



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

April/May 2017

Inside the Porch Door

April

- Mon., Apr. 3, 9:30am**
Arts Creative/Easter Eggs
- Tues., Apr. 4, 12:00noon**
Charter Luncheon
- Wed., Apr. 5, 7:00pm**
Evening/Easter Basket Extravaganza
- Thurs., Apr. 6, 10:00am**
Deliver Easter Baskets
- Mon., Apr. 17, 9:30am**
Stitchery
- Mon., Apr. 17, 11:30am**
Literature
- Tues., Apr. 18, 7:00pm**
Evening Meeting
- Fri., Apr. 21, 7:00pm**
Meet and Greet the Authors

May

- Mon., May 1, 9:30am**
Stitchery
- Tues., May 2, 12:30pm**
General Meeting/Tea
- Mon., May 8, 9:30am**
Stitchery
- Wed., May 10, 7:00pm**
Evening Planning Meeting/Social
- Mon., May 15, 9:30am**
Stitchery
- Mon., May 15, 11:30am**
Literature
- Tues., May 16, 12:30pm**
Annual Meeting/Ice Cream Social
- Fri., May 19 11:30am**
Public Issues/Home Life Luncheon
- Sun., May 21, 12:00-5:00pm**
Paint the Porch Pink
- Mon., May 22, 9:30am**
Stitchery

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Loving Words from Your President

It's spring! Farewell to chills and cold!
The blushing, girlish world unfolds.
Each flower, leaf and blade of sod
Small letters sent to her from God.

—John Updike

Dear Ladies,

Embrace the season and let the spring time in....

Well, we're almost at the end of our Porch Club year and time for me to say goodbye. It has been a pleasure serving as your president. I have truly enjoyed my time spent with each and every one of you. I have been encouraged by your friendship, support, and love I've received. Thank you! I leave this position proud and honored.

I thank the executive board for all of their hard work. It's not always an easy job, but they managed to do it quite well. I wish the best to Phyllis Rodgers who will be taking over as President. As my dear friend and a loyal member of the Porch Club I know she will be great!

Lots of things are springing into action at the Porch Club. Our Arts Creative Department will be making and decorating Easter eggs, always a fun time.

Our Stitchers and crafters are busy putting the final touches on their Achievement Day entries. Even if you are not entering a project this year it is always fun to see what our sister clubs are entering. Achievement Day and luncheon are held at the Pennsauken Country Club. Please contact MaryLou Schofield for more information.

Wednesday, April 5, is our Easter Basket Extravaganza. Come join the fun on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. Please call Kit Miller if you would like to donate items for the baskets. An email will be sent closer to the event to see what is needed for our baskets.

Back by popular demand our Meet and Great the Authors evening on Friday, April 21, at 7:00pm.

Our Ice Cream Social and Spring Concert are always a favorite at the Porch Club. Naomi Horn, Sue Fay, and the chorus will entertain us while we enjoy our sweet treats. The event is at the club on Tuesday, May 16, at 12:30pm.

And what better way to end our year than with our special fundraising event Paint the Porch Pink, which takes place on Sunday, May 21, from 12:00-5:00pm. Through the great efforts of Carol McCarthy and her committee, the Porch Club has already donated over \$55,000 dollars to the Breast Cancer Foundation. Nothing short of amazing. Carol is always in need of helpers. Please give her a call and be part of this wonderful event.

And now my final bow,
Have a great summer.
Warmly,

JoAnn

Membership

Kit Stahler-Miller, membership@theporchclub.org

We are delighted to welcome five new members who were recognized at the March 2017 evening meeting: Candi Brown, Nancy Duda, Bernie Holmes, and Barbara Zimmerman, and returning member, Charlene Thellmann. Barbara Winters was also re-instated at the December meeting. This brings our membership to 197.

Three second readings were done at the March evening "Rancocas Valley Singers" meeting for Nertila Cana, Carleen Garvin, and Karen Scollon. Carleen and Karen are sisters and their other sister Maureen "Mim" Palantino has submitted her application. This may be our first membership of three (3) sisters, which will surpass our other two sisters: Phyllis Rod-

gers and Mary Louise Bianco Smith in the fall! We anticipate initiating three to five more members through May and are still receiving requests for membership information and applications.

Members have embraced our new logo name badges and 106 have been purchased in 6 months. Please greet our many new faces, welcome them, and invite them into our activities at meetings. They bring many assets and skills to us and want to become active in the Porch Club!

The Porch Club's wonderful reputation is attracting prospective members, and there are increasing inquiries through our wonderful website and the Porch Club Facebook. Thank you for reaching out to friends and neighbors

and inviting them to be part of the Porch Club. You are 'beacons of light'. Keep up the great work!

At the Annual Meeting on May 16, we will honor 35-year member, Phyllis Rodgers and also announce the recipient of the Porch Club Woman of the Year award.

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June

Mon., June 5, 9:30am

Stitchery

Mon., June 12, 9:30am

Stitchery



Paint the Porch Pink

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The 4th Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017. The Walk officially kicks off at 2:00pm. Registration starts at 12:30pm at the Porch Club. Also, at the Porch Club, there will be raffle entries, face painting, and hair painting. The Episcopal Church at 4th and Main Sts. will be open for a pre-walk moment of reflection and to write your message in the Book of Hope.

There have been some exciting new changes to the Walk, including a new route. Seven beautiful porches will be featured, as well as a rest stop at Sacred Heart School. Once again, there will be music, pink treats and fun for all. Anyone wanting to volunteer as a hostess at the registration desk, or as a runner or any other helping hands should contact Carol McCarthy at 856-829-1299, or Pat Bruner, 856-630-5356, or email pinkporches@gmail.com.

Want to walk? Online registration will be open soon on the Paint the Porch Pink website: www.painttheporchpink.org. Further details can be found on the website as well. Stay tuned to the Facebook page: Paint the Porch Pink Breast Cancer Walk for more updates. Please tell everyone you know about this Porch Club signature event.

Looking forward to seeing you all on a beautiful, fun, pink, spring day!



**Check us out
on Facebook.**

Evening Meetings

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Thank you to everyone who came out to the Cabaret Night with the Rancocas Valley Singers, our General/Evening Meeting on March 8. The outstanding choir performed wonderful light music from the realms of stage, screen, and popular song to a standing room only crowd. It was a terrific night!

Coming up next is:

Easter Basket Extravaganza

Wednesday, April 5, at 7:00pm

Kit Stahler-Miller, Erica Polaneczky and Carol Sewter host

Our annual making of Easter baskets for deserving families is in conjunction with the Girl Scouts. The baskets will be given to Emergency Services for distribution to children who wouldn't have an Easter basket otherwise. Please bring any of the following to the Tuesday, April 4th General Meeting or on the night of the meeting:

- grass, clear wrap, ribbon,
- candy, lollipops, gum, snacks
- Gold Fish, Pringles chips, pretzels, chips, fruit snacks, snack drink boxes,
- games, cards, stickers, books, socks, puzzles, sidewalk chalk, small stuffed animals, toy cars, dolls, etc.

Please bring food items that are pre-packaged or individually wrapped.

"Bicycling in Riverton"

Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM

Shared Meeting with Historical Society of Riverton

The past and present history of bicycling in Riverton will be presented as a kick-off to the Century Bicycle Ride sponsored by the Historical Society of Riverton on June 10 and the Historic Riverton Criterium on June 11. Our speakers will be Gary Sanderson from The Wheelmen, a national, non-profit organization dedicated to keeping alive the heritage of American cycling. He will bring some of his collection of antique bicycles with him to show us. Carlos Rodgers will also speak about the upcoming Historic Riverton Criterium race for children, men and women through the streets of Riverton. This year, the proceeds support the Bread of Life Food Pantry. This program will be open to the public.

End of Year Party/Planning

Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM

Jan and Pat host

An end of year social and committee meeting will be held to discuss possible programs for next year and celebrate each other.



Rancocas Valley Singers at the March 8 Evening Meeting

Public Issues

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Public Issues Department has been dedicated to supporting our 2-year state project selected by the General Federation of Women's Clubs is Prevent Child Abuse-NJ (PCA-NJ). April is the national observation of Child Abuse Prevention Month. To spread awareness of child abuse this month, we will participate in the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign by joining thousands of organizations throughout the country "planting" pinwheel gardens. Pinwheels were chosen because they are fun, whimsical, and symbolic of the carefree childhood that every child deserves.

Pinwheels will be available at the April 4 Charter Luncheon. For a donation, you may select a pinwheel. Donors' names will be put on cards that will be strung for display in the club. Your donated pinwheel will be planted outside the club. Help with decorating, planting pinwheels, and filling in donors' names will be greatly appreciated. The luncheon will be host as well to the mayors of Cinnamin-

son, Palmyra, and Riverton who have been invited to attend to issue proclamations for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In line with our support of children's issues, on May 2, at our General Meeting, we will host guest speaker, Harry Cassidy, a representative with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA of Burlington and Mercer counties provides specially selected and trained advocates for children who have been removed from their homes because of neglect or abuse. Volunteers speak directly to the judge on the child's behalf.

Mr. Cassidy has 38 years of experience at CASA.

We are happy to report that we have knitted more than seven dozen purple caps for newborns in order to bring awareness to infant abuse! In April we will be sending caps to New Brunswick office of the NJSFWC. A big thanks to the Stitchery Committee for their support as well as members of our Riverton community. Thanks for your support!



Sue Haddon and Vickie Basgil prepare for Pinwheel for Child Abuse Awareness Project

Arts Performing

Sue Fay, suefay56@gmail.com

Arts Performing will entertain with a concert at the Annual Ice Cream Social to be held at the Porch Club on May 16, 2017, 12:30pm.

All rehearsals will take place at 11:30 a.m on the following dates: April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15.



A sampling of the many purple hats that were knitted and crocheted by members for a worthy cause.

Luncheon Committee

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The Porch Club Charter Luncheon will be held on April 4. We are using Georgetti's Catering. The price is \$12. Helene Lilholt needs your reservation and money by Friday, March 31.

The Menu:

Chicken Italiano with spinach, roasted red peppers, artichoke hearts and cheese

Roasted potatoes and beans

Mesculin Special Salad (roasted peppers, orange segments, olives, goat cheese, toasted pecans) with honey pecan ginger vinaigrette.

Arts Creative, Stitchery, and Crafts

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Arts Creative will have our chocolate Easter Egg making on April 3rd, this workshop is a favorite of our members. If you missed the sign up sheet please contact Donna or myself. The Garden District Achievement Day is April 20th at the Pennsauken Country Club. If you'd like to join us for a wonderful luncheon let us know. Tickets will be available. Also, we will have the Achievement Day categories at the next meeting for Arts Creative and Garden. Please think about entering, you are a very talented group and

we have been very successful in past years in our district and state entries. We will be having a rock painting workshop in May. These adorable river rocks can be painted to look like ladybugs, pets, garden markers, etc. Sign up sheets will be available. Arts Creative enjoyed teaching and sharing with all of you this past year and hope to see you all back in September. If there is a workshop you would like us to add next year please let us know. Have a wonderful summer...



Arts Creative Class March 13 tackled Pressed Flower Art



Beautiful and delicious! Arts Creative's April Chocolate Egg Class Eggs



Arts Creative used Pressed Flower Kits in art class

Stitchery

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Stitchery is busy getting entries ready for the Garden District's Achievement Day in April. We have many women interested in participating this year.

We will be sending in needlework in several categories. Best of luck to all who enter. And we hope that you will consider coming to the luncheon. It's a lot of fun and it's interesting to see the work that others in the Porch Club are doing as well as the work of women in other clubs around the district.

In March, thanks to Meg Grimes, a group of us went to Scrim Discovery in Ocean City, NJ, to learn new needlepoint

stitches. We worked on a canvas that was custom designed for us. Everyone chose their own threads and color schemes to stitch and make the piece their own. And the fun didn't stop there, a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

As we wind down the 2016-2017 season we are working on ideas for next year. Plans are in the works for group projects including ones for the annual Pre-Holiday Sale and a beautiful quilt to raffle off next year.

Still lots of spring to stitch, but then we hope everyone has a great summer.



Our custom canvas that we used to learn 4 new stitches as well as the basic basket weave.

Porch Club Needs You!

There are a number of opportunities that are open on the Executive Board next year...and they are open to any one of you who have a willingness and a heart to serve! Many departments can be what you and your committee members make of it! Maybe, just one or two activities a year or maybe more as you see fit. Some positions are more heavy duty than others, no doubt, such as House and 3rd vice

president in charge of membership. Nevertheless, in this club we have plenty of ability and experience. One of these positions may be calling you!

Here are positions for Porch Club departments that need your leadership:

- **3rd Vice President:** essentially overseeing inducting and shepherding new members.

- **Ways and Means:** raising funds to keep

our building and services operating.

- **House:** managing the maintenance and repair of our historic aging building.

- **Education/Literature:** essentially our book club, often held in various committee members' homes and possibly inviting authors to speak.

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