

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

MAY 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Two of the Club's special events are coming soon - the awarding of scholarships at 3 PM on May 20th at Morven and the 2024 Annual Luncheon with the election of officers for 2024-2025 at 11:30 on June 17th at Windrows.



The awarding of scholarships to Princeton high school seniors with scholastic achievement and financial need is our mission. We received 38 applications this year! Each year we give 5% of the Club's endowment account balance as of March, and this year we are able to give more than last year. We will also be awarding named scholarships, generously funded by current and past Club members. You will be impressed with these young ladies' scholastic achievements and their accomplishments in sports and campus and community activities. I hope you can join us for both of these special events!

Jan Stout

BOARD MEETING

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

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Honoring our Scholarship Winners

May 20, 3:00 PM

Stockton Education Center at Morven

Every May we honor our Scholarship Winners with an afternoon meeting where we give out the awards to our 2024 winners.



The scholarship team has worked very hard combing through 38 applications to choose the young women for each award that we are presenting.

Since this is a school day, our meeting will begin at 3 PM. Once the awards are given out, there will be time to meet and congratulate our 2024 winners.

We hope that we will see all of you at this meeting.

NEW MEMBER TEA

Our new member tea will be held on **Friday, May 10, 2-4** at Connie Loukatos' home. She has graciously agreed to open her home again for this tea.



All new members this year and any new members from last year who were unable to attend last year, are invited to come and socialize with each other and our board.

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 the following new members to our group.

Jo-Lin Liang
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June (Winnie) Schilling
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East Windsor 08520
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LUNCHEON GROUP

On **Wednesday, May 22 at noon**, we will be going to Rossi's in Hamilton:

Rossi's Bar and Grill
2110 Whitehorse Mercerville Rd.
Hamilton, NJ
609-890-2004

If people from the W Windsor, E. Windsor, Cranbury, Monroe area want to carpool, we can meet at the old Little Szechuan parking lot on Old Trenton Rd. and leave by 11:30.

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

HISTORY INTEREST GROUP

The Barnhart Room in Windrows has been booked for the same time 9:30-11:30 for May 6 and 13.

Join us as we continue to sort through the club's history for the past 100+ years.

Doris Ju, Historian c: 917-520-8653, email address: dorisju@hotmail.com

TRIPS

Thirteen members enjoyed a day out on Thursday, April 25th at the New Leaf Tea Room and Shoppes in Riverton, New Jersey.

Nestled on Main Street, the Gold Room proved to be cozy and a perfect fit for our group. We sat at 3 separate tables and enjoyed white chocolate/ raspberry scones, individual pots of hot tea, tea sandwiches and wonderful desserts! Some members purchased items from the gift shop. A good time was had by all.

Jan has planned a combo walking trip to the Sayen Gardens for May 8th. Plans for a visit to Duke Gardens in June are in the making. Stay tuned for the date!

PICTURES — New Leaf Tea Room



WALKING GROUP

What: walk Sayen Gardens in Hamilton Square
When: Wed. May 8 10:30 AM

This month we are combining a Walk with a minor Trip. The many azaleas at Sayen Garden will be in bloom on May 8. Weather permitting, we will walk around the gardens, as much or as little as you'd like, and then have lunch or a snack at the nearby Panera (on Route 33). The entrance to the gardens is on Hughes Drive. We'll gather at the end of the lot farthest from Mercer St. which intersects with Hughes Drive. Please let Jan Stout know at stoutsnj@gmail.com if you plan to join us.

BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart room on the lower level at 11 AM on **Friday, May 31**, to discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. This book is currently on the best sellers list, so don't wait to try to get it. At noon, after our discussion, we go upstairs to have lunch in the Café at Windrows.

In June we will be reading *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

History Group	Mon. May 6, 13 9:30 – 11:30
Walking Group	Wed. May 8, 10:30 AM
Board Meeting	Thurs. May 9, 10 AM
New Member Tea	Friday, May 10, 2 PM
General Meeting	Monday, May 20, 3 PM
Luncheon	Wed. May 22, noon
Book Discussion	Friday, May 31, 11 AM

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A Look Back – 1916

As we begin to review the applications for scholarship awards given by the Women's College Club every May, we are indeed grateful to our founders and their successors, as well as other benefactors who have enabled our endowment to flourish and grow, especially when we look at the early days of the Club when loans, not scholarships, were given.

In the spring of 1916, the immediate problem of the loan committee was that three girls had applied for loans of \$50, \$100 and \$150, and that one girl had asked for any amount which could be offered. Even with \$100 borrowed from the High School Alumni Association, the Club treasury was still inadequate for these needs. During the summer, two of the loan applications were withdrawn, and grants of \$125 were made to each of the remaining two girls.

In late summer a young lady entered an urgent plea for money to supplement an available scholarship for college. A clergyman raised \$75 to assist her and the Club was asked for \$200. A member of the Alumni Association loaned \$100, and the other \$100 was available in the Club treasury. Seven months after organization, the Club had loaned \$350 of its \$352.50 balance. The Club still had to find the money to reimburse the generous individual who loaned \$100, but the Women's College Club had met its first challenge successfully.

Chris Greges

A PAGE FROM THE CLUB SCRAPBOOK

The first Florence Bell Hillier Award 1993



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Clubs and Organizations

The Women's College Club of Princeton has presented Katherine L. Bertone of Pennington with the first annual Florence Bell Hillier Prize. The cash prize, established from donations received by the Women's College Club upon the death of Florence B. Hillier last year, was supplemented with an engraved silver bowl presented by J. Robert Hillier, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of The Hillier Group, and his father, Dr. James Hillier.

The award honors the memory of Florence B. Hillier who was a member of the Women's College Club of Princeton for many years. The prize is awarded to a young woman who exemplifies the entrepreneurship, intelligence, artistic talent, and humor that were the hallmarks of Mrs. Hillier's life.

A graduate of The Hun School, ranking first in her class, Katherine L. Bertone plans to enter Harvard University in September.

The Women's College Club of Princeton will have a brief ceremony introducing the winner of the first Florence Bell Hillier Award. Her son, J. Robert Hillier, will present the scholarship recipient with an engraved silver bowl. Dr. James Hillier will attend.

The ceremony will take place on Monday, May 17, at 11:30 at Scanticon. A spring luncheon and fashion show will follow at noon, with fashions by Merrick's on Moore. Cash bar will open at 11 a.m. Reservations must be made in advance.

Mrs. Hillier belonged to the Women's College Club of Princeton for decades and was highly interested in scholarships for college students in the Princeton area.

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