



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

Dec. 2012/Jan. 2013

Inside the Porch Door

Calendar

December

Tues. Dec. 4, 12:30 pm
General Meeting / Christmas Tea

Mon. Dec. 10, 9:30 am
Stitchery

Mon. Dec. 10, 7:00 pm
Scribblers

Mon. Dec. 10,
Arts Creative Trip – Longwood
Gardens

Wed. Dec. 12, 7 pm
Evening Meeting, Seasonal Music

Mon. Dec. 17, 9:30 am
Crafts

Mon. Dec. 17, 11:30 am
Literature

January

Thurs. Jan 3, 9:00 am
Undecorate Clubhouse

Tues. Jan. 8, Noon
General Meeting; International
Luncheon

Fri. Jan. 11, Noon – 2 pm
Bingo

Mon. Jan. 14, 9:30 am
Stitchery

Mon. Jan. 14, 7:00 pm
Scribblers

Fri. Jan. 18, Public Issues Meeting

Mon. Jan. 21, 9:30 am
Crafts

Mon. Jan. 21, 11:30 am
Literature

Mon. Jan. 21, 7 pm
Domestic Violence Meeting

Mon. Jan. 28, 7 pm
Evening Meeting, Bingo: Families
in Need



Letter From the President:

Dear ladies,

By the time you read this, our holiday decorating will be done and we'll be set for enjoying our Christmas Tea on December 4th and our evening group meeting – 'An Evening of Seasonal Music' on Wednesday, December 12th. Thanks to Sue Fay, Naomi Horn, and the Porch Club chorus for entertaining us during the tea. On the 12th Diana Dohrmann and the Presbyterian Bell Choir will entertain us. It will surely be an enjoyable evening.

Our fall has certainly been full of events. Everyone has worked so hard to make each and every event a success. Thanks to all for continuing to uphold the true meaning of The Porch Club. And, the true meaning of the Porch Club is exemplified by Michelle Daniel. Kudos go to Michelle for spearheading the handicapped accessible bathroom project. She worked tirelessly to complete this project. Michelle, we can't thank you enough for your time and talents.

Looking forward to spring our Arts Performing/Drama co-chair, Lynn Johnson, is planning a presentation for our May meeting. Drama has been part of NJSFWC since its beginnings. In the state newsletter, The Almanac, the state historian wrote several interesting facts about our 'Clubwomen "On Stage" '.

- Beginning in September of 1915 a Pageantry Department was formed in conjunction with The Civics Department. These evolved into a combination of The Drama and Literature Departments. The Drama Department became a separate entity in 1942, and Drama became part of the new Arts/Performing Department in 1992 in order to fall into the GFWC pattern.

- During World War II Drama Festivals were cancelled, but clubs produced plays and other entertainments for USO centers and other groups which entertained service personnel. When the Festivals resumed after the war, the audiences got bigger every year. Clubs held classes in every phase of stage craft and held workshops on make-up, directing and acting.

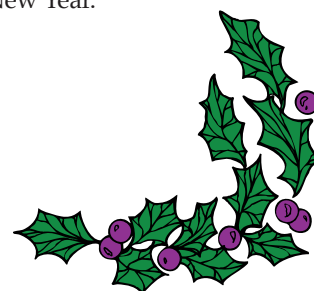
- Aspiring playwrights began entering an original play contest, and in 1967 the Bea Rothwell Award for novice playwrights was given for the first time, and a \$50 Bond was given to an aspiring playwright at Douglass College. Drama Scholarships were instituted in 1953 with well over \$1,000 being awarded each year to Douglass College students.

It will be great to continue this long-standing tradition of NJSFWC with our May presentation.

Have a Happy Holiday season and a Joyous and Safe New Year.

Bobbie

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Family Promise – State Project

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The NJSFWC project for the next two years is Family Promise (www.familypromise.org). Family Promise is a national organization dedicated to helping homeless and low-income families achieve financial independence. Independent affiliates operate in more than 180 communities in 41 states. With funding raised by the NJSFWC, Family Promise will expand into another five New Jersey counties.

The Porch Club will hold several fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds to support this project. In addition, Interfaith Hospitality Network Burlington County (IHNBC, www.ihnbc.org), our local affiliate, offers other ways to offer support. Gently used sheets and towels can be donated for use by the families in the program. Bring them to a meeting or contact Amanda Boulton. Public Issues, under the direction of Betty Dunn, is collecting paper products to be used at IHNBC's day center. Also greatly appreciated are laundry detergent, dish detergent, and first aid supplies.

For those of you who prefer donating your time, you can volunteer when Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverton hosts the families. Families rotate among 13 host churches, staying at each for one week. During that week, volunteers are needed to provide dinner for the families, serve dinner, and spend the night. The next time for Calvary to host will be at the end of February. You may contact Georgie Ackers for information and an announcement will be made at our February meeting with more information.

Great Quotes From Great Women

"A happy woman is one who has no cares at all; a cheerful woman is one who has cares, but doesn't let them get her down."

*Beverly Sills
American Opera Singer*

Bingo to Benefit Crossroads

Monday, January 28, 2013, 7 pm

We'll play Bingo to support the Crossroads Programs, Inc. in Burlington County. Crossroads adopts youth without families and gives them a place to call home. They help the homeless, abandoned, abused, and at-risk youth in our

communities to lead healthy, productive lives. An admission cost of \$5 gives you 1 Bingo card. Extra Bingo cards can be purchased for \$1 each with cash prizes of \$10 per game. There will also be raffles and refreshments for sale.

International Outreach

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Thank you Porch Club members for your generous support during this year's first monthly meeting for Kimberly, the child sponsored by the PC through ChildFund International. Kimberly's birthday is on November 29th and we will be sending her a special gift.

The International Luncheon will be held on January 8, 2013. The organization that we will support this year is The Book Wish Foundation. This Foundation works with the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, to develop libraries in the Darfur refugee camps. Having the right books can have a huge impact on the education and mental health of a child growing up in this struggling environment.

Book Wish supplies the neediest readers and gives them the books they want – specific subjects and often exact titles. It is not just the lack of books that prevents people from reading. By giving reading glasses, supporting literacy programs,

and providing lights where there is no electricity, the Book Wish Foundation can increase the number of people who can read each book sent. This Foundation is supported by the NJ State Library.

During this Christmas holiday, if you are stumped as to what to give to the young person-who-has-everything, consider the book *What You Wish For: A Book for Darfur*. This book is a collection of stories and poems that captivate, inspire, and offer hope about things we all wish for written by some of the world's best-selling writers. One hundred percent of the proceeds of this publication go to the Book Wish Foundation. The book is easily available through Amazon.com.

If you have any contributions in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF boxes, please email or phone Iris Gaughan and I will pick them up, or if you prefer, just drop them off at 401 Main Street, Riverton.

Programs

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February Meeting

Are you interested in what's new in floral design?

On February 5, 2013 at 12:30, Rosemary Allen will entertain the Ladies of the Porch Club with a demonstration of some of the latest trends in floral art. Rosemary has been in the floral arts business for 24 years.

With just a few simple tips, Rosemary believes that you too can be a designer. She challenges people to "Dare to Design" and play with those fresh flowers that God gave us here on earth, to enjoy for just a short wisp of time. Join her to experience some flower fun.

Membership Department

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A special thank you to Bobbie Beck the Executive Board and the Membership Department for all their help with our annual Open House. The night was truly a success. We had fifteen potential members attend.

Thanks to all those who passed on names for the invites. Best wishes to all our members and their families for a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

Education Committee

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Once again The Porch Club will be gathering items for the Teachers' Wish List Project – our way of recognizing and thanking the teachers of Charles Street and Riverton Schools. In addition, this year we have added a Special Request Wish Lists for the School Nurses, who are so vital to the well-being of the school children.

The Wish Lists have been emailed or mailed to all members.

Please choose an item or two from the list and bring it to the December 4th Porch Club Meeting.

If it is more convenient for you, please feel free to drop your items off at Jan DeVries' house any time—308 Main Street, Riverton. There is a box for that purpose on the porch.

Finally, if you'd prefer to make a cash donation to be used for this project, that would be great!

Ways and Means

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Once again the Ways and Means (WAM) women freshly prepared their annual Spaghetti Dinner for everyone to enjoy and again it was a total success! We were told by many attending that it was the best one yet! Our freshly made sauce and meatballs were very delicious! The cheesecake was out of this world! A big THANK YOU to everyone that helped in every little way! We all work together as a team and have a lot of fun and some really great laughs!

Our planning for the new year is still in the works! We have the January, February, March 2013 second Friday of the month, 12:00 Noon Bingos in place. So come and enjoy some home made soup and a sandwich and play some bingo with Georgie Ackers.

We will have another planning meeting soon to discuss some new idea's for 2013 and we will update you as soon as possible. Have a wonderful holiday season and a very safe and happy New Year!

Looking Back

By Priscilla Taylor, ptaylor93@msn.com
Porch Club Historian



January 1912: Rules for renters of the clubhouse were developed and established.

January 1926: A history of the Porch Club appeared in the State Federation's magazine, "The Clubhouse," and a photo was taken for the cover.

January 1937: Architect Fletcher Street was contacted to develop plans for a permanent stage in the building.

December 1947: The Porch Club Chorus sang at Christmas Tea.

December 1953: The Club was presented with a scroll commemorating 60 years' membership in the NJSFWC; it is the 7th oldest club in New Jersey. The Porch Club is one of the very few organizations to have kept its original name.

Art Performing/Music/Drama

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We look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Tea on December 4, where our Chorus will be performing. Performance, December 4 at General Meeting 12:30 at Porch Club.

House

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The handicapped accessible bathroom and the face lift for the small bathroom have been completed and look amazing! On November 20 the Riverton Zoning Board approved the Architects plans for the Handicapped Ramp. The House committee continues to work hard on researching other ways to update and further beautify our club house.

Scribblers

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Scribblers is alive and well! Each month we are challenged with short writing exercises that are shared at our meetings. The group is planning a visit to the Edgar Allen Poe House in January. Enjoy the holidays!

Home/Life

Social Services

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In October volunteers made 250 sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen

Baby clothes will be collected in February for Ronald McDonald House

Food for Bread of Life Food Pantry will be collected at our December 4th General Meeting/Christmas Tea

Public Issues

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On November 16 the Public Issues Committee had a lovely visit with the residents of the "Home for the Aged Women of Burlington County". Tea and pastries were provided by the Porch Club of Riverton. Everyone had a delightful time and we learned the history and how we can help them with some items to make their lives more comfortable.

Next Public Issues meeting is January 18, 2013.

Fall Rummage Sale Recap

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The fall Rummage Sale was a huge success! We had a large amount of donations even before we started. The Riverton School 8th Graders were a huge help by helping set up and bringing up all the items that had been stored in the basement.

So much energy to start us off was great! We hear so much about recycling and going green, well the Rummage Sale is a fantastic example of just this. We turned an amazing amount of great items that just kept coming into the Club into over \$1,650.00. All of our proceeds go to women's and children's charities. We have no overhead in the Rummage Sale! I would be remiss if I didn't thank the committee for all their unfailing hard work.

There are Porch Club members who come in at the start of setting up and work until the zero hour of breaking down and clearing out. Yes, this endeavor is hard work but there are many laughs and fun that make the sale go fast. Thank you sincerely if you donated, worked or thought of us with good wishes. If right now, you're thinking that you are so sorry you missed this event, no worry, we're going to do it all again in March! Looking forward to seeing you then.

Evening Meetings

Kit Stahler-Miller, Kitsmiller200@comcast.net, 856-786-2014 home
Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7 pm

Holiday Sing-Along and Hand Bell Choir, Diana Dohrmann, Pianist

Come celebrate the holiday season and this beautiful time of year with your family and friends. Enjoy cozy seating in front of the fireplace in our lovely decorated Clubhouse. This will be a rare opportunity to sing The Twelve Days of Christmas actually on 12-12-2012! Sing favorite Christmas carols and holiday songs. Delight in the beautiful sounds of the Hand Bell Choir. We will provide song sheets. Enjoy holiday desserts and goodies for all age groups, hot mulled cider and more,

Upcoming Arts Creative Activities

Co-Chairs Phyllis Rodgers 786-8422 & Donna Van Hoy 786-1622

Monday, December 10, 2012, 9:00 am

Bus Trip to Winterthur Museum and Longwood Gardens

Ladies, please meet at the Porch Club around 8:30 am. We will count heads and board the bus. The bus will be departing from the Porch Club at 9:00 am sharp. We'll have a fun day ahead of us.

Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 2:30 pm

Arts Creative Meeting at Donna Van Hoy's home, 806 Main St., Riverton

Donna will show an eclectic mix of her artwork and discuss what inspired her and how the pieces were created. Please look for the sign up sheet or call Donna (856) 786-1622. We will then discuss our plans for Achievement Day. Desserts will be served.

SAVE THE DATE!

March 19, 2013, Bus Trip to New York City, Frick Museum and other great stuff

Stitchery

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Stitchery is very busy, lots of ideas were passed around at our meeting in October regarding the upcoming Paint Your Porch Pink event for the spring. We all agreed that we would love to make a "pink quilt" so Carol McCarthy can raffle it off for the walk. We are excited and it should be beautiful. No applique this time, just a pretty old fashion quilt. We are planning a shopping trip to Pennington in December for the material and then cutting and sewing at our January department meeting. Anyone who would like to be a part of our wonderful group please join us, we do have fun and really support each other's talents. A special thank you to Muriel Stoops and Geri Gilmore, they did a tremendous job and raised a lot of money at the Holiday Bazaar for the Club.

**For more info
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starting in January
Ways & Means will sell tickets
SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE**

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