



OCTOBER 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melissa Tice

We kicked off our first meeting with a wonderful program learning about the musical history of Barbershop Quartets and enjoyed the lovely music and upbeat sounds of the Morris Music Men. I look forward to hearing the upcoming presentation by local Scotch Plains resident Alan Sepinwall, TV reviewer and writer at our October 23rd program. Remember to invite a friend or neighbor to come; it is always great to have a full house for the speaker.

I want to thank Joan Skubish and Meril Davies for hosting a nice Open House before the September general meeting and to celebrate our two new members that joined that evening, Barbara Catterall and Luba Schnable. Welcome Barbara and Luba! Please make every effort to introduce yourself to these lovely ladies.

The Calendars are out and look GREAT! Hopefully, you all have your calendars and are selling them to family, friends and neighbors. Make sure to point out our next few programs and encourage them to attend. If you need yours or more to sell, please contact Jean Naugle. Please help out with the upcoming College Night. Sign-up sheets will be circulating at the General meeting or you can call Sue Spirko or Rhonda Riesenbergl regarding volunteer opportunities or Pat Goldberg regarding refreshment donations. This night is such a fantastic opportunity for local students and parents to get information regarding colleges to help them with the daunting process of deciding one's next steps in pursuit of higher education. We should be very proud we organize and support this activity for our Community.

Thank you to all who helped at the Sept 16th Clothing Drive, those who picked up bags throughout the summer and those who donated. It was a big success and many thanks to Cathy Hirschhorn for organizing this event.

Tiger Woods Watch Out!!! At our first monthly "Fun Outing" at Hyatt Hills Mini Golf course (Scotch Hills was closed), 10 of us putted around the greens, with 3 sinking a few Holes in One!! Our next outing is the Halloween Graveyard Walk; please reach out to myself or Pat Swick if interested. Family and friends are welcome to join in on the fun.

See you on October 23rd at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Please arrive before 7:30 pm so we can start the program on time.

PROGRAM

Ellen Harrison/Marie Leppert

On October 23rd, Alan Sepinwall will update us on new TV series or programs as well as critiquing some that have been ongoing. He spent 14 years as a TV critic for the Star Ledger followed by a job with the entertainment news website Hitfix. He now writes for Uproxx. He has published four books. Alan lives in south Scotch Plains and has an office on Front Street. The Barbershop Harmony group seemed to be enjoyed by all. We had a large group of guests, including men. We, your program chairpersons, feel that the College Club members who never attend are missing, not only good programs, but the comradery, the reports on our ongoing mission and the chance to make good friends who share your interests. Let us know how we can entice you with programs to your liking.

We meet at the back entrance of The Presbyterian Church, 74 South Martine Avenue, Fanwood. **The program will begin at 7:30 pm.** Come a few minutes early to enjoy some refreshments.

HOSPITALITY

Carol Donhauser/Marie Leppert/Jean Naugle

Our hostesses for the month of October are the following: Carolyn Dittus, Rosemary Gousman, Marie Leppert, Dorothy Lusk, Ginger Rachko and Connie Sensor. Some suggestions for our refreshments are donuts and cider, popcorn poppers in small snack size bags, nuts, fruit and bottled water. Please let us know if you can come to the meeting, help with set up at 7:00 pm and/or remain for clean up at the end of the evening. Hospitality hostesses are asked to greet guests and members as we demonstrate our Club's friendliness and the value of our programs and fund raising efforts. Please e-mail us your contribution for the general meeting on Monday, October 23rd. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

Meril Davies/Joan Skubish

An Open House and informal light supper for prospective members was held prior to the September general meeting at 6:45 pm in the chapel meeting room at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. We are pleased to report that we have two new members joining our Club.

Barbara Catterall already knows and has worked with several of our members in her professional capacity. A graduate of Notre Dame College of Maryland, Barbara lives at 3003 Cricket Circle, Edison, NJ 08820. Her home telephone number is (908) 757-1976 and her work number is (908) 301-2551. Her e-mail is barbacat9@aol.com.

Luba Schnable also knows several members of College Club as she is rejoining us after an absence of many years. A graduate of Syracuse University, Luba resides at 519 Terrill Road, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Her home telephone number is (908) 322-1845 and her e-mail address is Luba519@aol.com. Please add Barbara and Luba to your Directory and join us in welcoming them to College Club!

We are planning another event for prospective members; please check your e-mail for upcoming information. Tell your prospective member(s) that 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 becoming a member, contact either Meril or Joan.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Cathy Hirschhorn



Our 8th annual College Club Clothing Drive was held on Saturday, Sept 16, 2017 at my house, 59 Russell Road in Fanwood. This year we collected about 430 bags, totaling 5,311 lbs. We have received a check for \$1,062.20!

About 25 members were directly involved in the clothing drive that day and, from June through September, were either helping with Thrift Shop pick-ups, storing bags, loading and unloading bags from homes to my house, making fliers, organizing young helpers and loading the truck. We had enthusiastic helpers from St. Bart's Confirmation Class and local Boy Scouts and their parents too. We are grateful for all the support!! Please continue to

support the Thrift Shop as a way to thank them for working with us all these years on this project. Many hands always make light work! Thanks again to everyone!!

CALENDAR

Mari McDevitt

The 54th edition of our Community Calendar is a reality! To say I am delighted and relieved to hand over the finished product to Distribution Co-Chairs Jean Naugle and Pat Swick is an understatement! How can we all thank Barbara Cronenberger who in the midst of her grief continued to enter all the daily info that is the meat of the calendar?

I'm always grateful to the many women who serve on this large committee, some year after year, and some who don't sign up but help me anyway. We again sold out all the Advertising space. Cheers to Marie Leppert, Connie Klock, Joan Skubish, Meril Davies, Ginger Rachko and Carolyn Dittus who helped me gather 95 returning advertisers and find eight new ones. Be sure to welcome them: our new calendar printer, L&B Printing right here in Scotch Plains, MjM Interiors, Fanwood Pharmacy, Grillestone, Guitar Repair Services, Coldwell Banker/Janice Good-Piga, Fanwood Grille and Duke's Pet Den. I hope our two advertisers who this year became our newest Sponsors will hear from many of you, not just me - that they are most appreciated: Two River Community Bank in Fanwood and i to Eye in Westfield. Thank you to the callers who helped compile all the info for the calendar: Ellen Harrison, Joanne Sheffield and Kathy Egenton. Pat Swick again provided all the dates of holidays, holy days and the 2019 calendar. These proofers met with me at Mara's for three productive sessions: Barbara Cronenberger, Connie Salisbury, Pat Swick, Pat Goldberg and Kathy Egenton. Thanks to our past Treasurer Barbara Timko and new Treasurer Connie Sensor for handling the finances. Our cover credit goes to Tish Isack; Melissa Tice handled the President's Letter and the terrific publicity is the work of Carol Lutz. Thanks to Carol Kiley for the assistance with the distribution of complimentary calendars to the advertisers. Cathy Hirschhorn and Ginger Rachko will help Pat keep the stores and libraries stocked and Bernadette Hoyer will help Jean with the distribution to members.

Last year we sold fewer calendars than usual. PLEASE remember you are ALL the Marketing Co-Chairs since, just as last year, we have no volunteer for that spot. Let's all generate more sales! Each dollar goes directly into the Scholarship Fund. Thank you!

CALENDAR SALES

Mari McDevitt/Jean Nagle/Pat Swick

We are delighted that all of our calendars are in the hands of our members. Please continue to sell or introduce neighbors and friends to the value of our Community calendar.

There are a few members who have not paid for their calendars and we will contact them.

If you need additional calendars please e-mail Jean Naugle or Pat Swick.

Thank you for supporting this vital fund raising effort for our scholarship recipients.

COLLEGE NIGHT

Rhonda Riesenberg/Sue Spirko

The 66th Annual College Night scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm will be here before you know it. 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 during the night to greet reps at the sign-in tables, assist the DECA students and help with anything that may require attention. Food donations are also needed for the light meal provided to the visiting reps. Sign-up sheets will be available at the October meeting, but, because the meeting is just a little over a week before College Night, it would be very much appreciated if you could e-

mail Sue Spirko at sslkt@verizon.net or call (908) 472-8515. You may also contact Pat Goldberg at pgold81@aol.com or call (908) 406-1926 with what you would like to donate or volunteer for.

SCHOLARSHIP

Tish Isack/Marie Walford

We have heard from three of our scholarship winners over the summer. **Gaby MacPherson** was in Florence in late June and had a wonderful experience. Gaby says that she has had so many changes over the past year and feels everything is better. She is in a very happy place in her life.

Hayley Howell has settled in to her new life at RIT. She enjoyed her pre-orientation canoeing and paddle boarding. She is taking a freshman class in American Sign Language. She has two deaf professors which is incredible.

Elisa Staniec spent time in Italy this summer and misses being abroad. However, she is glad to be back at Penn State and her classes are going well.

CC+ME=OUTREACH

Pat Goldberg/Cathy Hirschhorn/Connie Salisbury

Thank you to everyone who donated to September's "Wash Day Bags" for the YMCA in Plainfield.

Our October Community Outreach will benefit the families that participate in the Teaching Homemaker Program sponsored by Holy Redeemer Home Care Agency. These families are of very low income and struggle to meet the basic needs for their children. Certified Home Health Aides visit and provide education on parenting skills, nutrition, home management skills, medical follow-ups and community resources. The goals are to stabilize families and to prevent/reduce child abuse and neglect. We will assist their mission this month by donating the following items:

Diapers (newborn to size 6)

Baby soap

Baby shampoo

Baby lotion

As always we thank you in advance for your generosity!

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ginger Rachko

On Wednesday, October 25th, College Club members will lunch at Darby Road, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains. Those who are interested should call Ginger Rachko at (908) 233-2257 or sign up at the meeting on October 23rd.

LITERATURE GROUP

Ellen Harrison

Our November book selection is "**The Orphan's Tale**" by Pam Jenoff. We will meet at the home of Pat Goldberg, 28 Copperfield Road, Scotch Plains on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm. Pat Swick will review the book.

In "The Orphan's Tale", Noa, a Dutch teenager, has been forced to give up her baby fathered by a Nazi soldier and is sent away from her home. On a train, she discovers a boxcar packed with Jewish infants destined for a concentration camp and she snatches one of the babies. She takes refuge with a traveling circus.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

ACTIVITIES

Melissa Tice/Pat Swick

#1 **Sunday, October 29th – Historical Graveyard Tour** **Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076**



The Church will be holding its annual tour on **SUNDAY, October 29th at 7:00 pm**. We'll meet in the parking lot of the Church; bring a flashlight and perhaps gloves.

If you are interested, but **are afraid of walking on the uneven grass at night, a documentary film regarding the cemetery will be shown in the chapel at the same time**. Following the tour, hot apple cider will be served.

Joan Skubish and I attended a few years back after it had snowed during the day. Despite the cold and snow, we had a great time and found the narrative **VERY** interesting. Each year, the theme changes due to the number of interesting grave stones. Just because you've been in attendance before, don't feel you've heard it all.

Also, for those who may not want to cook before the tour, the church is sponsoring a chili cook-off starting at 5:30 along with a pumpkin contest. You are invited to join the festivities if you so desire.

Contact Melissa or Pat if you are interested in joining us.

#2 **November Day Trip** **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 early November. The minimum number to register as a group is nine people. The two dates we've submitted are Saturday November 4 and November 11 and are awaiting confirmation of the specific date. The tour will begin at 10:30 am. At the October meeting, we will circulate a sign-up sheet for members to indicate final interest in attending and availability to drive. An hour plus is needed for travel time. You can also contact Melissa Tice or Pat Swick to indicate interest in attending.

LORD AND TAYLOR CHARITY EVENT

Carolyn Dittus/ Ginger Rachko

Saturday, November 18th has been scheduled as the Fall Charity Event. Tickets for discounts will be available after October 10th from Ginger and Carolyn at meetings and by request. Tickets are five dollars each and will be used to fund scholarships.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birth dates in October: Teri DiFrancesco, Rosemary Gousman, Cathy Hirschhorn, Melissa Tice and sustainers Suzanne Bousquet, Suzanne Graybar and Jeanne Pauly.

College Club would like to express its sympathy to four of our members: Laura Swidersky on the loss of her husband Raymond, Ellen Sherry and Sue Spirko on the loss of their mothers and Cindy Warren on the loss of her father-in-law.

Congratulations to a new grandmother, Margaret MacIntyre!

Please note the following change in address: Connie Salisbury's correct e-mail is conniebsalisbury@gmail.com (the b was missing in the directory).

Sustainer Barbara Hendrick has a new summer address: 60 Kesumpe Pt. Rd., Holderness, NH 03245.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 23 – General Meeting
Oct. 25 – Ladies Who Lunch
Oct. 29 – Graveyard Tour
Nov. 1 – College Night

