



*The Porch Club of Riverton*

*The Garden District*

Feb./Mar. 2012

# Inside the Porch Door

## Calendar

**Sun., Feb 5**  
Super Bowl, Super You

**Tues., Feb. 7, noon**  
General Meeting, International Luncheon Covered Dish

**Fri., Feb. 10, noon**  
Bingo!

**Mon., Feb 13, 9:30 am**  
Stitchery meeting

**Mon., Feb. 13, 7 pm**  
Scribblers meeting

**Thurs., Feb. 16, 12:30 pm**  
Arts Creative, Soup's On at the New Leaf

**Fri., Feb. 17**  
Public Issues meeting

**Mon., Feb. 20, 11:30 am**  
Literature meeting

**Mon., Feb. 20, 7 pm**  
Stitchery meeting

**Tues., Feb. 21, 7 pm**  
Garden Dept. meeting

**Wed., Feb. 22, 7pm**  
Speaker Aldo Magazzeni

**Thurs., Feb. 23, 7 pm**  
Entrepreneurial Woman meeting

**Fri., Mar. 2**  
Read Across America

**Tues., Mar. 6, 7:30 pm**  
Evening meeting  
Pine Barons Chorus

**Fri., Mar. 9, noon**  
Bingo!

**Mon., Mar. 12, 9:30 am**  
Stitchery meeting

**Mon., Mar. 12, 7 pm**  
Scribblers meeting

**Fri., Mar. 16**  
Public Issues meeting

**Sat., Mar. 17, 5-9 pm**  
St. Patty's Day Dinner

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## *From Bobbie's Perspective:*

Dear Ladies,

What a whirlwind of holiday activities! I hope you have enjoyed every minute of it and are ready for the spring. I know I am.

I want to thank everyone who helped and brought food for the Christmas Tea and the tea in January. What feasts we have!

During the last few months your executive board has been hard at work trying to decide how to upgrade our building facilities for the handicapped and for fire protection. The fire inspector took a tour of our building in October and cited us for several code violations. We have upgraded our fire detection system and our EXIT lights in case of loss of electricity. We are just about up to code. We have been given 9 months to get the side entrance fixed with exit signs and lights.

Discussions for making one of our bathrooms handicapped accessible and building an outside ramp have been ongoing for more than a year and a half. We made the decision that we needed to contract an architect to tell us what can and can't be done, the cost involved, and if the work is feasible without losing the historical significance of the building. We have contracted Hank Croft for this job. He is an expert in his field as he knows the ordinances and codes for the Borough of Riverton and the American Disabilities Act. As soon as we receive his information we will make sure the whole membership is made aware of his findings.

As Michelle Daniel said at the January meeting, our brick sidewalk is in dire need of a facelift. We don't want any of our members falling because of the hills and valleys where water and ice can accumulate. So, we have contracted with Steve Smythe to put in a new concrete sidewalk on the Fourth Street side. The concrete will fit in with the Howard Street sidewalk and our neighbor's walk behind us.

We will keep you apprised of what is being done with these projects.

On another note, be sure to come out to see 'The Ladies' Garden' quilt. It is a beautiful specimen of stitchery and teamwork by many of our women.

Stay warm,

**Bobbie**

## *Calendar* Continued

*Mon., Mar. 19, 11:30 am*

Literature meeting

*Mon., Mar. 19, 7 pm*

Stitchery meeting

*Tues., Mar. 20, 7 pm*

Garden Dept. meeting

*Fri., 6-9pm and Sat.,*

*9am-1pm Mar 23-24,*

Rummage Sale

*Mon., Mar. 26, 7 pm*

Easter Basket Extravaganza

*Thurs., Mar. 29, 7 pm*

Entrepreneurial Woman meeting

*Sat., April 28*

The Luau!

## **Rummage Sale**

**Mary Hannah,  
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The holidays are over and our Spring Sale is right around the corner. The actual sale will be March 23 and 24. We will be setting up on Wednesday, March 21 from 4:00 to 8:00, Thursday, March 22 from 1:00 to 7:00 and Friday, March 23 before the sale from 1:00 to 4:00 with the sale starting at 6:00 to 9:00. Saturday's sale time will be 9:00 to 1:00. Our famous "Bag Sale" will be from 12:00 to 1:00.

We had a fantastic Fall Sale, with proceeds exceeding all prior sales. Every portion of our proceeds goes to Burlington County charities, with a concentrated effort towards women and children.

The spring sales have been a little slower than the fall as I think many are possibly saving their items for Riverton's Treasure Day. While I would never want to take away from that special day, think of how much fun you could have if you didn't have to price your own items, lug them to the lawn, sit in the sun all morning and then drag whatever is left somewhere! You could just donate to our Spring sale and enjoy hunting your own treasures! Remember, we give donation receipts!

The sales are always a fun time. You meet some very interesting people and get to see some unique items! You get to reconnect with friends, meet new members and feel good for the results that come from all the effort. If you would like to volunteer even an hour, please call or just stop in and look around, never know what you might find! For more information, please call me, Mary Hannah at (856) 786 9314. Thank you.

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## **International Outreach**

**Pat McDermott, pmcdermott14@comcast.net**

Every month at our members meeting we pass the Kimberley basket. This basket has tremendous power in the life of one child, Kimberley Jones. She lives in Oklahoma and is currently 11 years old. Through Child Fund International we sponsor the well being of this child by paying a quarterly stipend. This stipend supports her local social services office called Kids Connection. Her healthcare, youth group and parent education all depend on Kids Connection for support.

Over time Child Fund International has evolved from the original organization, China Children's Fund founded in 1938 by Dr. Calvitt Clarke to help orphans of the Sino-Japanese War, to Christian Children's Fund and now has changed recently to Child Fund International.

Child Fund International is one of the oldest, most respected International leaders in child sponsorship and development. CFI also partners with 13 community-based organizations in the US. The US program works with some of the most deprived, excluded and vulnerable children in North and South Dakota, Oklahoma and Mississippi. Our Kimberley is from Oklahoma.

We have been supporting a child from this organization for almost 30 years. On the right wall facing the stage we have a plaque honoring our commitment for 25 years of involvement. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## **Literature Department**

**Cora Lee Page, crpage1@comcast.net**

The Literature Dept. met January 16th and finalized the date for the next Author's Luncheon, which will be Friday, Oct. 19. Details will be announced at a later date.

Our Feb. meeting will be hosted by Teresa Larsen at the Baptist Home at 303 Bank Ave. in Riverton on Monday, Feb. 20. We will meet Teresa on the porch at 11:30 am. Please notify either Teresa or Cora Lee if you plan to attend.

For the March meeting we agreed to read any book by the author Jodi Picoult.

## **Membership Department**

**JoAnn DiNoia, jaydinoia@verizon.net**

On Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 pm we will have our only evening meeting for the year. If you have not yet been installed this is the meeting you want to attend. Please notify me if attending. Please remember your family is invited. We will be entertained by "The Pine Barons" they are always a treat. Please give a warm welcome to Carole Lange, our newest club member.



## Looking Back

By Priscilla Taylor  
Porch Club Historian

**100 Years Ago:** January, 1912 – rules for renters of the Clubhouse were developed and established. The Social Service Section inaugurated a Visiting Nurse Service. A Program Committee replaced the original Work Committee. The Finance Committee was formed in May. In July, Mrs. Edward H. Ogden, an original founder and generous benefactor of the Porch Club, died. The Social Service and Village Improvement sections were combined in October.

In November, 1912, the National Conference of Mothers met in Riverton; 112 delegates in all.

## Education Committee

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**Wishes CAN come true!** Working through the principals at Charles Street School in Palmyra, Rush Intermediate School in Cinnaminson and Riverton School, we are inviting teachers to give us short “Wish Lists” of items needed for their classrooms. Teachers often dip into their own pockets to provide essential supplies for their classrooms—from colored construction paper to hand sanitizers and tissues. We would like to help them out! Once we have the Wish Lists in hand, we will share them with Porch Club members and invite everyone to bring an item from the lists to the March meeting. This is a wonderful chance to make wishes come true while showing our teachers how much we appreciate their efforts on behalf of the children in our community.

**Dr. Seuss Read across America.** Thanks to all of the Porch Club members who signed up to read to classes at Riverton and Charles Street Schools on March 2 as part of this annual nationwide event. We have filled all the available reading slots for this year thanks to your great response.

## Ways and Means

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St. Patty’s Day Dinner Party, Saturday, March 17, 5pm-9pm or so. \$20 per person. Ham, corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and so many more Irish treats just like Grandma made! BYOB, limited seating. Reserve for our party now by email [callnancy@comcast.net](mailto:callnancy@comcast.net) or call Nancy at 609-410-1602.

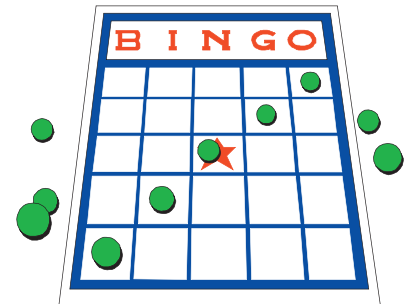
## Domestic Abuse

Barbara Toritto,  
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Hello Ladies, remember how it feels when you get a new haircut or your nails done for a special event? Well, I do and I love it! I am Chairwoman for the “Super Bowl/Super You” party which is being given for the ladies of Providence House and is being held on February 5. Unfortunately, Super Bowl Day is a day that is known to be a day of high violence and we would like to make some new and wonderful memories for these women. Wouldn’t it be amazing if we could give these ladies the opportunity to feel good about themselves again? Angel’s Hands Massage Therapy is donating 15 gift certificates for massages or Reiki Healing Sessions but that’s just the start. We need donations of gift certificates for haircuts, manicures, pedicures and waxing. I will be making gift bags, hopefully with your donations, that will include one gift certificate for all of the above services. Imagine how these ladies are going to feel receiving such generous gifts. Please help me to make Super Bowl Day an exciting event. There will be a box at the Porch Club to leave your generous donations or you can leave them with Bobbie Beck. We will also need some donations of paper goods and nonperishable foods. I would like to be able to collect these items by January 21.

## Bingo!

Don’t miss the fun-filled day.  
Bring family and friends.  
Noon on Friday,  
February 10  
and March 9.





## Evening Meetings

**Pat Brunker,**  
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**Wednesday, February 22, 7:00**  
**Achieving Human Equality:**  
**Compassion, Love and Sharing**  
**of Life Experiences**

Aldo Magazzeni had an early brush with poverty. He was born in a poor Italian mountain town in the Abruzzo region of central Italy in a house with no running water and dirt floors. Now a successful businessman, he and his two partners in a Lumberton manufacturing company have become champions of those in need. Aldo Magazzeni is the founder of Traveling Mercies, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping others, while creating a vehicle to remove barriers between cultures so that individuals can share their strengths, assets and blessings with each other. Traveling Mercies is committed to meeting the diverse needs of those suffering throughout the world. Since 1998, Aldo has traveled to, and worked with, communities in Italy, Jamaica, Haiti, Mexico, South America, Bhutan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Kenya, and Ethiopia. He will share with us his stories and photographs of the places, the people and the work he has experienced during his travels. Proving that one man can make a difference, his work has been covered by numerous local newspapers and magazines. Come and learn about his experiences first-hand.

**Monday, March 26, 7:00**  
**Easter Basket Extravaganza**

We will do our annual making of Easter baskets for poor families. Please bring any of the following: baskets with handles, clear wrap, candy, small toys, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, etc. to fill them. The baskets will be given to Emergency Services for distribution to poor children who wouldn't have them otherwise.

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## Garden Department Activities

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### Garden Tour 2012

Committee meetings: Tuesday, February 21 and Tuesday, March 20. Meetings are held at the Porch Club at 7pm. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please consider helping out with this major fund raising event.

### The 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show "Hawaii: Islands of Aloha"

Sunday, March 4 through Sunday, March 11 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Best viewing hours are weekday evenings 3pm-9:pm.

Plan to come see and support the Porch Club's entry in this year's Philadelphia International Flower Show.

### NJSFWC Achievement Day Contest "Artistic Design and Horticulture"

Do you have a fabulous African Violet, flowering cacti, or special houseplant you would like to show off?

How about pressed or dried flowers, potpourri, or other artistic design decorations you completed within the past year?

Show your "stuff" and be recognized for your talent and creativity by entering the Achievement Day Contest.

See Rita, June or [www.njsfwc.org](http://www.njsfwc.org) for details.



## Entrepreneurial Woman

**Kathy Simon, kathryn.simon@gmail.com**

Entrepreneurial Woman will meet at 7pm on Thursday, January 26 at Zena's Patisserie. We will be talking about plans for 2012.

The Flower Show Committee has had several meetings, including a little trip to Parkside Orchids. The plan is taking shape! This year's PHS Flower Show theme is "Hawaii: Islands of Aloha" and we've decided to focus our window box and hanging planter on "small treasures."

### *Great Quotes from Great Women*

"Life begets life. Energy creates energy.  
It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich."

*Sarah Bernhardt*  
*French Actress and Writer*  
1844-1923

# Upcoming Arts Creative Activities

Co-Chairs Phyllis Rodgers 786-8422 & Donna Van Hoy 786-1622

Thursday, February 16, 12:30pm

## Soup's On at the New Leaf

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bowl) We'll be having a soup sampling, bring enough for 25 small bowls and don't forget to share the recipe. If you would like to bring bread or desert, please let us know ahead of time. Look for the sign-up sheet or give Phyllis or Donna a call to reserve your space.

Immediately following the soup sampling we will have a clay sculpting demonstration on the garden gnomes that we will be making in March.

## March (date to be announced)

We will be creating whimsical garden gnomes. Trust us, we have a couple of tricks up our sleeves to make this surprisingly possible for you to become an instant sculptor. There will be a fee, look for the sign-up sheet or call Phyllis or Donna.

Toward the end of March we will be thinking about Easter and chocolate Easter Bunnies. We had so much fun last year let's do it again. There will be a fee. Look for the sign-up sheet or call Phyllis or Donna.

April 13

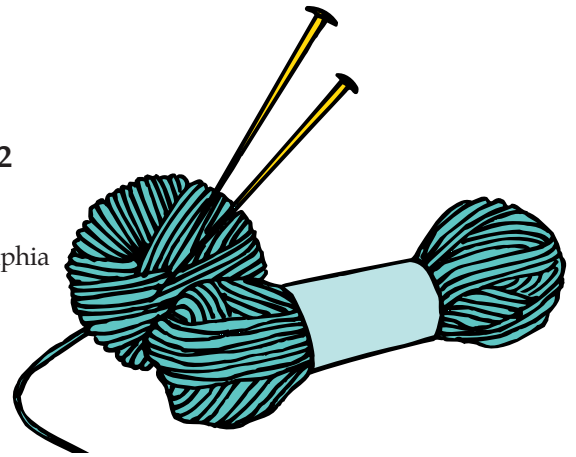
Van Gogh exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

## Stitchery Committee

Jeanne Bianchini

and MaryLou Schofield

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A few of our group members will be taking beginners knitting lessons at the Woolbearers Knit and Crochet Shop in Mount Holly. The class begins in February and runs for 8 weeks. The group will go to the shop on Thursday, January 26 at 11am. We'll meet at the Porch Club at 10:15am then plan on lunch at the Robin's Nest, just a short walk up the street. Be sure to check the website, [www.woolbearers.com](http://www.woolbearers.com) for more information on the classes. All are welcome just let us know if you are interested.

In February, the Stitchery Group will be visiting the Nimble Needle, a cross-stitch and needlepoint shop, in Haddonfield. More details to come.

In March we will be encouraging members to share their handmade treasures by entering them in Achievement Day.

Raffle tickets are now on sale, \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00, for "The Ladies Garden" queen size, hand-appliqued quilt. Our quilt will be on display at the Garden of Quilts Show at Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center in Millville, March 17-18, 2012. If interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Jeanne Bianchini at 856 303-1877 or Marylou Schofield at 856 786-8962.

The Stitchery Group will also be scheduling a Holiday Bazaar meeting to discuss items to create and sell at this year's Bazaar. If you have an interest in any of these events, please contact Jeanne Bianchini and Marylou Schofield. We continue to meet the second Monday morning of each month at 9:30am and the third Monday evening of each month at 7:00pm.

# Programs

Aggie Kennedy

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March General Meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:30pm

In March we are welcoming back The Pine Barons Chorus.

The Pine Barons Chorus is the award winning Cherry Hill Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They have been delivering the joy of a capella music to audiences throughout the Delaware Valley since 1949, with rich, vibrant harmonies and fun-filled family entertainment.

This promises to be a fun evening, so bring along your spouses, significant others, and guests.



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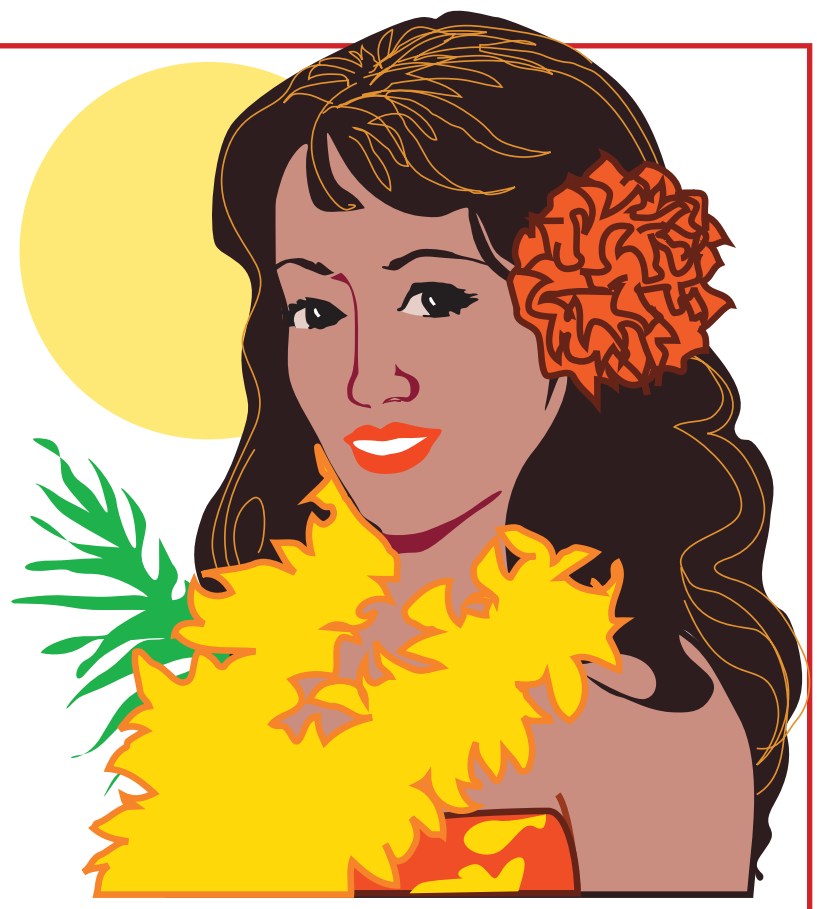
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

# The Luau!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28**



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