



The Porch Club of Riverton

October 2008

Inside the Porch Door

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Calendar

October 7, 11:30 am
General Meeting
Porch Club

October 7, all day
Fundraiser Friends & Family
Boscovs, Moorestown

October 10, 10 am
Public Affairs
House of Joann Fields

October 11, 8 am—1 pm
Rummage Sale
Porch Club

October 14, 1 pm
Garden Department Meeting
Porch Club

October 15, 1 pm
Arts Creative- "Book Marks"
Porch Club

October 19, all day
Fundraiser Rai\$e Dough
Uno's Grill, Maple Shade

October 20, 7:30 pm
Scribblers Group-Artist's Way
Porch Club

October 23, 7 pm
Evening Group Meeting
Porch Club

October 24, 11:30 am
Book and Author Luncheon
Riverton Country Club

October 27
Literature Meeting
Place TBD

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Presidents Message: Pat Brunker

Welcome to another new Porch Club year! Your Department Chairmen have continued to be busy with worthwhile activities over the summer and have lots of wonderful plans that they will describe elsewhere in the newsletter. I am very pleased to welcome JoAnn DiNoia, Third Vice-President/ Membership Chairman, and Arlene Kuncas, Ways and Means Chairman, to the Board for the 2008-2009 year. Also, please notice how great our clubhouse looks. Donna Kirkland and her committee have worked very hard over the summer to improve and keep it in great shape as we begin our 100th year in the clubhouse.

So what's new? You may have noticed several new committees in your Yearbook. This year we have started up the writers' group (Scribblers) again, led by Denise Petti, who has had many articles published in local newspapers that you might have seen. We have also formalized a Flower Show committee led by Rita Vittese and Pegi Wilkins. This is such a big effort to enter the Philadelphia Flower Show and this year The Porch Club is doing one of those giant urns (!), that a separate committee seemed in order. We have also begun a Charitable Giving Committee. The Board thought it would be good to put some additional thought and planning into the process of deciding what charities we will support over the coming year. Debbie Patras is heading this up. Finally, an Evening Group committee has been established to plan our evening meetings over the coming year. Except for the Evening Group committee that I am Chairing, all of these committees are being led by members who have joined in the past two years. Hooray for their willingness to help and bring new ideas into the club! Please support their efforts.

Over the late summer, I herniated and tore three disks in my back. The pain was awful. I am only now getting back to something like normal, so had a lot of time to read while I was flat out for weeks on end. Here's a quote that I liked enough to write down from that time, "In the Tao Te Ching, Old Lao Tzu said that there were three things to learn, simplicity, patience, and compassion. He said that these were the greatest treasures: in action and thought, to be simple; to be patient with both enemies and friends; to have compassion for yourself." It was something that I had to learn the hard way. You may find that I am not able to do as much this year, but I know you will all help to make our 119th year a great one!

Pat



Ways and Means Arlene Kuncas 856-303-9033, afk1551@mac.com

The Porch Club and Boscov's: A Perfect Relationship

The Porch Club will join Boscov's in their *Friends Helping Friends* on Tuesday, October 7th. Boscov's has supplied our organization with the 200 tickets free of charge. We will sell the tickets to family, friends and neighbors for \$5 each. Everyone who purchases a ticket will receive up to a **25% discount shopping pass** for purchases made on Oct 7 in Boscov's Moorestown store. We keep the \$5 from every ticket sold and shoppers will easily recoup their \$5 through savings realized on *Friends Helping Friends* day. Boscov's will also promote our involvement in this event through a well advertised campaign. Tickets will be sold by our Ways and Means members and at our meetings or by contacting Arlene Kuncas. We also hope to have our members sell passes at Boscov's the day of the event.

UNO Chicago Grill to Rai\$e Dough on Sunday, October 19th

The Porch Club is proud to partner with UNO Chicago Grill Route 73, Maple Shade where they will host lunch and dinner on Sunday, October 19th as part of the Rai\$e Dough fundraiser. Porch Club members are distributing Donation Tickets to guests planning to visit UNO® on that day, during our Dough Rai\$er event. A percentage of sales generated will support the Porch Club's causes. Come in and enjoy UNO'S Legendary Deep Dish Pizza, mouthwatering steaks, crisp salads, juicy burgers and other tempting entrees. Guests present their Donation Ticket when they arrive on that day which ensures that a percentage of their bill is donated to the Porch Club.

Help The Porch Club raise money for our club so that we can continue with the charitable goals of our founders and help the women and children of South Jersey. Contact Arlene Kuncas or any member of Ways and Means Committee for your Donation Ticket.

Programs Aggie Kennedy aggiekennedy@hotmail.com

I think we have some great programs lined up for November and December.

November Meeting: Wednesday, November 5 at 1:00 "Girls Again" Variety Show

Anita Courtney (a former Senior Miss America finalist) and her troupe will entertain us with a fast paced show of line dancing, tap dancing, and numerous special acts such as Carol Channing, Shirley Temple, and Mame. Sounds like fun!

December Meeting: Tuesday, December 2 at 1:00 Barbara Meyer Darlin presents "The Gibson Girl meets the Victorian Lady".

This program compares the lives and fashions of a turn-of-the-twentieth-century society lady and a working class "typewriter", as those who operated the typing machines were called. Barbara captivated us last year with "Unlacing the Victorian Woman". I'm sure this program will be just as delightful.

Calendar

November 5, 1 pm

General Meeting
Porch Club

November 12, 1 pm

Arts Creative - Holiday
Centerpieces
Porch Club

November 12, 7:30 pm

Open House for
Prospective Members
Porch Club

**November 18 & 19,
10 am-12 Noon**

Workshops-Garden Dept
Porch Club

November 20, 7 pm

Evening Group Meeting
Porch Club

November 21, 10 am

Public Affairs
House of L. Fratto

November 24, 10 am

Decorate for the Holidays
Porch Club

December 2, 1 pm

General Meeting
Porch Club

December 16, 2-4 pm

Christmas Tea
Porch Club



Reminder—the 1st Tuesday in November is Election Day. Remember to vote!

But this also means that the November meeting is held on Wednesday, November 5 at 1:00 PM.



Garden Department



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Welcome back to a 2008 fall season of the Porch Club's Garden Department. I am pleased to announce that the Porch Club garden has won the prestigious Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's "Greening" award. The award will be given out on Nov. 2nd at a ceremony in Philadelphia. This is another "fine" feather in our cap from the Horticulture Society.

My co-chair, Susie Bradford Hudson, and I have some wonderful events and programs set up for the coming year. Susie has agreed to join me and help share the large load of responsibilities of the garden department. She will arrange our programs for this year which will include presentations from Master Gardeners from Burlington County. The first garden meeting in October will be "Myths and Misinformation in Gardening".

When I was a young girl and attended Riverton School, every Christmas we had a mitten tree. Everyone in the school gathered and decorated trees with new mittens, hats and gloves, which were later given to children in need. As a child, I felt this gesture was an admirable gift to give in the holiday season. Last year in a Better Homes and Garden magazine, I found directions to make wreath and holiday decorations using mittens and hats. This year I'd like to start a tradition of having a mitten tree, it is in keeping with our tradition as Porch Club volunteers. I am asking for new hats, mittens, gloves and scarves to decorate our tree. I will be collecting them during the months of Oct. and Nov. I'd like to call this Christmas "A Merry Mitten Christmas"

Our schedule for the next few months is as follows:

Oct. 14	1 pm:	First Garden Dept meeting of the season
Nov 18 th /19 th	10am to noon:	Workshops for Christmas Decorations
Nov. 24 th	10am:	Decorate the Porch Club for the Holidays
		<i>Skipping the month of December-too many things going on.</i>
Jan. 2	10 am:	Take down holiday arrangements



Arts Creative Virginia Cisario, Donna VanHoy

Welcome to Arts Creative -- 2008 to 2009. Our first meeting will be held on October 15th at 1:00 PM at the Porch Club. We will be making book marks for the book and authors luncheon on October 24th. At the same time, we would like to hear what arts and crafts projects you would enjoy doing together. If possible, bring a sample with you.

We will also be meeting at the Porch Club to make Thanksgiving centerpieces for our homes on Wednesday, November 12 at 1:00 PM.

We are looking forward to a creative and fun year and lots of participation.

Arts Performing/Music

Naomi Horn 829-7235

The Porch Club Chorus will be the entertainment at our annual Christmas Tea, which will be held at the Porch Club on Tuesday, December 16th.

Porch Club Chorus Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday, November 11	1:00 pm
Tuesday, November 18	1:00 pm
Tuesday, November 25	1:00 pm
Monday, December 1	1:00 pm
Tuesday, December 9	1:00 pm
Monday, December 15	1:00 pm



Rummage Sale

Mary Hannah 786-9314

Saturday October 11 8 am—1 pm

Remember to donate to the Rummage Sale! Clothing, household goods, toys, jewelry, may be delivered to the Porch Club during set-up time. Set-up for sale is: Thurs, Oct 9 1-6 PM and Fri, Oct 10 1-4 PM. Volunteers are always needed during set-up. Come find your treasures!

Address changes

Update your yearbooks

Marian Aditya
1424 Siena Drive
Cinnaminson
856-303-0222



Susie Hudson's phone number should be 786-9706 and new email is susiebhudson@comcast.net

House Committee Donna Kirkland, Chair



We have been very busy!! So far, we have: cleaned the kitchen and hallway closets, patched walls, replaced cracked windows, installed expandable drainpipes outside, painted chair railing, installed a new phone, new toilet paper holders in bathrooms, both kitchen rolling tables have had the tops refinished and the bases painted, the kitchen floor register cleaned and painted, kitchen drawers cleaned and organized, chandeliers cleaned, the area under the kitchen sink scrubbed and the louvered doors washed, walls scrubbed, and some re-arranging of pictures and the neat discovery of pocket doors on the stage (instead of lace curtains)!!!

Manning Electric has been busy up-grading some electric work for us: new stage lights, fixing outlets, lighting in the basement, an outlet outside (for yard work), the kitchen exhaust fan, and the chandeliers/dimmers. In the near future, we will be deciding on which bid to accept to have the basement walls repaired.

House Committee Schedule: (anyone is welcome to come help keep our House in good repair!!)

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 9-11 am; Tuesday, Oct. 28, 1-3 pm — Tuesday, Nov 11, 9-11 am
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1-3 pm; Wednesday, Dec.17, 9-11 am

Book and Author's Luncheon

*Riverton Country Club
Friday, October 24, 2008
11:30 am.*

*Proceeds going to Literacy Volunteers
of America/ Burlington County.*

*Call Sandi Scheer at 461-3080 for
more info and tickets.*

Literature Dept Sandra Scheer

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 24 for the Book and Author Luncheon once again being held at the Riverton Country Club 11:30 am. Our author this year will be Patricia Tyson Stroud who will be speaking about her book "The Man Who Had Been King"; the American exile of Napoleon's brother, Joseph, who lived 17 years in America where he built a magnificent estate he called Point Breeze in Bordentown, NJ. This is a yearly event to benefit Literacy Volunteers of Burlington County and your purchase of tickets and help will be appreciated.

We will have our next meeting on October 27 (place tbd) to discuss our books read over the summer. Hope to see many of you at our brown bag meetings.

Scribbler's Group - The Artist's Way Denise Petti info@denisepetti.com

Join us for a 12 week course in creativity. The Artist's Way, a book written by Julia Cameron. This course is designed to help you discover and recover your creative self. Too often our creativity falls by the wayside as home, work, family obligations and life-in-general demands the majority of our attention. Often these obligations take precedence over our creative endeavors. We put them off for another day saying, "When I have more time, more money, more motivation, I'll get around to that." This course reconnects the soul's naturally inherent desire to create and offers tools for helping to make creativity your lifestyle instead of just an impractical indulgence.

This course requires an intense commitment to daily writing, weekly solo "dates", and other creative tasks designed to motivate and inspire.

Our first meeting will be held at the Porch Club on Monday, October 20th at 7:30 PM. Any questions, please e-mail Denise Petti at info@denisepetti.com.

Prior to our first meeting, please purchase Julia Cameron's Book "The Artist's Way" (available at any large book store chain) and read the Introduction.

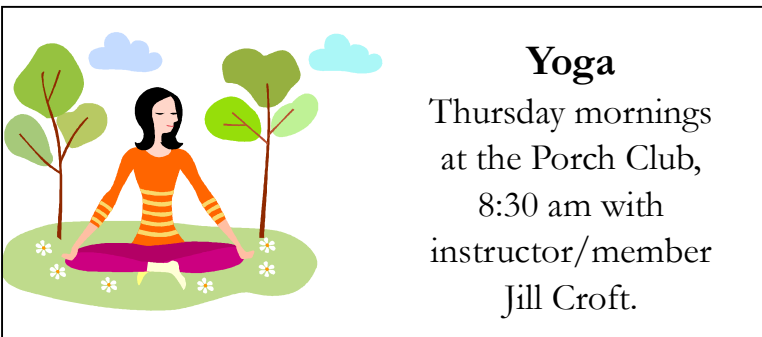
International Affairs Pat McDermott pmcdermott14@comcast.net

Your generous support of the Kimberley basket last year enabled the Porch Club to support Kimberley, our Christian Children's Fund child, every month. We also were able to donate \$350 along with \$350 in matching funds from the Ford Foundation to UNICEF and their children's initiatives in Viet Nam. As we look forward to another year of involvement with these two organizations we are thankful for your generosity when the Kimberley basket is passed.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF is the longest running youth philanthropic activity in the United States. The tradition began in Philadelphia in 1950 when a youth group collected \$17 in decorated milk cartons on Halloween to help children left vulnerable by WW II. Fifty-seven years later, Trick or Treat for UNICEF has evolved from door to door collection on Halloween into a month long national fundraising program that has inspired children to save the lives of their peers around the world by raising more than \$136 million. Consider taking home an orange box for UNICEF this October!

Upcoming events:

- The Moorestown Rotary is hosting a Travel Adventure Film Series at the William Allen Middle School. The series starts Oct. 2 and runs through April 17. Topics range from cruising Russia to sights in Beijing and Sweden. Proceeds support the Rotary charities. For further information call 856-235-2889.
- St. Thomas Church in Cherry Hill is hosting their Greek Agora Festival Oct. 9 through Oct 12.
- The program "Bead For Life" which supports Ugandan women in their struggle to raise themselves out of extreme poverty will be presented in January 2009, during the International Luncheon and the Evening Meeting. Please correct your calendars!



Yoga

Thursday mornings
at the Porch Club,
8:30 am with
instructor/member
Jill Croft.

Public Affairs Joanne Fields

Meeting and lunch: Friday, October 10, 10:00 am at the home of Joanne Fields, 704 Cedar Street, Riverton.

Meeting: Friday November 21, 10:00 am at the home of Loretta Fratto, 17 Broad St., Palmyra

Thanks to all who contributed school supplies for Emergency Services. We gave twenty bags which included backpacks, lunch packs, paper, crayons, paste, calculators, pencils, pens and work books.

HomeLife/Social Services

Trish Mori 829-5431 tandgmori@verizon.net

The following items will be collected at every meeting:

1. Retail store plastic bags.
2. Acme Receipts
3. Campbell Soup labels
4. Beverage pull tabs
5. Used eyeglasses, cell phones & ink cartridges
6. Hotel Samples

Providence House Benefit

Contact Trish Mori for tickets to "Taste of Burlington County" to benefit Providence House. Event will be held at Merion Caterers—Wednesday, October 15th, 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Cost \$55.00.

Go Green!!

- Use your solar dryer (i.e. clothesline)
- Un-plug unused electronics
- Move the dial 2 degrees
- Shorten your Shower
- Go paper-less.
- Eat Fresh, Local & Organic

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www.theporchclub.org

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Autism Awareness

www.autism-society.org

www.autismspeaks.org

Evening Group Meetings – 4th Thursday of the month

October 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm "Jacqueline Kennedy's Historic Preservation Legacy - 40 Years Later"

The year 2006 marked the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Great strides in historic preservation have occurred since then, but little has been written or told about the instrumental role played by Jacqueline Kennedy in creating the climate for the passage of that important legislation. This program presents an interesting look behind the scenes of how "Jackie" stopped the bulldozers and set the course for historic preservation. Take a step back in time and see how far we've come. Presented by Kathleen Gallop, Historic Preservation Consultant.

November 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm "Miami to Maine"

Last summer, Margo Pellegrino paddled an outrigger canoe nearly 2,000 miles, from Miami, FL to Camden, ME, in the hopes that she could show her children how to make a difference in the world and inspire others to take an active role in the stewardship of our oceans. This coastal paddle started as the simple desire of an ordinary woman to undertake an extraordinary event to bring attention to the current state of our ocean. Come and hear her tell her extraordinary story.

Open House for Prospective Members—Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 PM

All Porch Club members and guests are invited.

JoAnn DiNoia—Membership Chair