



NOVEMBER 2017

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Melissa Tice

We had an interesting talk by Scotch Plains resident Alan Sepinwall, TV reviewer, critic and writer and how, as a college student, he started writing early critiques on some of his favorite shows and how he has turned that into a successful career. It was fascinating to hear how TV channels and programming have expanded to multiple channels with viewing options of internet, streaming online and cable.

At our General meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, local SP police officer Lieutenant Beverly Peal will be speaking on her involvement with the International Association of Women Police and other similar organizations that endorse the empowerment of women and suppression of crimes against women and children. Thank you to Ellen and Marie for all your efforts to provide us with interesting speakers/programs.

College Night was a HUGE success on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and many thanks go to Sue Spirko, Rhonda Riesenbergs and Pat Goldberg for coordinating and to all of you that donated food, beverages and help throughout the night. A steady stream of parents and students entered the HS and enjoyed speaking with college representatives from 151 colleges. We should be very proud that we organize and support this activity for our Community and help local students with the daunting task of determining their next steps for higher education.

Thank you to all who donated to the "wash bags" and, this month, remember your donation to help Women Homeless veterans.

Unfortunately, due to the wet weather, the Halloween Graveyard tour had to be cancelled. A group was able to go visit the Hindu Mosque on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>; many thanks to Pat Swick for organizing this event.

See you on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Please arrive early for snacks so we can start the program at 7:30 pm. Remember to invite a friend or neighbor to come; it is always great to have a full house for the speaker.

**PROGRAM**

Ellen Harrison/Marie Leppert

On Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>, the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains is so pleased to welcome **Lieutenant Beverly Peal** of the Scotch Plains Police Department. Lieutenant Peal, a lifetime resident of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, became a Scotch Plains police officer in 1993 and rose through the ranks of the police department. She became involved in the International Association of Women Police and other similar organizations. It ultimately led to an invitation to speak at the UN.

Lieutenant Peal will discuss her involvement in the IAWP and the training they provide. The organization represents 62 countries and has endorsed the empowerment of women and the suppression of crimes against women and children.

Please bring a friend and join us for this fascination program. **The program will begin at 7:30 pm** following a brief refreshment period which begins at 7:15 pm.

We meet at the back entrance (on McDermott Place) of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 Martine Avenue at the top of the ramp.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Carol Donhauser/Marie Leppert/Jean Naugle

For the month of November, the following women have signed up for Hospitality:

Barbara Cronenberger, Carol Donhauser, Rhonda Riesenbergr and Sue Spirko.

Please contact Jean Naugle with your contribution of fruit, nuts or a sweet treat. We have individual snack packages and a case of water donated from College Night which we can offer for refreshment.

The November General Meeting will be on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm to help with setup for our hospitality and plan to greet members and guests when they arrive for our meeting.

You will also receive an e-mail concerning your hospitality contribution. Thank you.

## **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! The Holiday Party on December 4<sup>th</sup> is a wonderful opportunity to introduce friends and family to College Club. Plan now to invite a guest to this fun and relaxing social event. She will have the opportunity to meet many of our members as well as learn about our organization!

## **COLLEGE NIGHT**

Rhonda Riesenbergr/Sue Spirko

The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual College Night was held on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Representatives from 151 colleges were in attendance. It appeared to be well attended by high school students and parents alike. The majority of evaluations had positive comments about College Night and the College Club members. So, because of all of you who donated the delicious food and drinks and volunteered your time that night to set-up and clean-up, greet and sign in the reps, assist the DECA students, greet the students and parents and solve issues that came up, College Night was again a SUCCESS. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of you. A special acknowledgement goes to Pat Goldberg and her returning kitchen helpers (You know who you are!) for organizing the dinner for the college representatives. It was enjoyed by all. A thank you also needs to go to Carol Liscinsky, our liaison in the counseling department at the high school, for all her coordination and help.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Tish Isack/Marie Walford

Checks for the scholarship winners will be sent to their universities to pay for the spring tuition at the beginning of December.

## CC+ME=OUTREACH

Pat Goldberg/Cathy Hirschhorn/Connie Salisbury

Thank you to everyone who generously donated baby items for the Teaching Homemaker Program sponsored by Holy Redeemer Home Care in Elizabeth. All together, we gave 560 diapers, 1430 wipes, 14 bottles of shampoo/baby wash and 3 bottles of lotion/powder.

Thank you to Jean Naugle who transported all the items for us.

This month, in honor of Veteran's Day, we are participating in **Operation Chill Out**, a program that assists homeless veterans. We are stuffing 2 backpacks with cold weather necessities for women veterans that are homeless. Please see the poster on display for information at our meeting. Thank you to all who have already chosen items to buy.

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ginger Rachko

Ladies Who Lunch will meet on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at The Stage House Inn, Park Avenue at 12:30 pm. We welcome all members to join us. Just RSVP to Ginger by Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and see you on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## LITERATURE GROUP

Ellen Harrison

Our November book selection is "**The Orphan's Tale**" by Pam Jenoff.

Please note that the book group meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> will be held at the **home of Helen Piasecki, 2123 Gallagher Avenue, Scotch Plains**. This is a change from the original schedule. Pat Swick will review the book.

We will start off the New Year with the book "**The Charm Bracelet**" by Viola Shipman. We will meet at my home, 5 Shirewood Drive, Scotch Plains on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Tish Isack will review the book.

In "**The Charm Bracelet**", three generations of women explore their past and the connections among them with their charm bracelets and what each charm represents. They come together as they realize that Lolly, the grandmother, is developing memory issues.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

## LORD AND TAYLOR CHARITY EVENT

Carolyn Dittus/ Ginger Rachko

Lord & Taylor heard us and this year the goal is back to 50 tickets. We receive a bonus for selling 50 tickets. If each member of College Club purchased a ticket, we would easily achieve our goal. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 and is used to fund our scholarships. The tickets also save you money by providing discounts on purchases, including makeup. The Charity Day is **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Call Ginger or Carolyn for tickets and help us reach our goal.

## MEMBERS' NEWS

**Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birth dates in November and December:** Elaine Carman, Carol Donhauser, Connie Klock, Carol Lutz, Mari McDevitt, Rhonda Riesenber, Joan Skubish, Liz Strong, Laura Swidersky, Judy Terry, and sustainers Anne Butler, Barbara Hendrick, Lucille McGann, Mary Lou Ricker, Peggy Tan and Barbara Timko.

Please note that Renate Gravers' cell phone number has changed to 240-825-5574.

The College Club expressed its sympathy to the families of the following members who died recently: Monica Seifert and Ethel Barth, to Laura Swidersky on the loss of her husband and to Robin Musso, former member and Past President, on the death of her father.

**ACTIVITIES**

Melissa Tice/Pat Swick

**#1 November Day Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Robbinsville, NJ**



The trip to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Robbinsville was held on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Seven people took in the breathtaking art at the Mandir: Jean Naugle, Meril Davies, Pat Swick, sustainer Lee Heinzemann and her husband Fred and two of Pat's friends. All had an enjoyable day.

**#2 In December, the Holiday Party** will be the activity for the month.

**Join us  
for the College Club  
Holiday Party** ✨

**Monday, December 4, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

**The Fanwood Presbyterian Church**



- ✧ Plan to bring either an **Appetizer, Entree, or Dessert**
- ✧ Please sign up at the November General Meeting or **RSVP to Pat Swick** via email @ [pat.swick@us.futjitsu.com](mailto:pat.swick@us.futjitsu.com) by **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**
- ✧ Please feel free to bring a guest!
- ✧ Collection for **Tiny Tim** will be taken that evening.

**THANK YOU**

Marie Weber

I want to thank all my club friends, dear old ones and new members that I have yet to meet, for the lovely cards and good wishes they sent for my 95th birthday. My daughters planned a family celebration and your cards added to the joy of the day. Many thanks again.

Affectionately, Marie Weber

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Nov. 14 – Book Group
- Nov. 18 – Lord & Taylor Event
- Nov. 20 – General Meeting
- Nov. 29 – Ladies Who Lunch
- Dec. 4 – Holiday Party

