



The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

Feb./Mar. 2018

Inside the Porch Door

Dates and meetings are subject to change. Please visit our website for updates.

March

Mon., Mar. 5, 9:30am

Stitchery

Tues., Mar. 6, 12:30pm

General Meeting/Tea

Wed., Mar 7, 7:00pm

Garden Tour Planning

Sat., Mar. 10

Girls Leadership Workshop

Mon., Mar. 12, 9:30am

Stitchery

Tues., Mar. 13, 10:00am

Arts Creative: Sunflower Wreath

Wed., Mar. 14, 7:00pm

Membership

Thurs., Mar. 15, 1:00pm

Garden/Conservation

Mon., Mar. 19, 9:30am

Stitchery

Mon., Mar. 19, 11:30am

Literature

Tues., Mar. 20, 10:00am

Easter Basket Extravaganza Set Up

Tues., Mar. 20, 7:00pm

Evening/Easter Basket Extravanza

Wed., Mar. 21, 10:00am

Deliver Easter Baskets

Wed., Mar. 21, 3:00-9:00pm

Spring Rummage Sale Drop Off

Thurs., Mar. 22, 1:00-7:00pm

Spring Rummage Sale Drop Off

Fri., Mar. 23, 6:00-9:00pm

Spring Rummage Sale

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From the Desk of the President

Dear Ladies of The Porch Club,

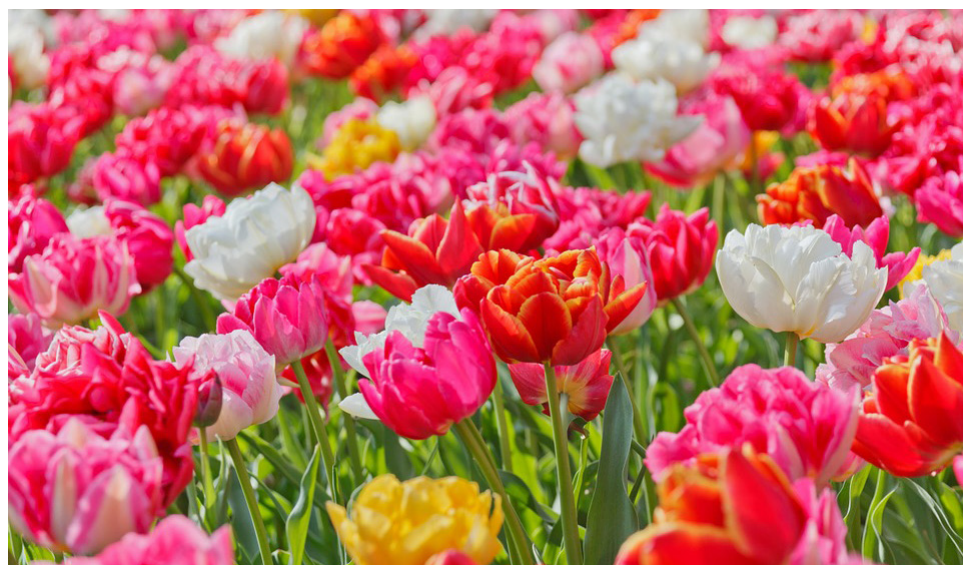
The cold winter months do not seem to be hindering the Porch Club's efforts to provide a variety of events that bring us together. I do hope you all are embracing these wonderful opportunities and each other. Whether it is knitting a cap at Stitchery, making a Valentine or painting a rock with Arts Creative, reviewing a book with the Literature Department, helping others by collecting your treasures for our upcoming Rummage Sale or having fun, food and drink listening to Sinatra music, all of it just seems to be more enjoyable when we are doing it together.

A recent TED presentation (which promotes inspirational ideas worth spreading) highlighted that social interaction and close relationships are the strongest indicators of good health and longevity. Presenting Psychologist, Susan Pincher, touts the powers of "face to face" interactions and states that these encounters "release neuron transmitters that can produce stunning benefits on health and bolster the immune system". How lucky we are to have this Porch Club as our support network and social outlet!

Thank you Porch Club for being there for 127 seasons. Stay busy and active my friends, and through your involvement, you, too, will be blessed with a happier, healthier, and longer life.

Love to all,

Phyllis



Our Garden Tour is coming this spring. See Page 6 for information.

Evening Department

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The Evening Department is excited to welcome Spring! It seems like it was just yesterday that we were planning our Fall events and today we are talking about our Easter Basket Extravaganza in March.

Here is a look back at our December/January Events: We held our Annual Christmas Party with Arts Creative and enjoyed various fun activities including a Cookie Swap, an Ugly Sweater Competition, and an Ornament Game. In January, we welcomed Lynn Horan of Yoga Tree to help us jump into 2018 with Health and Wellness in mind. Lynn demonstrated a short Yoga session-including Chair Yoga. We enjoyed healthy smoothies and veggies.

On Saturday, February 10, we held a Sinatra & Cocktails event. Live music was provided by Tony Bucci, husband of Aylin Bucci, and a mixologist demonstrated the art of making martinis. A very memorable evening!

On Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00pm we will hold our Annual Easter Basket Extravaganza for families and children in need with help again from former Palmyra scouts and mothers. For new members not familiar with this program, donations (see below) are solicited from members and a fun evening is spent putting these baskets together to be donated to Emergency Services in Delanco.

Please bring any of the following to the Porch Club at the Tuesday, March 6, General Meeting: baskets with handles, pipe cleaners, nutritious fruit snacks, candy, lollipops, gum, snacks such as Gold Fish, Pringles Potato chips, pretzels, and chips.

Please bring non-gender specific items such as games, cards, stickers, books, puzzles, coloring books, crayons, small toys and stuffed animals, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and jump ropes.

That evening we will load the baskets into volunteer's cars for delivery and distribution to Emergency Services in Delanco on Wednesday, March 21 at 10am. Please contact Kit Stahler-Miller if you can be a driver or a helper.

PLEASE NOTE:

Food items must be individually wrapped or pre-packaged.

We cannot use unwrapped bulk candy and snack items.

We cannot accept Egg Dye Kits.



Cheers! Lois Robinson and Aylin Bucci.



Three guests enjoy the smooth sounds of Sinatra.

Membership

Kit Stahler-Miller, Chair, membership@theporchclub.org

Club Woman of the Year Award Nominations.

The Porch Club's Club Woman of the Year Award was established in 1987 to recognize one of our own outstanding women. The award is presented once a year. Nominations are to be based on the individual's volunteer service in Federated Women's Clubs at any level: federal, state, or local, and to volunteer activities

which revolve around religious, political, educational, and other volunteer activities. The only requirement is that they be a volunteer.

Request a Nomination form from Kit Stahler-Miller, Membership Chairperson, via email or pick it up at a meeting.

Deadline for submission: Tuesday, March 6, 2018



Newly installed members at the February Tea.

International Outreach

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The International Luncheon on January 8 was well received and attended despite the icy and cold weather conditions. The focus charity for this event was Women for Women International, a group dedicated to better the lives of women in countries affected by conflict and war.

Women for Women achieve this goal by offering support, tools, and access to life-changing skills to move from crisis

and poverty to stability and economic self-sufficiency. Porch Club members have donated over \$300 in support of this organization.

The International Outreach Department is planning on sponsoring a woman for a year. To do this we need to raise \$430. If you were unable to attend the luncheon and would like to contribute please send your donation to Maggie Auer, 203 Main Street, Riverton, NJ 08077.

Spring Rummage Sale

Mary Hannah, Chair
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Our Spring Rummage sale will be held March 23 and 24. We could not hold our Fall sale due to the building issues. This negatively impacted our needy charities. We're hoping for an over the top sale this spring to make up for it.

So ladies, clean out your closets and attics to bring your unneeded treasures to the Spring sale! I am expecting a good turnout so if you have helped or always wanted to get involved and have some fun for some wonderful causes, please let me know. There are so many ways you can be involved and we will accommodate everyone!

Calendar *Continued*

Sat., Mar. 24, 8:00am-12:00pm

Spring Rummage Sale

Mon., Mar. 26, 9:30am

Stitchery

Mon., Mar. 26, 9:30am

Arts Creative: Easter Egg Workshop



Iris Gaughan and Maggie Auer

Member's Corner: Honoring Our Own Phyllis Rogers



Thirty-five year Porch Club member and its current President, Phyllis Goffredo Rodgers, gives her whole heart and soul to the people and places that matter to her, including The Porch Club. Her love for the club, and for her Riverton community, shines in her eyes when she talks. And it shows in her dedication and hard work on their behalf.

Phyllis moved to Riverton from Pennsylvania with her parents and two sisters in 1958, when she was eight years old. She was drawn

to The Porch Club by its traditions and the good deeds of the members. When she joined in 1982, Phyllis had a young son and was not working a nine-to-five job outside the home. She was managing renovation, rentals and sales of her parents' eleven real estate properties in Riverton.

When she began teaching at Riverton School at age 40, she

put her Porch Club activities on hold somewhat. She became more active once she retired from teaching while still managing real estate and running a very demanding business—The New Leaf Gift Shop and Tea Room. She has served on the School Board and as President of the Riverton Historical Society.

Phyllis has been an active member of The Porch Club and has served as the Arts Creative Department Chair. As 2nd Vice President, she was responsible for many interesting and informative programs.

Her favorite memory of the club is a presentation of a play called "The First Tuesday of the Month", which she was the main author of; a hilarious series of gently satirical skits that captured the fun and spirit of the club. A revival is needed! Phyllis also finds the Garden Tours and Teas to be lovely links to the history and traditions of the club.

Asked what advice she would offer club members today, Phyllis responded, "Get involved. Put yourself out there. Give back to your community. You can't save the world but you CAN make a difference in your community."

Porch Club History Corner – Women's Suffrage

Pat Bruner, Porch Club Historian, patebrun@comcast



Anna Howard Shaw and Carrie Chapman Catt in 1917

March is Women's History month. In honor of this, I did a bit of research in the archives about the campaign for women's right to vote at the Porch Club. In February of 1904, upon the request of several club members including Miss Helen Lippincott (one of the eight Charter Members), a Suffrage Section was formed in the Club. ("Sections" were what Departments/Committees were called at that time.) Helen Lippincott was elected Chairman of the Suffrage Section and many women joined her. In

February of 1907, during a Suffrage Section meeting at Helen Lippincott's home, an address was made by the Reverend Anna Shaw, President of the National Suffrage Association. Over 100 people were present. The Suffrage Section was affiliated with the New Jersey Woman's Suffrage Association and within that organization was known as the Riverton Suffrage League. Miss Helen Lippincott regularly attended the State Board meetings, generally held in Newark, but occasionally in Trenton and Cam-

den, and also both the State and National Conventions (1912) held respectively in Newark and Washington. The League offered the pupils of Palmyra High School cash prizes for the three best essays on Equal Suffrage in 1915 and the Riverton League entertained seventy guests at a four o'clock tea at the Club House. Mrs. E. C. Grice, Mrs. Bond (former dean of Swarthmore), and Dr. Earl Barnes spoke to a resolution petitioning the United State Congress for the immediate enfranchisement of women. The resolution

was passed and forwarded to Washington with dozens of others from New Jersey, to be presented to Congress on the 9th of May with those from all the other States in the Union. Then the company (Editorial note - Love this!) marched under yellow pennants to the corner of Howard and Main Streets where the first open-air meeting of the League was held. Dr. Barnes again addressed an interested audience, and the cash prizes for the Suffrage essays were awarded.



Reverend Anna Shaw

Garden/Conservation

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Our semi-annual Garden Tour will be held this year on Friday, June 1, from 3:00-8:00pm and Saturday, June 2, from 10:00am-4:00pm. This year's theme is Enchanted Garden.

Hostesses are needed! If you can sit in a garden for a few hours, check people in, and give them directions (you don't need to know about the plants), please let Pam Bowen, Johanna Rooney, or Kit Stahler-Miller now and they will schedule you for a shift.

If you can volunteer your time and talents in another aspect of the tour (the luncheon, selling tickets at the Porch Club, setting up the appreciation reception, selling at the boutique, plant sale or book sale, or helping set up other attractions), please let Marilyn Entenmann or Pat Bruncker know.

The next Garden Tour planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:00pm at the Porch Club. This is the big fundraiser for the club for this year and it takes lots of hands to make it a success. If you're a new member, it's a great way to get involved, meet other members, and help to raise money for your club.

Programs

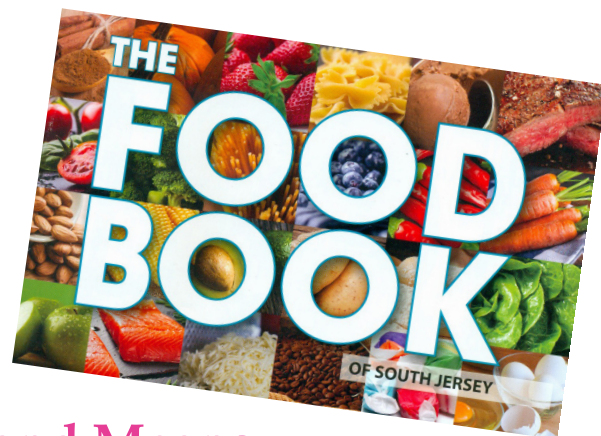
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February's program, 'Charity Extravaganza', highlighted some of our charities that we support each year through monetary and in-kind donations. Each charity had displays and gave a short overview of their work, with lots of time for members to talk to each representative about their services.

The following service organizations participated: Cathedral

Kitchen, Camden Forward School-Urban Promise, Emergency Services-Providence House, Good Counsel Home, and the Interact Club of Palmyra High School.

In March a group of The Burlington Entertainers will wow us with their tunes from the 60's. This group is under the direction of Ms. Diana Dohrmann.



Ways and Means

Vicky Basgil, Chair, vickybasgil@yahoo.com

Ways and Means is selling a booklet of coupons for the benefit of the club. Each booklet costs \$10 with \$8 profit going to our club!

The booklet contains coupons to many restaurants in the Marlton, Mt. Laurel, and Medford area, but the *real* perk is the ShopRite coupon totaling \$10, so this book pays for itself.

Contact Vicky to purchase a booklet today.



From left to right: Tina Fiorentino, Development Director, Ronald McDonald House, Good Counsel Homes help pregnant mothers and children in dire need, and Angelica Johnson, President and Shannon Pollard, VP of the Interact Club of Palmyra High School impressed us all with their giving ways.

Arts Creative, Stitchery, and Crafts

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On February 20, Arts Creative held a Garden Rock Painting workshop. They are great to put into your garden pots, along walkways, or just a little surprise throughout your gardens. Members of Arts Creative will also be making them to sell at this year's Garden Tour. On March 13 Arts Creative will hold a Sunflower Wreath Workshop - a really cute summer wreath made out of clothespins.

The Porch Club has always had a tremendous showing at Achievement Day,

not only on a District level, but also winning many gold ribbons at the State level. We would like to continue our strong showing again this year. If you are a baker, sewer, quilter, knitter or make beautiful wreaths etc., we have many categories in which you can enter your projects. Please contact us and we will be glad to direct you. Also, Achievement Day information and criteria for Arts Creative and Garden/Conservation submissions can be found under the Members Section on

the Porch Club website.

We are very pleased to tell that you that Arts Creative received a telephone call from our Arts Creative State Chairperson, Karen Manneback, congratulating us on our annual report. She will be submitting a project we worked on last year in which we made fascinators for Paint the Porch Pink. She loved the project and will be submitting it to be judged for an award. Congratulations to all who worked on this particular project.

Stitchery

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There is a lot going on at Stitchery lately. First, we are finishing our knitted hats with Karen Healey and Carol Sewter. We're closing up the crown and making pom poms to add to the top.

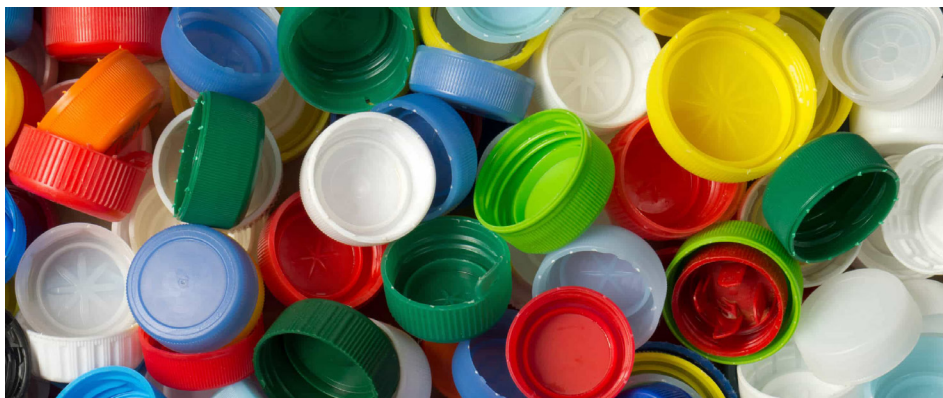
Annamarie May donated yarn and the "Building Blocks" book that we all used on an earlier project to better our knitting skills. We decided that whoever wants to knit a block can obtain the yarn and then the instructions from the book. We will stitch it together to create a beautiful throw blanket that will be donated to the Garden Tour for a raffle. If anyone

is interested in knitting a square, please contact one of the chairs or come to Monday morning meeting and get what you need.

Coming soon, Mindy will teach how to make a "burrito roll" pillowcase. They can be made to match a quilt, or a season, or just for fun. Please email her and let her know if you are interested in sewing one. You will need to buy fabric. Amounts will be detailed in the written instructions. Maybe we can go shopping together for fabric! Who all wants to join in the fun?



Please Don't Throw Your Plastic Bottle Caps Away



In a program started by Vicky Basgil, Sheila Hines collects plastic bottle caps for a good cause. She collects clean plastic bottle caps and takes them to a local school for developmentally challenged youth. There the students sort and recycle them. The cash they get for the ones that can be recycled is donated to the American Cancer Society. The rest are used for class projects. So next time you are tempted to throw away a plastic bottle cap, please don't! Rinse them, put them in a bag, and bring them to the Club for Sheila. She will make sure they are saved from a landfill and put to good use.

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