



March 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melissa Tice

At our February meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful program and three very friendly dogs from the non-profit organization, Creature Comfort Pet Therapy. Our organizations have similarities in that we both provide outreach and support to our various communities.

Countdown is on to The Spring Fundraiser! With March 17th as the date to drop off baskets and/or donations to create baskets or silent auction, it is important that we keep to the date to help us stay on track to deliver big on April 29th.

To keep the Club growing, please invite friends and neighbors to the event and to our monthly meeting programs. It is only through your personal outreach that we can invite new people to join us in our Mission and Purpose. We can be proud that the Club has and continues to touch so many people's lives through our scholarships - empowering young women to pursue their educational goals. See you on March 19th at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church to hear beautiful music from the NJ Strings Workshop. Please arrive early for snacks so 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 musicians.

PROGRAM

Ellen Harrison/Marie Leppert

On Monday, March 19th, we are so fortunate to have the **Wednesday Morning Strings** to perform for us. The Wednesday Morning Strings is an ensemble of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, comprised of musicians who play the violin, viola, cello and string bass. The ensemble plays a mix of classical, Broadway, jazz, country, folk and contemporary music.

The NJ Workshop for the Arts was founded in 1972 by Dr. Ted Schlossberg, a music teacher in the Westfield Public Schools from 1967 to 1996. The NJ Workshop for the Arts began with 100 students and has now accommodated hundreds of students who enrolled in more than 60 programs, including outreach services to local communities. Dr. Schlossberg recently passed the baton to Janet Lyman who has a BM in violin and MMed in music education from the Manhattan School of Music.

Please bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy this wonderful concert on Monday, March 19th at The Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 South Martine Avenue (McDermott Street entrance). The program begins at 7:30 pm after a brief refreshment period.

HOSPITALITY

Carol Donhauser/Marie Leppert/Jean Naugle

The March hostesses are: Kathy Egenton, Mari McDevitt, Pat Swick, Cindy Warren and Sherry Woodruff.

The hostesses will receive an e-mail a week before the March general meeting on March 19th. We request our hostesses arrive at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church (side door – up the ramp) at 7:00 pm to assist with set up of the hospitality table and then to greet members and guests.

Please let us know if you would like to bring fruit, nuts, cheese and crackers, a sweet treat or a beverage. You may e-mail Jean Naugle who will help coordinate the contributions at jgnog29@verizon.net or call home at (908) 654-5460. Thank you in advance for your participation.

CC+ME=OUTREACH

Pat Goldberg/Cathy Hirschhorn/Connie Salisbury

Thank you to all who contributed to the sewing/iron fund for the homeless. We will be purchasing an iron and also donating over 100 spools of thread, 15 shoe laces, 17 patches, 4 rolls of stitch witchery, 1 handheld mending machine, measuring tapes, pins & needles and a mason jar full of buttons in all shapes and sizes!

As we count the days for sunny, warm weather, let's put spring in the air with a treat to our College Club scholarship recipients as they prepare for their end of the year activities. A basket will be available at the March General meeting for your donation toward purchasing Dunkin Donut gift cards.

MEMBERSHIP

Meril Davies/Joan Skubish

We are pleased to report that Marilyn Rector Bartley has rejoined us as a member of College Club! Marilyn, a former Treasurer of College Club, has graciously agreed to assist Connie Sensor. Marilyn resides at 405 Acacia Road, Scotch Plains and her home phone number is (908) 233-6469. Marilyn's cell phone number is (908) 917-8859 and her e-mail address is marilynrector@yahoo.com.

Marilyn's daughter Lindsey is a freshman at the high school and is already on the varsity volleyball team! Her sons, Drew and Brian, are at Park Middle School. Kerrilyn and Danielle are living on their own now.

Marilyn is a graduate of Seton Hall University and is the niece of our own Marie Leppert. Please add Marilyn's contact information to your Directory and welcome back Marilyn!

Please remember to invite a friend, neighbor or relative to our next general meeting on March 19th to hear the **Wednesday Morning Strings** group from the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in Westfield. 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

The Scholarship Committee begins its work this week and will finish in April.

We received an e-mail from **Alexis Marta**. She is very happy to be back at TCNJ this semester. She thanks us for our support while she was ill. "The cards really were such a bright spot in my life. I have them on my desk so when I was feeling discouraged I would read the positive messages."

She is loving the spring semester, making friends and finding her classes fascinating.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ginger Rachko

Ladies Who Lunch will have its own St. Patrick's Day Celebration! We will meet on Wednesday, March 28th at Molly Maguire's, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark at 12:30 pm. Hope you will join us for a fun time.

THE SPRING LUNCHEON-85TH ANNIVERSARY- -APRIL 29th

Pat Swick

St. Patrick's Day – Saturday, March 17th. Do you remember why this is an important date? All BASKETS and items for the SILENT AUCTION are due to be delivered to Connie Salisbury! Gift cards/restaurant gift certificates (which you are soliciting/collecting) and your wine donations should be turned in to Pat Swick no later than March 19th at the General Meeting.

Rub off lottery tickets for the Lottery "tree" in the basket raffle are being collected by Pat Goldberg.

We need to sell a minimum of 150 luncheon tickets (We have yet to sell 75). Send your luncheon ticket money to Helen Piasecki. **(From March 14 through Easter, contact Pat Swick to purchase tickets - Helen will be visiting Florida!)** Please invite all your friends, acquaintances, and family members! Help us celebrate our...

85th Anniversary of Enabling Women!

Your friends will be in for a treat! Our Basket Raffle is amazing (usually at least 60 baskets worth \$60 to \$75+ each). The Silent Auction will have some beautiful and unique selections! A wonderful luncheon will be provided with an entertaining guest speaker (Laura Sassi, local author of children's books: Goodnight Ark, Goodnight Manger, and Diva Delores and the Opera House Mouse) who will also be available to sell and sign any of her books you might like to purchase. If someone cannot come to the luncheon, ask her if she might like to purchase one of our raffle tickets to support the scholarship fund!

If you missed picking up your Luncheon envelope, contact Jean Naugle. We would hope that you can sell all the tickets that have been distributed to you:

- Two – booklets of 50/50 tickets to sell (Sue Spirko)
- Two – raffle tickets for a \$500.00 Shop Rite Gift certificate to sell (Dorothy Lusk)
- 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 (noted on your envelope) or contact Pat Swick.

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!

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!

LITERATURE GROUP

Ellen Harrison

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.

Our April book selection is "*A Spool of Blue Thread*" by Anne Tyler. We will be meeting at the home of Carol Donhauser, 28 Fenimore Drive, Scotch Plains, on Tuesday April 10th at 7:30 pm. Marie Leppert will review the book.

"*A Spool of Blue Thread*" is the story of the Whitshank family of Baltimore. Red and Abby, who have four grown children, live in the home that was lovingly built by Junior, Red's father. The story speaks about their middle-class life and family interactions and decisions that must be made as Red and Abby age.

All are welcome to attend.

ACTIVITIES

Melissa Tice/Pat Swick

Mah Jong was cancelled for March 7th, but has been **rescheduled** for Wednesday, March 21st at 7:15 pm at the home of Rhonda Riesenberg, 236 Belvidere Avenue, Fanwood. No experience is required. This is a learning opportunity for those who enjoy the challenge of a game. Please RSVP only to Rhonda so that she can have the required number of chairs. If you cannot attend, but wish to stay informed for future MJ, e-mail her as well at rhondar888@yahoo.com.

There is no activity planned for April so that we can concentrate on the activities for the Spring Luncheon.

MEMBERS' NEWS

College Club extends its sympathies to Ginger Rachko on the loss of her companion, Michael Rebuth.

Carolyn Dittus is at Lantern Hill Rehab in New Providence. We wish her well.

Joan Skubish has a display of vintage purses at the Fanwood Library through March. Stop in to view them.

Barbara and Chuck Timko have a new address in Williamsburg. It is 129 Hunter Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Home phone number is (757) 378-3120 and the cell is (908) 313-5505.

Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birth dates in March: Tish Isack, Margaret MacIntyre, Pat Swick, and Helene Miale.

COTTAGE IN WALES

Meril Davies

This is to inform you that our cottage in Wales will no longer be offered in the 'Silent Auction' at the Scholarship Luncheon Fundraiser. Because we are not permanent residents, the property taxes on the cottage will be doubled and together with other increases in maintenance costs, it makes no sense for us to keep it. However, I will make it available till July 2019 for \$600 per week payable to College Club to any member (family or friends) of College Club. Contact me via e-mail or phone (see Membership Directory) and together we can work on some dates.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 13 – Literature Group

Mar. 19 – General Meeting

Mar. 21 – Mah Jong

Mar. 28 – Ladies Who Lunch

