



April 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Melissa Tice

Celebrate our 85th Anniversary-Come to the Luncheon April 29th!!!

In less than 3 weeks, we will host our **BIGGEST** event of the year: Our Spring Luncheon to raise funds for Scholarships and to celebrate and support our Club's wonderful legacy of **EMPOWERING WOMEN for 85 years!!!** You should all be very proud of how this Club has made a difference in the lives of many local Fanwood and Scotch Plains young women. **What a FANTASTIC accomplishment!**

Over the next few weeks, please make your last push to sell luncheon tickets (we still need to sell 25), to sell our 50/50 raffle tickets and ShopRite gift card raffle tickets and to sign up to help the day of the event. Many hands will make light work.

This past week, I attended the celebration of Douglass College's 100th Anniversary (1918-2018) with a book launch about the college. It was very fascinating to hear from the 3 authors how the College and specifically the Deans had to navigate changing times, to be creative and strategic to maintain the College's identity and mission through difficult times, whether it be due to the politics of the day or the mindset of education for women: World Wars, Great Depression, Anti-war protest in the 60's, demands for equality and women's rights. Douglass has survived and prospered as a Women's college against adversity to ultimately become known as a premier women's college that has excelled in its support of women's leadership, careers in STEM and global diversity of the students and faculty.

I can just imagine that our College Club has had similar challenges over the past 85 years and we are "Stronger Together" and we need to continue to support our mission, to encourage new members to join and to help us make a difference in our Community *via* the monthly programs-educational, fun, and enjoyable; our community outreach and support of local young women's education. Whenever I tell colleagues about our Club, they are so impressed with how much we do and give to others - the largest amount of local scholarship money every year (\$30,000 will be given out by the Club this year). **Wow!** - That is impressive for a small group of dedicated women and just think what we could accomplish with a few extra members; bigger aspirations and goals lie ahead. My thanks to all of you for contributing every year so we can accomplish our goal! Now let's **celebrate on April 29th and have a good time!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! 😊

A **BIG "shout out"** to our APRIL program "**KEEP THIS TOSS THAT**". A local SPF graduate Jamie Novak known for her de-clutter and spring cleaning tips has been on TV /QVC sharing her secrets and now we get to hear her firsthand on April 23rd at Union Catholic High School! Come and bring your friends!

PROGRAM

Ellen Harrison/Marie Leppert

On Monday, April 23rd, we will welcome Jamie Novak an organizing humorist, a 1990 graduate of SPFHS and a bestselling author. Jamie has been helping busy people find time to declutter for many years. She is the author of multiple bestselling books including her most recent **Keep This Toss That**. You may have seen Jamie on QVC or HGTV and currently she writes for Readers Digest. Jamie travels nationally presenting her trademark programs and, when she is not on the road, she is trying to find a cure for her addiction to clipping recipes she never prepares. Bring a friend or two! Remember this meeting will be at the Union Catholic cafeteria.

Please join us for our next program committee meeting. We welcome all suggestions, but would love to have your input even if you do not have suggestions. We will be meeting at the home of Ellen Harrison, 5 Shirewood Drive in Scotch Plains on Thursday April 26th at 7:30 pm.

HOSPITALITY

Carol Donhauser/Marie Leppert/Jean Naugle

The hostesses for the April 23rd meeting are: Jean Naugle, Marguerite Sahaj, Connie Salisbury, Joanne Sheffield and Laura Swidersky.

*** Please note we have a change in location for the April Meeting. **We will meet at Union Catholic High School in the cafeteria** which is on the left side of the building (when facing the building from Martine Avenue) and entrance and parking are on the left side.

The hostesses will receive an e-mail a week before the April general meeting. We request our hostesses arrive at Union Catholic High School 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 jnogg29@verizon.net or call home at (908) 654-5460.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

SCHOLARSHIP

Tish Isack/Marie Walford

The Scholarship Committee has been working for the last month and has completed its review of the 2018-2019 applications. The Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to interview the semi-finalists and then to determine the 2018-2019 scholarship recipients.

MEMBERSHIP

Meril Davies/Joan Skubish

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.

85th Anniversary of Empowering

A few things to review:

1. **Scratch-off lottery tickets** for the lottery “tree” are still being collected. Haven’t contributed? Please bring a couple of tickets to the General Meeting on April 23rd; these are being collected by Pat Goldberg.
We would like to have a total of **\$170 00** worth of scratch-off tickets, **\$85⁰⁰** for each prize. Can you help? **We have \$130.00** as of Monday April 9th. Pat Goldberg will be happy to pick up tickets from you.
2. We have to sell a minimum of **150 luncheon tickets** and have yet to reach that figure. Send your luncheon ticket money to Helen Piasecki. If you are not bringing a friend, please reach out and do so! The more friends at the luncheon, the more Raffle and Silent Auction sales we will have that aren’t coming out of your pockets!
3. **50/50 chance** sales are slow. Have you returned your 2 sold books of stubs to Sue Spirko? (If you work, you’d be surprised how many co-workers will purchase a few chances. How about selling to neighbors?)
4. **\$500 00 ShopRite Gift Certificate Raffle** (Gift card can be used at **ANY ShopRite**). Sales are also slow. If your friends cannot come to the luncheon, ask them to purchase a raffle ticket. The \$5.00 ticket price is pure revenue for Scholarships.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Basket Raffle and Silent Auction! We will soon be publishing lists for you to share with your friends.

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! **See you at 11 a.m. on April 29th**.

LITERATURE GROUP

Ellen Harrison

Our last book for the year is "**Lilac Girls**" by Martha Hall Kelly. Our discussion will take place at the home of Pat Goldberg, 28 Copperfield Road, Scotch Plains on Tuesday May 8th at 7:30 pm. (This is a change in location from the original schedule).

The novel "**Lilac Girls**" begins at the start of World War II. Carolyn Ferriday (an actual person) was a young New York socialite who was passionate about her charity work saving French orphans. Kasia Kuzmerick is a fictional 17-year old Polish girl who was sent to Ravensbrook concentration camp along with her mother and sister who was a doctor. She is a composite of actual prisoners at Ravensbrook who suffered from experimental medical procedures they were forced to endure. One of the doctors who performed some of the horrendous experiments was the ambitious Herta Oberhauser, another real person.

CALENDAR

Mari McDevitt

This will be our 55th edition! Please consider being part of this highly visible Community Service project and one of our two major scholarship fundraisers. You will be MOST welcome! And you are MOST needed in helping on any of the 4 committees. They are listed below with the approximate time frame involved for each. I hope you will choose one or more of the following ways to help so all areas will be covered:

Advertising: 10 people for the month of May and one day in late August

Production:

- a. Community Organizations and Churches: 5 people to gather info in June *via* phone or e-mail
- b. Municipal Info for SP & Fanwood: 1 person in late June/early July
- c. Board of Ed liaison for all monthly school info & Bd. of Ed. insert: 1 person from mid-June through mid-July
- d. Info for skeleton of calendar: holidays, monthly layouts 9/2018-12/ 2019 & 2020 calendar & holidays: 1 person in late May or early June
- e. Input & Layout of all material for body of calendar in June and July: 1 person
- f. Cover Design: 2 people in May & June
- g. Proofreading: 5-6 people in late June, mid-July, late July and early August (4 days total)

Marketing:

- a. Sales: 5 people from August through October
- b. Publicity: 1 person mid or late August

Distribution: 4-5 people 3rd week of August to November (1 continues through January)

- a. CC Members
- b. SP stores & library
- c. Fanwood stores & library
- d. Coordinator/main depot/keeps records

Use your special skills and talents. Ideas and suggestions are most welcome! No meeting required! Please call Mari at 917-5979 or e-mail to mlwmcd@aol.com. Thanks!

CC+ME=OUTREACH

Pat Goldberg/Cathy Hirschhorn/Connie Salisbury

The Dunkin Donut gift cards have been mailed to all the scholarship recipients. Thank you to all who contributed. Thank you notes were received from Nada Amer, Rachel Lambert and Gabriela MacPherson.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ginger Rachko

The Ladies Who Lunch will celebrate Cinco de Mayo a bit early on Wednesday, April 25th at 12:30 pm. We will dine at River and Rail Cantina, 230 South Avenue, Cranford. The restaurant is across from the train station. This is not strictly a Mexican Restaurant. Burgers and other items are always available. Hope you can join us! Call Ginger at 908-889-4105.

ACTIVITIES

Rhonda Riesenberg

Mah Jong has been **rescheduled** for Wednesday, April 18th 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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dorothy Lusk

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following Slate of Officers for the 2018-2019 year for approval at the May meeting:

President: Melissa Tice
Vice President: Sue Spirko
Recording Secretary: Pat Swick
Corresponding Secretary: Pat Goldberg
Co-Treasurers: Connie Sensor & Marilyn Bartley
Director: Dorothy Lusk

Election of officers will take place at our annual meeting on May 7th. As per Article IV, Section 3 of our Bylaws: "At the time of election at the annual meeting in May, additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the prior consent of the proposed nominees has been obtained."

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY/DATA SHEETS/DUES Pat Swick

It's that time of year.-time for Data Sheets to be filled in! We can't wait to find out how each of you *want* to help the Club in the New Year; basically all you need to do is check off items. Please print out the Data Sheet included as an attachment and return your completed sheet *via* e-mail, snail mail or bring with you to the General Meeting in April or May (copies will also be available at the April General meeting to fill out prior to your leaving!)

- Data Sheet due by May 7th – Annual/General meeting
- Dues for the 2018-2019 year will continue to be **\$45.00 - due by June 30th**
- Sustaining Members' dues will remain at **\$25.00, also due by June 30th**
- All Membership dues payments should be sent to the PO Box or given to Pat Swick

Payments AFTER June 30th:

- A late fee will be assessed - **dues will be \$50.00**
- No guarantee that you will be included in the Membership directory (applies to both Members and Sustainers).

BOARD AND REGULAR/ANNUAL MEETING

On May 7th, we will meet at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church for our "trio" of meetings. Following our format of last year, the Board will gather for a short meeting at 6:30 pm, followed by the regular General Business Meeting at 7:30 pm and then the Annual Meeting will commence. There will also be the election of our officers in the Annual Meeting. We

would encourage you to attend these important meetings. We will enjoy Fellowship Time after the meetings.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating their birth dates in April: Jane Clausen, Marie Leppert, Carol Rizzo and sustainer, Anne Johansen.

College Club expresses its sympathies on the passing of Carolyn Dittus, a former Past President.

Ginger Rachko thanks the College Club members for their cards, prayers and support during Michael Rebut's illness and passing.

Elaine and Zeno Lyon have moved to the Chelsea in Fanwood. Elaine's address is 295 South Avenue, Fanwood, Apt. #425. Cards and visits would be appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed. Apr. 18 – Mah Jong

Mon. Apr. 23 – General Meeting

Wed. Apr. 25 – Ladies Who Lunch

Sun. Apr. 29 – Spring Luncheon

Mon. May 7 – Board/Regular/Annual Meeting

Tues. May 8 – Book Group

Mon. May 21 – Scholarship Dinner



SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Kathy Egenton/Ellen Sherry

Plans are underway for our Annual Scholarship Dinner which will be held on **Monday, May 21st** beginning at **6:00 pm** at the first United Methodist Church. This event is the culmination of all the hard work which goes into making our Club year successful. We ask ALL members to make every effort to attend and celebrate the work accomplished and to greet and meet the young women who will be recipients of our scholarships.

We ask you to confirm your attendance by completing the form below and sending the form or bring to our CC general meeting April 23rd or May 7th and your check for **\$15.00** per person, payable to College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains to Kathy Egenton, 16 Willow Avenue, Fanwood no later than **Monday, May 14th**. If you have any questions, contact Kathy at 908-419-5560 or by e-mail at kegenton@yahoo.com

TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO
Kathy Egenton, 16 Willow Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023

_____ I am planning to attend the Scholarship Reception on Monday, May 21 2018

_____ I cannot attend but would like to donate money to cover a meal for a scholarship recipient

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____