such as kindergartens, libraries, and parks. Today, the San Jose Woman's club is no longer a same-sex organization, but it continues to focus on supporting women and the community by maintaining an active calendar of events, providing scholarships for local students, funding local and women's charitable organizations, and performing charitable work. Membership is only \$60 per year and is open to all.

One of the Club's most popular annual events is LUNAFEST, a film festival sponsored by LUNA, the makers of the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women, that features short movies by, for and about women. The evening of film, food, and fun benefits The Breast Cancer Fund and local charities. The annual Opera with the Stars Luncheon is also very popular. This lovely afternoon event includes a catered luncheon, arias and popular tunes performed by the stars of Opera San Jose, and a fabulous silent auction. The event benefits the Club's Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships to San Jose State University Students. Children and adults both enjoy the annual Gingerbread House Decorating Party. This spring, the Club initiated a new women's speaker series: "Words from Women of Wisdom," featuring notable women of Silicon Valley and highlighting the achievements of women.

Eight Activity Sections: Antiques, Be a Dear and Donate a Brassiere, Besse Book Group, Bridge, Digging in the Archives, Mahjong, Needle Arts and Walking for Fun and Health, meet monthly or twice per month and provide information and friendship for members with shared interests.

Charitable works include craft projects that benefit local charities, such as pocket bears distributed by the police and fire departments and Halloween treat bags and Christmas stockings for children in need, created by the Needle Arts Section members. Through the Be a Dear Section, the Club supports the Women's Gathering Place, a downtown respite center for women at risk, providing lunch and activities once per month. This Section also collects new and gently used bras and new undergarments for women in transition. To date, they have distributed more than 15,000 bras.

The Club operates out of a spacious and comfortable landmark building with a full stage and ballroom as well as kitchen facilities. The 1929 California Mission Revival style structure was built for the Club and designed by the notable architectural firm of Wolfe & Higgins. It includes many tiled features created by famed ceramicist Albert Solon. The Club provides in-kind donation of low-cost or no-cost rental of the SJWC Clubhouse to local community and arts groups for fund-raising events, performances and meetings. The Clubhouse is also available for rental to individuals and for-profit organizations.

The San Jose Woman's Club is located at 75 South 11th Street, San Jose, CA. To find out about membership or events, please call 408-294-6919. To book the Clubhouse, please call 877-852-7774.

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