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*The Porch Club of Riverton*

*The Garden District*

Dec. 2011/Jan. 2012

# Inside the Porch Door

## Calendar

*Thurs., Dec. 8, 9:00 am*  
Meadowbrook Farm, meet at the  
Porch Club at 9:00 am

*Fri., Dec. 9, 6:00 pm*  
Evening Group's Holiday Party  
and Caroling

*Mon. Dec. 12, 9:30 am*  
Stitchery Group meeting

*Tues., Dec. 13, 9:00 am*  
Chocolate Truffle Making

*Mon. Dec. 19, 7:00 pm*  
Stitchery Group meeting

*Fri., Dec. 30, 9:00 am*  
Take Down Day

*Mon. Jan. 9, 9:30 am*  
Stitchery Group meeting

*Tues., Jan. 10, 12:30 pm*  
General Meeting and  
Dolls from the Attic

*Fri., Jan., 13, 12-2 pm*  
BINGO!

*Mon., Jan. 16, 11:30 am*  
Literature Department meeting at  
Cora Lee Page's home

*Mon. Jan. 16, 7:00 pm*  
Stitchery Group meeting

*Tues., January 17, 7:00 pm*  
Porch Club Meeting-Garden Tour

*Mon., Jan. 23, 7:00*  
BINGO! for At-Risk Children

*Tues., Feb. 7, 12 noon*  
**International Luncheon**, Please  
bring a dish with an international  
theme to share

*Fri., Feb. 10, 12-2 pm*  
BINGO!

*Tues., March 6, 7:00 pm*  
Cherry Hill Pine Barons, friends  
and family welcome

*Tues., Feb. 7, 12:30 pm*  
General Meeting

*Fri., March 9, 12 pm*  
BINGO!

*The Porch Club of Riverton*  
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## *From Bobbie's Perspective:*

Dear Ladies,

Well, I thought I had gotten a pretty good hold on this position of president, but this week, November 10 to be exact, proved me wrong.

We have been instructed by the fire officials to bring our building up to code as soon as possible. So I called electricians and made an appointment to meet one of them at the Porch Club to go over everything that needed to be done. Among areas of concern were the basement and our smoke detectors there. Well, I led the way to the basement and opened the door; this is where the fun began.

I saw this "black thing" streak by me coming out of the dark holes of the back shelves. Of course I screamed and that's when the electrician took the lead. It was a dark gray cat who had somehow gotten trapped in our very own basement. Now, picture the electrician with a broom in hand and me with an aluminum baking pan trying to get this very scared cat over to the door and outside. As many times as we tried, he wouldn't go near the door.

Finally, after several tries he disappeared back into those dark shelves. I called the Brunckers and Richard came over to entice the cat out from it's hiding place, all to no avail.

Then Paul arrived on the scene, and he looked all over for the cat. Paul and I decided it was no use right then to continue, but Paul would come back later with our Have-a-Heart trap and a can of cat food and set the trap in the basement.

Friday morning arrived and the cat was in the trap. Paul brought the trap upstairs and let the cat loose. We saw one happy cat take off. The moral of the story, if you want to be president, you need to be able to trap cats!

These past two months have seen lots of activities and events take place. Kudos go out to the teams who worked on the Opening Luncheon, Rummage Sale, Shopping Spree, Spaghetti Dinner, and the New Members Open House. Trips and meetings have started off with a bang. And it doesn't look like there's any chance of it slowing down. **What a group! I am constantly amazed at all you accomplish.**

Be sure and read every article so that you won't miss out on a thing. If you want to do something but are not sure what, just ask. I'm sure we can always find something for you.

Have a blessed Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year,

## *Bobbie*



# Membership Department

JoAnn DiNoia,  
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A special Thanks to the Membership Department and to our President, Bobbie Beck, for their hospitality and warm welcome to all those who attended our Open House. Your help with the event was truly appreciated.

Please give a warm welcome to new members Kit Miller and Kim Swingle.

## The Fall 2011 Rummage Sale

Mary Hannah,  
Riverton 914@aol.com

The Porch Club had it's Fall Rummage Sale on October 14-15 on a beautiful fall weekend. We were off to a great start with a wonderful gift of a house clean-out that provided a great amount of items and it kept coming!

We really had a full club for this sale. Donations included a Civil War sword, Roseville pottery, and a beautiful quilt, in addition to our numerous household and miscellaneous items. Some very miscellaneous items always come in to make our sales interesting! The Club has a new foyer light thanks to the sale.

The Rummage Sale ladies gave so generously of their time to make this our best sale ever, \$1,560.00 in proceeds for Burlington County charities.

These sales take so much work to get the club ready, put out the items in a nice presentation, and then sell them, and still not finished yet!

We have to empty the club of any remaining items and put it back the way it was. We were very fortunate as Calvary Church requested our remnants for their Treasure Day sale.

It's a very rewarding feeling to know that so much comes from nothing and goes to some very deserving charities. I sincerely thank all who donated and have no words that would adequately describe my fellow Rummage Sale partners and their untiring and devoted efforts towards making these sales so successful.

# International Outreach

Pat McDermott, pmcdermott14@comcast.net

During this season of giving, let us remember those who are in great need around the corner and around the globe. There are several organizations that focus their funding on improving the lives of children and women. Please consider donating to CARE or UNICEF through our Kimberley basket passed at each meeting.

CARE is partnering with GFWC to make a difference in the lives of women and girls around the world. In particular, the NJSFWC, of which our club is a member, is supporting the CARE Village Savings and Loan Associations.

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. Recognizing that girls and women suffer disproportionately from poverty, CARE places special emphasis on empowering them to create permanent social change. Women are at the heart of CARE's community-based efforts to improve basic education, expand economic opportunity through their Village Savings and Loan Program, increase health services especially for mothers and babies, and protect natural resources like water in over 70 countries around the world.

### Dates to remember:

**December 1, World AIDS Day**

**December 10, Human Rights Day**

**February 7, International Luncheon, 12 noon.** Please bring a dish to share with an international theme.

## Home/Life Social Services

Dottie Fresco, 856-786-0789

Thank you for all of the food you donated at our last general meeting.

I delivered the food to the Bread of Life Food Pantry and was very impressed with the volunteers working there and discovering a great need for more food.

Please continue to donate boxed or canned foods.

I apologize for this late announcement, but at our December meeting Home/Life will be collecting \$5.00 gift cards from WaWa, 7-11, Target, etc. for

Crossroads at-risk high school students living at the Cinnaminson House.

At our December meeting, I will have a of out new project, collecting Box Tops for education as a fundraiser for the PTA of the elementary school in Palmyra.

I want to thank all of you in advance for giving, giving, giving! You make my committee and the Porch Club look so good. All of you are so aware of charitable giving.

## Programs

Aggie Kennedy  
aggiekennedy@hotmail.com

January Meeting - Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 12:30 pm

### Dolls from the Attic

Dolls are the perfect antidote to the post-holiday blahs.

For our January meeting we've rescheduled Mary Nagurny to perk us up with a program about antique dolls.

She is an expert on antique dolls, toys, and doll repair.

Mary is on the Advisory Board of the Doll Museum of New Hope, PA, and a longtime member of the Elizabeth Had-don Doll and Toy Club.

She will bring part of her collection of

antique dolls and tell us a little bit about them.

Mary has graciously agreed to answer questions about your own dolls and has offered to do informal appraisals.

So ladies, bring your old dolls out of the attic and join us on January 10.

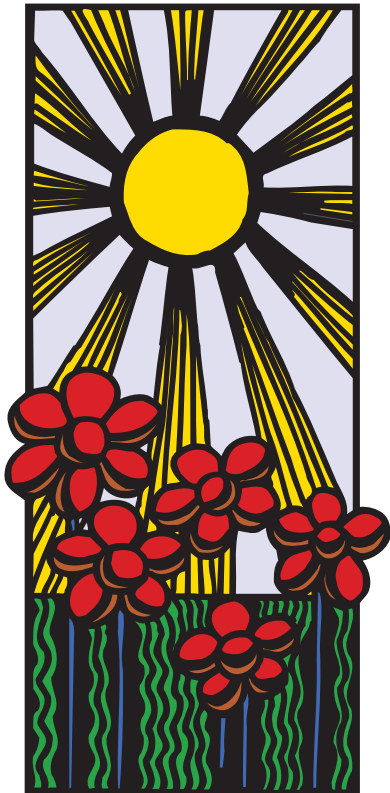
Coming up:

March meeting -Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 pm. Mark your calendar for March 6 and invite your friends and family to our annual evening meeting. We are excited to have the Cherry Hill Pine Barons, a barbershop style choral group, for a return performance.

## Garden Department Activities

Rita Vittese, ritavittese@gmail.com

June Emens, June.Emens@comcast.net



A special thanks to our members and four husbands who turned out with leaf blowers, rakes, clippers, and energy to help tidy up our grounds. We appreciated your time and effort.

### Thursday, December 8 at 9:00 am Meadowbrook Farm

We'll meet at the Porch Club at 9:00 am and carpool to Meadowbrook Farm in Abbington Township, PA. Please be sure to bring scissors, hand pruners, and gloves. You must have pre-registered with Meadowbrook to attend.

### Friday, December 30 at 9:00 am Take Down Day

Take down holiday decorations. Extra hands make light work of this task.

### Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm Porch Club Meeting-Garden Tour 2012

It's coming!

Our Garden Tour is set for Saturday, June 2, 2012. Much preparation is needed to accomplish this major fund raising event and many volunteers are needed. Please consider sharing your time and talents.

## Charitable Giving Committee

Debora Patras, Chairperson, debpatras@yahoo.com

Our sincerest gratitude to the Charitable Giving Committee for their continued support. Once again our collaborated effort resulted in a unanimous vote that the Porch Club of Riverton donate funds to the following that were generated by the 2011 Fall Rummage Sale.

\$450\*\*\* each school to receive \$150 - Riverton School, New Albany Elementary School, and Charles Street School, Palmyra

\$500 VA Wounded Warrior Fund

\$450 Bread of Life

\$100 CARE

\$1,500 TOTAL

Our deepest appreciation goes to Mary Hannah and her hard working committee for another successful Fall Rummage Sale and to all who sacrificed their time to help those in need.

### *Great Quote from Margaret Thatcher*

"What is success? I think it's a mixture of having a flair for the thing that you are doing; knowing that it is not enough, that you have got to have hard work and a certain sense of purpose"

## Evening Meetings

Pat Brunker,

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### Holiday Party and Caroling

Friday December 9 at 6:00 pm

The schedule of events for the evening are:

6:00 - Pizza, salad, and beverages (soft drinks, wine, punch) provided by the Club. Cozy seating in front of the fireplace in our lovely decorated Clubhouse.

7:00 - Warm-up to caroling with piano accompaniment. We'll provide song sheets.

7:30 - Caroling with Flashlights (please bring one if you have it). We'll head out into the neighborhood to sing carols.

9:00 - Dessert and Mulled Cider back at the Clubhouse

Free for members, guests \$10 adults/ \$5 children for dinner, drinks, and dessert. Please RSVP to Pat Brunker so she knows how much food to order.

**Monday, January 23 at 7:00 pm** We'll play bingo to support Crossroads Programs, Inc. in Burlington County. Crossroads adopts kids 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. Cost: \$10 gives you 3 bingo cards plus refreshments. Extra bingo cards can be purchased for \$2 each. Raffle baskets will also be available.

## Ways and Means

Nancy J. Anderson,

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Marge Ziegler,

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**BINGO is Back!** 12-2 pm, Fridays, January 13, February 10, and March 9.

### Save the Date:

March 17, St. Patty's Day Dinner

April 28, Luau!

Special thanks to everyone who helped and supported us for our annual Spaghetti Dinner. It was another success!

## Literature

### Department

Cora Lee Page, 609-914-4533

The Literature Department will not be meeting in December. The January meeting will be at the home of Cora Lee Page on January 16 at 11:30 am. Directions will be given at the next meeting of the Porch Club.

# Upcoming Arts Creative Activities

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

## **Chocolate Truffle Making, Tuesday, December 13, 9:00 am at the Porch Club**

The truffles will be made with Ghirardelli Chocolate, then they will be dipped and drizzled with more chocolate. YUMM!! Everyone will have a nice selection to take home. The cost will be around \$10. We are wondering how much chocolate to buy so please sign the sheet or call Phyllis or Donna.

## **Soup's On, January 24, at the Porch Club**

We would like to bring back this popular event. We'll all sample a few soups and goodies then have a fruit tart dessert. Look for the sign up sheet or call Phyllis or Donna.

## **Upcoming Winter/Spring 2012**

### **Bead Stringing and Crimping**

We are looking into Bead Stringing and Crimping classes at Jubili Beads and Yarns in Collingswood. They have a

great assortment of beads. Look at their website. We could make our own necklace or bracelet.

## **Mercer Museum and Tile Works in Doylestown, PA**

We would like to get a group together and go to the Mercer Museum and Tile Works in Doylestown, PA.

## **Stitchery Committee**

**Jeanne Bianchini and MaryLou Schofield**

**bbianchini42@gmail.com and mlscho@verizon.net**

The Stitchery Group will be meeting the 2nd Monday morning of each month at 9:30 am and the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Porch Club. Please bring something of your own to work on. And bring with you anything that you've recently made that may be of interest to our members. If you need help with a current project or want to learn something brand new, we're sure there will be someone in our group who can help you. We have experienced women in our group who knit, crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, and quilt. And if you've never stitched before, please come out, see what's going on, and possibly give it a try. No matter the handwork, please bring it in to share with all of us and enjoy a morning/evening of stitching, chatting, and nibbling.

## **Watercolor Class/ floral or nature theme**

We would like to have a watercolor class and stress the floral or nature theme so that we could use the artwork to decorate the Porch Club for the Garden Tour 2012. They could also be used for Achievement Day.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Sat., March 17, St. Patty's Day Dinner, Sat., April 28, Luau!**

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