

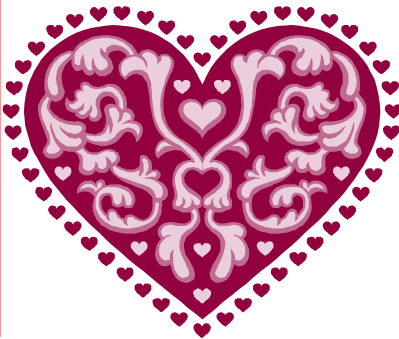


The Porch Club of Riverton

February 2008

Inside the Porch Door

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CALENDAR

February 5, 12:30 pm
Meeting/Covered Dish Luncheon
Nomination of New Officers
Porch Club

February 6, 10:00 am
Garden Dept/Home-made Paper
Porch Club

February 12, 2:30 pm
Ways and Means Meeting
Porch Club

February 15, 1:00 pm
Arts Creative/Charcoal Sketching
Porch Club

February 18, 7:00 pm
Evening Meeting Porch Club
White Elephant Auction

February 21, 11:30 am
Bingo Lunch—\$10
Porch Club

February 25, 11:30 am
Literature Dept Meeting
Porch Club

March 4, 7:30 pm
Meeting/Pine Barons Chorus
Porch Club

March 11, 2:30 pm
Ways and Means Meeting
Porch Club

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President's Message:

Pat Brunker

303-1777

Dear Porch Club Members:

Here's my quote of the month from Jedi Master Yoda, "Do, or do not. There is no 'try.'" I like it because I often find myself trying to do things and usually failing instead of just doing them and succeeding. Speaking of succeeding, I wonder if the Porch Club is all that it could be (probably not), but don't know how to make it better. Please tell me your ideas of what we need to do to make our club more of the warm, welcoming, and interesting place that I know it can and should be.

The Board voted to make fifty-year member Gertrude Swope an Honorary member last month. Gertrude has been living in Florida for a number of years now, but still retains her active membership. Congratulations to you and the other fifty-year members this year - Helene Styer and Jeanne Hornberger.

The Porch Club hosted the other clubs of the Garden District for the January Council and Program Assistance Day on January 17th. Most of the other thirty-two clubs in the District and various State representatives attended and enjoyed our clubhouse and hospitality. Thanks to those who helped out - Cora Lee Page, Jean Richman and Terri Budroe.

There are lots of interesting events coming up. The March 4th general meeting will feature The Pine Barons Chorus. The men of the chorus are always a pleasure to have on stage, so bring your husbands and other guests for this entertaining show. Bring them to our St. Patrick's Day party, too, on March 17th. In conjunction with the Historical Society of Riverton, an Irish band will play for us and our families - 'tis the day for singing, dancing and celebration. The Porch Club will once again have an entry in the Philadelphia Flower Show this year. Our window box and hanging basket, done by our Garden Department, will be on display at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from March 5 - 9. Thanks to Rita Vittese and June Emens for spearheading this committee. We'll be putting together Easter baskets for poor children again on Thursday, March 13th at 7:00. This was such fun last year and is such a worthy cause.

There's always something interesting to do. Look for articles from our hard-working Department Chairmen in this newsletter and on our web site, <http://theporchclub.org>. As always, unsung heroes, Vicky Gordon and Debbie Christopher, are working on them quietly behind the scenes. And soon it will be spring!

Pat



CALENDAR

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March 13, 11:00 am
Arts Creative/Soups On
Porch Club

March 13, 7:00 pm
Easter Baskets for Charity
Porch Club

March 17, 11:30 am
Bingo Lunch—\$10
Porch Club

March 17, 7:00 pm
Evening Meeting/Irish Music
Porch Club

March 31, 11:30 am
Literature Dept Meeting
Porch Club

April 1, 12:30 pm
Meeting/Chartered Luncheon
\$9-Reservations Required
Porch Club

**Future Events:**

Rummage Sale:
April 11 & 12

**New Member's
Luncheon:** May 13

Garden Tour:
May 31

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Federation State Project - Domestic Violence

Michelle Daniel, 786-4643
Project Coordinator

Everyone can be great because everyone can serve - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank you to all the members who attended the January General Meeting and listened to the presentation by Allison Koulac from Providence House. Allison stated over and over how much Providence House depends on our generous donations, please continue to bring your donations to the General Meeting or call me and I will come and pick up any items for donation. (A request was made for small packets of tissues) Staff members at Providence House occasionally have to take the victims to court and find it much nicer to hand the women a small pack of tissues than a ball of wadded up tissue out of her pocket.

Programs

Aggie Kennedy aggiekennedy@hotmail.com

Come join us on March 4th at 7:30 for our annual evening meeting. The Cherry Hill Pine Barons Chorus will present a live performance of songs arranged in the 'Barbershop' style. This group was with us two years ago and everyone had a really entertaining and fun night. As usual, husbands and guests are invited. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Hope to see you there.

Evening Meetings

Pat Brunker

White Elephant Auction

Monday, February 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Are you tired of looking at that moose head in the living room? Why on earth did somebody give you a loaf of bread sprayed with shellac for Christmas? Bring all those outrageous things that you can't imagine why they are in your house - or good things you just don't want - and we'll auction them off. Somebody might want that moose head! We'll give the proceeds to charity.

Easter Basket Extravaganza

Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Making Easter baskets for poor families. Please bring any of the following: small baskets, ribbon, clear wrap, candy, small toys, etc. to fill them. The baskets will be given to Emergency Services for distribution to poor children who wouldn't have them otherwise.

Family St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Monday, March 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm

In conjunction with the Historical Society of Riverton, Irish music by "McDermott's Handy", singing and refreshments. Bring the family. 'Tis the day.

**Arts Creative**

Ginny Cisario/Donna van Hoy

February 15 at 1:00 PM: Donna will teach sketching with charcoal—a Still Life.

March 13 at 11:30: Soups On! Bring your favorite soup, bread or dessert. We will also discuss and exchange recipes.

Ways And Means Muriel Alls-Moffatt muriel.alls@verizon.net

BINGO LUNCH—For \$10. Players receive 3 Bingo Cards, Choice of 2 Soups, A Sandwich and Wonderful Company.

All At 11:30 am Dates: February 25, March 17, April (TBA)

Ways and Means Meetings: Tuesdays at 2:30 PM

February 12th, March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!!!

Arts Performing/Music Naomi Horn 829-7235

Thanks to everyone for a successful Christmas Tea program. The Sing-a-Long sounded great. We need some of you to join the chorus.

Just a reminder to the Chorus, we are the entertainment for the May meeting. If you have any ideas, please give me a call.

Literature Department Sandra Scheer 461-3088

Monthly Meetings

each held at the Porch Club — bring a bag lunch

Mondays: February 25 and March 31 at 11:30 am

March we will be featuring Author Anita Shreve's works.

All are welcome at any meeting,
we like to hear about what you have read.

Public Affairs Joanne Fields 786-0441

The Public Affairs division will be delivering Easter Baskets March 14th at 10:30 am to Emergency Services. We will have lunch afterwards at Joanne's house.

Four of us will be attending the Public Affairs luncheon in Trenton on March 17. We'll ride up on the Light Rail, cab over to the club house and then walk across the street for conferences with the legislators.

Garden Department Jeannie Francis rivertonporchclub1@yahoo.com

Wednesday, February 6, 2008: In the gloomy month of February we will have some fun making home-made paper with flower pedals.

March means Philadelphia Flower Show time. The Porch Club's entry, a window box and hanging basket, will be on display from March 5 - 9. Please remember to come out and support your Club.

Membership Committee
Ruth Streckenbein, Jo Ann DiNoia

Please welcome new members installed in December:

Helene Lilholt 212 Thomas Ave Riverton, NJ 786-4360	Erica Delp 800 Morgan Ave #4 Palmyra, NJ 745-7364
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Lorraine Cunningham 2088 Harbour Dr Palmyra, NJ 829-0223	Mary Milroy 606 Park Ave Cinnaminson, NJ 829-0992
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Arlene Kuncas
2301 Chestnut Hill Dr
Cinnaminson, NJ
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Eleanor Caprano and Gertrude Swope have become Honorary Members.

Phyllis Goffredo passed away in December. Keep her in your thoughts.



Reminder:

April 1st is our Charter Luncheon meeting. Please remember to call or email June Emens and reserve your catered lunch from Georgetti's at a cost of \$9. 829-2838 / june.emens@comcast.net.





Our February 5, Members Luncheon was hosted by the International Affairs Department. The luncheon highlighted the Christian Children's Fund (CCF) and their initiatives benefiting children in 31 countries around the world. Here at the Porch Club, our monthly contributions to CCF do make a difference! Our sponsored child, Kimberley, who happens to be from the United States, is one of 500,000 CCF sponsored children worldwide. Although only 7 years old, Kimberley already faces many challenges. Through our donations and personal correspondences, she receives support and access to programs that help her development and strengthen her family.

The Christian Children's Fund was founded in 1938 in Richmond, VA, as China's Children Fund. CCF has evolved from a focus on orphans and orphanages to an international child development organization. The name Christian Children's Fund was adapted in 1951. In 2007, 82% of all funds received by CCF went to programs and services for children and their families. Their Mission Statement:

We Believe In Children

We believe in the intrinsic worth of each child.

We exhibit a strong bias for pragmatic action and effectiveness.

We maintain an independent, non-sectarian commitment to children.

Our strength is in diversity and local leadership. We believe in God's universal love for all children.

We trust that our efforts today will provide the foundation for a brighter tomorrow for children.

Thank you for your continued support via the "Kimberley Basket" each month! An abundance of information on the Christian Children's Fund can be found by accessing their website: www.christianchildrensfund.org. Try it!

Visit our New Website for last-minute events and changes: <http://www.theporchclub.org>

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