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The Porch Club of Riverton

December 2009

Inside the Porch Door

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Calendar

December 1, 1:00 pm

General Meeting
Porch Club

December 4, 9:00 am

Homelife/Social Services
Volunteering at
Providence House

December 9

Garden Department trip
to Drumthwacket

December 10, 12:30 pm

Arts Creative trip to Art Exhibit
Meet at Porch Club

December 11, 5:00 pm

Holiday Open House &
Caroling
Porch Club

December 14, 9:30 am

Arts Creative Xmas Cookies
Porch Club

December 14, 7:00 pm

Scribbler's
Porch Club

December 15, 2:00-4:00 pm

Holiday Tea
Porch Club

December 30,

Garden Dept—Undecorate
Porch Club

January 5, 12:30 pm

Meeting & International
Covered Dish
Porch Club

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From Pat's Perspective:

It seems like just the other day that I was writing farewell to summer and now the holidays are upon us. I hope you all had a lovely Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for - our country, our freedom, our health, our friends and family, our lives that mean so much to those who love us. Even though we know we should be thankful all the time, it's not always easy. But, hooray, the holidays are here and there are parties to attend.

For the first time, the Porch Club will have a Holiday Party in the evening on Friday, December 11th starting at 5:00 PM. Bring your husbands and children to a cheerful celebration and carol singing. Yes, we're going to go out and annoy the neighbors by caroling, so dress warmly if you want to go (not mandatory, of course). Then back to the Club for a bit of warm grog. I don't know what grog is, but it's probably similar to "the recipe". I have a few weeks to figure it out. Our other holiday event is our annual Christmas Tea on December 15th at 2:00. Naomi and the Porch Club Chorus have been practicing for weeks, so please come hear them and sing along. In 1933, the first Christmas Tea and Open House was held. It has been a beloved annual custom for the past 76 years. Feel free to ask your friends and neighbors to come with you as this has always been a time to share our lovely clubhouse with the community. Please everyone bring a little something to eat to these events.

During the NJSFWC Day of Service on October 24th, 42,315 books for a value of \$269,605 were donated State-wide to under-resourced schools in New Jersey. Our part in this was donating 548 books for a value of \$4920 to Sharpe Elementary School in Camden. Special thanks to Bobbie Beck and JoAnn DiNoia who led the effort. The fall Rummage Sale earned \$1432, all of which was donated to local charities. Thanks go to Mary Hannah, our hard-working committee chairman and her team. Congratulations and many thanks to everyone who helped in some way, large or small. As we approach the holidays, may you enjoy this special season with those you love and know that you continue to bless so many people in your communities with all that you do all year long.

Your Executive Board: Bobbie Beck, Aggie Kennedy, JoAnn DiNoia, Gerri Gilmore, Amanda Boulton, Jane Miller, Trish Mori, Joanne Fields, Pat McDermott, Susie Hudson, Georgie Ackers, Naomi Horn, Johanna Rooney, Sandi Scheer, and Nancy Anderson join me in wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

From my family to your family, wishing you peace, joy and health in the New Year.

Pat

Membership JoAnn DiNoia (856) 829-7540
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Thanks to everyone for all their help in making our Open House a "Huge" success. It was a great evening with lots of potential members, please remember to follow up with a letter of introduction if you brought a guest who is interested in becoming a new member. Also our Holiday Tea will be on Tuesday, December 15th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. All members and guests are invited, please let me know if you would like me to send an invitation to someone.

Best Wishes to All for a Happy Holiday .

Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!!

Thanks for donating books and time to the Day of Service Project. We collected 548 books for the Sharp Elementary School in Camden. Thanks to Charles Street School, Palmyra, Impact Learning Store and the Riverton Library for donating and being drop off points for the Project.

Thanks to all who attended and were vendors for our first ever Shopping Spree. We realized \$286 profit. This will be donated to the state project for Autism Research.

Thanks to all who ordered pointsettias. The profit from this fundraiser will also go toward the state project for Autism Research.

Calendar—*continued*

January 8, 1:00 pm
Ways and Means Meeting
Porch Club

January 11, 7:00 pm
Scribbler's
Porch Club

January 13, 1:00 pm
Arts Creative—Water Color
Porch Club

January 15, 10:00 am
Public Affairs Meeting
Home of G. Gilmore

January 25, 11:00 am
Literature Dept Meeting
Home of T. Larsen

January 25, 7:00 pm
Evening Meeting / Charity Bingo
Porch Club

January 30, 4:00-8:00 pm
Spaghetti Dinner
Porch Club

February 2, 1:00 pm
General Meeting
Porch Club

Programs Aggie Kennedy (856) 303-9750 aggiekennedy@hotmail.com

In February, one of our new members, Dorthea Fresco, will present "Teaching People Appreciation Through Art Appreciation". Dorthea has done many programs on art appreciation and will offer us a program that is both informative, as well as entertaining.



YOGA

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

Public Affairs

Joanne Fields (856) 786-0441

Next meeting is Friday, January 15 at 10:00 am at
the home of Gerri Gilmore
103 Main St, Riverton.

Charitable Giving Deb Patras (856) 234-8518 debpatras@yahoo.net

Thank you to the Charitable Giving Committee for their thoughtful ideas on how to use the hard-earned funds from our successful Fall Rummage Sale. Our collaborative effort resulted in a unanimous vote that the Porch Club of Riverton donates the funds to:

Emergency & Community Services: \$600. Dooley House: \$300. TriBoro Ministry: \$230.
Home for Aged Women of Burlington County: \$300. Approved funds for signs for future Rummage Sales: \$100.

Our sincerest gratitude to Mary Hannah, her committee and other volunteers who worked a most successful Rummage Sale.

International Affairs Pat McDermott (856) 786-0852 pmcdermott14@comcast.net

Our annual International Luncheon will be held on January 5, 2010. Thanks to the contributions of our members this luncheon is always a delicious time! Bring a favorite international recipe to share. We will be highlighting the United Nations especially the work of UNICEF. Please return your orange UNICEF boxes at this luncheon.
Have a wonderful holiday! May peace reign in our hearts and our world!



Recent Evening Meetings. Shopping Spree and Belly Dancing

Arts Performing

Naomi Horn (856) 829-7235

We will be performing December 15th for the Christmas Tea.
The following will be the rehearsal schedule:

Tuesday, December 8

Monday, December 14th— Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 15 Tea

All rehearsals are at the Porch Club and start at 1:00 PM

Yearbook Updates/ Corrections

Please note the following updates to the Yearbook:

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Garden Department

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. With the holidays nipping at our heels, the Garden Department has been stepping lively to be ready. We recently joined the Arts Creative in making gingerbread houses that will grace the Porch Club during the holidays. We finished them up in Phyllis Rodgers' New Leaf with an elegant spread of tea and pastry. We made wreaths for the Palmyra Business Association's contest and anyone who is still interested in making and entering one in the Porch Club name, please do so and let me know. We decorate the Club house on November 30th at 9 a.m. and head out to Drumthwacket on December 9th. On December 30 we will pack away our decorations and move into 2010.

HomeLife/Social Services Trish Mori 829-5431 tandgmori@verizon.net

On Friday, Dec. 4th, we will meet at the Porch Club at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to the Safe House of Providence House. We will be volunteering to clean & organize the storage areas & select a bedroom to redo. Please call Trish if you can help.

The following items will be collected at each meeting:

Food store plastic bags, soda can tabs, Acme receipts, hotel sample toiletries, plastic bottle caps, used eye glasses, Campbell soup labels, & cell phones.

Thank You!

Flower Show Committee Update

Pat McDermott and Rita Vittese
Co-Chairs

Buy a ticket, win a basket!

Visit Palmyra Shops and Vote for the Porch Club Wreath Entries!

Now in our 4th year of participation Philadelphia International Flower Show, we have graduated to using a top-notch forcer, Meadowbrook Farms in Huntingdon Valley. Working with our contact there, John Story, has been an education for us in horticulture and a real pleasure. Meadowbrook has started our seeds for the French and African Marigolds and many other flowers that will be part of our "FLOWER POWER" Urn Division Entry in March or 2010. We have many more plants in mind including an very unusual "Aroid Monstrosa" that looks quite psychedelic as well as a "Dizygotheca Elegantissima" that - well - we will tell you more about later!

Meanwhile, we are raising some money to help support this horticultural and creative Porch Club endeavor. The very artistic JoAnn DiNoia is making up a beautiful "teatime" basket of goodies to be raffled off at our Holiday Tea, December 15 from 2 to 4 pm. The proceeds will help fund our flower show entry. Purchasing a ticket will not only help us defray the cost of our plants but also possibly win you one a truly delightful and extravagant prize. JoAnn has offered to make a basket for our January International Covered Dish Luncheon as well. (What a gall!)

Meanwhile, the Garden Department and several helpful volunteers have entered beautiful handmade wreaths in the Palmyra Business Alliance Wreath Making Contest. If you are shopping or banking in Palmyra after December 1st take note of our spectacular wreaths and VOTE for the Porch Club entries - I think we have two entries! We could win up to \$200 to support our Flower Show entry.

Scribblers Denise Petti (856) 235-1994 info@denisepetti.com

The Scribblers writing group meets the second Monday of every month. Newcomers are welcome. If you enjoy creative writing, please join us. We are a very relaxed bunch and enjoy sharing our material and receiving constructive feedback. We're big on praise, so everyone feels affirmed in their creative efforts. After all, you're the only one who can tell your story... so go on and tell it! Next meeting is Monday, December 14th at 7:00 PM at the Porch Club. For more information, please contact Denise Petti at (609) 760-4334. Happy scribbling!



Packing cars full of books for the recent Day of Service.



Making Gingerbread Houses for the Holidays!

Ways and Means Georgie Ackers (856)829-1256 g_ackers@hotmail.com

We have been busy putting together a calendar of events beginning with the 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner on January 30th! We need lots of help to maintain the standards set by last year's dinner! We will have a meeting on Friday, January 8th at 1 pm in the Porch Club to work on this event. All who are interested please attend. Very much needed are people to help serve – donate an hour or more of your time if you are able! We will be setting up on Friday, January 29th. Tickets for this event will be available at the December meetings.

We have also planned two Afternoon Lunch & Bingo events, a Valentines event on February 19th, and a St. Patrick's Day event on March 19th. The cost is \$6 per person. Please mark your calendars! Derby Day is the first Saturday in May (May 1st), and the Porch Club will again host an evening of "horse" racing and a grand time – don't forget to wear your best Derby Hat! We are also looking into hosting a Mother's Day breakfast at the club, and will pass on more info at a later date on this event.

Arts Creative Donna Van Hoy (856) 786-1622 artdvh@gmail.com

Thursday, Dec 10 - 12:30 pm. Art Exhibit. "A Complex Weave: Women and Identity in Contemporary Art". We'll meet at the Porch Club and carpool to Rutgers - Camden Center for the Arts. This exhibition will then tour nationally. Look for sign-up sheet.

Monday, Dec 14 - 9:30 am. Baking Christmas Cookies. We'll bring our chilled, preparted cookie dough and demonstrate how we cut out and decorate sugar cookies, almond crescents and chocolate cookies. We'll have a few to eat and take home. Look for sign-up sheet.

Wednesday, Jan 13 - 1:00 pm. Watercolor Class We'll set up some small objects to create a composition. Donna will give a demonstration to show you how to begin. We'll splash a little paint around and have some fun. There will be a small fee. Look for sign-up sheet.

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Autism Awareness

www.njcosac.org

www.autism-society.org

www.autismspeaks.org

Evening Group Meetings – 4th Monday of the month

Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm **Bingo for Charity**

We'll play bingo to support Autism research. Cost: \$10 gives you 3 bingo cards plus wine and cheese. Extra bingo cards can be purchased for \$2 each. Also trombola baskets and a 50/50. Let the games begin.

Literature Department

Sandra Scheer, Chairman (856) 461-3080

Many thanks to all who participated and supported the Author's Luncheon in October. The Literacy Volunteers of Burlington County will realize a donation of \$850 and Cinnaminson High School will receive a \$100 Bond for a Good Citizenship award.

There were some of us who attended a wonderful holiday event at Georgian Court University on November 18th.

There will not be a Literature Dept meeting in December. There will be a meeting on Monday, January 25, 2010 at Theresa Larsen's home at 11:30 am.

Season's Greetings to All!

