

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

JUNE 2022

President's Message

It seems like yesterday that I wrote my first message as president, and now it's almost June, the end of our fiscal year.

So many things have happened--but most importantly, the Princeton College Woman's Club is as strong as ever--having many new members, wonderful monthly meetings, lunch outings, book clubs and trips etc.

There is, however, one exception that must be addressed: Our financial situation.

Our endowment is still robust (granted it has taken a hit lately with the market) but we anticipate it will rebound as history has taught us. Our cash operating account, however, is in dire need of replenishment.

As I've mentioned in the past, we have not had a dues increase in at least 10 years or more. Thus, slowly but surely, our operating account has dwindled to the point that if we do not increase our dues, we will not have sufficient funds to meet our expenses. We cannot continue this way, which is why, the Board has reluctantly approved an increase to \$75 starting in the 2022/23 fiscal year. Additional information will be provided to you when we send you the statements in June. Although it is a \$25 annual increase, I hope you agree that the benefits of the club more than compensate for the increased dues.

I'd like to list some of our accomplishments this year:

- Revised our by-laws (special thanks to Carol Stokes and Jan Stout)
- Provided \$37,000 in scholarships to 17 amazing women
- Contracted with Merrill Lynch to manage our endowment
- Contracted with Morven Museum and Gardens to meet at the Stockton Education Center
- Contract renewed with Morven for the 2022/23 fiscal year
- Increased our marketing efforts and had two articles published in US 1
- Increased our membership by over 30%
- Expanded and greatly improved our website (Helen Ju, thanks)

- Our monthly newsletter is better than even (Bonnie Larson, amazing)
- Opened a Facebook account (Jan Stout made it happen)
- Over 40 people attended a very successful and fun new member tea (Alyce Conlon , WOW)
- Monthly meetings at Morven with interesting speakers (Jan Stout, Jackie Bloom)
- Monthly trips to museums and restaurants - (Kathy Hutchins, extraordinary)
- Book club meetings and other activities too many to mention.

As you can see, we have had a busy year.

This would not have been possible without our great Board. A special thanks to all of you.

- Does anybody write better board meeting notes than Beverly Kestenis? No!
- Who takes better Photos and makes everything beautiful? Nora Ananos---thank you dear friend.
- With Elaine Rafferty on the case, you don't have to worry about how the Scholarship program is going to go.
- Janet Reiche makes things happen including having Windrows as our second base.
- Fay Austin, our historian, has had a tough year, but is back---can't wait what she does for us next year.
- Lorraine Haucke, wonderful vice president and hospitality host par excellence.
- Marlene Gordon, our treasurer is the hardest working person I know.
- Barbara Johnson, Betty Baran, Danuta Buzdygan, thank you.

I look forward to seeing all of you on June 20 at 11:30 for a wonderful lunch at Windrows in Princeton. It is only \$30 for a complete luncheon including a glass of sangria. Please be sure to send your lunch choice and check to Marlene Gordon.

See you then.

Connie Loukatos

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, **June 14** at 10 AM at the West Windsor library.

JUNE END OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON and ANNUAL MEETING Monday June 20, 11:30 AM Princeton Windrows Nassau Room 200 Windrows Drive

Our annual end of the year luncheon will be held at Windrows at 11:30 AM. If you have not signed up yet for the luncheon, a form is attached at the end of this newsletter. The deadline is June 10.

At this meeting, we will vote on the slate of officers for the upcoming year. The slate is:

President	Connie Loukatos
Vice President	Jan Stout
Recording Secretary	Beverly Kestenis
Corresponding Secretary	Bonnie Larson
Treasurer	Marlene Gordon
Assistant Treasurer	Mary Castria

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 welcome the following new members:

Mary Anne Restuccia
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Monmouth College
George Mason University
Northern Virginia Community College

Marilyn Cranin
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Beaver College
Adelphi University

LUNCHING OUT GROUP

We will be meeting for lunch at the **Villaggio Iccara, 104 Yardville Allentown Rd, Hamilton, on Monday, June 27 at noon**. We will carpool to the restaurant. Please let Bonnie Larson know if you will be attending the luncheon so that she can make a reservation and arrange carpools.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Bonnie Larson, bonniejlarson63@comcast.net or 609-655-2663.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The book group is meeting on Friday, **June 24**. We are tentatively changing the time to 11 AM. As soon as it is confirmed, I will send out an email message. The book we are reading is *Stone Mattress* by Margaret Atwood.

The group will be meeting at **Windrows**, in the Barnhart room on the lower level, next to the bank. Bring your drink with you. All members are welcome to join this group.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Bonnie Larson, bonniejlarson63@comcast.net or 609-655-2663.

WALKING GROUP

Due to the heat, the walking group will tentatively meet later in the month, depending on the weather. Jan Stout will send out a message to everyone who has expressed an interest in this group.

TRIP GROUP

Kathy Hutchins will contact members as soon as she has her trip lined up for June. Stay tuned.

POETRY GROUP

Kathy Hutchins and Helen Ju are interested in starting a poetry group. If you would like to join this group, contact Kathy (widowh@hotmail.com or Helen (juhelen@hotmail.com) for more information.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



We would like **Myra Slatoff**. Myra was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Following graduation from Brooklyn College, CUNY, in January, 1964, she worked as a caseworker and then a casework supervisor in Brooklyn.

After five years, she worked for one of the top eight accounting firms, when she learned that they were searching for “ten good women for the ‘new field’ of computer programming”. They hired nine. She was a BAL, COBOL, PL1, and RPG programmer for four years, until she stopped working to raise a son and daughter.

After relocating to Florida with her first husband, she worked with the State of Florida Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health division for 11 years as a Program Specialist. Her responsibilities included handling the funding for children’s mental health, then for the certification of three mental health centers and licensure of 17 substance abuse agencies.

Myra has had several careers over the years. Although she studied to be a high school English teacher, she never taught professionally, but did tutor ESOL privately to both children and adults. In her early thirties, she was a volunteer EMT when she lived in Ft. Lee, N.J. She also became a certified technical writer when she moved to San Jose, CA and married Hank Slatoff. They celebrated their 24th anniversary on April 5th.

Before moving to Monroe, Hank and Myra lived in northern California’s Wine Country, in Santa Rosa, and loved it. But in 2017, they had to evacuate their home due to wildfires that incinerated thousands of acres in and around Santa Rosa. Fortunately, their home was spared, but in 2020, they were forced to evacuate again due to another wildfire. As much as

they loved Santa Rosa, they decided to leave the area.

Myra has a son and daughter and two grandchildren; Hank has two stepsons and three grandchildren.

“Why New Jersey?” people ask. Hank has close friends who live in East Windsor and another in Malvern, PA, and Myra has cousins in Florham Park and friends in the New York area. Myra’s daughter and grandchildren live in Florida, an easy flight to see them. They are happy to be in an area that is both rural and offers so much diversity and culture.

Myra enjoys handcrafts, especially knitting and crocheting, Words With Friends online, and reading. She and Hank both enjoy traveling and have been to Israel, Italy including Sicily, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Alaska, Australia and New Zealand.

Welcome Myra!

2022 WCCP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year we awarded scholarships to 17 very deserving winners. Below are the biographies of nine of them. The rest will be in the next newsletter.

Genesis Elizabeth Rivera from Princeton Day School is a recipient of a Women’s College Club of Princeton Scholarship.

Genesis is a talented linguist, a native Spanish speaker, fluent in English, and an avid French student. Her French language teacher stated that Genesis’ capacity to never give up was commendable. In English class her analysis and insight were always on point. She was in the Honors level in Math, fascinated with science especially Biology and loved building robots and problem-solving in the Robotics Club. She is a thinker and learner. Genesis is pro-active, persistent and not shy to ask questions to learn. She loves to read and to learn about other cultures.

She was a responsible teenager -- as a summer camp counselor to a class of 4-year-olds, Sunday school teacher for 5–8-year-old children; she helped with house chores especially technology-related, worked

at Chick-Fil-A summers since her freshman year, and as a PDS tour guide.

She credits her mother for encouraging her to be herself, helping her realize her uniqueness brought diversity to her community.

Genesis will be successful in whatever she sets her mind to because of her grit, perseverance, and good nature. "Never give up" is her motto. Genesis is thinking of majoring in Psychology, minoring in French and pre-med, and is committed to Lehigh University.

Tyler Louree Robinson from Princeton Day School is a recipient of a Women's College Club of Princeton Scholarship.

Tyler is quiet, self-reflective, thoughtful, and kind, empathic and cares about everyone in her group, an avid learner, and has a curious mind. She is a natural leader, intelligent, perceptive, yet flexible on roles to take on in a teamwork situation.

Nature has always been a source of grounding for Tyler, from inspecting tadpoles caught for her fourth-grade pond study and being a Butterfly House summer caretaker, to joining ENACT, a student-run Environmental Action Club exploring issues proactively working towards changes in her sophomore year.

Tyler was chosen to be in the Energy and Climate Scholar Program and attends monthly dinner meetings with Princeton University Ph.D. students to hear about topics on energy, climate science, economics, policy, politics that the grad students were studying. She took a leadership role and led meetings, organized events, and made presentations about diversity and inclusion programs at school. Tyler involved herself also in soccer, served as a teacher's assistant to third graders in PE activities. Her work ethic is "do your best work." She is truly passionate about environmental issues and policy advocacy. Tyler will attend Jacksonville University in Florida to major in Environmental Studies.

Gabriella Elizabeth Thomas, from Princeton Day School is the recipient of The Chow-Soon Chuang Ju Memorial Scholarship. This new award was established this year by her 4 daughters in honor of their mother, a member of the WCCP.

Gabby adores learning and is passionate about languages and cultures. She reads, writes, and speaks Dutch and has been learning Chinese since her freshman year; she was persistent, hardworking, dedicated and engaged in learning Chinese, taking her into a Level IV class in her senior year. Her goals for the future are to learn Chinese fluently and to travel the world. She has extraordinary communication skills. She writes well and enjoys creative writing.

Gabby is civic-minded and is concerned with incarceration systems and is interested in the Innocence Project and about book donations in helping global literacy. This year she took advance history electives - philosophy and ethics. Gabby's academic accomplishments are rivaled by her personal strengths; her maturity and generosity are beyond her age. She is well-loved by her peers as well as those who have had the pleasure of teaching her. Her counselor noted that Gabby is "one of the most fascinating and multi-faceted students she had worked with." She brings enthusiasm and energy in surfing, skiing, opera, violin (performed for senior citizens at nursing homes and churches), sailing (loves outdoors especially the ocean), and ceramics.

She developed hospitality and organizational skills working during school breaks at a local restaurant. She was chosen to be a Peer Leader, one of the highest leadership roles a senior can hold. Advocacy around diversity, equity, and inclusion is important to her. She pushed for social justice within communities, led activities, posted and promoted awareness on social media on health issues and self-care. She strives in her own magical way to engage deeply with any community and learn fully about the individuals that make up the community. She enjoys bucking stereotypes. Curious, deeply kind, and earnest, Gabby radiates an inner calm. She is sharply insightful and creative, and proud of her roots and heritage. "Gabby is, in a word, a delight" according to her history teacher. "Her quiet modesty belies an intellectual strength and independence of thought." Gabby plans to attend Hamilton College to major in English and history or possibly pre-med or pre-law.

Julia Adeline Tuliszewski, a student from Princeton High School is the recipient of the Peterson Book Award.

Julia loves reading her genres include fantasy, realistic, fiction, utopian, and poetry. She also writes her own poetry. She took Spanish language classes in her sophomore and junior year, up to Spanish V Advanced. Her counselor praised her as “an empathic, genuine, creative student and leader”. She is an excellent communicator and advocate for herself and others. Julia has a unique ability to understand and express her emotions and to relate to others. She is insightful, gentle, and can talk to anyone and ensures that others feel heard and understood.

Julia is a dedicated singer, and actor, expressing herself on stage and fostering positive and lasting relationships with her fellow actors and crew members. For community services, Julia volunteered at Arm in Arm in Trenton, at the Operation Smile Club, and served as a tutor in the IDEAS Center at Princeton High School. Julia is enrolled at Dickinson College and would like to major in Psychology, attend graduate school, and then go on to become a licensed therapist or social worker.

Veronica Sophia Vogelmann, a student from Princeton Day School is a recipient of a Women’s College Club of Princeton Scholarship

“My hope for the future is to be a foreign diplomat or ambassador and travel the world, making small differences in each place I go,” wrote Ronnie. Besides her many extracurricular activities, she shined in geometry, algebra, psychology, biology, physics, astronomy, engineering, and Spanish.

She was a risk taker and leader in class discussions. She is resilient, works hard, is humble and not afraid to ask questions, and very committed to being a life-long learner. Ronnie is not afraid to reinvent herself. She was a valued goalie, Goalkeeper 17, on the varsity soccer team, and was able to shift her energy to stage performances when she realized it was time to “let go” of soccer.

She had developed a love for creative writing; she thrives when reading, writing stories and plays, and analyzing literature. A passionate performer and also an impressive playwright, she takes inspiring, concerning, and fragile topics that are taboo, for example, the teen mental health crisis which she channeled into evocative and innovative plays. Her first original play won a first-place award at PDS’s first-ever-school-sponsored playwriting competition

in 2021. She won an Honorable Mention award in the 19th Annual Young Playwrights Competition of New Jersey the same year. She honed her managerial and organizational skills writing plays, stage-managing, acting, and directing plays. She possesses a natural ability to connect with others, having a maximum empathy and authenticity allowing her to have a well-balanced group of friends in theatre and sports.

She was chosen to be a Peer Leader, one of the highest positions a senior can hold by mentoring a group of freshmen to help them acclimate to the school and to develop a sense of belonging. She was Co-Head of the Student Life Committee of PDS’s Student Council, and a PDS student ambassador and tour guide. She led important race-related conversations and helped write a proposal that changed the school’s 9th and 10th grade classes history curriculum to include information on the history of racial justice.

Ronnie was a snowboarding instructor at the Hoods to Woods Foundation, teaching inner-city children and teens every weekend each winter and managing the equipment. She hosted several educational activities to raise money for crafters from South America by selling their wares. She herself was a young entrepreneur by sewing and selling facemasks online while working as an associate at a sporting goods store. She drives her younger brother to/from school and extracurricular activities every day, cooks meals, does laundry, and runs errands for her family.

She is a strong collaborator, listens deeply and respectfully of each of her teammates. She was able to step into whichever role was necessary for the benefit of the group. She shows positivity and kindness, ever-present thoughtfulness, critical thinking, and curiosity. “Extremely effective communicator, ensuring everyone was on the same page and that no one was feeling left behind,” her Physics teacher wrote of Ronnie. She is committed to being the best person she can be while inspiring people around her to be better people. She has lots of charm and strength in her character.

Her life required a lot of time management, work ethics, and independence, no doubt cultivating and preparing her as a future ambassador. She has chosen to attend Marist College.

Angela Cirelli, a recipient of a Women's College Club of Princeton Scholarship, is a student at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

Her history teacher writes that she is "an exceptionally bright and engaged student," who delves deeply into her subject areas. "A deeply positive person" Angela "sincerely believes that commitment, energy, focus and joy are keen ingredients in making one's life and community better." In addition to a straight A average in 4 years of schooling including 5 AP courses, she was active in Student Government all 4 years with the highest position being Class Vice President, was in the Science National Honor Society, was a Peer Leader all 4 years, tutored in writing and as a Youth Advocacy Team Member, and was an International Student Peer Mentor.

She was chosen by the science faculty for the Hubert N. Alyea Award given by Princeton University and the Princeton Section of the American Chemical Society.

Angela competed in varsity outdoor track and field and played junior varsity & varsity basketball. She worked on the Yearbook Committee all 4 years ending as the head photo editor, was a founder and co-head of the Multicultural Club, and served in 5 other clubs. She did community service for P.E.A.C.E. of Mind, a Catholic youth mental health group for the St. Augustine of Canterbury church for 4 years, and volunteered at Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Hospital, Operation Smile, Seeds to Sew International, and assisted teachers in the Lower School in the classroom.

Angela has completed the Leadership Endorsement Program, a highly coveted and revered position which included facilitating workshops at the Lead at a Girl National Conference, and representing Stuart at the Student Diversity Leadership Conference as a junior. The Director of College Counseling writes "Despite her accomplishments, her exceptional personal qualities (namely humility and her kindness) would never allow her to be boastful."

She will attend Temple University in the fall with a major in Biology and minor in Spanish and plans to become a dentist.

Kylie Colvin, the recipient of the Marjory White Memorial Scholarship, is a student at Princeton High School.

Her counselor describes Kylie as a respectful, determined and humble young woman, who plans well in advance and takes steady steps towards her goals. In her 4 years at Princeton High School, she maintained a straight A average, while taking 9 AP courses, and 3 accelerated courses. She is the senior section editor of the Prince, the high school yearbook, president of International Youth neuroscience, competed in track and field for the high school, and on the high school's cheer team. Kylie was a Red Cross volunteer, a Building Bridges tutor, a Food Drive volunteer, a Senior Camp counselor for 4 years, a VBS assistant at Four Lakes Community Church, and on the hospitality staff at UGM Camp Tschimican.

Before living in Princeton, her family lived in Spokane, Washington. Her mother is a Native American from the Cherokee community, which enabled Kylie to volunteer in that community, and has led her to want to serve native rural communities. She is learning Cherokee on Zoom.

She plans to attend Wellesley College and major in biology and Spanish, then go to dental school, ultimately becoming a pediatric oral surgeon. She states "I want to use my skills as a bilingual dentist to become the 4th generation of my family bringing aid and relief to oppressed people. To prepare for this goal, she has shadowed her Native doctor of Dental Surgery and has been invited back for a full internship with the dental group this summer.

Her future may also include volunteering for Doctors without Borders. Of course, Kylie has all of this planned out already!!

Stephanie Dudowitz, a recipient of a Women's College Club of Princeton Scholarship is a student at The Hun School of Princeton.

According to her mathematics teacher, Stephanie is an incredible math student, who simply "gets math." Her English teacher says she is a hard-working, a well-organized student, who is resilient, dedicated, and has a positive attitude. She also has sincerity of character that endears her to all she meets. Her counselor points out that she has "successfully

completed 5 AP courses and 6 Honor courses, considered “a most demanding curriculum” at Hun. “She is a passionate scholar of the humanities, a staunch social justice advocate, and a deeply empathetic young woman. She has put theory into practice through Hun’s interdisciplinary experiential learning program, NextTerm.”

Stephanie enrolled in Dear Earth “which used the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals as a launch pad to explore sustainable living through gender equality and animal welfare.” Her capstone project this year focused on “animal welfare initiatives and best practices at the Bronx Zoo.” She made a community-wide presentation and created a website for Hun about her findings. “She is a driving force behind the Gender Equity Matters Club (GEM) and Diversity and Inclusion Committee. For GEM, she served a pivotal role in launching the school’s inaugural Women in the World Summit. In addition to being part of the steering committee, Stephanie co-hosted a workshop, “raising awareness about the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People including data gaps in the statistics regarding this community.” For the Coalition for Black and Indigenous Solidarity she talked about the relationship between Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and environmental destruction. She attended the American University Summer Leadership Program for Political Action and Public Policy in 2021. She was chosen to be 1 of 12 students from nearly 150 to be a dorm proctor for 2021-22. She also plays on Hun’s girls’ varsity soccer team.

Stephanie plans to major in Public Policy at NYU.

Holland Engel, the recipient of the Katherine Ness Memorial Scholarship, is a student at The Hun School of Princeton.

Her English and Performing Arts teacher describes her as “a person of insight, patience, sound reasoning, and humor”. He says that she has an “innate organizational ability” and collaborates easily with people which “made her a natural leader in class debates.” Her physics teacher said she is determined and motivated. “When a group task was given, Holland would take out a sheet of paper and organize everyone’s job. The group wanted to be successful and that started with a plan and Holland would make the plan.” She has been able to connect concepts learned in class to the real world,

for example, the physics of impulse and momentum as it relates to rowing.

Holland transferred into Hun for her junior and senior years and has an almost straight A average. Holland was a captain of the Hun Rowing Team, volunteered for the club’s Learn to Row program during the spring and summer, and volunteered for the US Rowing Association throughout the year. In addition, she was an active member of the Red Cross Club, and volunteered at the Flemington Food pantry. She plans to study data analysis or become a Climate Data Scientist in the STEM field.

She will be attending Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/Womens-College-Club-of-Princeton-111458471467151

Jan Stout is looking for someone to place new information on this page. If you would like to help Jan, please contact her at 609-890-1254.

WEBSITE

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

www.wccpnj.org

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting	Tues., June 14, 10 AM
Walking Group	TBA
General Meeting	Mon. June 20, 11:30 AM
Book Discussion	Friday, June 24, time TBA
Luncheon Group	Monday, June 27, noon
Trips	TBA

Club Email: wccpnj@gmail.com

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WCCP Scholarship Winners 2022



THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE CLUB OF PRINCETON

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Monday, June 20, 2022

11:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Nassau Room, Princeton Windrows
2000 Windrow Dr. Princeton, NJ 08540

Menu

Watermelon Gazpacho Soup or Mushroom Bisque

Mixed greens, pear and cheese Salad

Chicken Francaise

with a side of roasted vegetables and mashed sweet potatoes

or

Grilled Salmon

with a side of roasted vegetables and mashed sweet potatoes

Apple Tart with Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade and red Sangria

Please complete the form below and send it with your check, made out to

The Women's College Club of Princeton

to: Marlene Gordon, 39 Slayback Drive, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550.

Reservations and checks must be received by June 10th.

Please reserve early.

Printed Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Printed names of Guests: _____

Please reserve _____ places at \$30 each

Meal Selections (Please fill in the total number requested in each category)

Soup: Gazpacho _____ or Mushroom Bisque _____

Main Course

Chicken Francaise _____ Grilled Salmon _____

*Vegetarian Entrée on request _____

