



MAY 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dorothy Lusk

The final numbers are in regarding the annual Spring Event, **An Afternoon by the Sea**, and we raised just over \$19,000.00 for our Scholarship Fund, proving once again: Together We Are Stronger! To all who helped or contributed, thank you for your efforts. We can be very proud of what we accomplished. The feedback received about the event was so positive and an enjoyable time was had by our members, guests and many supporters of College Club. To keep the momentum going, mark your calendars now for next year, Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Plainfield Country Club for an equally delightful day. We will once again be enlisting the support of all members to make the event a huge success. Plans are already underway to provide an event that will allow us to raise as many funds as possible to continue our mission: Empowering Young Women through Education.

Now on to our other major fundraiser, The Community Calendar: work has already begun on next year's College Club Calendar. We are still seeking assistance from members to help on the many phases of this incredible project and huge fundraiser. Please contact Mari McDevitt if you are interested in assisting with this important job.

On May 22nd, we will meet at First United Methodist Church for our Scholarship Reception and Dinner. Please plan on being there to meet and hear from this year's scholarship recipients. The Scholarship Committee has completed the process of reviewing the applications and interviewing the candidates to finalize our 2017-2018 recipients. Thanks to Tish Isack and Marie Walford, Scholarship Co-Chairs and their Committee: Elaine Carman, Rosemary Gousman, Carol Kiley, Jean Naugle and Joanne Sheffield, for the many hours devoted to choosing our scholarship recipients. Fortunately, we already have had many members sign up to contribute a salad, dessert, drink or other needed supplies. Please sign up to attend the event if you have not already done so by sending \$15.00 to reserve your place. Additionally, we are accepting donations to offset the cost of the meal for the recipients and their two allowed guests. A heartfelt thank you goes to Pat Goldberg and Melissa Tice for coordinating the event that is the culmination of our College Club year.

On a more personal note: I can't believe that it was almost two years ago, in June 2015, at our dinner for the combined Old and New Board members, I spoke about our strength and the saying, We are Stronger Together, became our mantra for the two years ahead. Now, unbelievably, I am about to end my two-year term as president of this incredible service organization. I am grateful for the contributions of all our members. I have tried to uphold the traditions and high standards of the presidents who have come before me and offered their guidance and support to me, especially Marie Leppert, Marie Walford and my director these past two years, Joan Skubish. Additionally, I have been supported by the most giving and talented group of officers: Pat Swick, Jean Naugle, Connie Salisbury, Teri DiFrancesco, Melissa Tice, Barbara Timko and the magnificent members of College Club.

As a second grade teacher, I teach my students about Common Humanity and Cultural Universals. They learn that the education they take for granted is not as easily available throughout the world. They learn that all people, regardless of demographic or economic circumstances, have emotions, hopes, dreams, goals and desires. We, as a club, are bound together by these same universals and human commonalities. We set our goal to raise as much money as possible to enable the hopes and dreams of the young women we provide scholarships to reach their goal of attaining a college education. I believe we do this because

it is our desire to empower these young women to foster their own version of our mission throughout their lives by assisting, educating and caring for others. We are emotionally invested in the girls and in the success of our club. Let's keep focused on enabling these Common Humanities - emotions, hopes, dreams, goals and desires to become a reality for the young women we work so diligently for year in and year out, now and in the future. Because, ultimately, as we have proven over and over again this year... **Together We Are Stronger!** As I complete my second year as your President, I enthusiastically entrust this strength to Melissa Tice and the 2017-18 Board to continue guiding our club's dedication to service for the young women who are one step closer to making a difference for all of us. On that note, I wish you all a restful summer with my heartfelt thanks for a successful year.

NEW/OLD BOARD MEETING

The New/Old Board will meet on Monday, June 12th at 6:30 pm at the home of Dorothy Lusk, 1700 Mohawk Lane, Scotch Plains. We will be having appetizers and desserts. If you have not signed up, please call Jean Naugle.

MEMBERSHIP

Meril Davies/Joan Skubish

The Membership Committee would like to remind all our members that, even though we are breaking for the summer, you can still promote College Club by asking friends, neighbors or relatives to consider joining College Club. If you can provide their name and e-mail address/telephone number to either Meril or Joan, we will be happy to contact them to provide information about our Club and explain our mission.

We may be holding an informal social event for prospective members in the near future; watch your inbox for an announcement. Thank you to all those members who referred members and thank you to our new members for their active participation this year.

Remember that we are all part of the Membership Committee and are ambassadors for our organization. It is your enthusiasm that will motivate other women to become part of our wonderful Club!

SCHOLARSHIP

Tish Isack/Marie Walford

The Scholarship Committee met and decided on the scholarship winners for the coming 2017-2018 academic year. The Committee is hopeful that all College Club members will attend the 2017 Scholarship Dinner on May 22nd so everyone can meet and greet this outstanding group of young women. Their enthusiasm and gratitude for the support that College Club provides to them will certainly refuel the Club's energy to continue our hard work and fund raising efforts.

LITERATURE GROUP

Ellen Harrison

The book group will have its organizational meeting for next year on Tuesday, June 13th at 7:30 pm. **Please note the change of date.** We will meet at the home of Tish Isack, 1063 Oak Lane, Plainfield. Please join us as we select our books, hostesses and reviewers for the 2017-2018 year. We welcome any suggestions.

CC+ME=OUTREACH

P. Goldberg/C. Hirschhorn/C. Salisbury

Thank you to all for your generosity throughout the year! Please let us know about any community outreach projects you would like us to work on for next year. We are always looking for new service opportunities. We will meet during the summer to discuss our future plans.

Call or e-mail Cathy Hirschhorn, Pat Goldberg or Connie Salisbury with your ideas. Happy summer to all!

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ginger Rachko

The Ladies who Lunch will meet on May 24th at 12:30 pm at Giovanni's in Plainfield. Please join us.

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON - FISCAL SUMMARY

Barbara Timko

Our 'Afternoon by the Sea' was most successful in raising scholarship funds and was a wonderful afternoon as well! The total raised was over \$19,000! We really knocked it out of the park! The major fundraising elements and their net contribution to our scholarship fund for next year are listed below with the names of the leaders who made it happen: (My apologies if I left some of you out – I'm sure there are more names, but the newsletter deadline is upon me...)

- **50/50 Raffle** - \$1,606; Laura Swidersky helped with the license and handled ticket printing. Sue Spirko handled ticket sales.
- **Basket Raffle** - \$5,276; Pat Swick and Barb Timko tracked donations. Connie Salisbury stored items and organized the basket wrapping parties which were attended by many creative and energetic people! Pat Swick spearheaded basket assembly and printed lists of items. Marie Walford organized volunteers for the ticket sales. MANY club members donated, wrapped, transported and set up.
- **TV Merchandise Raffle** - \$840; Dorothy Lusk solicited donation of the TV by CMC foods and Ginger Rachko tracked advance ticket sales.
- **Silent Auction** - \$ 7,095; Meril Davies, Ellen Sherry and Joan Skubish organized and displayed the items which were solicited or donated by many of our club members and the community.
- **Luncheon tickets/Signature Drinks** - \$4,453; Helen Piasecki tracked ticket sales & seating. Pat Swick made the signature drink 'beach badges'.

Pat Swick created the program. Sherry Woodruff headed the decorations team. Dorothy Lusk spearheaded the entire event. Jean Naugle donated her porch space for member envelope pick up, and made more phone calls than we can count! Many thanks to all who donated, solicited, lugged, wrapped, sold, invited and participated! Most importantly, thank you to all those club members who invited friends to attend. Having over 200 guests really helped! Please consider how you want to get in on the fun by leading an area for next year's event!

CALENDAR

Mari McDevitt

This will be our 54th edition! Please consider being part of this highly visible Community Service project and one of our two major scholarship fundraisers. You will be MOST welcome! And you are MOST needed in helping on any of the 4 committees. They are listed below with the approximate time frame involved for each. I hope you will choose one or more of the following ways to help so all areas will be covered:

Advertising: 10 people from mid-April to mid-May and one day in late August

Production:

- a. Community Organizations and Churches: 5 people to gather info in June *via* phone or e-mail
- b. Sports Info for SPFHS & UC: 1 person in late June (no longer schedules/just websites)
- c. Municipal Info for SP & Fanwood: 1 person in late June/early July
- d. Board of Ed liaison for all monthly school info & Bd. of Ed. insert: 1 person from mid-June through mid-July
- e. Info for skeleton of calendar: holidays, monthly layouts 9/2016-12/ 2016 & 2017 calendar & holidays: 1 person in late May or early June
- f. Input & Layout of all material for body of calendar in June and July: 1 person
- g. Cover Design: 2 people in May & June
- h. Proofreading: 5-6 people in late June, mid-July, late July and early August (4 days total)

Marketing:

- a. Sales: 5 people from August through October
- b. Publicity: 1 person mid or late August

Distribution:

4-5 people 3rd week of August to November (1 continues through January)

- a. CC Members
- b. SP stores & library
- c. Fanwood stores & library
- d. Coordinator/main depot/keeps records

Use your special skills and talents. Ideas and suggestions are most welcome! No meeting required! Please call Mari at 233-6513 or cell 917-5979. Thanks.

Could someone please make a double set of address labels for about 30 of our advertisers - those to whom we mail the renewal info. Karen Johnson has done this for many years. I have the group listing. I would need them by Monday. THANK YOU!!

CLOTHING DRIVE

Cathy Hirschhorn

Our 8th annual clothing drive is set for Sept 16, 2017, 9 am to 12 noon at 59 Russell Rd (my house) in Fanwood. We will be using A & E Clothing Corp. referred to us by Melissa Tice. They accept all the same items we have collected before in addition to pots and pans. Shoes can now be bagged with the clothes. Only the small hard toys need to be separate in boxes no larger than 24x24.

As in previous years, I am asking for volunteers to pick up the extra clothes from the Thrift Shop (they call it "recycling") that they decide not to sell and store the bags until the day of the clothing drive. This helps us increase our poundage and therefore make more profit. Even if you can only do this once in the summer, it would be appreciated.

Pick-ups are needed every Tues, Wed, & Friday at 2 and Sat at 12:30. The Thrift Shop is on East Second Street in Scotch Plains.

Please let me know if you are available any of these days in June.

Tues - June 6, 13, 20, 27

Wed - June 7, 14, 21, 28

Fri - June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sat - June 3, 10, 17, 24

In addition please start storing your own clothes to donate and pass the word around to your family and friends.

Once I have volunteers for June, I will send a schedule to all as a reminder. I will request help for July, Aug. and Sept. as the weeks pass. If you have any questions about the drive or pick-ups, please e-mail me or call at [908-322-1362](tel:908-322-1362)

Thanks in advance.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY/DATA SHEETS/DUES

Pat Swick

The New Year began as of May 1st. If you did not hand in your data sheet and dues at the May 8th meeting, fill out a copy from the attached Word or PDF files.

- Data Sheets are NOW DUE. Fill out the attached and get to Pat by the end of the week.

Committees are now being put together.

- Dues for the 2017-2018 year will continue to be \$45.00 – send to the PO Box or drop off to Pat Swick by June 1st.

- Sustaining Members' dues will remain at \$25.00

- Payments AFTER June 30th: A late fee will be assessed—thus Membership dues owed will be \$50.00. You will not be included in the Membership directory (applies to both Members and Sustainers).

Thanks Ladies for taking care of this now.

Our Annual College Club Scholarship Dinner



When: Monday, May 22nd. Arrive at 6:15 pm to meet our honorees

Where: First United Methodist Church, Terrill Road, SP

Why: To celebrate with our wonderful scholarship recipients and to listen to their stories, hopes and dreams!

What: You need to **RSVP** by May 15th so we can determine the amount of food to prepare.

Please e-mail or call:

Melissa Tice: dmplice@gmail.com or (908) 889-6517

Pat Goldberg: pgold81@aol.com or (908) 789-8634

Cost: \$15.00 per person. If you would like to contribute additional funds to help cover the cost of one of our recipients or their guests, that would be wonderful. Let us know you are coming as soon as you can.

What else do we need: Water, salads (green, pasta or fruit) punch supplies and desserts (individual servings)

Does anyone **need a ride** or want to carpool? Please let us know by e-mail or by calling Melissa or Pat.

Please make every effort to attend this enjoyable evening!!

MEMBERS' NEWS

Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birth dates in **May:** Connie Salisbury, Connie Sensor and sustainer, Bobbie Boyd and those in **June:** Kathy Egenton, Karen Johnson, Dorothy Lusk, Elaine Lyon, Anne Morgan, Jean Naugle, Sue Spirko, Marie Walford, Sherry Woodruff and sustainers Jill Barbier, Dorothy Ericsson, Lee Heinzelmann and Angie Hopes. Happy birthday to those who celebrate in July and August.

Please note: There is a change of address for Jane Clausen. Her new address will be 539 Mountain Avenue, #718, New Providence, NJ 07974. Her telephone number will be 908-795-2611.

Once again, I have sad news to report. We learned earlier this month that Beverly Taylor, sustainer and Past President, passed away last September.

THANKS

Thanks to all of you who have sent me articles for the newsletter this year. I appreciate your help and support. Have a great summer!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 22 - Scholarship dinner, 6:15 pm at First United Methodist Church, SP

May 24 – Ladies who Lunch

June 12 - Old/New Board pot luck dinner and meeting at Dorothy Lusk's, 6:30 pm

June 13 – Literature Group

TREASURER'S NOTES

Barbara Timko

COLLEGE CLUB OF FANWOOD SCOTCH PLAINS

TREASURER'S REPORT 04/30/17

	<u>Books</u> 04/30/17	<u>Bank Actual</u> 04/30/17	<u>Difference</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	3,137.01	\$ 11,106.17	\$ 7,969.16
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 70,577.73	\$ 70,166.73	\$ (411.00)
Total - Both Accounts	<u>\$ 73,714.74</u>	<u>\$ 81,272.90</u>	<u>\$ 7,558.16</u>

Lord Abbett Mutual Fund Account update:

Ending Value on 3/31/17	<u>234.0070 shares @ \$14.71</u>	\$ 3,442.24
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>226.3850 Shares @ \$13.93</u>	\$ 3,181.40

RECEIPTS

Calendar Sales	\$ 200.00
Calendar Ads & Donations	\$ 151.00
Spring Lunch tickets	\$ 4,750.00
Spring fundraiser - Ads & Donations	\$ 860.00
Spring Fundraiser - Books paid by members	\$ 15.00
Spring Fundraiser - Drinks Sold	\$ 70.00
Basket Raffle Tickets	\$ 5,830.00
TV Raffle tickets	\$ 755.00
50/50 Raffle tickets	\$ 3,176.00
Lord & Taylor Fundraiser	\$ 250.00
Memoriums / Honorariums	\$ 170.00
Scholarship Donation	\$ 30.00
INTEREST	\$ 13.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 16,270.05</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Insurance payment - final	138.30
50/50 Raffle prizes	\$ 2,015.00
Decorations - Spring Fundraiser	51.85
Flowers / Gifts	53.50
Spring Lur	6,200.00
Dinner for prospective members 4/17/17	45.59
Raffle Licensing/Reporting	120.00
Lincheon and Basket Raffle Expenses	87.72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 8,711.96</u>

TOTAL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

\$ 7,969.16

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Melissa Tice/Pat Goldberg

Plans are underway for our Annual Scholarship Dinner which will be held on **Monday, May 22nd** beginning at **6:15 pm** at the first United Methodist Church. This event is the culmination of all the hard work which goes into making our Club year successful. We ask ALL members to make every effort to attend and celebrate the work accomplished and to greet and meet the young women who will be recipients of our scholarships.

We ask you to confirm your attendance by completing the form below and sending the form and your check for **\$15.00** per person, payable to College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains to Melissa Tice, 2271 Old Farm Road, Scotch Plains no later than **Monday, May 15th**. If you have any questions, contact Melissa at (908) 889-6517 or e-mail her at dmptice@gmail.com.

TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO
Melissa Tice, 2271 Old Farm Rd, Scotch Plains NJ 07076

_____ I am planning to attend the Scholarship Reception on Monday, May 22, 2017

_____ I cannot attend but would like to donate money to cover a meal for a scholarship recipient

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

