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The Porch Club of Riverton

The Garden District

Oct.-Nov. 2023

Inside the Porch Door

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

October

Mon., Oct. 2, 10:00am

Stitchery

Mon., Oct. 2, 11:30am

Hospitality Set-up

Tues., Oct. 3, 12:30pm

General Meeting /

Opening Luncheon

Wed., Oct. 4, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Mon., Oct. 9, 10:00am

Stitchery

Mon., Oct. 9, 7:00pm

Evening Chair Yoga Class

Wed., Oct. 11, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Wed., Oct. 11, 7:00pm

Book Club, Evening Meeting

Sat., Oct. 14, 10:00am

Grounds for Sculpture Trip

Sat., Oct. 14, 2:00pm

Northwind Schooner Tall Ship Trip

Mon., Oct. 16, 10:00am

Stitchery

Mon., Oct. 16, 11:30am

Daytime Book Club

Mon., Oct. 16, 7:00pm

Evening Chair Yoga Class

Wed., Oct. 18, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Wed., Oct. 18, 11:30am

Civic Engagement Meeting

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The Porch Club of Riverton

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Hello ladies of the Porch Club,

As your president, I wanted to thank you all for trusting me to be your Porch Club representative and allowing me the privilege to serve as your president.

What a wonderful club! I find that the Porch Club enables us all to have the opportunity to be of service to others and enjoy participation in our communities.

We all have many choices within the club; to join a department or a committee, to enjoy the camaraderie and sharing of ideas, and being involved and meeting with other giving, loving women. This is one of many things about the Porch Club that I find an amazing experience.

Thank you to all the dedicated women that serve on our Board, Departments, and Committees. These women all work hard to provide us with interesting and lively events, done always to serve all the charities we support and keep the Porch Club running like a charm.

Our next general meeting will be October 3 at 12:30. Lunch will be served before the general meeting so please be prompt. The information is as follows:

Please call Diane Calesnick for luncheon reservations for the October 3 meeting,

This is a catered luncheon and you must send your \$20.00 check for your reservation. Space is limited. Please mail your check to Diane Calesnick, addressed to: 700 Foxcroft Drive, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077.

This luncheon is being catered by the Early Bird Café located in Riverton.

Please pick up your new directories at the next general meeting. Pat Brunker will have them in the foyer for you.

Thank you, Pat, for taking charge of printing and proofing the club directory again.

Ways & Means Department will have the Boscov's coupons for sale for \$5.00. These will be available at the October meeting.

District News

NJSFWC State Fall Conference

Monday, October 23, 2023

Battleground Country Club

Manalapan, NJ

Cost: \$50.00. If anyone wishes to attend, please contact me for details.

Operation Holiday Stocking 2023

NJSFWC will be collecting stockings this fall for Operation Yellow Ribbon SJ and New Jersey Cares.

If anyone wishes to be involved, please call me for details.

Festival of Trees

Federation Headquarters Open House and Auction

November, 3, 2023

Again, if anyone is interested, please call me for details.

Ladies, we are just coming into what appears to be a very busy season. Please view the clipboards located in the back of the club's main room. Please sign up for events coming up soon. We cannot continue to support all of our charities and keep our club house alive and thriving without your help.

*My Best Wishes,
Beth Kowalchick*

Membership

JoAnn DiNoia, Chair,
jaydinoia2@gmail.com

We start our Porch Club year welcoming two new members: Tica Simpson and Janice Martin

Both ladies are new to our area and are looking forward to meeting everyone.

Won't you please welcome them with a warm greetings

Also we add a new name to our list of Honorary club members, Johanna Rooney. Johanna has dedicated many hours of her time and services to the club not to mention her kindness and great humor. An honor truly deserved.

Congratulations Johanna.



Tica Simpson with JoAnn

Elizabeth Rooney has sadly resigned.

If you have any name badge issues, whether its lost, spelled wrong, lost mag-



Janice Martin with JoAnn

net, or another issue, please let JoAnn know as she is ordering new ones periodically. Cost is \$15.

Calendar

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Mon., Oct. 23, 10:00am
Stitchery

Mon., Oct. 23, 11:00am - 1:00pm
and 5:00 - 7:00pm

Closet Clean Out Drop Off

Tues., Oct. 24, 10:30am

Pumpkin Painting

Tues., Oct. 24, 11:00am - 1:00pm
and 5:00 - 7:00pm

Closet Clean Out Drop Off

Wed., Oct. 25, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Wed., Oct. 25, 11:00am - 1:00pm
and 5:00 - 7:00pm

Closet Clean Out Drop Off

Mon., Oct. 30, 10:00am

Stitchery

Mon., Oct. 30, 7:00pm

Evening Chair Yoga Class

Tues., Oct. 31, 10:00am

Executive Board Meeting

November

Wed., Nov. 1, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Wed., Nov. 1, 7:00pm

Bingo, Evening Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 2, 10:30am

Dance Class

Sat., Nov. 4, 10:00am

Trip to Peddler's Village

Mon., Nov. 6, 10:00am

Stitchery

Mon., Nov. 6, 11:30am

Hospitality Set-up

Tues., Nov. 7, 12:30pm

General Meeting

Wed., Nov. 8, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Wed., Nov. 8, 7:00pm

Book Club, Evening Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 9, 10:30am

Dance Class

Mon., Nov. 13, 10:00am

Stitchery

Mon., Nov. 13, 6:00pm

Shopping Spree, Evening Meeting

Tues., Nov. 14, 7:00pm

Drum Circle, Evening Meeting

Wed., Nov. 15, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Wed., Nov. 15, 11:30am

Civic Engagement Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 16, 10:30am

Dance Class

Thurs., Nov. 16, 11:30am

Making Toffee

Mon., Nov. 20, 10:00am

Stitchery

Mon., Nov. 20, 11:30am

Daytime Book Club

Wed., Nov. 22, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Thurs., Nov. 23, 10:30am

Dance Class

Mon., Nov. 27, 10:00am

Stitchery

Tues., Nov. 28, 10:00am

Executive Board Meeting

Tues., Nov. 28, 12:00pm

Decorate Clubhouse for the Holidays

Wed., Nov. 29, 9:30am

Tai Chi Class

Get a Jump on Your Holiday Shopping

The Porch Club of Riverton's Annual (mostly) Holiday Shopping Spree will take place on Monday, November 13, from 6:00-9:00pm. Vendors will be selling various one-of-a-kind items from jewelry to jams. Food and goodies will also be available.

Hope you will come out and support the club.

House

Phyllis Rodgers
partea@comcast.net

The following items have either been completed or are scheduled to be done to clean and update the clubhouse. A big thank you to Rick Greco of Eastern Environmental for his contribution to the club. It's very much appreciated.

- Contact list for service providers has been updated. I will put list in the blue binder in kitchen drawer.
- The "House History Binder" has been brought up to date.
- Fence USA completed the cedar fence.
- Brite View Window Cleaners cleaned all the windows.
- Gilberts inspected the fire extinguishers

■ Two large plastic shelf units, trash picked but like new, are in the basement to help with organization.

■ Small cordless vacuum was purchased for quick cleanups. It's in the hospitality closet.

■ Clubhouse registered with the Division of Fire Safety

■ In-depth cleaning of the kitchen floor, grease trap, stove, chandeliers, etc. has been scheduled.

■ Plans are underway to freshen the look in the accessible bathroom

■ Rick Greco from Eastern Environmental is not charging us for trash removal. He said it is his contribution to the club.

Communication -

Pat Brunker
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The new Porch Club Directory is done and will be distributed in September and available at the October meeting for pick up. Liz Beech did stickers with all the names, so everyone will get their own personal copy. After the meeting we can tell who still needs to have their copy delivered.

Do you see anything that needs to be corrected? If so, please let me know. My apologies to Kim Parente and Hilary De-Mezza who were somehow overlooked and not included. Their data is in the on-line Directory. If you need a password for the website, please ask me.

The new projector and stand have been received for presentations. Kay Kling and I will make sure we understand everything about it before the first meeting and are getting help from a "technology" friend of mine.

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Betty Dunn
ejcarrolldunn@gmail.com

Our first project will be "The Great Closet Clean Out" scheduled for October 23, 24, and 25. Volunteers are needed for two collection periods on each of these days from 11:00am to 1:00pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm. To volunteer, please sign up at a meeting or call me at 856-266-8394.

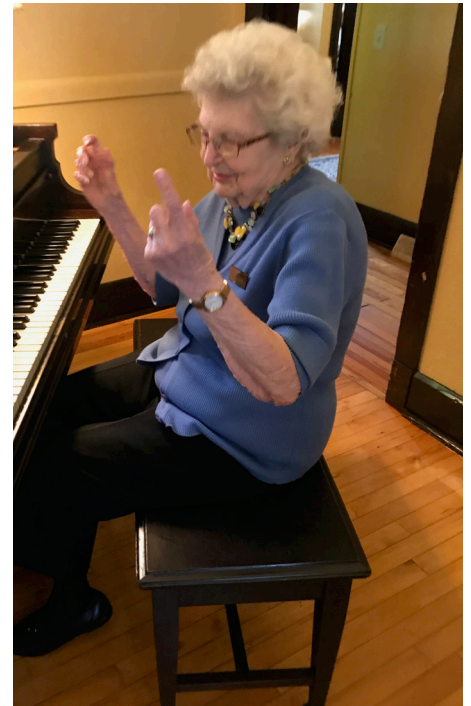
Posters and publicity are being worked on. We will need volunteers to help on those days. I will reach out to the Palmyra Interact group for additional assistance.

At the November general meeting, we will be collecting groceries for Thanksgiving for the Bread of Life Food Pantry including the following items:

- Cash donation for a turkey
- Stuffing
- Instant potatoes
- Canned yams
- Canned fruit
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned corn or green beans

You can also donate other food items such as, juice, cereal, pasta, etc. Just check the expiration dates. They can't use anything with an expired date.

The International Outreach people will give out Trick or Treat boxes for UNICEF at the October meeting. Their annual covered dish luncheon is in February. We will be supporting a new child through Child Fund International which we've done for many years. The last boy we sponsored aged out of the program.



Naomi Horn at the piano

2023 Garden Tour Another Success



Betten's gardens



Betten's gardens



Betten's gardens



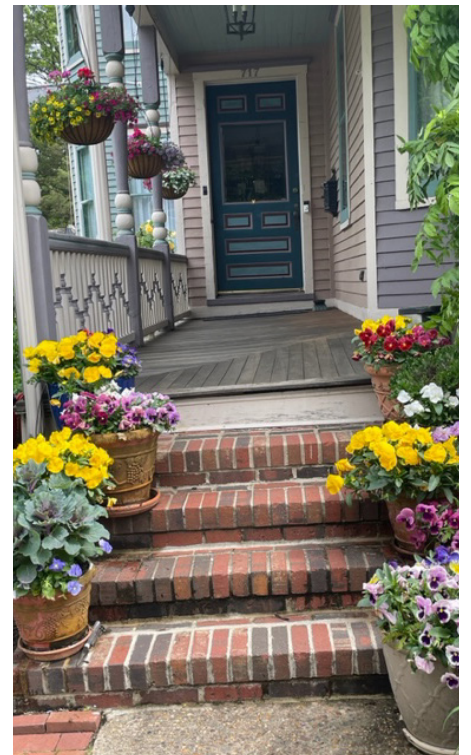
Adrienne Rogers bikes



Adrienne Rogers



Sencendiver's garden



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Phyllis Rodgers beautiful garden fountain (left) and her peonies



Return of Katie Lucas' escaped chicken



Left: Elizabeth Cady Stanton presentation by MaryLouise Bianco Smith at Moorestown Library. From left: Pat Bruncker, Betty Cutler, Mary Louise Bianco Smith in costume, Phyllis Rodgers, and Pam Bowen.



A beautiful raffle basket at the June luncheon



The ladies of the Porch Club hosted a picnic themed luncheon.

Arts Performing

Charlene Thellmann,
charleneactor@aol.com

On November 14 at 7:00pm we welcome back Tom Campbell of Sacred Tree Drumming. This will be Tom's third session at the club and we hope you will join us for a fun evening of drumming, storytelling and ritual. Drums provided



Tom Campbell of Sacred Tree Drumming will join us again this November.

or bring your own. Cost for the evening is \$20

Let's Dance with Joe DeMarco! Come dance with us on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30 throughout the month of November.

Get moving and grooving with a fun, low impact movement class led by Joe DeMarco of DeMarco Dance Center. No experience is necessary, wear sneakers and be prepared to have a great time.



Joe DeMarco of DeMarco Dance Center leads the group in a low impact dance class.

Rentals

Kay Kling
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The Rental Committee oversees renting our clubhouse to club members and the general public for private parties. We respond to rental requests on our website, tour prospective renters through the clubhouse, manage paperwork required for rentals, and welcome the renter at the club the day of her event. We also inspect after rentals to ensure the club has been restored to order after the renter's occupancy. Rental income provides operating and maintenance funds for our building.

Rentals had a robust year May 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023. We booked and managed 57 rentals during that period which brought in \$23,000 for the club!

Our committee created an Idea Book so renters can share pictures of their events. Prospective renters visiting the club are excited to browse the binder and see the way decorations can transform the clubhouse. After their parties, renters are eager to provide us with photos. The Idea Book makes selling the rentals fun and rewarding!



One of many beautiful ideas for renters to decorate the club for their event.

Co-chairs Kay Kling and Beth Croft have recruited 6 club members to assist in the rental process. Committee members meet prospective renters at the club to show the Idea Book and try to sell a rental. Our committee also takes turns greeting renters the day of their event,

explaining the rules and regulations, and then checking after the rental to ensure the club has been left in good order. Please contact us if you would like to rent or help with rentals. Our email is porchclubrentals@gmail.com.

Porch Club History Corner

Pat Brunker, Porch Club Historian, patebrunk@comcast.net

The Porch Club used the collect for the first time in 1910. It has been repeated at every general meeting since then.

A Collect is a short prayer. The word comes from the Latin *collecta* which means “the gathering together of the people.” In Roman times, people would say a short prayer while they gathered to go to church, and today many church services are begun with special Collects. A Collect is also a collective prayer asking for what a group of people need — a sentence or two that pulls together everyone’s requests.

The Collect used by women’s clubs was written in 1904 by a young woman named Mary Stewart. Mary was born in 1876 in Ohio and spent her childhood in Georgetown, Colorado, high in the Rockies. When she was just out of college and starting her first job as a high school principal in Longmont, Colorado, she was described as a little bundle of energy, dignity and personal charm.

Mary belonged to the Fortnightly Club, the forerunner of the Business and Professional Women’s Club now in Longmont. Mary was part of the rapidly growing women’s club movement, and she thought that her prayer might give club women a sense of unity.

Mary decided to offer her Collect for publication. It was first printed in *The Delineator*, a women’s magazine published by Butterick, a company that also printed sewing patterns. A Longmont printer made copies of the Collect for the local women’s club.

Mary recalled: “It was written as a prayer for the day. I called it a ‘Collect For Club Women’ because I felt that women working together

with wide interests for large ends was a new thing under the sun, and that perhaps they had need for special petition and meditation of their own. This must have been true, for the Collect has found its way about the world, especially wherever English-speaking women get together. Indeed, it has been reprinted in many forms in many lands.”

The first women’s organization to use the Collect was the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. The Collect spread nationwide, and it was adopted by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs in 1920. Soon it was being used by women’s groups throughout the world. It was read into the Congressional Record in 1949, and it has even been set to music.

Mary Stewart continued to work with women’s groups and was active in the woman’s suffrage movement. She held several special teaching posts in Colorado and Montana, and in 1921 she became a guidance and placement officer for the new government employment services. And, she went on writing for newspapers and magazines.

In 1927, Mary Stewart’s alma mater, the University of Colorado, gave her an honorary degree to recognize her distinguished work in education, social and civic service. She kept active in women’s clubs until her death in Ohio in 1943 at the age of 67.

Today, we honor Mary Stewart and her Collect for Club Women — a beautiful prayer that lives on wherever women’s clubs gather.

Collect for Club Women

Keep us, O God, from pettiness;
let us be large in thought,
in word, in deed.
Let us be done with faultfinding,
and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense
and meet each other face to face without self-pity
and without prejudice

May we never be hasty in judgement
and always generous.
Let us take care for all things.

Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action
our better impulses,
straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize that it is
the little things that create differences; that in
the big things of life
we are as one.

And may we strive to touch,
and to know the great common
human heart of us all,
and O Lord God!

Let us forget not to be kind.

Let's go for a boat ride.

Riverton Porch Club cordially invites its members and guests for a private 2-hour sailboat ride along the picturesque Delaware River.

We will be cruising aboard the **Tall Ship the Northwind Schooner.**

When: Saturday October 14th, rain date is Sunday, October 15th

Where: We will be departing from Freedom Pier located at
Cumberland Street in Gloucester City, NJ

Parking is free and available at 101 King Street Gloucester City, NJ (Adjacent to the boat pier)

Cost: \$30.00 per person to be paid in advance to hold reservation, due by October 8.

Checks payable to **The Porch Club c/o Ginny Puckett**- 375 Boxwood Lane, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Space aboard is limited to 30 passengers. **Tickets are non-refundable.**

Light refreshments are included with your ticket to sail.

Captain Chris will provide a lecture on the ecology of the river.

Departure is projected for 2:00 PM sharp.
(Timing may vary slightly based on tide schedule)

*Soft soled shoes required and light jacket for possible chilly winds is recommended. Questions: Ginny at 856-938-5861

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