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The Porch Club of Riverton

February 2010

Inside the Porch Door

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Calendar

- February 2, 1:00 pm**
General Meeting
Porch Club
- February 3, 7:00 pm**
Garden Tour Planning Meeting
Porch Club
- February 8, 7:00 pm**
Scribbler's
Porch Club
- February 10, 7:00 pm**
Social Services-Bag Plastic ware
for Cathedral Kitchen
Porch Club
- February 19, 12:30 pm**
Bingo Lunch / Ways & Means
\$6 @ Porch Club
- February 22, 11:30 am**
Literature Dept. Meeting
Home of J. Richmond
- February 22, 7:00 pm**
Evening Meeting/
The Sugar Blues
Porch Club
- February 26, 10:00 am**
Public Affairs Meeting
Home of T. Larson
- February 28, 1:30 pm**
Social Brunch \$15.50
(reservations by 2/13)
Due Amici

From Pat's Perspective:

A Valentine's message from me to you: "Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

Christopher Robin to Pooh" -- A. A. Milne

I am always amazed by all that we, as women, can manage to do. Working, volunteering, taking care of husbands, children and grandchildren, keeping house, and trying to have time for ourselves seems to consume every minute. We do tend to undervalue ourselves at times and to make little of our accomplishments. If we all had fabulous confidence in ourselves, we could do anything. I hope that taking care of yourself means that you'll spend some time with friends at the Porch Club. Come to a meeting, do a little good for the world, talk to each other. It's good for the soul.

We'll have had, but haven't yet as I write this, a productive Garden District January Council/Program Assistance Day, showing off our lovely Clubhouse to the other clubs in our District; a fun bingo night where we raised a lot of money for Autism; and a great Spaghetti Dinner. Here's the confidence thing that I know they'll be fine, thanks to all of you who helped with these efforts. There are lots of fun and interesting things coming up: Dottie Fresco is speaking on art appreciation at the February daytime general meeting, we've got a fabulous speaker in Rose Payne coming up at the Evening Group meeting on February 22nd to talk about "Sugar Blues", we've got our first social brunch on Sunday, February 28th at 1:30pm at Due Amici Restaurant, the 2010 International Flower Show with our lovely urn makes it debut on February 28th through March 7th, and a couple from the Ritz Theater are coming to entertain us at our March general meeting in the evening. Read more about all of these things elsewhere in the newsletter. All of this is in addition to our regular Department meetings. Remember that you can attend any meeting that strikes your fancy at any time.

The weather in January really was frightful, but before we know it, it will be spring and time for the 2010 Garden Tour on June 5th. I know it will be a lovely, sunny spring day this year, breaking our six-year record of miserable rain. It has to happen eventually.

"Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction." --Antoine De Saint-Exupery. Happy Valentine's Day!

Pat

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Membership JoAnn DiNoia (856) 829-7540
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Please welcome new members Marylou Schonfield and
Amy Thomas!!

Marylou Schonfield 712 Lincoln Avenue, Palmyra 856-786-8962

Amy Thomas 105 Main Street Riverton 856-313-8119

YOGA

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



Arts Performing/ Music

Naomi Horn
(856) 829-7235

The Porch Club Chorus will be entertaining in May.
If you like to sing please call me.

If you can sing alto, we will be very happy to have you join us.
You are invited even if you do not sing alto.

Please Join Us!



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

On March 2nd at 7 PM, the Porch club will be treated to an evening of song and dance by Melissa and Josh, who are professional entertainers and frequent performers at the Ritz Theater in Haddon Township. Harmonizing in the style of George M. Cohan, Melissa and Josh will entertain and delight you by performing great melodies of the day including Broadway tunes, patriotic themes, love songs, and more.

All members and guests are cordially invited to join us and enjoy this performance.

Calendar—continued

March 2, 7:30 pm
Meeting
Porch Club

March 8, 7:00 pm
Scribbler's
Porch Club

March 16, 7:00 pm
Social Services-Sandwiches
for Cathedral Kitchen
Porch Club

March 19, 10:45 am
Public Affairs
Deliver Easter Baskets

March 19, 12:30 pm
Bingo Lunch / Ways & Means
\$6 @ Porch Club

March 22, 11:30 am
Literature Dept. Meeting
Home of E. Brenner

March 22, 7:00 pm
Evening Meeting/Easter Basket
Extravaganza
Porch Club

April 6, 12:30 pm
Charter Luncheon \$10
Reservations Required
Porch Club

Ladies "Social Brunch"

Debbie Patras

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This is an experiment for "Dining Out" so the Brunch is for our Porch Club Ladies only, sorry no guests this time. In the future guests will be considered. No agenda just some time for us PC Ladies to socialize and enjoy good food at a local eatery.

Due Amici management recommended we use the smaller banquet room which has 30 seats. So please don't wait, go dance on down to your mailbox and send me your check to reserve your seat. First come first serve.

Date: Sunday, February 28, 2010 Time: 1:30pm

Place: Due Amici Restaurant ** 2114 Branch Pike, Cinnaminson, NJ

Cost: \$15.50/person *** includes All You Can Eat Buffet, Entree Selection from Brunch Menu, beverage, tax & gratuity. Due Amici policy "No Refunds" if unable to attend.

Payment due February 13 *** check payable to Porch Club of Riverton. Any questions, call or email Debbie.

Please mail your check to:
Debbie Patras
The Lakes at Larchmont
18 Claver Hill Way
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

International Affairs

Pat McDermott (856) 786-0852

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On a cold Tuesday in January, the International Affairs Department hosted their annual International Luncheon. It was warm inside the Porch Club as the ladies feasted on the wonderful international dishes that the members prepared. The guest speaker was Porch Club member, Anne Creter. Anne is chairperson for a United Nations non-governmental organization (NGO) committee on Spirituality, Values and Human Concerns. She spoke briefly on the International year of Reconciliation and the Decade of the Cultural of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World. She also asked the members to consider participating in a survey on Global Peace. Thanks to our wonderful committee for making the International Luncheon a day to remember!

Please consider making a donation to UNICEF or a charity of your choice providing aid to the devastated country of Haiti.

Ways and Means

Georgie Ackers (856)829-1256
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Come one – come all! Bring your friends!

Afternoon Bingo!

Friday, February 19th and Friday, March 19th!

12:30 pm at the Porch Club

Soup and Sandwich and 3 cards

Price is \$6 Each additional card \$1

For planning purposes please call Georgie





Garden Department

Susie Hudson

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The Garden Department had a very busy December but a very profitable one. We decked the Porch Club hall and I want to thank all the gingerbread house makers for pitching in--especially Donna Van Hoy who showed us how to make our roofs stick to the walls! A talented group of wreath makers gathered at the club to make our entries in the first-ever wreath-making contest sponsored by the businesses of Riverton, Cinnaminson and Palmyra. We won first and second prizes totaling \$275.00 which will be used by Pat McDermott and Rita Vitesse to put our Flower Show entry in the winners circle.

We're planning a topiary-making session and some trips in February so stay tuned. Also, anyone who is interested in helping with the Garden tour please come to our first meeting at the Porch Club on February 3 at 7 p.m. See you there!

Charter Luncheon April 6

Our Charter Luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6.

Please call Sandi Scheer to reserve your catered lunch.

The cost of \$10 is payable at the door. 461-3080

Public Affairs

Joanne Fields (856) 786-0441

Upcoming Meetings:

February 26 at 10 AM

Teresa Larson's House 103 Main St

March 19 at 10:45 AM Deliver Easter Baskets to Emergency Services. Lunch afterwards.

April 16 at 10 AM

Marilyn Thrush's House 315 Plantation Drive.



Flower Show Committee Update

Pat McDermott and
Rita Vitesse

The Philadelphia Flower Show is just around the corner!

The Porch Club is entering the Urn Division again this year. Our division theme is Flower Power! To find flowers in February – are using the services of Meadowbrook Farms in Huntingdon Valley, PA. We could only afford this opportunity thanks to the generous support of our executive board, and the time, ingenuity, talent – and generosity of many club members. We have raised funds for this effort by raffling a beautiful gourmet basket made by JoAnn DiNoia. Jessie Heinze was the lucky winner! (Congratulations!) In addition, we raised more funds by entering and winning the Palmyra Business Association Wreath Contest. Thanks to Susie Hudson for this great idea - and a host of talented volunteers who made our beautiful entries --- and voted for them!

The 2010 Philadelphia Flower Show “Passport to the World”

Dates: Sunday, February 28th through Sunday, March 7

Place: Pennsylvania Convention Center 12th & Arch Streets Philadelphia, PA 19107-2299

Hours: Sundays, February 28 and March 7: 8 am to 6 pm

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

On Wednesday, February 10 at 7 pm we will meet at the Porch Club to bag plastic silverware and napkins for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. Anyone is welcome to help.

On Tuesday, March 16 at 7 pm we will meet at the Porch Club to make 250 sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen. Please let Trish know if you will be able to help at either or both of these nights.

The following items will be collected at each meeting: Food store plastic bags, soda can tabs, Acme receipts, hotel sample toiletries, used eye glasses, Campbell soup labels, & cell phones.

In addition, gently-used Children's Books and Brand-New Baby Books are needed for St Mary's Children Hospital clinic in Bensalem. Thank you!

Literature Dept Sandi Scheer (856)461-3080

Next Meetings:

February 22 11:30 AM Jean Richmond's House

March 22 11:30 AM Ellie Brenner's House

Please come and enjoy talking about good literature, eat good food and visit with good friends.



Arts Creative

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Nancy Anderson (609) 835-1819

There are copies of the Achievement Day requirements on the back table at the meetings. Please take one, read it over and see how your Arts and Crafts can fit into these categories. We hope to have lots of participation.

We are planning to do Marbled Paper in February. We can decorate with them in a number of ways. Small Fee - Look for sign-up sheet.

Toward the end of March Donna will bring in Antique Bunny Molds for making our own Chocolate Bunnies for Easter. Small Fee. Look for sign-up sheet.

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We're on the web!
www.theporchclub.org

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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, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm The Sugar Blues: How Food Choices Change Everything

Rose Payne, CHHC, AADP, of the High Level Wellness Center will present her program, "Sugar Blues". If your mouth waters at the thought of chocolate or you can't imagine life without dessert, this presentation is for you. Sugar is a major addiction. We'll discuss ways to overcome cravings that do not involve willpower.

Rose Payne is the founder and director of High Level Wellness, a holistic health and nutrition center in Cherry Hill, a speaker, columnist, author and holistic nutrition expert. She is also an AADP certified Holistic Health Counselor and educator with a private practice that offers assistance countrywide. Rose is honored to share faculty status at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition along with Andrew Weil MD, Walter Willet MD (Framingham Study/Harvard University), Marion Nestle (NYU), Deepak Chopra and many other world leaders in the field of nutrition. Her passion is helping clients transform their lives through the power and energy of food. Her sense of humor combines with a kindhearted, intelligent and practical approach to guiding people to vital healthy lives.

Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm Easter Basket Extravaganza

This is our annual fun evening of making Easter baskets for poor families. Please bring any of the following: small baskets, ribbon, clear wrap, candy, small toys, etc. to fill them. The baskets will be given to Emergency Services for distribution to poor children who wouldn't have them otherwise. This is a great activity for children to help with.