



FEBRUARY 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melissa Tice

EMPOWERING WOMEN for 85 YEARS!!!

We can be proud that the Club has touched and continues to touch so many people's lives through our scholarships - empowering young women to pursue their educational goals, our monthly programs providing new opportunities to learn and exposure to new topics and speakers, our Community outreach activities and our caring for our own club members; now this is something to **CELEBRATE!!**

Let's make our 2018 Spring Luncheon on April 29th an event to celebrate the club's many achievements and to continue our pursuit to empower women! I hope you can all come and bring your friends and family!

We need **EVERYONE** to **help**: sell your raffle tickets, sell your 2 luncheon tickets and go back for more and try to get a table together if you can. Make a basket (team up with another member if you like), donate lottery tickets, pick up a restaurant gift card or certificate from your favorite eatery and sign up to help in the preparation or on the date of the event.

February is a special **HEART** month; in addition to Valentine's Day; it is important to **Go RED for Women**. Remember to take care of yourself and your heart to help prevent heart disease. For more information, go to **GoRedForWomen.org**.

Thanks to all who donated supplies and participated in making lunches for local homeless shelter for our community outreach and MLK Day of Service.

See you on February 26th at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Please arrive early for snacks so that we can start the program at 7:30 pm. I will have Laura Sassi's new book for you to preview and pre-order forms for anyone interested. **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, February 26th, we will host the non-profit organization "Creature Comfort Pet Therapy". A team will come with two dogs to educate us about their work with the frail and elderly, adults with mental illness, veterans living in transitional housing, children with reading problems, children with physical or learning disabilities and anxious or frightened hospital patients. Last year, we learned about harp therapy. This year it's pet therapy!

HOSPITALITY

Carol Donhauser/Marie Leppert/Jean Naugle

The following women signed up to provide snacks or beverages for the **February 26, 2018** monthly meeting: Teri DeFrancesco, Tish Isack, Connie Klock, Margaret McIntyre, Ellen Sherry and Lillian Wiener.

Please let us know what you would like to contribute for hospitality: cookies, snack bags, fruit, cheese and crackers, nuts or a beverage (we have lots of bottled water already). Our program is on Pet Therapy. Be creative.-.perhaps ANIMAL CRACKERS - just a thought. Please contact Carol Donhauser (CAMHofer@aol.com) with what you plan to contribute.

We would like our hostesses to arrive at **The Fanwood Presbyterian Church by 7:00 pm** to assist with the set up and to be prepared to greet guests and members when they arrive. Hostesses will receive an e-mail or you may contact one of us with your contribution.

Thank you in advance from the Hospitality Committee!

CC+ME=OUTREACH

Pat Goldberg/Cathy Hirschhorn/Connie Salisbury

"Caring" is certainly the word to describe our CC Outreach program this year. From "Washday Bags", new baby supplies, winter clothing for homeless women veterans, Tiny Tim donations to over 90 bag lunches for distribution at the Plainfield Salvation Army, your contributions have made for our success.

SEW....do we have a sweetheart project for February!!

Operation Warm Heart is a program through the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless which is based at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. They host about 14 people every two weeks and have found that they are often in need of sewing and mending items. They would very much appreciate the following:

- An iron
- Seam binding
- Shoe laces (regular and sneakers length)
- Denim iron-on patches
- Stitch witchery
- Buttons
- Thread

Sewing items can be purchased at Walmart, Michaels and Target. We will have a donation basket at the sign-in table for our February general meeting if you would like to make a monetary contribution toward the purchasing of an iron. As always, thank you in advance!

MEMBERSHIP

Meril Davies/Joan Skubish

Please remember to invite a friend, neighbor or relative to our next general meeting on February 26th to hear about Pet Therapy. This program should be of particular interest to all your friends that have pets and we'll have two dogs present that night! Remember 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 College Club, contact either Meril or Joan.

SCHOLARSHIP

Tish Isack/Marie Walford

We have started to organize the 2018-2019 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, 2018. 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.

Thus past month, we have heard from the following scholarship winners:

Fizzah Ehsan, a freshman at The College of New Jersey, tells us that her first semester went very well and she is thrilled with her decision to attend TCNJ. She has “met great people, made new friends and has been volunteering”. She is looking forward to the spring semester. Fizzah thanks us and wishes us “lots of surprises, love and happiness”.

Liz Gelling, a senior at FIT, has completed her 7th semester and is preparing concepts and designs for her final thesis project. She will be creating three runway-ready looks. Liz thanks us for our support for her four years.

Julia Guarneri, a freshman at UVA, enjoys our newsletter and will send us an update about her second semester.

Hayley Howell, a freshman at RIT, has begun her second semester with a more rigorous schedule than last semester. She has joined the archery club, the Health Science and Technology Student Association and the Ultrasound Student Association. Hayley is looking into the Study Abroad program in France. She wishes us well for 2018.

Elisa Staniec, a junior at Penn State, already has a busy spring schedule. She has great classes this semester, one where she spends two days a week in an elementary school. Elisa thanks us for what we do.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ginger Rachko

The Ladies Who Lunch will meet on Wednesday, February 28th at 12:30 pm at **Fabio's Bistro** (one of our new advertisers), 217 South Avenue, Fanwood, next to the Fanwood Train Station. All are welcome. Just let Ginger know if you are planning on attending.

LITERATURE GROUP

Ellen Harrison

On February 13th, the book group will meet at the home of Kathy Egerton to review “*In My Brother's Image*” by Eugene Pogeny. All are welcome.

Our March book selection is “*A Piece of the World*” by Christine Baker Kline. The group is meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:30 pm at the home of Joanne Sheffield, 1415 Graymill Drive, Scotch Plains. Joanne will also review the book.

In “*A Piece of the World*”, Christina Baker Kline brings to life the story of Anna Christina Olson and the painting of “Christina's World” by Andrew Wyeth (on display at the Museum of Modern Art). Christina was a 45-year-old woman with a degenerative neurological condition living on a farm in Maine when she met Andrew Wyeth. He created many paintings of family members and scenes of the farmhouse and the property over several years as he frequently visited the farm. Christina narrates the story of her life from the time she was a young school girl.

THE SPRING LUNCHEON

Pat Swick

Reminder! EVERYTHING you ever wanted to KNOW about the April 29th LUNCHEON is within the personalized envelope which has been put together for each member containing:

- Two – booklets of 50/50 tickets to sell
- Two – raffle tickets for a \$500 Shop Rite Gift certificate to sell
- Two – Save the Date Cards (A soft copy is attached to the newsletter)
- Two – solicitation letters and forms for merchandise and gift certificate collection
- List of all chair persons and drop-off locations.

If you still have a question, contact the lead for a particular area or contact Pat Swick.

If you missed picking up your envelope, it is available on Jean Naugle's back porch. Look for your name on the outside of the envelope.

We need everyone's help! Working together as ONE team, we are sure to have an enjoyable and successful event! Thank you in advance for all that you do!

REMINDER: We are in need of empty baskets that we can fill. If you have any that you can give, we would appreciate it.

All Gift Card and Baskets are due by St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. This will give the basket and program committee enough time to organize the materials for wrapping and listing in the program. When you have completed your own basket, it can be dropped off at Connie Salisbury's at 2 Fieldcrest Drive. Call her at 908-789-3098.

SAVE the DATE

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Celebrating the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains

85th

Anniversary

and

The Scholarship Fundraising Luncheon

at the Plainfield Country Club

\$50.00 per ticket

Guest speaker: Laura Sassi, author of children's books: "Goodnight Ark," "Goodnight Manger" and "Diva Delores and the Opera House Mouse"



Invite friends, family, mothers of school-age children, Grandmothers...
A day of fun and enjoyment for all ages!

ACTIVITIES

Melissa Tice/Pat Swick

February Bunco Night – We have had a few people sign up to play Bunco, but we need a few more. **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** It is lots of fun and a good way to meet and have fun playing a game that requires **NO SKILL**. All you do is roll 3 dice! Can't be easier than that! Need a minimum of 8 people to play. 12 is perfect! E-mail Pat Swick or Melissa Tice if you'd like to play and let us know which nights work into your schedule (Monday through Saturday). Contact us no later than Valentine's Day, so that we can pick the best night for all.

On January 23rd, 12 of us ventured into Westfield and saw the movie "The Post". For many of us who remembered the newsworthiness of Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers in the early '70's, it was quite thought provoking!

MEMBERS' NEWS

There will be a Celebration of Ted Sensor's life on Sunday Feb 11th from 1-9 pm at the Italian American Club in Scotch Plains. All are welcome to stop by anytime between 1 and 9pm. Please feel free to share with others that may have known Ted or other members of the Sensor family and would like to pay their respects.

Please continue to keep Connie, Tim and their sons, Chris, Jamie and Brian in your thoughts and prayers during this very sad and difficult time.

Congratulations to Marie Leppert who was presented with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Martin Luther King Day of Service Award which is given each year to a member of the community for "service to the community in the fulfillment of the ideals of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Carolyn Dittus is still recovering from her back surgery. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers. We all hope for a healthy recovery.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 13 – Literature Group

Feb. 26 – General Meeting

Feb. 28 – Ladies Who Lunch

