



**SEPTEMBER 2017**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Melissa Tice

Welcome to the "Kick-off" of another exciting year for our College Club; programs and activities have been planned and we look forward to sharing them together and with our community. As your new President, I am honored and also slightly daunted with the idea of "stepping into the shoes" that Dorothy has left; she has done an excellent job bringing us Together and Growing Stronger. I am very fortunate to have her as our Director for her guidance and support.

Over the summer, I unfortunately was informed of 3 member resignations and I believe we need to take a step back and focus on how we can keep current members engaged and how to attract new members to ensure we can continue to support our mission of raising funds and awarding scholarships to the young women in Fanwood and Scotch Plains in pursuit of higher education goals and desires. I plan to have some brainstorming meetings with the Officers and the Board in early September to address our membership crisis and to present these ideas at our General meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. I think of the song I learned in Girl Scouts... "Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold"...we need to reach out and welcome new and old members alike.

Over these past summer months, I want to acknowledge and thank the many people that kept the wheels in motion for the Club. Thanks to Ellen Harrison and Marie Leppert for contacting speakers and scheduling another great year of monthly programs. At our General meeting in September, we will be entertained by a talented and lively musical performance by a Barbershop quartet - an upbeat way to kick off the program series!

The Calendars are IN and they look fantastic!! Many thanks to Mari McDevitt and her committee for producing a high quality calendar and the numerous hours behind the scenes gathering local information, advertisements and proofing! Now we need every member to sell or buy 4 calendars. PLEASE pick them up at Jean Naugle's house ASAP! We want to encourage our friends and neighbors to use these calendars to see the schedule of events for the College Club and local community and school activities and opportunities to enjoy them. Please remember to shop at our local merchants that support us that bought advertisements in the calendar.

A key communication tool for the club is our Directory and I want to thank Pat Swick for gathering all the information and her numerous excel spreadsheets to track member data. If you still owe dues, please drop off to Pat or at the General meeting.

Remember your bags of used clothes, shoes, sheets, towels, purses, toys, bikes, etc. for the Sep 16<sup>th</sup> clothing drive. Thanks to Cathy Hirschhorn for organizing this event and coordinating pick-ups at the Thrift Shop throughout the summer. Cathy will need help on the 16<sup>th</sup> and if you have any sons, daughters or young people at church or scouts that need service hours, we could use their help loading the truck for one hour that day.

If unable to help with the Clothing drive, there are many other opportunities to get involved. The College club will be sponsoring the greatly anticipated College Night on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Sue Spirko will be organizing the event and she will be recruiting helpers; please see if you can spare an hour or two or donate goodies to feed the College representatives. Pat Goldberg will be organizing the hospitality.

An idea that I hope you will embrace and hopefully be able to attend will be our Monthly "Fun Outings". Every month, we will offer an outing such as going to play Mini Golf at Scotch Hills in September, Halloween Graveyard walk, a visit to the Hindu mosque, Chick movie night, Bunko, SPFHS or Union Catholic musical, etc. This gives an opportunity to socialize and get to know each other better and learn more about the wonderful women we have in the club. Family and friends are welcome to join the activities.

The first general meeting for 2017-2018 will be Monday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fanwood Presbyterian church. Please arrive at 7:30 pm so we can start the program on time and enjoy the music of the Barbershop Quartet. It would be a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend, neighbor or relative to come and enjoy the entertainment and to learn more about us and our Club. I look forward for a fun and productive year ahead.

## **PROGRAM**

Ellen Harrison/Marie Leppert

Our first general meeting will take place on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to welcome **The Morris Music Men**, an award-winning *a capella* choral group made up of over 50 men ages 24 to 88 of which about 12 members will be performing for us. Their four-part harmony covers a wide range of music from traditional barbershop to contemporary and appeals to people of all ages. They have one of the fastest-growing chapters of the worldwide Barbershop Harmony Society and perform at various venues, including their annual show in November. Please bring a friend and join us for this very entertaining program. We meet at back entrance of The Presbyterian Church [74 South Martine Avenue, Fanwood](#) at 7:30 pm for a brief refreshment period. The program will begin at 7:45 pm.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Carol Donhauser/Marie Leppert/Jean Naugle

We are excited to return to our monthly meetings with our delightful hospitality service to our guests and members.

These are the women who signed up for the September meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>: Helen Aron, Elaine Carmen, Pat Goldberg, Ellen Harrison, Cathy Hirschhorn and Irene Nunes. The program is a barbershop quartet!!

We welcome your suggestions of food items. We found small bottles of water and prepackaged snacks (for example a few cookies in a ziplock bag or pretzels, etc.) are enjoyed. Fruit and nuts are also popular.

Hospitality Hostesses are invited to welcome guests and members and assist with set up and clean up. We will meet for set up between 6:45 - 7:00 pm. Hospitality will begin at 7:30 pm and the program at 7:45 pm.

Please contact Jean Naugle, Carol Donhauser or Marie Leppert with your contributions.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Meril Davies/Joan Skubish

Our membership is decreasing and in an effort to bring in new members, we will be holding an open house for prospective members prior to our first meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for details. Help us make this a successful event by inviting and bringing at least one friend or relative to the open house. A light supper is being served and we would appreciate knowing how many women will be attending so please RSVP to Meril ([merild67@gmail.com](mailto:merild67@gmail.com)) or Joan ([joanmarie@prodigy.net](mailto:joanmarie@prodigy.net)).

## **CLOTHING DRIVE**

Cathy Hirschhorn

**Saturday, September 16, 2017 – 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

59 Russell Road, Fanwood

Thank you to everyone who has helped already with the clothing pick-ups and storage. Please let me know if you are available to give any time on Saturday morning, September 16<sup>th</sup> to assist at my house. Also, please let me know how many bags you will be bringing (you may add your own in with the number from the Thrift Shop). There will be 1 hour shifts (9-10, 10-11 and 11-12) to help others unload their cars, to give out tax receipts and to keep a count of the bags coming in. All are welcome to help load the truck. Since we are using a new company this year, I am not sure when the truck is arriving. It could be as early as 11 so it is important to get all the stored bags here early. Please tell other individuals that we will only collect until 11, just to be sure.

Please let me know if you can take a shift or help to load. Also, please let me know if you need any help getting bags to my house. Call **(908) 322-1362** or **(908) 346-1033**. In addition, if anyone has a large vehicle to gather clothing from where it is being stored that would be helpful. Thanks again and keep spreading the word to friends and neighbors!

## **CALENDAR SALES**

Jean Naugle

### **CALENDAR DISTRIBUTION FOR MEMBERS**

Our 2017- 2018 Community Calendar is ready for you to accept and begin to sell! You may pick up your calendars from the side porch of **29 Fieldcrest Drive, Scotch Plains** at the home of Jean Naugle. So far, 18 women have picked up and paid for their calendars. Your calendars and directory are in a large white envelope with your name on the front left corner. They are alphabetically sorted in rows on the table. You may place your check or money in the box marked “College Club members”. If you need an envelope, please take one from the box and place your name on the front. There are pens in the box as well.

If anyone would like more than the four calendars, please e-mail or call Jean and more can be added to your envelope. If anyone needs a delivery, please contact Jean directly either *via* e-mail or call **908-654-5460** and leave a message.

As members of The College Club, we can be proud of our history, our generosity and our hard work to promote education for our community, service to others and fund raising efforts for our scholarship women.

Please enjoy the 54th edition of the College Club Community Calendar and get out there and spread the word about the club and our calendar!!

## **COLLEGE NIGHT**

Rhonda Riesenberg/Sue Spirko

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains in collaboration with the Counseling Department at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School is hosting its 65th Annual College Night on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. All 11th and 12th grade students, whether attending Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School or any of the local private or parochial high schools, are invited to attend this informative program.

Volunteers are needed to assist with early set-up starting at 5:00/5:15 pm and clean-up after 8:30. Also, members are needed to greet reps at the sign-in tables, assist the DECA students and help with anything that may require attention. Food donations and help are also needed

for the light meal provided to the visiting reps. Sign-up sheets will be available at our first meeting or please e-mail Sue Spirko ([sslkt@verizon.net](mailto:sslkt@verizon.net)). As always, thank you in advance.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

Tish Isack/Marie Walford

Scholarship recipients and their families expressed sincere appreciation for their awards as well as for the wonderful reception and dinner on May 22. We wish the young ladies a successful year and look forward to their updates.

The first half of our 2017-2018 awards has been mailed to the financial office of each of our recipient's college or university.

The following is a list of our recipients for this coming year, where they are going to school and how much they are receiving:

#### **High School Recipients**

Fizzah Ehsan	The College of New Jersey	\$2,000.00
Claudia Gentile	Villanova University	\$3,500.00
Julia Guarneri	University of Virginia	\$3,500.00
Hayley Howell	Rochester Institute of Technology	\$3,000.00
Alexis Maarta	The College of New Jersey	\$3,000.00

#### **Academic Excellence Award**

Caroline McNichol	Georgetown University	\$1,000.00
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#### **College Recipients**

Nada Amer	Sr. at Kean University	\$2,000.00
Elizabeth Gelling	Sr. at Fashion Institute of Technology	\$3,250.00
Rachel Lambert	Soph. at Susquehanna University	\$1,250.00
Gabriela MacPherson	College of William and Mary	\$3,500.00
Elisa Staniec	Jr. at Pennsylvania State University	\$3,500.00

### **CC+ME=OUTREACH**

Pat Goldberg/Cathy Hirschhorn/Connie Salisbury

The College Club community outreach is an activity that allows members to provide assistance opportunities to the populations in our area. For September, we will be collecting products to make "Wash Day Bags" for the homeless shelter in Plainfield. We would like to put a container of liquid detergent, fabric softener and a box of dryer sheets in each bag. The best weight for the liquid containers, given that the families have limited space, is 30 to 50 ounces. If you would like to add a stain remover product ("Stain Stick" or Shout Spray), it would be appreciated. The Dollar Store at the Blue Star Mall has these cleaning needs for one dollar each! Our goal is to make 25 bags. Your contribution can be brought to our general meeting or we would gladly stop by your home for pick up.

### **LADIES WHO LUNCH**

Ginger Rachko

On Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, College Club members will lunch at the Grillstone on Rt.22 in Scotch Plains. Those who are interested call Ginger Rachko or sign up at the meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTIVITIES**

Melissa Tice/Pat Swick

We are going to do our best to have some type of activity planned for each month so that we can gather to have some fun and get better acquainted with our members. Some activities may require travel; some will take place in town and some in our own homes. We hope you can join us for most of the gatherings!

For SEPTMEBER:



Mini Golf Fees to be paid when you arrive for play:

<b>FEES</b>	<b>Daytime</b>	<b>Evening</b>
Adults	\$6.00	\$7.00
Seniors	\$4.00	\$5.00
Children (15 & under)	\$4.00	\$5.00

**Plans through January 2018**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Possible Activity</b>
Oct	31	Tuesday	evening	Candlelight Tour of First Baptist historical grave yard
Oct	TBA	Saturday	morning	Enjoy hours of beauty, peace and discovery at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Robbinsville, NJ – a masterpiece of exquisite Indian design and workmanship. Learn about the world’s oldest living faith – Hinduism. (CANCELLED LAST YEAR DUE TO WEATHER) - Beautiful artwork to behold!
Nov	TBA		evening	Chick Flick Night
Dec	4	Monday		Holiday Party
Jan	TBA		evening	Bunko night at Pat's

**LITERATURE GROUP**

Ellen Harrison

Our first book of the year is "**The Boston Girl**" by Anita Diamant. We will meet at the home of Marie Leppert, Chelsea, Scotch Plains on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Carol Donhauser will review the book.

Our October book is "**A Man Called Ove**" by Fredrick Backman, a Swedish columnist, blogger and writer. The book was translated into English in 2013. Ove is a cranky man who leads a solitary existence and is a stickler for principles and routine. Things change when a boisterous young family moves next door.

We will meet at my home, 5 Shirewood Drive, Scotch Plains on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Cathy Hirschhorn will review the book. New members are welcome to attend any of our meetings

The following is a list of the books that we will be reading for 2017-2018:

October 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>A Man Called Ove</b> by Fredrik Backman
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Orphan’s Tale</b> by Pam Jenoff
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Charm Bracelet</b> by Viola Shipman
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>In My Brother’s Image</b> by Eugene Pogany
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>A Piece of the World</b> by Christina Kline
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>A Spool of Blue Thread</b> by Anne Tyler
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Lilac Girls</b> by Martha Hall Kelly
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Organizational Meeting for 2018-2019

**DIRECTORIES**

Pat Swick

The 2017-2018 Membership Directories are available when you pick up your calendars from the back porch of Jean Naugle (29 Fieldcrest Dr., Scotch Plains). For active members, the Directory is contained within the envelope with your 4 calendars at \$10.00 each. Sustaining members’ directories were mailed on September 2nd. (If you have not received your directory, please make Pat Swick aware). Emeritus members, we will do our best to “hand deliver” your complimentary calendar and Membership Directory to you. Also, contact Pat if you find any of your contact information has been recorded incorrectly or if you have any updates during the year that should be changed.

**LORD AND TAYLOR CHARITY EVENT**

Carolyn Dittus/ Ginger Rachko

The date for the Fall Charity Event has been announced by Lord & Taylor. Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> is the big day. Details will follow soon.

**MEMBERS’ NEWS**

**Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birth dates in September:** Barbara Cronenberger, Pat Goldberg, Marie Weber and sustainers, Renate Gravers and Joanne Pomerantz.

Please change Liz Strong’s e-mail in the DIRECTORY to [lizstrong200@gmail.com](mailto:lizstrong200@gmail.com).

## **PERSONAL NOTE**

I would like to thank the members of College Club who have so generously helped me with their time, thoughts, prayers and best wishes. I know that it is helping with my recovery. It is very good to be home, but I have a very long way to go. I love you all.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sept. 11 – Board Meeting  
Sept. 12 – Literature Group  
Sept. 16 – Clothing Drive  
Sept. 18 – General Meeting  
Sept. 27 – Ladies Who Lunch

