



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

April/May 2013

Inside the Porch Door

April

Tues., April 2, 12:00pm, \$10
General Meeting Charter Luncheon
– reservations required.

Wed. April 3

Home Life –
Ronald McDonald House

Mon., April 8, 9:30am
Stitchery

Mon., April 8, 7:00pm
Scribblers

Mon., April 15, 9:30am
Crafts

Mon., April 15, 11:30am
Literature

Mon., April 15, 7:00pm
Domestic Violence Meeting

Fri., April 19
Public Issues Meeting

Mon., April 22, 7:00pm
Evening Meeting, Project Runway

Tues., April 23, 1:00pm
Arts Creative with Mosaics

May

Tues., May 7, 12:30pm
General Meeting, Drama Program

Sat., May 11
Treasure Day Bake Sale –
New Leaf Tea Room

Mon., May 13, 9:30am
Stitchery

Mon., May 13, 7:00pm
Scribblers

Wed., May 15, 7:00pm
Evening Meeting, Animal Therapist

Fri., May 17
Public Issues Meeting

Mon., May 20, 9:30am
Crafts

Mon., May 20, 11:30am
Literature

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Letter From the President

Dear ladies,

It's almost the end of another year and time for me to say adieu. It has been a pleasure serving you as president. I have enjoyed my time spent with each and every one of you. I have been encouraged by the support I've received. Thank you! These two years have passed very quickly; I do hope that time slows down a bit after I leave this position. I wish the best to JoAnn DiNoia who will be taking over as President. As my friend and a loyal member of The Porch Club, I know she will be the best!

Our new officers and directors will be a terrific addition to our executive board. President- JoAnn DiNoia; 1st Vice President- Amanda Bolton; 2nd Vice President- Phyllis Rodgers; 3rd Vice President- Jan DeVries; and one year unexpired term of Recording Secretary- Aggie Kennedy. Directors are: Arts Creative – open; Arts Performing- Susan Fay; Evening Department- Kit Miller; House-Bobbie Beck; Rentals- Johanna Rooney; Literature Department- Cora Lee Page.

Best of Luck to all of you, may you have an outstanding and fun time working for The Porch Club of Riverton. Thank you for saying yes and for those departing the board, I say thank you for doing a terrific job. Enjoy your next endeavors.

Many thanks go out to so many for their years of work and for the work during the last two months, Flower Show, Bingo and Bingo, International Luncheon, Ronald MacDonald house, Riverview Estates' party, hoagie sale, great programs at general and evening meetings, teachers' wish lists, Read Across America, quilt making, soup's on, art show, rummage sale, field trips. The list could go on and on, I hope you all know that each and every one of you is an integral part of this organization. It takes all of you to make this such a successful Women's Club.

Thank you to Barb Toritto for orchestrating an assembly at Cinnaminson High School on Teenage Abuse Awareness. This will be a first for this area. We hope to continue these assemblies in other area high schools next year.

Don't forget Paint the Porch Pink Cancer Walk on June 2. There are three Evening meetings remaining for this membership year, check out our calendar.

Our May 7 General Meeting and Annual Meeting are coming up. The installation of new officers will take place at the Annual Meeting, May 21 at 12:30 pm. Come out and congratulate all of our newly installed officers and directors.

Thank you again for my time as your President.
Fondly,

Bobbie

Paint the Porch Pink! Breast Cancer Walk

Sign up early for this worthwhile cause!

Details on Page 3.



June 2, 2013

Public Issues

Elizabeth "Betty" Dunn
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After several weeks delay due to a flu quarantine at Riverview Estates, the members of our Public Issues group finally visited the residents on February 27. Over tea and cake, we made a lot of new friends, heard a lot of funny stories and had a delightful afternoon. We are looking forward to another visit in the future.

I want to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Burlington County Home for Aged Women, with a special thanks to the Stitchery group for the beautiful scarves they donated. Your gifts will go a long way to help the home to stretch their budget. The next meeting of the Public Issues group will be on Friday, March 15 when we will be delivering our donations to the Burlington County Home.

Membership Department

JoAnn DiNoia,
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Please extend a warm welcome to our newest Porch Club Members

Cynthia McGee
Lenore Layton
Norma Hunter
Mary Murphy
Alice Drumm
Kathie Rubright
Barbara Pilborough
Bonnie Higgins
Karen Healey

Calendar Continued

Mon., May 20, 7:00pm
Domestic Violence Meeting

Tues., May 21, 12:30pm
Annual Meeting

Thurs., May 2, 7:00pm
Education Committee

June

Sun., June 2

Paint the Porch Pink

Wed., June 5, 7:00pm

Evening Meeting, Biscuit Bliss, Strawberry Sensation at Maureen Murray's home

Inside the Porch Door

Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk

JUNE 2ND, 2013

Registration is available in \$25.00. Children ages 6 through 12 are \$5.00. No registration necessary for children ages 5 and under. All children receive a sticker!



Visit us on Facebook at [Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk](#)

Feel free to wear your most outrageous pink, funny - hats, bands, hats. Well-behaved pets are also welcome, especially wearing pink!

JOIN US FOR A STROLL THROUGH THE STREETS OF RIVERTON, NJ TO SUPPORT THE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

On Sunday, June 2nd, 2013, the Porch Club of Riverton is hosting our second "Paint the Porch Pink" Breast Cancer Walk. This is a family-friendly event with fun activities including a 3-mile (approximately 5K) walk, live music, refreshments, raffles, balloons pink hair-painting and face-painting. Unique to this walk are the seven designated **Pink Porches** that dot the route, where walkers can stop to enjoy a variety of pink refreshments and live music. All proceeds go to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation for breast cancer research.

Pre-registered participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt! Same day registration, t-shirt pick-up, balloons, face-painting, and raffle entries begin at the Porch Club on 4th & Howard Sts., at 12:30PM. The Official Start of the Walk will begin at 2:00PM. This is a Rain or Shine event.

A pre-registration form can be found on our website. Walkers may also pre-register at a number of business locations in Riverton. Locations can be found on our website. Same day registration is at the Porch Club. Please visit our event specific Facebook page and website for more information.

For more information on Paint the Porch Pink, The Porch Club or The Breast Cancer Research Foundation visit:
www.painttheporchpink.org www.theporchclub.org www.bcrf.us

Home Life

Volunteers needed to help give out T-shirts at the annual Autism Speaks Walk

Saturday, May 18, 2013

Times for Volunteers: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Bishops Gate Corporate Center

4001 Leadenhall Road

Mount Laurel, NJ

If you are available to help with giving out T-shirts please let Dottie Fresco know. If you have a Porch Club pink polo shirt or apron please consider wearing it. For members who want to join the walk:

Walk Day info:

Registration opens at 8:00am

Stage show begins at 9:30am

Walk starts at 10:00am

For more info go to below website

<http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1048765>

International Outreach

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In support of this year's International charity, the Porch Club raised \$350.00 for The Book Wish Foundation. These funds will help support library development in the 12 refugee camps in eastern Chad, Africa that are home to nearly 285,000 Darfuri refugees from neighboring Sudan. More than half of the refugees are children. These funds help supply books in the languages they can read. This support is critical if the refugees are to receive the education they dream of and the mental escape they need.

Continued support can be achieved by purchasing the book, "What You Wish

For", a collection of stories and poems contributed pro bono by famous authors. The Book Wish Foundation is giving 100% of the book proceeds to the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, to fund the libraries. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com.

An acknowledgement of appreciation was received from last year's International campaign, Mycharity: Water. The \$400.00 collected has been sent to the field to help supply water in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Cote d'Ivoire.

Education Committee

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Picnic at The Porch Club. In celebration of Read across America week, first and second graders from Riverton School came for a "Picnic at the Porch Club" on February 28. Sitting in small groups on blankets, they enjoyed a "picnic" snack and listened with great delight to Dr. Seuss stories read by Porch Club members. It was hard to tell who was having more fun—the kids or the readers! This was the first year for this event. It was such a success that we look forward to repeating it.

Many thanks to the readers—Bobbie Beck, Amanda Boulton, Dori Cowan, Nancy Fort, Dottie Fresco, Iris Gaughan and Janet Karrmann for reading with such expression and engagement. You personified The Club's commitment to children's education. Kudos!

Teachers' Wish List Project. Members of the Education Committee visited Riverton School and Charles Street School to present The Porch Club's Teachers' Wish List Project gifts. We were welcomed very warmly, by the teachers and staff of both schools, including some heartfelt applause! We have received several notes from individual teachers, including one addressed "To the Wonderful Ladies of the Porch Club" expressing appreciation for all the items donated for the classroom and adding, "Most of all, thank you for using your time to help us all feel special. It certainly brought us all excitement and I know the children will love using everything."

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed toward making this project successful. You have made a very positive difference for the teachers, staff and students of Charles Street and Riverton Schools.

Ways and Means

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Happy Spring! Our first WAM meeting was held recently with lots of good thoughts for a new and exciting year! Our next event will be a Mothers Day Bake Sale. Anyone can participate! Just bake your mom's, grandmothers, aunts, friends best recipe and name it in honor of that special person, and provide a recipe card to be sold along with the baked good to benefit the WAM department. We have some wonderful talent in our Porch Club so share the wealth and come out to help us kick off the beginning of our new year! SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 19, OCTOBER FEST Party! Tickets will be available soon, only 100 will be sold! This will be a delicious catered event to celebrate a popular German tradition. Our Spaghetti Dinner "Night in Sicily" is planned for February 2014, date and time to be announced! We are also looking into having a Fundraiser "Comedy Night" date and time to be announced. A Big THANK YOU again to everyone that has helped with our WAM Department in any little way!



Get Ready to Paint the Porch Pink on June 2

Carol J. McCarthy, cjmc08@verizon.net

Our second Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk is scheduled for June 2. This walk will feature seven fabulous 'Pink Porches'. Pre-registration is Now OPEN via our brand new Walk website <http://www.painttheporchpink.org/> We are currently looking for face-painters for the day of the walk, as well as balloon artists. Volunteers can contact Carol McCarthy or Pat Brunker.

Scribblers

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Scribblers, the Porch Club writing group, has been meeting once a month at the Orange Blossom Cafe (Zena's). We have lively discussions on writings done by the group. Members have attended presentations at Peachfield Plantation on American writers Louisa May Alcott and Walt Whitman. Enjoy the haiku written by one of our members!

Hope

Wind howls as snow drifts.
Under a blizzard blanket,
Pink petals flutter.

Literature

Cora Lee Page
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The Literature Department will meet on Monday, April 15 at the home of Betty Dunn at 11:30 am.

We are making plans for our Book & Author Luncheon on Friday October 25 at the Porch Club.

In May we will meet for lunch at the Cafe Gallery in Burlington on May 20th at 11:30. All are welcome.

Domestic Abuse

Barbara Toritto,
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The Domestic Violence Awareness committee has been hard at work and I am excited to share with everyone our first big project. On March 18, we will have presented a program on "Teen Dating Violence" at the Cinnaminson High School. There will be a speaker from Providence House as well as a representative from the Prosecutors office on this subject. The speaker from Providence House will stay after the program to speak with any students who might need any additional information. The presentation will be reaching over 750 students. It is our hope to be able to spread out to the surrounding area schools.

Rummage Sale

Mary Hannah,
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Our Spring Rummage Sale was held March 15 and 16. Each sale has it's own attitude. This one was like a lamb. It was calm and quiet, starting off slow and easy and keeping that way until the end. Well, except for Friday night's sale! The buyers were lined up around the corner and filled the club totally once the doors were opened at 6:00. The first hour flew by with questions, selling and wrapping and just happy chatter.

We were very fortunate to have some high school help with carrying up and down from the basement. Any student ever needing community service hours, direct them to the Rummage Sale! Our own Porch Club volunteers are just wonderful! Each giving what is needed exactly at the right moment, be it setting up, pricing, research, selling, wrapping, straightening up, cleaning up or making us laugh.

This sale was a little lighter with items than our fall sale and I am finding this to be the norm. I said we were going with quality, not quantity for spring. We realized \$1,230.00 in total proceeds, no small feat for all free donations and some hard working hours from the PC ladies! The warm clothing remains went to a Code Blue Emergency shelter for men and women in Delanco, that also serves Camden. The rest of our items were taken to Goodwill. You would have never known we were there! So Ladies, please keep us in mind for your unwanted or unneeded items for our fall sale.

Upcoming Arts Creative Activities

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

Birdhouse Decoration - April 23, 1:00 p.m. at the Porch Club

We would like to decorate birdhouses with either mosaic or paint. We have examples to show you. Look for the sign up sheet, or call Donna (856) 786-1622 or Phyllis (856) 786-8422

Pink Hats for "Paint The Porch Pink"

If anyone would like to help Phyllis and Donna make some crazy little pink hats called "Fascinators" for the "Paint The Porch Pink" event in early June, please give Phyllis or Donna a call.

We do have some materials. You can create your own designs. We don't have a date yet. Look for the sign up sheet and we'll give you more information.



Looking Back

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

April 1895 - the Porch Club was formally organized. The Constitution and by-laws were passed and adopted; Mrs. Mary Van Meter Grice was elected first President.

April 1904 - Porch Club meetings had grown too big for Mrs. Ogden's porch, so on April 4, the first meeting was held in the Rudderow building, which the Porch Club rented for \$12.00 per year. Membership increased to 100; dues were \$3. A Suffrage Section and the 1st House Committee were formed.

May 1909 - the Clubhouse at 4th & Howard was officially occupied.

May 1911 - on May 11, the first Charter luncheon was given.

Great Quotes From Great Women

"Power is the ability to get things done."

Rosabeth Moss Kanter

American Business Woman, First Woman Editor of the Harvard Review

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