



FEBRUARY 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dorothy Lusk

Happy Valentine's Day greetings go to all our sweet active and sustaining members and a heartfelt thank you to all of our members who have already geared up to get ready for our Spring Event! Although April is still two months away, it is not too early to begin concentrating on our biggest fundraiser of the year, with guest speaker Eva Lesko Natiello, author of **The Memory Box**. With the theme centering on an *Afternoon by the Sea*, along with the lovely setting of the Plainfield Country Club, this year's Spring Event promises to be the best ever! Additionally, Eva Lesko Natiello promises to be both informative and entertaining with her talk that she is tailoring specifically for our audience! We are reaching out to Book Clubs in the area; if you know of any, please let us know so that we can contact as many Book Clubs as possible. Have your friends, neighbors and relatives save April 23rd for an afternoon of entertainment, camaraderie, chance and fun.

If you have not already signed up to help with the Spring Event, you can contact me, Jean Naugle or Pat Swick and together we will find a spot to best use your talents. We need your time, talent and support to make this fundraiser a success. Additionally, we will have sign-ups for all possible time slots before, during and after the Spring Event at our General Meeting on Monday, February 20th. All members are asked to choose their area and commit to making our Spring Event a success. Please refer to the envelopes that were distributed in the past two weeks. There are specific directions regarding the 50-50 Raffle tickets sold at \$2.00 each or a book of 10 for \$20.00 and the new-this-year, \$5.00 each, 55-inch Flat Screen TV raffle tickets. The TV was donated to College Club by my brother, Michael Culley and CMC Foods, so that **EVERY TICKET SOLD IS DIRECT PROFIT FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND!!!** There are only 500 tickets available and I truly believe that together we can sell all 500 for a profit of \$2500.00!!!

If you have your scratch-off Lottery Tickets and bottles of wine ready for donation, please bring them to the meeting. We can pick up your donations or you can make arrangements to drop them off by e-mailing either me at dlusk@spfk12.org, Pat Swick at pat.swick@us.fujitsu.com, Jean Naugle at jnog29@verizon.net or Barbara Timko at barb.timko@gmail.com. All gift baskets can be brought to the meeting or arrangements can be made for drop off or pick up by e-mailing one of the previously listed ladies. We are hoping to have all collections completed by St. Patrick's Day, March 17th.

It is also not too early to begin thinking about where you would like to serve in College Club next year. As we wonder what 2017 will bring, think about what you will bring to the Club in the coming year. Please contact me if you are interested in a position on the Board or in chairing a committee. Board members who are interested in remaining in their current position should also contact me this month

In February, we once again focus on women's health. To complement our theme, we will participate in a Yoga Demonstration by Ann DeFalco at our February 20th meeting. It is sure to make both our bodies and minds healthier, since a calm mind sets the stage for a healthy body!

Our February 20th meeting will be held at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. We will be meeting in the side Chapel Room on Marion Avenue and signs will be posted directing members to the meeting room. The program will begin at 7:30 pm.

PROGRAM

Ellen Harrison/Marie Leppert

*College Club welcomes Ann DeFalco, Yoga Instructor
Monday February 20, 7:30-8:30 pm*



The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains welcomes Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA yoga instructor, Ann DeFalco. A favorite at the local Y, Ann is a 200 hour certified Yoga Alliance teacher through Satsang with continuing education in restorative yoga. In addition to being a group exercise and fitness instructor for the past 7 years at the Y, Ann is also a Wits certified personal trainer. Ann will take the audience through a short series of poses to demonstrate some of the directions of movement in a yoga flow. Please join us and learn how yoga can relax, restore and rejuvenate. Wear comfortable clothing and bring an exercise mat if you have one. We may be able to provide a few mats from the YMCA. Feel free to enjoy some of the yoga movements from your chair if not comfortable with floor mats. Friends are always welcome! The program will start at 7:30 pm.

Note the change of venue. We will be meeting at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Meril Davies/Joan Skubish

Several years ago, Oprah Winfrey had a show on happiness. On the show, the “happiness expert” stated that joining a club or group that has monthly meetings you attend provides as much happiness as earning an extra \$100,000! Think of this as you ask friends, family and/or neighbors to consider joining College Club. Think of all the opportunities that membership in College Club provides for social interaction throughout the year and try to convey this to a potential member. From general meetings, social events, fundraising and hands-on volunteering, there are many opportunities for us to come together as a group and, in addition to being stronger together, we are also happier for it!

AN AFTERNOON BY THE SEA

Pat Swick

As of Sunday, February 5th, we will have only 77 DAYS until our Spring Event.

Save the Date

for "AN AFTERNOON BY THE SEA..."



2017 College Club Scholarship
fundraising event at Plainfield Country Club

11:00 am to 3:00 pm
\$50.00 per ticket

Guest Speaker:
NEW YORK TIMES and USA TODAY bestselling author
Eva Lesko Natiello, author of *The Memory Box*
Web: <http://collegeclubspa-doodiekit.com/>
Email: collegeclub.fsp@gmail.com

What could be better than an “**Afternoon by the Sea...**”, especially with a good book. Eva Lasko Natiello will be selling copies of her book the day of the luncheon. If you would like to get a copy to read ahead of time, contact Dorothy Lusk. ***The Memory Box*** is noted as “a psychological thriller with twists & turns until the last page.”

You should have received your Member Sales envelope containing Raffle and Event tickets and

everything you need to help make this day a success. Contents and contact names are printed on the envelope. We hope you can sell all the raffle tickets and that you can bring at least one friend to the event. **Please return all tickets that you cannot sell by February 28th to Helen Piasecki.** Questions? Contact Jean Naugle, Barbara Timko or Pat Swick.

REMINDER – We are asking you to turn in your “pots of gold” (baskets, lottery tickets, restaurant gift certificates and Silent Auction donations) by Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick’s Day!

- Remember to pick-up a couple of scratch-off lottery tickets which will be added to our two lottery trees in the gift basket area (Pat Goldberg)
- Start planning what basket of items you and your friends might be donating
- Is there something you might be able to donate to the Silent Auction? Perhaps a service instead of a concrete item? (Planting tulip bulbs in the fall, donating a ride to Newark Airport, donating a home-cooked meal for 6 or so people at your home, etc.)
- Carol Kiley has new luggage to donate but would like a few members to be donors to help cover its cost. Contact Carol for more information
- Bottles of wine are also being accepted as a donation. Please include the value of the wine when dropping it off (Minimum value: \$9)
- If you plan on picking up a restaurant gift card, contact Pat Swick, so that we don’t duplicate requests to the same establishments. Darby Road is being solicited by Carol Lutz!

Attached is a separate file with a Save the Date card which you can e-mail to friends. Need a postcard version to mail via US Postal Service? Contact me at Pat.swick@us.fujitsu.com.

LITERATURE GROUP

Ellen Harrison

Our March book group selection is "***The Gilded Years***" by Karen Tanabe. We will meet at the home of Pat Goldberg, 28 Copperfield Road, Scotch Plains on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:30 pm. Marie Leppert will review the book.

"***The Gilded Years***" is a fictionalized account of the true story of Anita Hemmings, a fair-skinned descendant of slaves who passes as white and is the first African American student at Vassar College. The year is 1897 when Anita, beautiful and bright, is a college senior ready to complete her childhood dream, yet is always fearful that her secret will be revealed.

CC+ME=OUTREACH

P. Goldberg/C. Hirschhorn/C. Salisbury

Thank you to everyone who donated items or who helped make over 70 sandwiches for our January MLK Day of Service. Connie Salisbury took them to the Salvation Army in Plainfield along with any extra items that were left over.

For February, we will assist the Park Hotel in Plainfield by donating the items below needed by the residents:

toothbrushes	toothpaste	soap
shampoo	deodorant	tissues
laundry detergent	socks	

They can also use underwear sizes 8 or larger for women and underwear sizes medium to extra-large for men.

As always, thank you in advance for your support of our charitable community activities!

SCHOLARSHIP

Tish Isack/Marie Walford

We have started to organize the 2017-2018 scholarship review process. Applications are available through the HS guidance office as well as the CC web site. Applications must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2017. Articles have also been submitted to the local press. The Committee will begin reviewing applications in March and will complete the selection process in April.

We have heard from two of our scholarship winners this month. **Elisa Staniec**, a sophomore at Penn State, tells us that she has been back on campus since January 8th. She has begun her course work, with some interesting courses: neuroscience, women's studies and philosophy. She believes that she will be very busy this semester!

We also heard from **Caroline Ringel**, a freshman at RPI. Caroline feels that her first semester at RPI challenged her academically and personally. Her favorite part of the semester was joining a sorority. Overall, she is very happy at RPI and thanks us for our support.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ginger Rachko

Ladies Who Lunch will meet on Wednesday, February 22nd at 12:30 pm at Darby Road, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains. Everyone is welcome. Please let me know by Monday, February 20th if you plan on attending. Hope you can join us.

ACTIVITIES

Bernadette Hoyer/Carol Kiley

Day Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Robbinsville, NJ

The Mandir is described as a masterpiece of exquisite Indian design and workmanship...a place to enjoy hours of beauty, peace and discovery...a place to learn about the world's oldest living faith – Hinduism. We are looking to plan a day trip to the Mandir in March. The minimum number to register as a group is nine people. Two dates and a preferred visiting time need to be submitted and then we will receive our scheduled date and time depending on availability. The two dates being considered are March 18th or 25th. At the February meeting, we will circulate a sign-up sheet for members to indicate interest in attending and availability to drive. An hour plus is needed for travel time. You can also contact Bernadette Hoyer or Carol Kiley to indicate interest in attending.

TREASURER'S NOTES

Barbara Timko

Reimbursement for expenses

Please keep the following in mind anytime you reach into your wallet for College Club:

- We have a budget! Please be sure there is a budget (source of funds) for your expenditure or seek approval from either the event chairperson OR the executive board before spending any money on behalf of the club AND please be careful with our club's funds. Every dollar spent takes a dollar away from scholarship.
- College Club is a non-profit organization. We do not have to pay sales tax! When you shop, bring an ST-5 form, which exempts the purchase from sales tax.
- Save your receipts! You can be reimbursed for approved budgeted expenses for which you have a receipt. Non-receipted purchases cannot be reimbursed.
- Fill out a 'Request for Payment' form (available on our website or from the treasurer), attach your receipts and have it signed/approved by the event chairperson OR the College Club President (if no event chair.) Turn this form in to the treasurer for reimbursement.
- Our fiscal year ends on April 30th each year. Please make requests in a timely manner, before the fiscal year end.

The preliminary **treasurer's report** may be found on page 6.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birth dates in February: Marilyn Bartley, Ellen Harrison, Bernadette Hoyer, Carol Kiley and Lillian Weiner.

Sadly, we just learned that Helene Reichlin, one of our sustainers, passed away early in the morning on February 6th. We extend our deepest sympathies to Joe, her husband. There will be no memorial service. Arrangements are being made for out-of-state burial.

The College Club expresses its sympathy to Anne Butler, sustainer and past president, on the loss of her husband, Robert.

Please note the correct address for Dot Ericsson: The Chelsea, 295 South Avenue, Apt. 322, Fanwood, NJ 07076. Her telephone number is 908-693-7753.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 20 – General Meeting

Feb. 22 – Ladies Who Lunch



COLLEGE CLUB OF FANWOOD SCOTCH PLAINS

Preliminary **TREASURER'S REPORT** **01/30/17**

	Books	Bank Actual	Difference
	01/30/17	01/30/17	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	1,474.75	\$ 1,474.75	\$ -
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 47,695.90	\$ 47,695.90	\$ -
Total - Both Accounts	\$ 49,170.65	\$ 49,170.65	\$ -

Lord Abbett Mutual Fund Account update:

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

RECEIPTS

Calendar Ads	\$ 225.00	^ ----- v
Member Calendar Sales	\$ 45.00	
Calendar Sales	\$ 70.00	
Memoriums	\$ 175.00	
INTEREST	\$ -	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 515.00	

DISBURSEMENTS

Raffle Ticket Printing	\$ 440.00
January Program	\$ 75.00
Check printing charge	\$ 148.97
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 663.97

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS \$ -

Checks written off: outdated

None