

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

JANUARY 2023

President's Message

The solstice just passed and 2023 is around the corner. A good time to review the past and think of the future. I am so grateful to Nora Ananos, who encouraged me years ago to join the Club. As a result, I've made wonderful friends, visited new places, shared new experiences and expanded my world. I hope that has been true for you too.

If you have not participated in many club activities this year, I encourage you to do it this year. Make it a year of "yes". Say Yes to invitations that come your way. Say yes to meetings, trips, book club etc. and most importantly, say Yes to meeting new people and making new friends.

Thanks to our Program Committee, Jackie Bloom, Joan Goodman, and Janet Reiche, we have really interesting speakers coming in 2023. I hope you come to hear them.

The Club has enriched my life. I am sure, it will do the same for you.

Happy new year.

Connie Loukatos

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, January 12 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING
Monday January 16, 1 PM
Stockton Education Center at Morven



We are delighted to once again welcome David Mulford to our meeting on January 16. David has enlightened us in the past with his in-depth knowledge of American presidents. This year his topic is "President Who...?" His discussion will focus on our less famous "faded" presidents and their influence on our history.

David Mulford is a Presbyterian minister who has served churches in New York, New Jersey, and Florida. In his retirement years he has pursued his life-long interest in the lives of United States presidents and has talked extensively on the subject. We are grateful to be among his audiences.

Future programs for our club include a discussion of African American history in Princeton, insights into pain management, and a presentation on gardening and its connection to climate change.

Join us for each of these outstanding programs.

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 the following new members:

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Rowan University
Kean University



Joan, Janet and I want to thank our members for your generous contributions to the HomeFront holiday gift drive. We collected two carloads of beautiful toys, games, gift cards as well as a variety of gifts for the adult clients.

We have been enthusiastically invited to visit HomeFront to be further inspired by their programs. Hope you enjoyed the holiday season and have a happy and healthy New Year.

Jackie Bloom

JANUARY LUNCHEON

In January, we are going to go to Chambers Walk on Friday, January 20 at noon. If you would like to

attend, please let Bonnie know by Wednesday, January 18.

Last month in December, we went to Padrino's in Hamilton after visiting the Kuser Mansion. That luncheon was one for the books! One waitress for the entire restaurant and Mary Ellen's lunch slid right onto the floor!



BOOK DISCUSSION

The next book group is meeting on Friday, **January 27** at 11 AM at Windrows, in the Barnhart room on the lower level, next to the bank. We will be discussing *An Unnecessary Woman* by Rabih Alameddine.

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.

WALKING GROUP

When: Friday Jan. 13, 1 PM
Where: Mercer County Park

This is an opportunity to get some fresh air and to socialize with other members. We'll meet in Mercer County Park at the East Picnic area off Edinburg Rd. We'll walk the paved trail to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located between S. Post Rd. and Old Trenton Road. We'll continue on S. Post Rd. to the entrance to the marina area and then return to the East Picnic area on the paved trail.

Please let Jan Stout know (at stoutsnj@gmail.com) if you plan to come so we know who to expect.

TRIPS

Kathy Hutchins is still working out the details for a trip in January. Watch your emails for more information.

JEWELRY MAKING

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF TIFFANY & MIKIMOTO!!



Learn basic techniques for construction of a necklace or bracelet using freshwater pearls, faux pearls, real and imitation gemstones, and other interesting additional items. The

initial charge will be \$25 with additional charges for whatever materials you choose to use.

We will meet on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17** at 1.30 PM. - 3.00 (or mutually agreed time)

We will meet for 2-3 weeks depending on need and interest. Please sign up by JANUARY 9. For further information call Eila at 609-285-5180.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting new member **Betty Anne Clayton**.

Betty Anne's family of origin wintered in Villanova, PA and summered in Ocean City, NJ. Princeton was a lovely, quiet village, in 1961, when she came as a student-wife to study at Princeton Theological Seminary. Sixty years later, Princeton is still a very favorite place of hers. Her career in education began as a high school home economics teacher in Freehold Township. She went on to serve as a Vice-Principal, NJ State Supervisor and the NJ State Program Director for the Modelnetics Management Training Program at Rutgers University.

In mid-life, she studied the field of gerontology and subsequently, directed the Union County College Gerontology program where she taught the sociology & psychology of aging courses.

After moving to Wellesley, MA, Betty Anne was a visiting professor at Wheaton College where she taught Aging in America.

When her husband was transferred to Houston, TX, she directed the Aging Texas Well community research grant at Lone Star College. One significant outcome of the research was the creation of the Academy for Lifelong Learning. She was privileged to serve as the founding President of the Board of Directors.

An important period of spiritual growth in her life was during her ten years as a national seminar leader for the Spiritual Eldering Institute in Boulder, CO. During that time, Betty Anne authored *Spiritual Elders: Women of Worth in the Third Millennium* which was used as a fundraiser for the institute while she was serving on the Board of Directors.

Betty Anne lost her beloved husband in November of 2021, but is blessed with three fine children, six grands and two greats. Her oldest daughter Lisa lives on Beacon Hill in Boston, MA and her younger daughter Jamie lives in San Mateo, CA. They both think they live in the last best place! Fortunately, her son Brent lives in Monroe Township, NJ, close to Princeton, her favorite place.

Church and community service keeps this octogenarian happy and active. Betty Anne is looking forward to making new friends at WCCP.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting **Doris Ju** who has been a member of College Club for many years and is currently serving on the Board.



Doris Ju is the new Historian of the Club. She has been a member since 1997 when she relocated from New York City to Princeton.

She was born in Manila, attended the University of the Philippines for two years before she together with her parents and three sisters immigrated to the US. She has a BS from MIT and an MBA from NYU. She worked for the New York Stock Exchange, then for Bristol-Myers in New York, which merged in 1989 with Squibb in Princeton. She was a Systems Analyst/Programmer; she retired in 2005.

Doris lives with her sister Helen Ju in the Windrows Retirement Community. They both are parishioners of All Saints Church in Princeton where WCCP used to meet. Doris joined the WCCP because of Marge White who was a parishioner and who was also a very active member of the Club.

These days, Doris goes to the gym three times a week, plays bocce ball, participates in short story discussions, memoir writing, foreign policy discussions and Bible studies.

She and Helen manage their deceased parents' legacies of paintings and publications. She and Helen and their siblings have established a WCCP memorial scholarship in honor of their mother Chow-Soon Ju who was also a WCCP member.

IN REMEMBRANCE

There will be a memorial service at the Princeton United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 28 at 2 PM. for **Barbara Johnson**.

Bob Hillier, who gives a scholarship in memory of his mother Florence Bell each year, will hold a celebration of life of his wife **Barbara Hillier**, at the Princeton University Chapel on January 6 at 11 AM.

We are also sad to announce that Ginny Mason's husband, **Robert Willig**, passed away. For many years, Ginny has been gracious to open her home for College Club functions.

2022-2023 Women's College Club of Princeton Board

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Dates to Remember

Board Meeting	Thursday, Jan. 12, 10 AM
Walking Group	Friday, Jan. 13, 1 PM
General Meeting	Monday, Jan. 16, 1 PM
Jewelry Making	Tues. Jan. 17, 1:30 PM
Endowment Meeting	Thurs. Jan. 19, 1PM
Luncheon Group	Friday, Jan. 20, noon
Book Discussion	Friday, Jan. 27, 11 AM
Movies	TBA
Trips	TBA

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DECEMBER MEETING PHOTOS



The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Meeting Open to the Public

Monday January 16, 2023

1 – 3 PM

**The Stockton Education Center
at the Morven Museum**

Topic:

"President Who...?"

Our less famous "faded" presidents
and their influence on our history

Speaker:

The Reverend Dr. David Mulford

Presbyterian minister who in his retirement years
has pursued his life-long interest in researching the lives of
United States presidents

Other Upcoming Programs:

- February 20: History of African Americans in Princeton
 - March 20: Insights into pain management
- April 17: Princeton Garden Club: Gardening and climate change

For further information, visit our website at:

wccpnj.org