



MARCH 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dorothy Lusk

Last month on Groundhog's Day, Staten Island Chuck declared "early spring" and Punxsutawney Phil contradicted this with "6 more weeks of winter". Well, it certainly seems as though March can't decide whether to be *a lion or a lamb* this past week. I am just hoping that the lovely spring weather is on its way to stay, not just a brief tease from Mother Nature.

As we turn the page on our calendar as well as switch seasons, March begins the College Club's busiest time of year. Our annual Spring Event, *An Afternoon By the Sea*, featuring guest speaker and author of *The Memory Box*, Eva Lesko Natiello, is about one month away and I am so grateful to those members who have stepped up to make our event a success. I will again have autographed copies of the book available for sale at the General Meeting on March 20th for \$15.00 if you would like to read it ahead of the event.

The 50/50 Raffle books are available and you can purchase your books at the upcoming meeting or from Sue Spirko. The price remains \$20.00 per book with tickets selling for \$2.00 each. The winnings will once again be split into 3 prizes (split of 50% of the proceeds into 25%, 15% and 10% awards). Additionally, Ginger Rachko is handling TV raffle ticket sales. Since only 500 tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each, your *chances of winning are at great odds of 1 in 500*, for the Samsung 55- inch flat screen television donated to us by my brother, Michael Culley, from our family business CMC Food. Remember you have to be in it to win it!

The luncheon tickets are available by contacting Helen Piasecki or Pat Swick. Remember all Restaurant Row Gift Cards, Wine Bottles, Lottery Tickets and Gift Baskets are due by **FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017!** The success of our annual fundraiser is dependent upon the effort of the entire club. If each member brings two guests, we will easily fill Plainfield Country Club and even better be able to enjoy an afternoon of great company, delightful conversation and anticipation regarding chances to win the many bountiful baskets and gift cards, as well as the excitement generated by the Silent Auction bidders, TV Raffle and 50/50 Raffle!

Never forget the core of our club mission: the Scholarship Committee is currently working at full throttle. They are in the process of reviewing applications and selecting our 2017/18 scholarship recipients. Best of luck to co-chairs, Tish Isack and Marie Walford, as they work diligently with their committee on this time-consuming, yet oh so rewarding process.

Our next meeting is March 20th when we will be enlightened about how opioid addiction is being fought with holistic healing as Edie Elkan, Founding President of Bedside Harp is our presenter. Be sure to get all of your donations to the Spring Event in by March 17th. Please call me to pick up your donations if you need assistance getting them to us. Remember our theme this year: ***We are Stronger Together***. It takes a small effort by every member to ensure a huge reward - scholarship money for the girls we so proudly serve!

PROGRAM

Ellen Harrison/Marie Leppert

College Club welcomes Edie Elkan, harpist and founder of Bedside Harp

Monday March 20th, 7:30-8:30 pm

On Monday March 20th, 2017, the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains is delighted to welcome Edie Elkan, founder of Bedside Harp, a hospital-hosted educational and service company dedicated to promoting the therapeutic use of the harp in healthcare. Edie, a professionally trained lifelong musician, founded Bedside Harp fifteen years ago in February 2002. Edie, her harp therapist professionals and interns have now offered over 90,000 patients a one-on-one harp therapy session, played over 22,000 hours at the seven hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania that have hosted Bedside Harp programs and taught nearly 800 adults and children how to play the harp for their own healing, empowerment and enjoyment. They have also trained and certified over 100 harp therapists hailing from all over the US, Canada and Ireland. At about the same time she launched Bedside Harp, Edie began practicing mindfulness meditation and incorporates it in all of her teaching. She and Bedside Harp have appeared on “The Today Show” and have been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Star Ledger* and many other local newspapers and print media.

Please bring a friend and join us for this fantastic program at **our new location, The Fanwood Presbyterian Church**. We will meet in the side Chapel Room on Marion Avenue at the top of the ramp. The program will begin at 7:30 pm with the general meeting and refreshments to follow.

Note: A planning meeting for the program committee will take place on Thursday, March 30th at 7:30 pm at my home 5 Shirewood Drive, Scotch Plains. We are always looking for new ideas. If you have suggestions but are unable to attend, please contact me or Marie Leppert or another committee member.

HOSPITALITY

Jean Naugle/Marie Leppert

The following members are scheduled to hostess for our March 20th meeting: Meril Davies, Teri DiFrancesco, Kathy Egenton, Pat Goldberg and Sue Spirko. You will receive an e-mail from Marie and Jean in the next week to sign up for your contribution to our gathering. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

Meril Davies/Joan Skubish

Membership in College Club provides for social interaction throughout the year and the opportunity to form new friendships. From general meetings, social events, fundraising and hands-on volunteering, there are many opportunities for us to come together as a group and adding new members will make us a better and a stronger organization. If you know of someone you think would be interested in College Club, contact either Meril or Joan.

42 DAYS and counting until our Spring Luncheon (as of March 12)



Check off list:



Drop off basket items (entire baskets [we can wrap] items for inclusion in baskets/ store and restaurant gift certificates/ bottles of wine /silent auction items by

Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day!

Away on vacation? – Drop dead date is at the General meeting on March 20th

- Before March 15 – drop off to Pat Swick
- After March 15 – drop off to Connie Salisbury
- Silent Auction items to Meril Davies or Pat, Connie
 - Received gift certificates from Giovanna's, Darby Road (promised), Sheelan's Crossing, Charlie Brown's, and possibly Alfonso's, Fabios, Bovella's and Maria's Pizza,)
 - Have a gift card from Macy's and one from Lord & Taylor.
- LOTTERY Scratch off tickets:** Bring your tickets to General meeting – Pat Goldberg
- LUNCHEON TICKETS:**
 - **We must sell 150 tickets to meet our contract.** SOLD 32 tickets -- how about inviting a friend you haven't seen in a long time? Get them to bring a friend. If we each bring two friends, we have our minimum number.
- 50/50 RAFFLE:**
 - Need more tickets to sell? Contact Sue Spirko
 - Hand in your sold books and money. Don't hand in the day of the event. (Book \$20/ 1 ticket \$2)
- SAMSUNG 55" TV RAFFLE:**
 - Need more tickets? Call Ginger Rachko
- Sign up to VOLUNTEER** to help with a SMALL job (e.g., transporting baskets, selling tickets the day of the luncheon, etc.)

Questions? Call Pat Swick (908-499-0380)

Join us in making this a FUN and successful day!

SCHOLARSHIP

Tish Isack/Marie Walford

We have heard from three of our recipients in February:

Elisa Staniec, a sophomore at Penn State, writes that she has been very busy preparing for Penn State's Philanthropic Dance Marathon which raises money for the Four Diamonds Fund that goes toward research and care for patients with pediatric cancer.

Gabriela MacPherson, a freshman at William and Mary, tells us that she is very busy this semester. She is enthusiastic about her Medieval African History class and her Cultural Anthropology course.

Annemarie Kearns, a freshman at the University of Rochester, is enjoying her classes: Evolutionary Biology, Comparative Politics, Political Theory and Economics. She has been accepted as one of three new student accountants for the Students Association Appropriations Committee which is responsible for recording and monitoring all monetary transactions for campus clubs and organizations.

LITERATURE GROUP

Ellen Harrison

Our April book selection is "**The Paris Architect**" by Charles Belfoure. The meeting will take place on Tuesday April 4th at 7:30 pm at the home of Kathy Egenton, 16 Willow Avenue, Fanwood. Marie Walford will review the book.

In 1942, Lucien Bernard is a gifted French architect living in German-occupied Paris. He has been offered a commission to design an "invisible" hiding place for Jews to save them from the Nazis. He is torn between accepting a much-needed large commission and concern about risking his life if discovered.

CC+ME=OUTREACH

P. Goldberg/C. Hirschhorn/C. Salisbury

Thank you to all for your generosity in February. We will be donating over 100 personal care items to the Park Hotel residents.

For March, let's send a treat to our College Club scholarship recipients as they prepare for their end of the year activities. A basket will be available at the March General meeting for your donation toward purchasing Dunkin Donut gift cards.

For us club members, waiting for spring can be challenging! As we count the days for sunny, warm weather, consider sharing a book you enjoyed reading this winter. A "Spring Countdown Book Swap" box will be located beside the above basket. Take or leave a book. Thank you and enjoy.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ginger Rachko

The Ladies Who Lunch will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 29th at Molly Maguire's, Central Ave, Clark at 12:30 pm. Molly's is a long-time supporter of the College club. All are welcome. Please RSVP by Monday, March 27th.

LORD AND TAYLOR SPRING EVENT

Carolyn Dittus/Ginger Rachko

Spring is in the air and it's time once again for the Lord & Taylor Spring Charity Event. The date is Saturday, April 1st. How can you participate? Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each and are good for discounts throughout the store and include a 15% discount on cosmetics.

Merchandise can be selected and purchased before April 1st and picked up on the day of the event. Tickets can be obtained from Ginger ([908-889-4105](tel:908-889-4105)) or Carolyn ([908-233-2948](tel:908-233-2948)). All ticket money is for the benefit of the College Club scholarship fund. So come on out and join the fun. Shop for spring and enjoy substantial savings while helping to fund scholarships.

ACTIVITIES

Bernadette Hoyer/Carol Kiley

Day Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Robbinsville, NJ

I just received confirmation of our trip to the Mandir: date March 18th, arrival time 10:00 am. Please RSVP if you are still planning to attend, if you can drive and the number of passengers you can accommodate.

We will:

- see an introductory video showing how the Mandir was constructed and the need for Mandirs in our fast paced western lives
- participate in a group Mandir tour
- Observe the mid-day worship service at 11:30 am
- have a brief question and answer session
- visit the food court and gift shop.

I will send additional details when the group is finalized.

TREASURER'S NOTES

Barbara Timko

Donations - Memorial and otherwise!

Making a donation to The College Club is a great way to honor the memory of a close College Club friend or spouse, but it can also be a wonderful way to honor a friend or mark a birthday. Donations of any size and for any occasion are welcome.

- Donations are tax deductible!
- An acknowledgement is sent to the honoree or to the family of the deceased by the Corresponding Secretary; so, if appropriate, include information about who should be notified with your donation.
- All donations will be added to the Scholarship Fund unless the donor requests otherwise.
- Send donations and information to: The College Club of FSP, PO Box 32, Fanwood, NJ 07023 OR give them to the Treasurer at a meeting. Make checks payable to 'The College Club of FSP'.

COLLEGE CLUB OF FANWOOD SCOTCH PLAINS

TREASURER'S REPORT 02/28/17

	<u>Books</u>	<u>Bank Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	<u>02/28/17</u>	<u>02/28/17</u>	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,687.00	\$ 1,762.00	\$ 75.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 48,840.13	\$ 48,840.13	\$ -
Total - Both Accounts	<u>\$ 50,527.13</u>	<u>\$ 50,602.13</u>	\$ 75.00

Lord Abbett Mutual Fund Account update:

Ending Value on 12/31/16	<u>232.6010 Shares @ \$14.41</u>	\$ 3,351.78
Ending Value on 9/30/16	<u>229.9530 Shares @ \$14.36</u>	\$ 3,302.13
Ending Value on 6/30/16	<u>228.385 Shares @ \$13.93</u>	\$ 3,181.40
Ending Value on 3/31/16	<u>226.5470 shares @ \$13.68</u>	\$ 3,099.16

RECEIPTS

Clothing Drive	\$ 1,346.40
Member Calendar Sales	\$ 50.00
Spring Luncheon tickets	\$ 50.00
Spring fundraiser - books paid for by members	\$ 180.00
Lunch Ads and donations	\$ 5.00
Memoriums	\$ 195.00
Amazon Smile	\$ 6.30
INTEREST	\$ 5.65
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 1,838.35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Memory Box books prepayment	\$ 300.00
Current month program	\$ 75.00
Current month meeting venue	\$ 50.00
Reimbursements : Holiday Party	\$ 14.07
Stamps	\$ 49.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 488.07</u>

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS **\$ 75.00**



MEMBERS' NEWS

Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birth dates in March: Mary DePaola, Tish Isack, Margaret MacIntyre, Pat Swick and associate, Helene Miale.

College Club received the following note from Anne Butler:

“Dear College Club friends,

College Club members and those who came to Bob’s memorial service and those who sent cards, thank you. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.”

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 17 - Deadline for donations

Mar. 18 - Mandir Trip

Mar. 20 - General Meeting

Mar. 29 - Ladies Who Dine

Apr. 1 - L&T Fundraiser

Apr. 3 - Board Meeting

Apr. 4 - Book Group

Apr. 23 - An Afternoon by the Sea



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