

# The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

May 2021

## President's Message

Guess what? This is going to be my last President's Message. And I am going to spend most of it thanking the wonderful members of the Board who have worked so hard to keep me sane and the Club intact. And that's not just during the past year of the pandemic and Zoom meetings. Bonnie Larson and Helen Ju have kept me on the airways when the whole world of Zoom went awry. Bonnie has filled in as host, telephoning and coaching behind the scenes. Helen has helped tutor beginners and stayed calm and collected while I am shouting "Why can't I unmute her?" She has kept our website up and running through all our meetings, trips, and posted pictures and kept me informed about events that might inform or impact the Club. Bonnie is unflappable. If she says she is going to do something, it's done.

Another source of calm and competence is our photographer, Nora Ananos. Her talent as an artist led us on a trip to Meadow Lakes, still one of my favorite trips. She has shared her talent and art work so generously. In another life I would have loved to be her agent. Marlene Gordon is a reservoir of calm and wisdom with the kind of insight that prevents temper tantrums and steadies us all. As treasurer she has kept us on a budget, made sense out of bequests, and readied us for a secure future.

Our program chairs, Janet Reiche and Barbara Johnson, have come up with the wonderful programs that brought us to All Saints Church and then the whole world of Zoom. This past year there was never any doubt or consideration of not meeting and staying connected. Despite great personal losses, both Janet and Barbara never stopped their efforts to get us programs that would entertain, enrich, and enliven this past really weird year. We are all lucky that both will stay involved with our Club; Barbara as member at large and Janet on the Membership Committee.

All the board has benefited from Beverly Kestenis' publicity efforts and recording secretary. Her minutes are crisp, accurate and to the point. But most important in its own way is Beverly's continue connection with our former scholarship award winners who have stayed in touch with her as a former chair of the Scholarship Committee and thus the Club membership.

Besides, we have shared the love and concern for our respective cats.

Last year Elaine Rafferty ran her Scholarship Committee with enthusiasm and professionalism. During a pandemic, she managed to get photographs of donors and recipients into the newspapers. And this year she is organizing a Zoom meeting where we all will be able to meet our winners and some of our donors via Zoom. And she makes it look easy. These awards are really what we are all about and she has shared these students' accomplishments with us all and kept our purpose focused and successful in very hard times.

Alyce Conlon has given us a slate for next year as well as served on the Scholarship Committee and is Membership chair. Funny and wise at the same time she has enlivened our board meetings with sly wit.

While newer to the board than some, Fay Austin, Carol Stokes and Jan Stout have greatly enriched our board efforts. Fay is organizing, (without groaning) our records for posterity. She is undaunted by cartons of "stuff".

We are going to have updated bylaws because of the efforts of Carol Stokes who has managed to define "constitution" and "bylaws" so that I can understand the difference. And she has been a good sport about her stone age computer program. Jan Stout has helped in every aspect of the board endeavors. She has suggested programs and trips; helped with the bylaws; helped with financial decisions; and enriched our newsletter and Zoom meetings with her beautiful quilts.

While hospitality hasn't been in demand this past year Lorraine Haucke has participated in every board meeting with all kind of suggestions and questions. In addition, she has helped me enormously investigate possible trips for the future.

We are all so lucky to have Connie Loukatos take over this podium. She has a great perspective that we need about finances, wonderful suggestions for trips, and a great enthusiasm for our mission. She is wise and so much fun to be with.

These women have made my job so much easier and, frankly, so much fun. Dedicated, kind, generous with their time and enthusiasm for our mission - you and I are so lucky to have them on this board.

I also want to thank and remember members of the board who no longer serve but added so much when they did...Lynda Woods Cleary, Gay Culin, Nancy Lifland, Mary Laity, Carol Stawski, Mary Lincoln, and Doris Tazelaar.

Kathy Hutchins

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**PROGRAM FOR MAY**  
**Monday, May 24, 1 PM**

*Please note that this is the fourth  
Monday of the month.*

*Meet our 2021 Scholarship  
Winners*

Elaine Rafferty, chair of our scholarship committee, will introduce us to the winners of our 2021 scholarships. Tune into Zoom to meet our winners and hear about their accomplishments and career goals.

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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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**MEMBERSHIP**

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

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**BOARD MEETING**

The June Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1, at 10 AM on Zoom.

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**WCCP Board Slate for 2021-2022**

Alyce and her committee, Betty Baran, Danuta Buzdygan and Bonnie Larson have worked hard to present a slate of nominees for board positions in the club for the year 2021-2022. This slate will be voted on at the May meeting.

President – Connie Loukatos  
Vice President – Lorraine Haucke  
Treasurer - Marlene Gordon  
Recording Secretary - Beverly Kestenis  
Corresponding Secretary - Bonnie Larson  
Endowment Chair - Bonnie Larson  
Historian - Fay Austin  
Hospitality - Lorraine Haucke  
Membership - Janet Reiche, Alyce Conlon  
Photographer - Nora Anaños  
Publicity - Danuta Buzdygan  
Trips - Kathleen Hutchins  
Program - Jackie Bloom, Jan Stout, Mary Frances Stahler  
At Large - Betty Baran, Barbara Johnson  
Website – Kathy Hutchins

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**LUNCHING OUT GROUP**

We had a good time at Chambers Walk in April, and now this month we are going to *Seasons 52* on *Tuesday, May 18* in the Marketfair Shopping Center. We will meet at 12:30.

If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson, [bonniejarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejarson63@comcast.net) or 609-655-2663.

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