

# The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

## MAY 2022

### President's Message

I am pleased to advise you that our membership continues to increase and we have added 21 new members this year. We are still short of our goal, but we are making progress.

The Board met with the new members on April 26 to welcome them to the club and solicit their input regarding activities they would like to participate in.

Of course, the dining group was a big winner (thanks to Bonnie Larson who leads this group). They are especially interested in ethnic dining, and we certainly have a lot of choices to meet this need.

There was also a lot of interest in specialized book groups such as a Jane Austen Reading Club, short story group, and a nonfiction group. In addition, a writing group and storytelling was also popular.

Several of the new members are doing research on family history and genealogy. Performance arts, music, local theatre and movie groups were also of interest, as well as, restarting the crafts group that we had in the past.

If you are interested in joining or leading any of these additional groups, please let me know at [esloukatos@comcast.net](mailto:esloukatos@comcast.net). Our plan is to have them in place as soon as possible.

Our scholarship tea on May 16 at Morven from 3 to 5 is the highlight of the year. Be sure to attend. I know you will be as excited and emotional as the young women who will get the scholarships. See you then.

**Connie Loukatos**

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### BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 3** at 10 AM at the West Windsor library.

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### MAY GENERAL MEETING

**Monday May 16, 3-5 PM**  
**Stockton Education Center at Morven**

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TEA



Join us for our May meeting where we will be awarding our 2022 scholarships to women from the Princeton area schools.

**Please note the change of time from our usual General Meeting time. We will be meeting at 3 PM, since the students are still in school and have to come from there to our meeting.**

Come hear about all of the fabulous accomplishments of these young women.

You will have time to meet and greet all of the girls and their parents. This is a very inspirational experience for everyone.

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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.

We welcome the following new members:

Dr. Sharon E. Morgan  
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Ithaca College  
University of Rochester

## LUNCHING OUT GROUP

We will be meeting for lunch at **Yardley Inn on Tuesday, May 24 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, [bonniejarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejarson63@comcast.net) or 609-655-2663.

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## BOOK DISCUSSION

The book group is meeting on Friday, **May 20** at 1 PM. The book we are reading is *I'll Give you the Sun* by Jandy Nelson.

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, [bonniejarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejarson63@comcast.net) or 609-655-2663.

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## WALKING GROUP

When: **Friday May 6, 9:30 AM**  
Where: Veterans Park, Hamilton

We'll walk about 3 miles in Veterans Park starting from the parking lot off Klockner Rd. (Park entrance across from the Steinert High School parking lot). Please let Jan Stout know if you will be joining us, 609-475-5649.

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## TRIP GROUP

In May we will visit the Arts Council of Princeton at the Paul Robeson Center followed by lunch in Princeton. In June we will visit the Wheaton Cultural Center in Millville, New Jersey where we will tour the Museum of American Glass, the

Craft Studio, and see glass artists' work. If you missed this trip from Windrows you have a second chance with us! Date to be announced.

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## POETRY GROUP

Kathy Hutchins and Helen Ju are interested in starting a poetry group. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Kathy ([widowh@hotmail.com](mailto:widowh@hotmail.com)) or Helen ([juhelen@hotmail.com](mailto:juhelen@hotmail.com))

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR JUNE LUNCHEON

Our June Luncheon will be held at Windrows on **Monday June 20 at 11:30.**

More information will follow in the next newsletter.

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## NEW MEMBER TEA

On Tuesday, **April 26** at 3 PM, there was a new member tea at Connie Loukatos' home. This wonderful event was attended by about thirty new and present members. We had a wonderful time meeting new members and found out information about each person there.





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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting our board member, **Bonnie Larson**.

Bonnie has been a member of the College Club since her retirement. She is currently Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Chair, Book Chair and Lunching Out Chair.

Bonnie grew up in Bergen County New Jersey, went to Upsala College for her undergraduate degree and Rutgers University for her Master's Degree. She taught elementary school in New York State, New Hampshire and New Jersey before becoming a reading specialist and supervisor.

In 1981, after losing her teaching job in Bordentown Township, she moved into the business world, first at several small companies and then she worked for AT&T. Bonnie was responsible for sales support and marketing which included tradeshows, brochures, advertising, PR, user groups and launch events. She worked in various AT&T organizations until the group she was with was sold.



After AT&T, she worked for several start-ups and eventually found herself back in education, ending her career as Director of a New Brunswick school preschool, working for the Middlesex Regional Educational Association.

Bonnie was married twice, the first ending in a divorce and the second ended with the sudden death of her husband at age 55.

Bonnie keeps busy by not only with the College Club, but also the Present Day Club, as a member of the Cranbury Shade Tree Commission and as Chair of the Cranbury Cable Committee. She also runs other dinner, lunch and card groups, including a Red Hat group for 12 years.

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We would like to welcome **Barbara Bart**.



Barbara is a museum director emerita of the Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site and Interpretive Center located in Huntington, Long Island, an organization she administered for twenty years. She was previously an educator and administrator and later served on the Advisory Board of the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center when she lived in Sarasota, Florida.

She is presently a nonprofit consultant who serves as a Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commissioner and a Monroe Township Senior Center Programming Advisor.

Barbara's interests include theater, travel, art, museums, and golf. She is still married to her high school sweetheart, a lawyer, and has a son who is a lawyer in New York. She is looking forward to meeting everyone and participating in the Women's College Club of Princeton.

We would also like to welcome **Vera Skeets**.

Vera is from upstate New York and has lived in New Jersey since graduating from high school. She is a veteran widow, a cosmopolitan, substitute teacher, and now retired. She graduated from Saint Peter's University.

Vera's hobbies are hiking, walking, painting, and working with special needs children and adults.

*Welcome Barbara and Vera!*

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*We are grateful to our many donors who support the Woman's College Club of Princeton through their donations in memory of loved ones.*

*In the future, we will publish their names in our newsletter.*

**IS THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE CLUB OF PRINCETON in YOUR ESTATE PLAN?**

**Please consider leaving a legacy for future generations by including The Women's College Club of Princeton in your estate planning gift.**

**Sample Language for Your Will:**

**"I give and bequeath the sum of \$——(or ——% of my residuary estate) to the Women's College Club of Princeton, to be used in support of its scholarships.**

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**Dates to Remember**

<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 3, 10 AM</b>
<b>Walking Group</b>	<b>Friday, May 6, 9:30 AM</b>
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, May 16, 3 PM</b>
<b>Book Discussion</b>	<b>Friday, May 20, 1 PM</b>
<b>Luncheon Group</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 24, noon</b>
<b>Trips</b>	<b>TBA</b>

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**FACEBOOK**

The Women's College Club of Princeton is very pleased to announce, thanks to the effort of Jan Stout, we are now on Facebook. Check it out:

[www.facebook.com/Womens-College-Club-of-Princeton-111458471467151](http://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.

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**WEBSITE**

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

[www.wccpnj.org](http://www.wccpnj.org)