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*The Porch Club of Riverton*

**April 2010**

# *Inside the Porch Door*

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## **Calendar**

- April 6, 12:30 pm**  
Charter Luncheon \$10  
Reservations Required  
Porch Club
- April 7, 7:00 pm**  
Garden Tour Meeting  
Porch Club
- April 9, 6—9 pm**  
**April 10 8am—1 pm**  
Rummage Sale  
Porch Club
- April 12, 7:00 pm**  
Scribbler's  
Porch Club
- April 16, 9:00 am**  
Spring Garden Clean-up  
Porch Club
- April 16, 9:00 am**  
Chef for a Day for Ronald  
McDonald House  
Porch Club
- April 16, 10:00 am**  
Public Affairs Meeting  
Home of M.Thrush
- April 23, 12:30 pm**  
Ways & Means/Bingo Lunch  
Porch Club \$10
- April 21, 1:00 pm**  
Garden Dept: Herbs  
Porch Club

## **From Pat's Perspective:**

I don't know about the rest of you, but I feel like I barely survived this winter. What with record snowfall, rain, rain, rain, cold, and wind, it's been awful. There's been lots of illness and we lost our beloved Treasurer, Jane Miller. Sandy Gunn has stepped into her position as our new Treasurer. Having been President of the Club twice, she brings so many years of experience with her to the Board and I'm so thankful for her help at this difficult time. Finally, spring is here. My daffodils are blooming and soon it will be time to plant vegetables. I can't wait.

I am so proud of all that you Porch Club members do. We won a first place blue ribbon in the PHS Flower Show, hooray for Pat McDermott and Rita Vittese, who did the amazing plantings and Donna VanHoy for her beautiful art work on the urn. Also, congratulations to Jeannie Francis and Pegi Wilkins for their clever and charming miniature entries. We earned over \$1000 for Autism research this year. We had a terrific Spaghetti Dinner, despite the snow, and have welcomed so many great new members. As other clubs are losing members, we remain strong and active. There is always a need for community, charity and friendship and I hope that you find them all at the Porch Club. I'm always pleased to go to Garden District meetings and brag about you. I will do so again at Achievement Day on April 15th, when I give our annual report.

Lots of things are springing into action at the Porch Club. Our Spring Rummage Sale is April 9th and 10th. Clean out those drawers and closets and donate unwanted items to the sale. All of the proceeds go directly to charity. The Chorus will entertain us with a program in May. The Ways and Means and Children's Event Committees are combining forces to hold a Mother's Day Brunch the morning of May 9th. Our final event of the year, Garden Tour 2010 will be held on June 12th from 10 to 4. We have nine gardens signed up and the tour is going to be fun and fabulous. This is the most important fundraiser for the Club this year and requires lots of help from everyone to pull it off. Please volunteer to help out. Per the Farmers' Almanac, it will be a bright and beautiful day this year - no rain! There are lots of other events that you'll read about elsewhere in the newsletter.

I am sad to report that Michelle Daniel, who has done so much for the Club over the past few years, has decided to leave her position as Rental Chairman as of the beginning of April. Michelle headed up our State Special Project when it was domestic violence, was Recording Secretary for four years, and has ably handled the duties of Rental Chairman for the past year. I can't thank her enough for all she's done. The new Rental Chairman will be Kathy Simon, who has graciously agreed to fill the remainder of Michelle's term.

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## From Pat's Perspective....continued

In an orderly transition to a new Board of Directors when their terms expire at the end of this year, Georgie Ackers, Gerri Gilmore, Trish Mori, and Susie Hudson will step down to be replaced by Nancy Anderson, Terri Budroe, Dottie Fresco and Rita Vittese and June Emens, who will share the Garden Department duties. Georgie, Gerri, Trish and Susie have given so much to the Club over the past years. I will miss you all and all that you do so very much, but look forward to working with the new Directors. Many thanks to you all!

Pat



**Annual Spring Rummage Sale**  
Friday, April 9th 6 pm to 9 pm  
Saturday, April 10th 8 am to 1 pm  
at the Porch Club



Donations accepted on Wednesday, April 7th, from 3 to 7 PM, Thursday, April 8th from 1 to 9 PM and Friday, April 9th from 12 to 4 PM.

Call Mary Hannah at 856-786-9314 for more information.

### Arts Performing / Music

Naomi Horn (856) 829-7235

#### Rehearsal Schedule for Spring Program

Monday, April 5                      Tuesday, April 13  
Tuesday, April 20                    Monday, April 26  
Monday May 3 — Dress Rehearsal  
Tuesday, May 4 — Program

All rehearsals at the Porch Club Time: 1:00 to 2:00 PM

I hope everyone will be able to sing for our Spring Program, May 4th. If you can not make it, please give me a call.

### Ways And Means

(856) 829-1256

Georgie Ackers

g\_ackers@hotmail.com

### Lunch and Bingo Friday, April 23rd at 12:30

Come and play bingo for a good cause. Three cards for \$10, cash prizes. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Georgie Ackers 829-1256 if you plan to attend so she knows how much food to prepare.

### Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 9th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The ladies are cooking a lovely spring brunch for Mother's Day so you don't have to. Come enjoy eggs, ham, bagels & muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee. Take away a small gift for every Mother. Cost: \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children 3 to 12, children under 3 free. Purchase tickets at the Riverton Library, 306 Main Street or The New Leaf Gift Shop, 606 Main Street. Call Georgie Ackers 829-1256 or Tricia DeVito 829-1464 for more information and tickets or purchase at meetings.

## Calendar—continued

**April 26, 11:30 am**  
Literature Dept. Meeting  
Place: TBD

**April 26, 7:00 pm**  
Evening Meeting/  
Type E Woman  
Porch Club

**May 4, 1:00 pm**  
Meeting and Tea  
Porch Club

**May 5, 7:00 pm**  
Garden Tour Meeting  
Porch Club

**May 9, 9 am to 12 noon**  
Mother's Day Tea  
Porch Club

**May 10, 7:00 pm**  
Scribbler's  
Porch Club

**May 18, 12:30 pm**  
Annual Meeting/Light  
Fare  
Porch Club

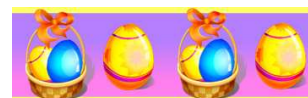
**May 22, 7:30 am**  
Walk for Autism  
Bishop's Gate

**May 24, 11:30 am**  
Literature Dept. Meeting  
Place TBD

**May 24, 7:00 pm**  
Evening Meeting/  
Fruits of Our Fathers  
Porch Club

**June 12, 10 am—4 pm**  
Garden Tour

**June 16, 12:00 pm**  
New Member's Luncheon  
Porch Club



## The Porch Club wins Blue Ribbon in 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show

The Porch Club's entry in the 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show was chaired by Pat McDermott and Rita Vittese. The beautiful design painted on this year's urn was executed by fine artist, Donna Van Hoy. Pat Bruncker, Susie Bradford, June Emens, Sandi Scheer, and Helene Lilholt assisted with plant design and maintenance. Heavy lifting and transportation was provided by Bill McDermott and Mike Vittese! The Scribblers Committee assisted with the 50-word intent demonstrating the Flower Power theme.



**Jane Pepper,  
PHS president (c)  
congratulates  
Porch Club urn  
entry co-chairs,  
Rita Vittese (l)  
and  
Pat McDermott  
(r)**

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**International Affairs** Pat McDermott (856) 786-0852  
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A Word from Child Fund International.....

I know many of you who contribute to the Kimberley Basket at meetings have wondered about the change in the name of the program that the Porch Club has been involved with for over 25 years. Formerly named the Christian Children's Fund, it is now called Child Fund International. Child Fund International mirrors the work of the Christian Children's Fund. The Porch Club has been assigned a child from the US Program. For several years now we have been sending monthly support as well as holiday and birthday stipends to Kimberley, thanks to your generosity at the monthly meetings.

Through the Child Fund International US Program, children from impoverished areas in our own country participate in activities that promote education, health and social and emotional well-being. Some interesting statements from our child, Kimberley: "I am in the third grade. I like going to activities. My baby sister is 10 months old. She is cute." Kimberley is now 9 years old and she loves the computer and getting letters from her sponsor (that's you). When she grows up she wants to be a vet. She loves dogs!

Please know that your contributions to the Kimberley Basket each month make a difference. A box is usually sent every 6 weeks to Kim with new books or clothing (size 7/8). If you are unable to attend our meeting and would like to contribute in anyway, feel free to contact me via email [pmcdermott14@comcast.net](mailto:pmcdermott14@comcast.net) or phone 786-0852. Thank you for your support. You do make a difference!



# Garden Department

Susie Hudson (856) 786-9706  
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There are lots of things to do to get ready for Garden Tour 2010! Things to put on your calendar:

- Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 at the Porch Club - Garden Tour Meeting to finalize plans and report progress.
- Friday, April 16 at 9:00 AM - Spring Clean-Up and Plant Swap. Pruning, weeding and mulching in our own gardens around the Club. If you have any plants to share, please bring them and we'll plant them in the gardens and/or share with each other.
- Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 at the Porch Club - Garden Tour Meeting to report progress on all tasks.
- Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 at Pat Brunker's house, 105 Thomas Avenue - Final Garden Tour Meeting with the homeowners invited to answer any last minute questions.
- Friday, June 11 at 10:00 meet at the Porch Club to do the pre-tour of the gardens on the tour. All hostesses and other people working the day of the tour can get an advance tour. You have to buy a ticket to do this.
- Saturday, June 12 from 10:00 to 4:00 - Garden Tour 2010. Nine new and lovely gardens are on tour this year. If you are a hostess and do not want to go on the tour, you need not buy a ticket. If you go on the tour, you must have one.
- Saturday, June 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 - "Thank You" cocktail party for homeowners and everyone else involved at Amanda Boulton's house, 800 Main Street. Please bring a small appetizer to help out.

Then let's celebrate:

- Monday, June 14 at 12:00 noon - End of year Garden Party at the home of Maureen Murray, 301 Main Street. Covered dish luncheon.

Top Ten Herbs You Have to Grow With Jeannie Francis—Wednesday, April 21 1:00 PM at the Porch Club

## Literature Dept

Sandi Scheer (856)461-3080

Next Meetings are April 26 11:30 AM and May 24  
11:30 AM—places to be determined  
The June meeting is our Annual Outing!

If anyone knows of any author suggestions for next  
year's Author's Luncheon — please contact Sandi

## Public Affairs

Joanne Fields (856) 786-0441

Upcoming Meetings:

April 16 at 10 AM  
Marilyn Thrush's House 315 Plantation Drive.

## From the Treasurer— Sandy Gunn gunn829@earthlink.net

Update on the Treasury and finances: All data starting with Feb. 1, 2010 is being computer managed by using QuickBooks – a Small Business financial software. All data will be backed up frequently and at least every quarter a copy of the backup will be placed in a secure place at the clubhouse. The data is password protected for security. Also paper copies of reports and important documents will be stored there.

Now there is a form for "Accounting of Checks and Cash." Any time when money is collected and being given to the Treasurer, this form must be filled out and submitted to the Treasurer with the money. We'll continue to use the "Check Request" form that is to be filled out and submitted with an invoice or bill that is due for payment.

When mailing something to the Treasurer (dues payment, other checks, purchases, ALL items pertaining to the finances), please use the Porch Club's business address: P.O. 49, Riverton, NJ 08077. Do not use the Treasurer's home address. When purchasing something for the club and the business asks for an address, again please use the Porch Club's business address. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or phone.

## HomeLife/Social Services Trish Mori 829-5431 tandgmori@verizon.net

"Chef for a Day" - Ronald McDonald House  
Tues. April 13 - Prepare food - 9:00 a.m. at Porch Club  
Wed. April 14 - Deliver & Serve - Leave Porch Club at 3:30 p.m.



"Walk for Autism" - Sat. May 22nd.  
Bishop's Gate Corp. Center - Mt. Laurel  
Volunteers needed to help with registration & T-Shirt distribution. 7:30 a.m. to Noon.

Sign-up sheets at the April 6th meeting or call Trish at 856-829-5431

**The following items will be collected at each meeting: Food store plastic bags, soda can tabs, hotel sample toiletries, used eye glasses, Campbell soup labels, & cell phones.**

**In addition, gently-used Children's Books and Brand-New Baby Books are needed for St Mary's Children Hospital clinic in Bensalem. Thank you!**

The Acme receipt program ends in April—Thanks to all who contributed!

## Membership JoAnn DiNoia (856)829-7540 jaydinoia@verizon.net

Please welcome new Porch Club members: Geneva Di Taranto, Mindy Ryan, Kate Brown, Deborah Paredes and Adrienne Smolda.

Once again we will be choosing our "Woman of the Year" please let me know if there is some you would like to nominate.

Our "New Members" luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 16th at 12:00 at the Porch Club.

I am looking for some "Porch Club Buddies". The job only requires a phone call to either a new member or a member we haven't seen in a while. You would up-date them on a meeting or a club event. Your help would really be appreciated since some of our members do not have access to e-mail.

Thanks again to all those who helped in recruiting new members for our club this year. Please continue your good work. We have welcomed some wonderful new friends!

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## Arts Creative Donna Van Hoy (856) 786-1622 artdvh@gmail.com Nancy Anderson (609) 835-1819

ACHIEVEMENT DAY Monday April 12, 9:00 AM.

If you need any last minute assistance on your arts creative, scrapbook page or pressed flower entry for achievement day, we will try to help you. Look for the sign up sheet.

PICASSO Friday April 16, 10:30 AM. Philadelphia Museum of Art "Picasso and the Avante-Garde in Paris". We will meet at the porch club to car pool at 10:30 am. We will have lunch at the museum. If you are interested, let us know so we can make reservations. Look for the sign up sheet.

GARDEN TOUR DECORATIONS Wednesday May 12, 1:00 PM. Floral watercolor class.

We would like to have a lot of watercolor sketches to decorate the Porch Club for the Garden Tour. We are planning a clothesline exhibit of some simple and colorful floral pieces. We hope you can help. Look for the sign up sheet

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### **Evening Group Meetings – 4th Monday of the month**

#### **Monday, April 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm The Type E Woman**

As a woman, does everyone turn to you to get things done? Do you tend to put the needs of others over your own? Are you always striving to be a better woman? If so, you may be exhibiting Type E behavior motivated by trying to be everything to everyone. By living from this mindset, women create their own internal stress that can negatively affect their wellbeing. Participation in this workshop will help women to:

- Reduce their stress level by identifying Type E behaviors and attitudes
- Recognize the importance of meeting their own needs
- Learn how to assert themselves
- Set boundaries with others
- Reduce their "To do" list
- Learn proven relaxation techniques
- Incorporate stress resistant behaviors into their lifestyle

Take the initiative to rid yourself of Type E behavior and live a more balanced and fulfilling life! Melissa Neisser, a Life Coach, who has founded Path Seekers Life Coaching ([http://www.pathseekerslifecoaching.com/melissa\\_neisser.html](http://www.pathseekerslifecoaching.com/melissa_neisser.html)), inspires women to reach their full potential and to enhance the quality of their lives.

#### **Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm The Fruits of Our Fathers**

Join us for an Italian travelogue that packs its own message. We'll visit The Archeologia Arborea, an heirloom orchard in the Umbrian Hills where ancient species are nurtured and adopted. Learn about the seed savers and discover why bio-diversity is important to each of us. Member Kathy Simon will offer tips for how to promote diversity in your garden, landscape and kitchen.