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The Porch Club of Riverton

December 2010

Inside the Porch Door

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Calendar

Wed., December 1, 9:00 a.m.
Decking the Halls of the Porch Club

Fri., December 3, 6:00 p.m.,
Christmas Party at the Porch Club.

Mon., December 6, 1:00 p.m.
Rehearsal for Christmas Tea

Tues., December 7, 12:30 p.m.
Programs presents "The Jolly Wife-Mrs. Claus"

Wed., December 8
Drumthwacket Tour.
Meet 9:45 at Porch Club
For more information: Call Rita-
856-265-3485 / June-856-829-2838

Thurs., December 9, 7:00 p.m.
Entrepreneurial Women, at the Porch Club.

Mon., December 13, 10:00 a.m.
"Decorating Gingerbread Cookies" at the New Leaf, Riverton

Mon., December 13, 7:00 p.m.
Scribbler's Meeting at Porch Club

Tues., December 14, 1:00 p.m.
Rehearsal for Christmas Tea

Thurs., December 16
Barnes Foundation tour, meet at the Porch Club.

Mon., December 20, 1:00 p.m.
Rehearsal for Christmas Tea

Tues., December 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Christmas Tea

Wed., December 29, 9 a.m.
Undecorate the club

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From Pat's Perspective:

I hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving with family and friends and took a bit of time to give thanks for the many ways we are all blessed.

So many of you have taken the time to get involved in some meaningful activities at the Club this year. Lots of things have been just for fun, but we have also earned a considerable amount of money for charity. Our Shopping Spree in October earned \$600 and our Line Dancing night another \$64 for our State Special Project, Gilda's Club, which supports families dealing with cancer. The Book and Author Luncheon earned \$700 for the Literacy Volunteers of Burlington County and \$50 for our annual award to Cinnaminson High School in memory of Carmel Fischer. Your Charitable Giving Committee decided to give \$600 to Sacred Heart School in Camden, \$1,000 to Emergency Services, \$150 each to Riverton, Cinnaminson, and Palmyra Elementary Schools, \$125 to CARE, \$500 to Samaritan's Hospice, and \$355 to the Home for Aged Women in Burlington. The proceeds were from the Garden Tour and the Fall Rummage Sale. That's almost \$4,500 we've been able to give to help needy women and children lead better lives in the first two months of this club year. I'm so proud of all we've been able to do. 160 members can make a difference when we all pull together!

Bobbie Beck and I attended a conference in Upper Montclair in November about the preservation of NJSFWC historic clubhouses here in New Jersey. Did you know that the Porch Club is on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail? This is a State list which uses historic places to tell the collective story of a few famous and many more private New Jersey women - Mary VanMeter Grice in our case - who contributed to the agricultural, industrial, labor and domestic history of the State. Did you know that our clubhouse is listed in the State and National Register of Historic Places? It is a contributing building both because of our location in the historic district of Riverton and because we are one of the few women's clubs in the State with a historic clubhouse. We learned that there are many things that need to be done to protect the clubhouse, but one of the main things we need to do is to make the club handicapped accessible in compliance with the American Disabilities Act. This will involve building a ramp and re-working the back bathroom to be handicapped accessible. It will take some time, but we hope to get it done this year.

Your Executive Board: Bobbie Beck, Aggie Kennedy, JoAnn DiNoia, Terri Budroe, Amanda Boulton, Sandy Gunn, Naomi Horn, Johanna Rooney, Sandi Scheer, Kathy Simon, Michelle Daniel, Donna VanHoy, Phyllis Rodgers, Nancy Anderson, Dottie Fresco, Pat McDermott, Rita Vittese and June Emens join me in wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

From my family to your family, wishing you peace, joy and health for the holidays and in the New Year.

I am so proud of what this Club accomplishes and of how active and involved you all are. This is especially true in these difficult financial times when everyone is so busy, but it's what we women have always been about. I look forward to another wonderful year with you all, making a difference in our own and others' lives.

Pat



Christmas Tea,

December 21

A tradition since 1933, on December 21st, we'll have our annual holiday formal tea from 2 to 4 PM. The Chorus will entertain us with the music of the season. Bring your friends and family, particularly the kids, as Santa Claus will be there. Everyone should bring some food item to share and we'll have Porch Club punch, aka "The Recipe", coffee and tea.

Calendar Continued

Mon., January 3, 9:30 a.m.
Executive Board meeting

Tues., January 4, 12:30 p.m.
"Antique Dolls from the Attic"

Wed., January 5, 7:00 p.m.
PHS Flower Show planning meeting at Pat Bruncker's, 105 Thomas Avenue, Riverton

Mon., January 10, 7:00 p.m.
Scribbler's Meeting at the Porch Club

Fri., January 14, 12:30 p.m.
Lunch Bingo

Mon., January 17, 11:30 a.m.
Literature at Sandi Scheer's house

Thurs., January 20, 10:30 a.m.
District Council and Program Assistance Day at Union Presbyterian Church in Carney's Point

Thurs., January 20, 7:00 p.m.
"Evening Sketch Class".

Mon., January 24, 7:00 p.m.
Evening Group Meeting at the Porch Club, Bingo for Gilda's Club Charity

Tues., January 25, 9:30 a.m.
Executive Board meeting

Tues., February 1, Noon
International Covered Dish Luncheon

Sat., February 5,
The Luau! Save the date, more to come!

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Charitable Giving Committee

Debora Patras, Chairman, debpatras@yahoo.com

My sincerest gratitude to the Charitable Giving Committee for their continued support. In this terrible economy it is most difficult deciding on how to use the hard-earned funds from our Fund Raisers.

Fall Rummage Sale and the balance of the funds earned from the Garden Tour equaled an impressive \$3,030.

Our collaborative effort once again resulted in a unanimous vote that the Porch Club of Riverton donates funds to the following:

- \$1,000 Catholic Emergency Charities
- \$ 600 Sacred Heart - Sponsoring the education for 2 children
- \$ 355 Home for the Aged Women of Burlington County
- \$ 500 Samaritan Hospice
- \$ 125 CARE * Int'l Outreach Community Service of NJSFWC
- \$ 150 Riverton School K - 12
- \$ 150 New Albany Elementary, Cinnaminson
- \$ 150 Charles Street School, Palmyra
- TOTAL: \$3,030.00

Our warmest expression of appreciation go out to Mary Hannah and her hard working committee for another successful Fall Rummage Sale and to all the volunteers who sacrifice their time to help those in need.

House Committee

House Chairman Johanna Rooney, kroone@juno.com

Please make sure after any meeting that the Porch Club is clean for the next event. We had a person renting that was not happy with the shape the Club was in when they came in. One of the departments had an event and did not

clean properly. Please made sure the trash cans are emptied and kitchen and bathrooms are tidy and the floors are dry mopped.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Update on bathrooms: We need to do more renovations on the bathrooms and the House than we had planned. We need to update the Porch Club to be handicap assessable. To do this we need an architect and an engineer for guidance and to be ADA compliant.

Flower Show

The next planning meeting for the PHS Flower Show will be on Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM at Pat Bruncker's house, 105 Thomas Avenue. We'll finalize the Title and Intent and update what needs to be done to create a windowbox and lamp post for the show - "Springtime in Paris". All help is welcome.

Membership

JoAnn DiNoia,
jaydinoia@verizon.net

Our annual Christmas Tea will be held on Tuesday, December 21st. from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All members and guests are invited. Please let me know if there is someone you would like me to invite I will be happy to send them an invitation.

A special Thank You to the Membership Department and all those who helped in making our Open House a huge success, as always our Members do a great job in the recruiting department.

Thank you all again and my Best Wishes to you all and your families for a Joyous Holiday Season. JoAnn

Arts Creative Events for December and January

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

Last Chance to See the Barnes Collection in It's Original Setting

We will be carpooling to see the Barnes Collection on Friday morning, December 10. The Barnes is beginning to make it's transition to the new building. We will be able to view 75% of the collection. In January only 50% of the

collection will be on view. To get reservations our tickets must be prepaid. Tickets are \$17.00, each car is \$15.00. Please call Donna (856) 786-1622 as soon as possible so she can get tickets.

Monday, December 13, 10:00 a.m., "Decorating Gingerbread Cookies"

We'll meet at the New Leaf to deco-

rate our gingerbread cookies with royal icing and colorful sugars. We'll have some tea and cake. The cost will be \$10.00

Thursday, January 20, "Evening Sketch Class". We'll be sketching still life in pencil or charcoal. Fee is \$2.00. Sign up sheet or call Donna (856) 786-1622.

International Affairs

Pat McDermott, pmcdermott14@comcast.net

Kimberley Jones is the child that our Porch Club members sponsor through Child Fund International. Many of you have asked if you can contribute in addition to the Kim Basket. How wonderful!

The International Affairs Committee sends a package to Kim almost every month. We usually fill the box with donations from within the committee. I would be most happy to send any gift that the general membership would like to contribute.

The basic rules are new items only-no perishables such as candy or liquids or something that could easily break. Nothing can be wrapped but wrapping paper can be included.

Here are some statistics on Kimberley in her own words, "I come from a big family, 2 brothers and a baby sister. I will be 10 yrs.old on November 29 and I weigh 66 lbs. My favorite color is blue and I like to play on the computer. I want to be a vet and take care of animals, especially dogs. I am in the 4th grade and my favorite subjects are math and recess." Kim wears a size 10/12 girls in clothing and a size 3 shoe.

I will have a basket at each meeting as well as the Kimberley basket that is passed. If you have any questions or would like me to pick up something just call or email me. Books, games, art supplies and clothing are good gifts. Even a card or two can be sent in the package but keep it un-sealed please! If you would like to give a monetary gift to Kim and her family this can also be arranged. Again may you continue to be blessed for your care and generosity toward Kimberley. Happy Holidays!

Entrepreneurial Women

Kathy Simon, kathryn.simon@gmail.com

The Porch Club's Department of Entrepreneurial Women holds a monthly networking get together with the members of Locaprise, a marketing/support group for local small and home-based businesses. Together, we support and promote shopping and hiring local resources to strengthen our community.

Meetings are normally held the last Thursday of each month at 7p.m. in the Porch Club, HOWEVER the next meeting is a joint November/December event to be held on December 9th at 7p.m. in the Porch Club. Each meeting offers a speaker presenting a topic of interest to small business owners. December's meeting will feature Bogna Pro from Sky Architects speaking about Feng Shui in the Office. January's meeting will focus on the pros and cons of becoming an LLC. Our meetings are open to all entrepreneurial business folks and interested parties. Come on over and meet your local resources!

Save the Date!

The Luau is coming on February 5.

Decorate a Snowman

Actually, they are all sold! Please decorate them and return to the club by the December 7 meeting.



Evening Meetings

**Friday, December 3, 2010 at 6:00
Holiday Party and Caroling -**

Come join us for a pizza dinner and then we'll go caroling in the neighborhood. Dress warmly if it's cold. The scheduled events for the evening are:

6:00 – Pizza, salad, and beverages (soft drinks/wine/punch) provided by 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 & Mulled Cider back at the Clubhouse

Free for members. Guests are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children to eat dinner.

Programs

Aggie Kennedy 856-303-9750, aggiekennedy@hotmail.com

The December meeting of the Programs group will be held on Tuesday, December 7 at 12:30 p.m.

The History of Santa Claus through the eyes of his jolly wife, Mrs. Claus. Presented by JoAnn Tufo.

"The Jolly Wife-Mrs. Claus" is an entertaining approach to life with Santa Claus. Mrs. Claus shares the secrets and mysteries of life with Santa, Rudolph and the Reindeer, and the ever present Elves.

Mrs. Claus explains some of the traditions that have come to be associated with her husband. Get into the

Spirit of the Season with this delightful program.

This program is presented by Jo Ann Tufo, a Bucks County, Pennsylvania based Historian.

January Meeting-Dolls from the Attic

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

For our January meeting Mary Nagurny will perk us up with a program about antique dolls.

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

Mary is on the Advisory Board of



the Doll Museum of New Hope and a longtime member of the Elizabeth Haddon Doll and Toy Club.

She will bring a part of her collection of antique dolls and tell us a little bit about them.

Mary has graciously agreed to answer questions you might have 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 4th at 12:30 p.m..

BINGO FOR CHARITY

Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 is the annual evening of bingo to support Gilda's Club, our State Special Project. We always have a lot of laughs, even when we lose. Cost: \$10 gives you 3 bingo cards plus wine and cheese. Extra bingo cards can be purchased for \$2 each. Cash prizes, raffle baskets and a 50/50. We'll play five games.

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