

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

April 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived and the Board is planning (a) a Tea in May for the 17 new members since July 2023, (b) the awarding of Scholarships to high school seniors at 3 PM on May 20, and (c) the Annual Meeting with election of officers for 2024-2025 at Windrows on June 17.



With the return of nice weather, monthly walks are being resumed. The locations will be chosen so that the group can easily split up between those wanting to walk up to 2 miles and those preferring 3 miles. Please watch your email the week of scheduled walks for cancellations and rescheduling due to the weather.

Thank you to everyone who brings refreshments to the General Meetings - always well done. The Board has recommended that the refreshment table be set up and ready for use by 12:45, rather than by 1 PM, so that by 1 PM everyone has had a chance to get a drink, etc. and is seated, ready for the speaker to be introduced.

Volunteers needed: Please consider volunteering to work with (a) Bonnie Larson on the Club newsletter or (b) Chris Greges and the Historian Committee writing summaries by decade of the Club's history.

Enjoy the Spring weather and join us for the Club's activities!

Jan Stout

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, April 11 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

BOOK BANNING

APRIL 15, 1:00 PM

Stockton Education Center at Morven

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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 member to our group.

Linda DeMatteo

Dimatli3@comcast.net

University of California, Berkeley

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual luncheon will be on **Monday, June 17 at Windrows**. The reservation form will be emailed to you in the middle of April and will also be in the May newsletter.



LUNCHEON GROUP

On **Tuesday, April 9 at noon**, we will be going to Aja, an Asian fusion restaurant, Rt 206 Montgomery.

If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson, bonniejarson63@comcast.net.

CLUB HISTORY INTEREST GROUP

I hope you have missed having the fun and fellowship and will show up **Apr 1, 8, 22, 29**, Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 in the Barnhart Room at Windrows. Christine Greges wrote about the first decade of the WCCP 1916-1926. I hope you will take one decade and write it up—there is no deadline. (See the next page of the newsletter to read Christine's entry.)

Please respond just so Doris knows who's coming. Thanks! Doris' cell is 917 520-8653.

TRIPS

We are going to go to The New Leaf Tea Room, 606 Main St. Riverton, NJ on Thursday, **April 25** for the Riverton Royal Tea at **12 noon**.

The cost is \$38.95 which includes the tea, tax and gratuity. Please give Barbara your payment by cash or check by mailing it to Barbara Rinaldo, 315C Sharon Way, Monroe Twp, NJ 08831.

Barbara needs to know by Thursday, April 11. Please send her an email at Barbe017@aol.com or call 732-742-2827.

We are going to carpool from City Streets, 510 Rt. 130, East Windsor. We will be leaving at 10:30 from there.

**** Please let Barbara know if you have any food allergies.

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BOOK GROUP



The book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart Room on the lower level at 11 AM on **Friday, April 26**, to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride.

After our discussion, we go upstairs in Windrows to have lunch in the Tiger Café.

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

WALKING GROUP

When: **Wed. April 24, 10 AM**

Where: Mercer County Park. Meet at the 9/11 Memorial near the entrance to the Marina parking lot.

How: Text or Email Jan Stout if you plan to join us and also if you need to cancel.

HOSPITALITY

Following are the members who generously provided refreshments on March 18:

Barbara Rinaldo, Marlene Gordon, Alyce Conlon Mariann Sagarese, Debbie Shuman, Iris Schulman Jan Stout, Kate Wood, Kathy Hutchins. Thank you.

Hospitality Chairs

Lorraine Haucke *Chris Greges*

IN MEMORIUM

We are sad to announce that Kathy Babich passed away February 27. Kathy was an active member of our group. We will miss her.

A Look Back

1920's

Fundraising became a high priority for the Women's College Club in the early 1920s. Subscription dances (sponsored jointly with the Princeton Hospital Committee) were popular and brought in added revenue (a dance in 1921 netted the Women's College Club \$350!). At one dance, held in Thomson Hall, the Farr Hardware orchestra played and a campus policeman took tickets at the door. Mothers brought their daughters and chaperoned from seats along the wall. For couples desiring conversation, a few chairs and potted palms decorated what eventually became the police court when the building became Borough Hall in 1936. The building was demolished in 1973.

Sandwiches sold at football games added to the Club's coffers. One of the Club's former presidents tells of making hundreds of sandwiches to be sold at a University reunion. Unhappily, so few were sold that she and her husband filled cartons and clothes baskets with unsold sandwiches and dumped them at midnight into the piggery of a farm where Princeton Hospital once stood at the intersection of Witherspoon Street and Franklin Avenue. Quite a feast for those pigs!

Chris Greges

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month we will be highlighting **Carol Stokes**.

Carol Stokes grew up in Princeton, and lived on a working farm. She said that when she got home from school her job was to collect the eggs in the hen house – which she dreaded because the broody hens stayed on their eggs and would peck her hand! The first thing she ever drove was a John Deere tractor.



Carol went to Miss Fine's School (which, together with the boys' Princeton Country Day school, became the Princeton Day School). In those days, dancing class was a standard activity in 7th and 8th grade. Bob Hillier was in the same one as Carol, and she remembers that together they won the class prize for dancing the Charleston!

After 9th grade, Carol's parents decided to send her to boarding school, and Carol spent three wonderful years at Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie, NY, a Quaker co-ed school with children literally from all over the world and all walks of life. Carol said that in her junior year the two girls in the dorm room across from hers were Bette Davis' niece and Lena Horne's daughter!

After attending Douglass College Carol decided that she wanted to see the West Coast, so she and another girl drove her '49 Dodge first to San Francisco, where a friend had moved. They decided it was too much like the East, so they headed south and ended up in San Diego where an aunt lived. It was there that she met and eventually married Jack Tibbetts, a Navy pilot.

After 5 years, three years of which were spent in Corpus Christie, Texas, Jack decided to leave the Navy and fly for Eastern Airlines – and they ended up moving to Lawrenceville! They divorced about 8 years later and several years after that Carol went back to her maiden name.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Carol joined the Present Day Club in 1967, where she became President in 2006 (with Janet Reiche as her VP!). For roughly 40 years Carol was president of the board of trustees of the Carolyn Stokes Preschool, a non-profit in West Trenton.

In 1996 Carol decided to volunteer with The Exchange Club, which was focused on helping the homeless families housed in the US 1 motels. Yes, today it's called HomeFront and Carol ended up being their grant writer for about 20 years!

Carol's son and his wife live in Ewing, and her daughter and two grandchildren are in Colorado. Carol is so thankful that fate brought her back to Princeton, where she continues to enjoy a variety of activities and amenities.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

History Group	Mon. April 1, 8, 22, 29 9:30 – 11:30
Luncheon	Tues. April 9, noon
Board Meeting	Thurs. April 11, 10 AM
General Meeting	Monday, April 15, 1 PM
Trip	Thurs. April 25, noon
Book Discussion	Friday, April 26, 11 AM

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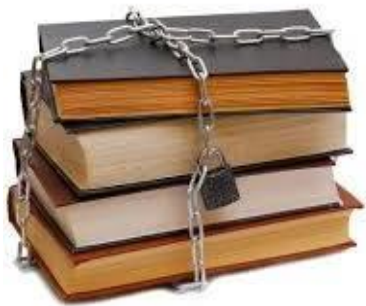
PICTURES FROM THE MARCH MEETING



The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Come join us on Monday, **APRIL 15, 2024**
from **1 PM to 3 PM** at
the Stockton Education Center at the Morven Museum
55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540



Speaker:

Ewa Dziedzic-Elliott

Education Librarian, MLIS
R. Barbara Gitenstein Library
The College of New Jersey

Topic:

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For further information, visit our club website at:

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