

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

December 2020

President's Message

Like many of you, I am sure, I cannot wait to see the end of this year of isolation, political hysteria, and fear. That is why I am looking forward so much to our last program where we can all sing (and no one can tell how bad we are) and find something red or green to wear. It's been a long time since we had something fun on the horizon and the chance to think about what to wear. I personally cannot wait to see what Martha Mathews is going to wear. It's going to be a statement I promise!

As we head toward the end of this year, I do want to thank some of the members who certainly made this fall so much easier for me. I don't know what I would have done about Zoom without Bonnie Larson and Helen Ju. They were both so generous of their time with all of us trying to master this new way of meeting. Endless patience and real kindness. I still find Zoom somewhat terrifying, but I know that I can count on them bailing me out and being reassuring about it all.

Behind the scenes the board is working on updating (into the 21st century!) our bylaws. Connie Loukatos, Jan Stout and Carol Stokes are leading this effort in times of difficult communication but imaginative suggestions (and software!). Going forward the membership will be asked to vote on their efforts. We really need this effort and I am so grateful for their hard work and energy.

And our program chairs, Janet Reiche and Barbara Johnson, have worked so hard to entertain and inform us. I still fumble turning the host job over on Zoom and appreciate their patience.

Is there anyone more reassuring and wiser than our treasurer, Marlene Gordon? She quelled my panic about dues not being paid and a membership that has shrunk as people face this dearth of contact and activities.

So, going forward into the new year I think we have much to look forward to and I want us all to wear masks, wash hands, practice social distancing and be hopeful.

Kathy Hutchins

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER Monday, December 21, 1 PM

"It's the most Wonderful Time"

Join the College Club Chorus* as John Calkins leads us through a variety of favorite holiday songs and entertains us with his spirited vocal renditions. What better way to lighten our hearts during this festive season which will be celebrated much differently this year?

John is a versatile vocal performer as well as an educator. A Carnegie Hall soloist, he also teaches and lectures to many audiences. His repertoire includes jazz, rock and roll, musical theatre and classical music pieces. Many of his students have performed on the Broadway stage as well as on National tours throughout the country.

Prepare to join in the spirit of the afternoon by "donning" your festive red or green. Prepare to sing enthusiastically and listen with joy as John entertains us with his holiday magic in song. Remember, "it's the most Wonderful Time of the Year."

*we are all members

Janet Reiche

**The general meetings are being held on Zoom.
Remember to wear red or green for this meeting.**

***BEFORE EACH MEETING, KATHY HUTCHINS WILL
SEND OUT AN EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW
TO DIAL INTO THE MEETINGS.***

***PLEASE NOTE:
THE JANUARY ZOOM MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THE SECOND MONDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 1 PM.***

BOARD MEETING

The January board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5, at 10 AM on Zoom.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

How are you spending your time during this pandemic? We are highlighting some of our members who have been busy with hobbies or crafts. This month we are highlighting Jan Stout, a board member.



“At this time of limited opportunities to be with others I'm grateful to a friend who introduced me to machine quilting for Quilts for Kids. Pre-Covid a group of quilters met monthly at Pennington Quilt Works for Show and Tell with quilts

made in the past month. In recent months we've been meeting every few months in Rosedale Park, where we get inspiration from seeing each other's quilts. Debbie Greaney, who works for Pennington Quilt Works, takes our completed crib-size quilts to the Quilts for Kids shop in Fairless Hills, PA. Quilts for Kids distributes quilts to hospitalized children. (See QuiltsforKids.org for more info.) When you quilt a lot, as I now do, you quickly accumulate a lot of scraps/leftovers. I particularly enjoy seeing what I can put together for a scrappy squares quilt. It's like putting a puzzle together! “

Jan Stout

MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chair, Alyce Conlon, alymar@comcast.net or 609-448-7064.

UPDATES: STOUTSBURG SOURLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM (SSAAM)

On November 19, 2018, Barbara Johnson organized a presentation at the WCCP General Meeting called "A proud Heritage: African-American Presence in Hopewell Valley and Surrounding Areas" tracing the legacy of slavery in the Sourland Mountains dating back to the Revolutionary War. It was presented by **Beverly Mills, Elaine Buck, and John Buck**. Elaine Buck and

Beverly Mills have researched and written a book called "If These Stones Could Talk."

On November 11, 2020, Town Topics published an article announcing two new videos on that topic:

TOWN TOPICS "REGIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IS FOCUS OF VIDEOS" NOV. 11, 2020 PAGE 17.

<http://www.towntopics.com/wordpress/2020/11/11/regional-african-american-history-is-focus-of-videos/#more-54586>

Here are the links to the two videos:

YOUTUBE SSAAM VIDEO - AN AMERICAN STORY - VIDEO RELEASED ON NOV 10, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngDH6zNeI5M>

AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE SOURLAND MOUNTAIN REGION - VIDEO RELEASED ON NOV 16, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG1itAiUDH4>

Helen Ju

NEW INTEREST GROUPS

Are you interested in starting a new group? Perhaps a walking group, a movie group (watch a movie at home and then discuss it on zoom), a cocktail group on zoom? If any of these ideas are of interest to you, or if you have any other ideas, please contact Bonnie Larson, bonniejlarson63@comcast.net. If there is enough interest, we will form new groups. I will publicize the groups in our newsletter.

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