

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

November 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that you all have had opportunities to enjoy some of the beautiful Fall days that we've had and are enjoying the Fall foliage.

As Vice President I became President when our President's position became vacant. I've agreed to continue to serve in that role. At the September 18th General Meeting Janet Reiche was elected as Vice President, and Mary Castria was elected as the Chair of the Endowment Committee.

Giving scholarships is the most important thing our Club does. Three new members of the Scholarship Committee have been approved by the Board. Joining Sandy Stein (Chair) and Alice Mass are Chris Greges, Debbie Shuman, and Myra Slatoff.

Joan Goodman and Jackie Bloom are lining up several interesting programs for us. Besides Artificial Intelligence in Nov., upcoming topics include Latin American culture, Egyptology, efforts to release innocent prisoners, Elder Law and book banning.

Helen Ju does a great job keeping the Club website up-to-date. Be sure to check it out at wccpnj.org.

Doris Ju and her Historian group are meeting regularly to go through our historical records. They have gone through 19 of 20 boxes! Please be sure to check out their displays which will be opposite the sign in table at General Meetings.

We had great attendances at the Sept. and Oct. General Meetings. I hope you can join us at Morven on Nov. 20th!

Jan Stout

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, Nov. 9 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

November 20, 1:00 PM

Stockton Education Center at Morven
Artificial Intelligence Explained

Dr. Adam Fisch is a Senior research scientist at Google DeepMind. He received his PhD from MIT in 2023 and was the recipient of a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Prior to MIT, he worked as a Research Engineer at Meta AI research. He received his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from Princeton University in 2015.



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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 or 609-448-7064.

We would like to welcome the following new members to our group. Both are listed in our new directory.

Laura Shiels

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Barbara Eckelmeyer

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DIRECTORIES

If you did not pick up your directory in October, please make sure to pick it up at the November meeting.

LUNCHEON GROUP

On **Friday, November 10**, we will be going to Seasons 52 in Marketfair for lunch at noon.

If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson, bonniejlarson63@comcast.net.

HISTORY INTEREST GROUP

The Club History Interest group have been meeting on selected Monday mornings, and has just one more box left to sort through (down from roughly 20 boxes – some packed full, some half empty). It is a blessing that the Windrows housekeeping staff comes to the room after our meeting at 11:30 and takes away the two or so boxes of trash we create each time.

We need to go through the piles that we have decided to keep and re-sort them into finer categories. At the same time, we have kept many pieces of artifacts that may no longer have value as to the data – such as several old ledgers. There are also several photo albums and scrap books of newspaper clippings and thank you letters from scholarship recipients. There are bundles of old member directories, and a Club recipe book!

What to do with what remains is a question to brain storm. Ideas such as designating one General Monthly meeting (perhaps in March to coincide with Women's History Month) to focus on our Club history, during which perhaps the many artifacts will be displayed like a museum exhibition, and members can walk around viewing the displays. Another idea is to publish a History Book like the Present Day Club, which took two years and the hard work of historian Rosemary Walmsley.

The idea of digitizing also will take great effort, and other than a researcher, who else would be wanting to search through these digitized documents? Meanwhile, we will continue to meet on the following Mondays in the Barnhart Room from 9:30-11:30 to further organize the documents and photographs and newspaper clippings we have saved. The Barnhart Room is reserved thru the end of 2023:

Oct -- 30
Nov -- 6, 13, 27
Dec -- 4, 11

TRIPS

On **Tuesday, November 14**, we are scheduled to tour the National Guard Militia Museum at 161 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville. The docent-led tour will begin at 11 AM with lunch to follow at Chambers Walk Cafe and Catering, 2667 Main Street, Lawrenceville.

The museum honors the veterans of the NJ Army National Guard, NJ Air National Guard, and the NJ Naval Militia and their oral histories through collections and displays of artifacts. The museum has the largest collection of NJ related Civil War research material in the country!

We hope that you can join us! Please contact Barbara Rinaldo @ Barbe017@aol.com or 732-742-2827 by Tuesday Nov.7th. Thank you.

PICTURES FROM THE BORDENTOWN TRIP



BOOK GROUP

There will be no meeting in November, due to Thanksgiving, thus the book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart room on the lower level at 11 AM on **Friday, Dec. 1** to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus..

All members are welcome. If you would like to participate in this group, please contact Joan Goodman, joan2larry@aol.com.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...



Patrish is a new member to our club and has joined our board as our photographer. Welcome Patrish!

Patricia "Patrish" Shalestik was born in Rahway, NJ and is a second generation American. (Maternal Grandparents were Slovak, and Paternal Grandparents were Carpathian Russians.) Her father was born in Rahway in 1913, and her mother lived in Rahway over 80 years.

Patrish was employed by Merck & Co., Inc. for over three decades wearing many professional hats. Along the way as she went to college at night and finally achieved her Liberal Arts Degree from Thomas Edison State University in NJ.

Patrish met her husband on a ski trip in Zermatt, Switzerland in 1984; they have made Hamilton Square their home for 39 years. Unable to have children of their own, they welcomed over the years three foreign exchange students to live with them for a full high school year (Germany and Sweden).

In 2010, a young woman already a university graduate from Siberia, Russia came to live with them for seven years and won their hearts! She became the daughter they were unable to have! In 2017 Elvira married Aslan, and they now have two children so Patrish & Brian have become the proud American grandparents of Arina and Demir! God has truly blessed them with an extended NJ family!

HOSPITALITY

Many thanks to the generous members who provided delicious refreshments.

Sandwiches;

Sharon Morgan and Dulcie Bull

Desserts:

Alice Mass, Joan Goodman, Connie Loukatos

Lorraine Haucke

Soft drinks:

Betty Ann Clayton, Kate Wood, Judy Devine, Florence Deetjen

Fruit and table decorations

Kathy Hutchins

Lorraine Haucke

Chris Greges

PICTURES FROM OUR LAST MEETING



Dates to Remember

History Group	Mon. Nov. 6, 13, 27 9:30 – 11:30
Board Meeting	Thurs. Nov. 9, 10 AM
Luncheon	Fri. Nov. 10, noon
Trip	Tuesday, Nov. 14, 11 AM
General Meeting	Monday, Nov. 20, 1 PM
Book Discussion	Friday, Dec 1, 11 AM

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The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Come join us on Monday, **November 20, 2023**
from **1 PM to 3 PM** at
the Stockton Education Center at the Morven Museum
55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

Speaker:
Dr. Adam Fisch

Topic:



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For further information, visit our club website at:

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