

## President's Message

As I write this, I am reviewing my recent, like five minutes ago, meeting with Barbara Johnson, Dick Eiger, and Bonnie Larson to review procedures for the Zoom meeting on Monday. I wish I could say that I was getting better or faster or more confident about this whole electronic platform. One thing I do know is that Bonnie has the patience of Job, the wisdom of Methuselah, and the Zoom induced flower background that could be from the hanging gardens of Babylon. All of this is in keeping with Monday's program about the Golden Book Bible. *Look for your Zoom invitation on Friday.*

And, believe it or not, we are making plans for next year's board membership and committees. I hope the general membership will consider serving on a committee or the board itself. Alyce Conlon is Nominating Committee Chair and would love to hear from you with any suggestions or offers you might have. I would love suggestions for Zoom attendance at lectures or sites that would serve as starting points for discussions for the membership afterwards. It's as close as we are going to come for trips in the coming months. Connie Loukatous has suggested the Frick museum programs on Friday nights and I am looking forward to running that down. Please let me know what you have found that has worked for you and that the rest of us could enjoy.

Kathy Hutchins

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## PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY Monday, Feb 15, 1 PM

**Title: "The Making and the Selling of the Golden Bible, published by Golden Books -- Western Publishing Company."**

The Golden Bible has been translated into 41 languages. Creating Bible Stories to publish and sell to the millions--Richard Eiger will tell us how it's done.

Richard Eiger, is a graduate of Pratt Institute. He began his career in publishing as a book illustrator. He retired as President of Macmillan Educational Books and publisher of The World Almanac.

Mr. Eiger and his wife Ruth, who is a member of the WCC, live in Stonebridge at Montgomery.

Barbara Johnson

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**The general meetings are being held on Zoom.**

***BEFORE EACH MEETING, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO LOG ON.***

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## BOARD MEETING

The March board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 2, at 10 AM on Zoom.

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## MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chair, Alyce Conlon, [alyce@comcast.net](mailto:alyce@comcast.net) or 609-448-7064.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are turning the spotlight on Lorraine Haucke, who is on the board. Lorraine is very proficient in hooking rugs.

"As some members may be aware, I live in an "adult community" which offers various types of activities. Never having had a hobby, the woodshop class looked intriguing and before long, small wooden animals started to grace our





home. After a few months, the woodshop instructor suggested I look into the rug hooking club spearheaded by his wife. Guess you could

say, I became "hooked" on rug hooking. The comradery of the women and generosity of sharing knowledge and material, as well as encouragement, have enabled me to complete several projects. During the initial months of COVID-19 isolation, there wasn't much for me to do. But let's put it out there, enough is enough!!! I needed something and so I dusted off a project I just did not have the enthusiasm to start. I am pleased to say, even without my friendly fellow hookers, I have made substantial progress. I am enthusiastic about completing my latest project this spring. My foyer has become my mini gallery. Hope you too have found an activity that provides fulfillment during this difficult period. Welcome to 2021, the promise of getting vaccinated and being able to see our family and friends."

**Lorraine Haucke**

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### **Where Are They Now? 2015 WCC Scholarship Award winners**

Recipients of the 2015 WCC awards were contacted recently and this is a sampling of their replies. We will publish more replies next month.

#### **Marta Crespo**

– recipient of the Molly Updike Award

Marta graduated cum laude from Montclair University. She majored in psychology and minored in education. She presently teaches second grade at Grand Oaks. Marta has decided to go back for a further degree in education leadership at the College of New Jersey.

#### **Jessica Sacco**

– recipient of a Women's College Club scholarship

Jessica attended Lehigh University and graduated with a BS in Chemical Engineering. She is currently at Penn State working on her PhD in chemical engineering. She is a second-year doctoral candidate and the topic of her research involves studying how tissue mechanics promote breast cancer progression. She is also part of the Graduate Women in Engineering group which works to foster a more equitable environment for underrepresented groups within the College of Engineering as well as organizing outreach activities to encourage young girls to get involved with STEM.

#### **Alana Chmiel**

– recipient of the Peyton Memorial Award

Alana graduated from Rutgers University School of Nursing and then accepted a nursing position at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. She works on an adult medicine floor with diverse patient populations. She describes nursing as a dynamic field but particularly with the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Nia Daidis**

– recipient of a Women's College Club scholarship

Nia graduated from Oberlin College majoring in environmental studies with a public health focus. Not only did she find brilliant and kind mentors there, but she was able to travel abroad for classes and take advantage of multiple internship opportunities. She plans to go back for a second degree and use her environmental studies education to inform a career as a nurse practitioner. Currently she is taking prerequisite classes.

Thank you, Beverly Kestenis, for contacting these women. It is heartwarming to know that our scholarships have helped these young women become successful.

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