

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

APRIL 2023

President's Message

April is here and the beautiful daffodils are in bloom. I always remember the first poem by William Wordsworth that I learned in grammar school. "When all at once I saw a crowd. A host, of golden daffodils: Beside the lake, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze."



Sayen Woods in Hamilton has a wonderful collection of them in bloom now. Just like flowers and trees bloom in the spring, it is time for the Women's College Club of Princeton members to energize themselves and become more involved in the management and leadership of our organization.

We now have 90 members and over 35 of you have joined in the last 2 years. Although a couple of you have come forward and indicated that you would like to participate on the board, that is not enough. Lorraine Haucke needs help with hospitality; Alyce Conlon needs help with membership; Janet Young needs help with publicity, etc. Please email me at esloukatos@comcast.net or stoutsnj@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our leadership team. Please include a short bio and what you would be interested in doing.

An organization is only as good as its members. I know we have a great one and our goal is to make it even better.

Thank you very much for your consideration and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Connie Loukatos

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, April 13 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING Monday April 17, 1-3 PM Stockton Education Center at Morven

C-CHANGE CONVERSATIONS

At our April meeting we will be treated to an enlightening, non-partisan talk on climate change by Kathleen Biggins, president of C-Change Conversations. The program has been widely hailed as a dispassionate, fair, and balanced approach to climate change, encouraging participants to discuss and ask questions on this topic. Although this is a daunting subject, C-Change Conversations is achieving its mission to help people across the political spectrum understand why they should care about climate change, how it will impact them personally, why there is urgency to address it, and without inflaming partisan passions, how to demand action to mitigate the climate crisis.

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 member:

Mary Bell
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Princeton, NJ 08540
973-632-0876 cell
Marybell4house@gmail.com
University of Virginia
Wayne State
University of Wisconsin

WALKING GROUP

When: **Thursday, April 6, 10:30 AM**
Where: Veterans Park, Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Rd. entrance (next to Hospital)

Please let Jan Stout know if you plan to join us - stoutsnj@gmail.com. Cross your fingers for a nice sunny day!

TRIP

Where: Montclair Art Museum Trip

When: Fri. April 14 Carpool to arrive at the Museum at 11 AM. 1 hour drive.

Tickets: \$12. Purchase your own ticket online.

Lunch: Restaurant reservations for 12:45 will be made.

Deadline: Please let Jan Stout, stoutsnj@gmail.com know by Wed. April 5 if you would like to join us. We will need another driver if more people would like to go.

So far 8 have signed up for this trip: Jackie Bloom, Alyce Conlon, Joyce Felsenfeld (driver), Chris Greges (driver), Lorraine Haucke, Mary Ellen Parry, Barbara Rinaldo, Jan Stout.

LUNCHING OUT



The lunch group will meet at Acacia, Lawrenceville, on **Friday, April 21 at noon**. Parking is behind the restaurant in the large lot.

If you would like to join this group, please contact Bonnie Larson,

bonniejarson63@comcast.net or 609-655-2663.

BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart room on the lower level at 11 AM on **April 28, Friday**. We will be discussing *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.

All members are welcome. If you would like to participate in this group, please contact Bonnie

Larson, bonniejarson63@comcast.net or 609-655-2663.

HOSPITALITY

March refreshments were provided by Alice Adams, Janet Reiche, Dixie Kirpalani and Betty Anne Clayton. Flowers from Bonnie Larson's garden brought Spring to our afternoon.

Thank you
Hospitality Committee

THE FUN THINGS WE DO AS HISTORIANS

Doris Ju, Historian, is reserving a room at Windrows for the next meetings of the historian committee, three Mondays on **April 3, 10, 24 from 10:00 to 12 noon** to talk about WCCP History and to do work sorting through some boxes. Please contact her at (917) 520-8653.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting new member **Nancy Duff**.



Nancy Duff grew up in Tyler, Texas. She attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where she majored in English and graduated in 1973.

She graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA with an M.Div. in 1977. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) she served as a college chaplain for two years before entering a PhD. program in theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She taught ethics at Princeton Seminary from 1991 to 2020, when she retired.

She is married to David Mertz, a retired United Methodist pastor. Their daughter, McKinley Mertz, lives with her husband in Asbury Park. Their son, Adam Mertz, lives in Lincoln, NE with his fiancé.

Nancy published a book on death and dying, *Making Faithful Decisions at the End of Life* (Westminster John Knox), in 2018.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting **Alyce Conlon**, our membership chair.



Alyce was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She attended her high school senior prom with John Conlon, and they've been together ever since. Her father was a judge who helped instill in Alyce a desire to serve her various communities.

While attending St. John's University, she studied sociology and began volunteering. After moving to East Windsor fifty-one years ago, she joined the local civic association. As her two children entered school, she became a volunteer coordinator and established an art program that introduced elementary school students to works of the masters. Another of her initiatives brought together senior citizens and young students, establishing connections between the two generations.

In graduate school, Alyce received a Master's in Counseling Services and volunteered at a residential facility for young adults with mental health challenges. As a high school counselor, she developed a life-skills curriculum, and addressed pupils' personal and academic issues. During this time, she went back to graduate school and obtained certification as a school psychologist.

Now retired, Alyce has found enrichment as a member of WCCP. In particular, she was thrilled to be a part of the scholarship committee and took great pleasure in meeting extraordinary candidates.

Alyce enjoys Broadway shows, museums, history and travel. On her most profound trip to Europe, she went to Italy and connected with other members of her grandfather's family. She has forged ongoing relationships with these relatives, which make her feel closer to her roots. She is especially proud of her three lovely granddaughters.

LOOKING BACK.....

Looking back in our history, there are many interesting facts that you are probably unaware of. Here is one of them:

Peggy Brennan is a second-generation member of the Women's College Club of Princeton.

Her mom joined in very early 50s and was still a member when she died in 1989. Her name was Pauline Spahr. She was secretary when Mrs. Ssjostrom (67-69) was president.

Peggy was secretary about 1962, 1963 and remember going to Mrs. Ssjostrom's house in West Windsor for meetings.

Neither she or her mom could type so her dad had his secretary type the College Club minutes.

Dates to Remember

Walking Group	Thurs, April 6, 10:30 AM
Board Meeting	Thurs. April 13, 10 AM
Trip	Friday, April 14, 10 AM
General Meeting	Monday, April 17, 1 PM
Historian Group	Mondays April 3, 10, 24 10-12 noon
Book Discussion	Friday, April 28, 11 AM

2022-2023 Women's College Club of Princeton Board

President	Connie Loukatos
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Endowment	Bonnie Larson
Historian	Doris Ju
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Scholarship	Sandy Stein
Trips	Kathy Hutchins
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MARCH MEETING PHOTOS



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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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The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Meeting Open to the Public

Monday April 17, 2023

1 – 3 PM

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

Topic:

"C-Change Conversations"

- Why care about climate change
- How will it impact us personally
- Why is there urgency to address it
- How to demand action to mitigate the climate crisis

Speaker:

Kathleen Biggins

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT: C-CHANGE CONVERSATIONS.ORG

Kathleen founded C-Change Conversations in 2014. Her previous experience includes co-hosting an internet radio show about Delaware Valley environmental issues and working with Ogilvy & Mather advertising agency in New York City and QLM Marketing in Princeton, NJ, where she lives. The New Orleans native was a reporter for *The Times-Picayune* after graduating from the University of Virginia and studying International Relations at the Albert Ludwig University in Freiburg, Germany, as a Rotary Scholar.

For further information, visit our website at:

wccpnj.org