

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022

President's Message

On behalf of HomeFront and the people they help, I want to thank all of you who brought presents and gift cards to the November meeting. Special thanks to Jackie Bloom, Joan Goodman and Janet Reiche who coordinated this effort and delivered the gifts to Homefront.

We still have an opportunity to help, even more, if you bring more gifts to our December 19 meeting. The folks from HomeFront will be speaking to us about the amazing work they do to help people in our community.

As the end of the calendar year approaches, I want to thank the hardworking board of directors who make this club such an impressive organization. I know with their efforts, it will be providing scholarships and enhancing the lives of its members for many years to come.

I am thankful to all of you, our members. Coming to meetings; participating in activities the club offers; bringing refreshments to monthly meetings all help make this such a vibrant organization.

I'm reminiscing about all the wonderful programs we've had this year; trips to The Michener Museum, the NJ state Museum, Ellerslie Museum Art galleries etc. have all been very interesting. Not to be outdone are the lunches after each visit.

Did I mention that we also go to monthly lunch outings with Bonnie Larson as our lead hostess. Wonderful times and so many discussions,

As 2023 comes into focus, I know that it will bring so many new activities that will expand our minds and hearts with new friendships formed and enjoyed. I also remember the friends we lost this year including Board members, Nancy Lifland, Mary Laity and Barbara Johnson all of whom asked for memorial donations in their name be made to the Woman's College Club of Princeton.

Please enjoy this holiday season and all the best in the new year.

See you on December 19.

Connie Loukatos

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Monday December 19, 1 PM
Stockton Education Center at Morven

Helping Families Break the Cycle of Poverty

Our December meeting will feature a presentation by Sarah Steward and Meghan Cubano, representatives of the HomeFront New Jersey organization. Meghan Cubano is Director of Development and Community, and Sarah Steward is the new CIO.

HomeFront provides services to local families suffering from homelessness and poverty, including distribution of vital household necessities and the use of community resources to end homelessness. During this holiday season HomeFront also hosts a Holiday Wishes Drive, which provides members of our Women's College Club the opportunity to contribute to a great cause. At our December meeting, members can bring unwrapped gifts for children and adults or gift certificates. For children any toy you think a child may like can be donated, including Lego sets, fanny packs, drum sets, or bluetooth earphones. For women, gifts such as toiletry, towels, blankets, comforter sets, or pajamas are needed.

We truly look forward to a heartwarming presentation by HomeFront and eagerly anticipate the chance to contribute to its mission.

Future programs for the Women's College Club include a discussion of significant Presidents in history, a talk on the history of African Americans in Princeton, and a talk on pain management. Save the dates for these enlightening programs.

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, December 8 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

MEMBERSHIP

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

We would like to welcome a new member:

Barbara Rinaldo
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West Virginia Wesleyan
Marygrove College

We would also like to welcome back Mary Frances, who hopes to get to at least one of our meetings this year.

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Lehigh University

TRIP AND LUNCH IN DECEMBER

Since December is such a busy month with so many holiday festivities, we are combining the lunch out group and the trip group into one outing.

Kuser Mansion and lunch



On **December 6th** we will meet at 10:45 at the Kuser Farm Mansion at 390 Newkirk Avenue in Hamilton for

a free 45 minute "Christmas at the Mansion" tour. It's a lovely old mansion filled with antiques and it will be decorated for the holidays.

At noon we will have lunch at Padrino's Bistro which is nearby at 2452 Kuser Rd. (Padrino's is in a strip of shops near Yardville Hamilton Square Rd.)

Please let Kathy Hutchins (widowh@hotmail.com) know as soon as possible if you are coming so that she can arrange carpooling from her house where members will meet at 10:00.

There was much interest in this trip at the General Meeting on Monday and Kathy wants to make sure that all can be accommodated so please respond quickly if you are coming and if you want to bring a guest.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The next book group is meeting on Friday, **December 2** at 11 AM at Windrows, in the Barnhart room on the lower level, next to the bank. We will be discussing *Claire of the Sea Light* by Edwidge Dantecat. We moved this meeting until December because the last Friday of the month is Thanksgiving weekend.

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 or 609-655-2663.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting new member **Barbara Kyritsis**.

Barbara is happy to have joined the Women College Club of Princeton. She was born and raised in Plainsboro and attended Princeton Schools from 7th and 8th grades and graduated from Princeton High in "59".



Barbara went to Glassboro State College which is now Rowan University. She worked for 10 years in the Plainsboro/West Windsor School District and then stayed home and raised two wonderful children, Jennifer and Daniel. During this time, she went back to college and received a Masters of Education degree from Trenton State College which is now The College of New Jersey.

Her last 15 years was spent teaching 3rd grade in the Hamilton School District. Barbara is an avid tennis player and still plays. She loves to travel, read a good book, and try to do volunteer work for the community. She is looking forward to gaining a new prospective to her life after post-Covid.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting **Janet Reiche** who has been a member of College Club for more than ten years and is currently serving on the Board. She is now and has previously served as a member of the Program and Scholarship Committees.



Janet grew up in southern New Jersey, Vineland and Ocean City. After graduating from Kent Place School in Summit she attended Wells College in upstate New York and graduated with a double major in History and English. Her first job was in New York where she worked at Columbia University editing a children’s magazine and doctoral theses! After her marriage to Frank, they moved to Washington where she landed her ideal position — on the staff of New Jersey Senator Clifford Case where she served as the liaison between the Senator and residents of New Jersey and their various organizations.

Later Princeton became home as Frank joined a local law firm. Janet joined the staff at Stuart Country Day School heading the Public Relations Department and taught a course in Journalism. She also served on both the Alumnae Board and later the Board of Trustees at Wells. It was through both of these institutions, Stuart and Wells, that she became more aware of the scholarship needs of students. That is why she was drawn to the Women’s College of Princeton and their emphasis on scholarships.

Janet is currently living at Windrows where she is involved in many activities including the Marketing, and Program and Activities Committees. She enjoys the summer months in her favorite community, Ocean City, where she participates daily in water aerobics and enjoys the evening sunsets over the bay.

REMEMBERING BARBARA JOHNSON

Barbara Johnson passed away peacefully on November 4. Barbara was a very active member of the Women’s College Club of Princeton, serving as President, co-chair of the program committee and as a member of the scholarship committee. Barbara will definitely be missed.

A memorial service will be at the Princeton United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 28 at 2 PM.

2022-2023 Women’s College Club of Princeton Board

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Dates to Remember

Book Discussion	Friday, Dec. 2, 11 AM
Trips/Lunch	Tues, Dec. 6, 10:45 AM
Board Meeting	Thursday, Dec. 8, 10 AM
General Meeting	Monday, Dec. 19, 1 PM
Movies	TBA

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NOVEMBER MEETING PHOTOS



The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Come join us on Monday, **December 19, 2022**
from **1 PM to 3 PM** at
the Stockton Education Center at the Morven Museum
55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

"HomeFront: Helping families break the cycle of poverty"

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About our speakers: Sarah Steward is the new HomeFront CIO, and Meghan Cubano is the HomeFront Director of Development and Community.

Future 2023 programs for the Women's College Club (third Monday each month except summer) include a discussion of significant Presidents in history (January 16), a talk on the history of African Americans in Princeton (Feb 20), an insight on pain management (March 20), and a slide show on landscape gardening (April 17). Save the dates for these enlightening programs.

For further information, visit our website at :
wccpnj.org