

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

January 2022

President's Message

It seems that the beginning of 2022 is not going to be as easy as I thought. The Omicron virus is creating disruption and confusion in our lives again.

I was so looking forward to our January 24th breakfast and the white elephant sale. But, in order to assure that we keep healthy and not spread the virus to each other and others, we decided to cancel the meeting. A decision will be made regarding the February meeting later.

We already have wonderful speakers for 2022 and if we cannot meet in person, we will meet like we did last year via Zoom.

I am happy to report that membership continues to increase, and I thank you for your efforts in this regard. We anticipate publishing an article in the news media soon, inviting women in the Princeton area to join our club.

Please know we have a wonderful Board which is dedicated, hardworking and committed to the mission of the club. We will continue to meet via Zoom.

Someone said that happiness consists of small pleasures or conveniences that occur every day. Please take pleasure in these activities.

Don't forget to access our website at wccpnj.org for the latest news of the club. I wish you all much health and happiness in 2022 and I look forward to seeing all of you in person soon.

Connie Loukatos

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 4** at 10 AM on Zoom.

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.

We would like to welcome new members to the club:

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Brooklyn College

Honorary Member:

Julie Markavitch-Caudle

LUNCHING OUT GROUP

We will be meeting for lunch at Cheesecake Factory at the Quakerbridge Mall on **Friday, January 21** at noon. Please let Bonnie know by January 17 if you will be attending the luncheon, so that she can make a reservation. Guests are welcome.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Bonnie Larson, bonniejarson63@comcast.net or 609-655-2663.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The book group is reading for a discussion on Friday, **January 28** at 1 PM. The book we are reading is *Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott. Please get this book at your local library.

The group will be meeting at Janet Young's home. Please make sure that you are vaccinated if you would like to participate. Also, bring your drink with you. All members are welcome to join this group.

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WALKING GROUP

What: January 7 Walk

Where: parking lot on Alexander Rd. / D& R Canal

When: 1 PM Jan. 7

For our First Friday Walk in January, we'll meet in the Alexander Rd. parking lot and walk South, out-and-back about 3 miles on the D&R Canal path. If you have questions contact Jan Stout at 609-475-5649.

TRIPS

All things considered, there is no trip for January. But do stay tuned.

Pictures from The trip to the Michener Museum:



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We would like to welcome **Joan Goodman**.

Joan and her husband met while in college and has been married for 57 years. Her husband is a research scientist and retired from the David Sarnoff labs but is working part-time. Joan is a retired schoolteacher and taught in many venues. Her most significant was the 13 years she spent at a Jewish day school. Today she enjoys playing cards, reading, meeting with dear friends, and spending time with her amazing grandson. Her son and daughter have successful careers. She feels very blessed.

Another new member is **Leslie Lillfeld**.

Leslie starts her bio by saying that she would like to start with the luckiest day of her life, Election Day when she was 12. They had recess from school as the building was needed for polling. She picked up her neighbor and headed for an indoor ice rink. There she encountered another first-time skater and they became friends.

They got through junior high and then Christopher Columbus HS (Bronx) together. In biology class they helped each other learn on their own because they had an absolutely awful teacher. That lesson taught them discipline, scholarship, and the true value of friendship.

They graduated with high honors and her friend went on to college in Boston where she was Phi Beta Kappa. Unlike her buddy, Leslie made it through Hunter College just by the skin of her teeth.

But, as a dedicated NY girl, Leslie later received two graduate degrees from NYU, a masters in Publishing and Graphics and then an MBA in Marketing and Economics.

She found a career in publishing and later advertising, working in university publishing and college public relations.

Leslie married late and had no children, but she does have two wonderful stepdaughters.

Leslie and her ex-husband ran their own catalog company selling lingerie to plus size women. (Victoria Secret for big gals)

After a serious illness she was forced into early retirement. She then embarked on a new and joyous journey by buying her first show dog (Tyro) in 1995.

Leslie has had four Great Pyrenees over the years. Two were show champions, two were therapy dogs and one was a Westminster medalist. Those were such happy years.

Ten years ago, she divorced, took the two dogs, left Ft. Lauderdale, and headed to New Jersey, to be close to her BFF of 65 years, *Joan Miller Goodman*, who invited her to join this group.

Leslie looks forward to interesting activities and sharing new friendships.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting **Susan Luty**.

Susan received a BA in Biology conferred by Douglass College, Rutgers University. In 1980 she began studies at Mercer County Community College (MCCC) in the fine arts with Vincent Ceglia, Jimmy Colavita, Mel Leipzig, Frank Rivera, and (Barbara) Tiso. She continues to work in ceramics at MCCC with Michael Welliver and Ingrid Jordan.

Susan was employed as an editor for 17 years — first at Carter-Wallace in research and development and subsequently at Educational Testing Service in the Advanced Placement Program.

Susan has exhibited her work since 2006. Among the awards and recognitions she has received are:



TAWA (Trenton Area Workshop Association) Best in Show for Sculpture and an Ellarslie Purchase Award, both from the 2006 Ellarslie Open, and inclusion in the Ellarslie exhibit, "Contemporary Crafts from the Collection",



2019 Mercer County Senior Citizen Art Show, Third Place in Professional Craft. (see left)

2021 Mercer County Senior Citizen Art Show, First Place in Professional Craft.

Best in Show for Sculpture, Hammonton Gallery, Hammonton, NJ.

Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Division: Two Purchase Awards (Mercer County Artists) and inclusion in the show "40 Years of Collecting".



2021 New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show, First Place in Professional Craft.



Entropy (2021 Mercer County and New Jersey First Place) Burnished and barrel fired; red clay

Currently, she works in both her home studio and the Mercer County Community College ceramics studio. In the summer when the MCCC studio is closed, she takes ceramics workshops at crafts schools such as Penland in North Carolina and Snow Farm in Massachusetts.

Susan also used to be a portrait artist. Below is a sketch she did of herself when she was 39.



Congratulations Susan!

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Jane-Kerin Moffat, Nancy Lifland's sister, and a new club member, passed away several weeks ago.

Sincere condolences go to Nancy and her family.

HOSPITALITY

A big thanks to the following angels for delicious refreshments during 2021:

- Susan Luty
- Bonnie Larson
- Marlene Gordon
- Dora Bowers
- Alice Moss
- Barbara Chatham
- Janet Richie
- Danuta Buzdygan
- Dixie Kirpalani
- Betty Baran

- Janet Young
- Kathy Babich
- Nora Ananos
- Jackie Bloom
- Kathy Hutchins

Thanks so much!

Lorraine Haucke

WEBSITE

For more information about our club and its activities, please visit our website:

www.wccpnj.org

Dates to Remember

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| Board Meeting | Tuesday, Jan. 4, 10 AM |
| Walking Group | Friday, January 7, 1 PM |
| Luncheon Group | Friday, January 21, noon |
| Book Discussion | Friday, January 28, 1 PM |

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