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The Porch Club of Riverton

October 2009

Inside the Porch Door

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Calendar

- October 6, 12:30 pm**
Meeting/ Opening Luncheon
\$10 Reservations Required
Porch Club
- October 9, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm**
October 10, 8:00 am-1:00 pm
Rummage Sale
Porch Club
- October 12, 7:00 pm**
Scribbler's
Porch Club
- October 16, 11:30 am**
Book & Author Luncheon
Riverton County Club
- October 23, 10:00 am**
Public Affairs Meeting
House of J. Fields
- October 24**
NJSFWC Day of Service
- October 26, 7:00 pm**
Evening Meeting/Pre-Holiday
Shopping Spree
Porch Club
- October 28, 9:00 am**
Garden Club Fall Cleanup
Porch Club
- October 30, 1:00 pm**
Pumpkin Carving
Porch Club
- November 3, 1:00 pm**
Meeting/Legend of Sleepy
Hollow
Porch Club

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From Pat's Perspective:

Welcome back to the official beginning of our 120th year! I hope that you had a most enjoyable and restful summer. People are amazed that this club has continued for all these years, even with its funny name, and is still viable when so many others have gone out of existence. Part of it, I think, is our somewhat lost-in-time little Victorian town. I had never gone to a "tea" before I came to the Porch Club. I had never had pseudo-Victorian outfits stashed away in case there was an event requiring costumes. Now it seems normal. I've even learned to make tiny tea sandwiches, although they are tedious in the extreme for people with as little patience as myself. Speaking of teas, we are going to be buying the goodies for the most part this year to serve after the general meetings because it has seemed increasingly hard to get people to make or buy things. And speaking of spending money, thanks to Lea Colbert, Jane Miller and the rest of the Finance Committee for doing our budget for this coming year and keeping us straight financially.

The Porch Club is a little oasis that is reassuring in its timelessness. We still need friendships and I have made so many wonderful friends of all ages through the Club. We still need to engage in helping out in our communities, today more than ever as people continue to deal with the current recession. We really always need to have fun and laughs with other women who know and understand that life is hard at times and who are willing to support us. We can always learn from those who we come in contact with, young or old. I know I do all the time. When you have a moment, look in your Yearbook at the "Collect for Club Women". Even though we say it all the time, I know I don't really always hear it. It was written in 1904 as a prayer for the day by Mary Stewart, a high school principal in Longmont, Colorado. She says, "I called it a 'Collect for Club Women' because I felt that women working together, with wide interests in large ends, which was a new thing under the sun, perhaps had need for a special petition and meditation of their own." It is as relevant today as it was then as we strive to continue to make the Club a "center for thought and action for women".

It's difficult to believe how fast the time is flying, but there is much to look forward to in the coming club year. Your Department Chairmen will tell you all you need to know elsewhere in the newsletter. October promises to be a busy month with our fall Rummage Sale, our Shopping Spree and the Book and Author Luncheon. Lucille Ball said, "You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this life." So take time to take care of yourself, too. Sit back and have a cup of tea with your friends. I look forward to a wonderful year with you all, making a difference in our own and others' lives.

Pat



PRE-ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Forms will be at the October and November meetings.
All proceeds to be donated to Autism Research, our state project.



Calendar—*continued*

November 9, 7:00 pm
Scribbler's
Porch Club

November 11, 1:00 pm
Gingerbread Houses
New Leaf

November 12, 7:30 pm
Open House for
Prospective Members
Porch Club

November 23, 11:30 am
Literature Meeting
Place TBD

November 23, 7:00 pm
Evening Meeting/
"Civilians in the Civil War"
Porch Club

November 30, 10:00 am
Decorate the Clubhouse for the
Holidays
Porch Club

December 2, 1:00 pm
General Meeting
Porch Club

December 11, 5:00 pm
Holiday Open House & Caroling
Porch Club

December 16, 2:00 pm
Holiday Tea
Porch Club

Membership JoAnn DiNoia (856) 829-7540
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What a Wonderful start!! Our Porch Club year hasn't even begun and we have four proposals. This, as Martha Stewart would say is, a "Good Thing". Let's keep up with the good work and let this be our best membership year yet.

Remember you can always invite a friend to join us at any of our meetings or events, they are always welcome.

GET A HEAD START

Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree
Come out and shop
Monday, Oct. 26 – 7 PM
Over 20 vendors will be at the
Porch Club
Refreshments
Proceeds – Autism Research

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

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

Our November meeting will feature the American Historical Theater's presentation of Ichabod Crane, Washington Irving, and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Neill Hartley portrays Washington Irving in this one-man living history presentation. You will meet Mr. Irving as he tells about his early life and the beginnings of his great literary career. Mr. Irving will then become narrator and actor of his own famous work, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. You will see his alter ego, Ichabod Crane, in the classroom and at a party where he dances with the girl he loves. Then you will follow him on his fateful journey home as he encounters the Headless Horseman and disappears from the hollow forever. Neill Hartley is a professional actor who performs with a great many local and regional theaters. He is on the faculty of Philadelphia's University of the Arts Theater School.

In December we will start the Holiday season with a program presented by Rene Goodwin and Ed Hagopian. Their programs run the gamut from standards to Broadway, Hollywood hits to ethnic favorites, pop songs to originals. Rene and Ed are old friends of the Porch Club and we welcome their return.



Garden Department

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There will be lots going on in the Garden Department this year and many ways for everyone, not just the committee, to participate. We will be selling plants at the rummage sale so please dig out something from the garden and drop it off at the club. Our fall clean-up for the Porch Club grounds will be October 28th starting at 9:00 am and everyone is invited to help. Our theme for the holiday decorations is ginger bread: men and women, houses, or whatever inspires you. We will also be doing a hat, scarf and mitten tree for the holidays. There are trips being planned and of course, we will begin to think about the Garden Tour in the spring.

December 9th, we plan to go to Drumthwacket, the Governor's mansion, which will be decorated for the holidays. I need your names, addresses and phone numbers in advance to pass on to security if you plan to attend. We'll be carpooling unless we have enough people to rent a bus. \$5.00 suggested donation.

HomeLife/Social Services

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We will support two (2) Providence House (Shelter for abused Women & Children) Projects:

1. Fund Raiser - "Taste of Burlington County" Wednesday, October 14
5:30 - 9:30 pm at Merion Caterers. Tickets are \$55.00.
2. Shelter Improvements - Redo a bedroom & clean & reorganize the Kitchen.

CALL TRISH TO PARTICIPATE

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!

Fly the American Flag:

Columbus Day 10/12

Veterans Day 11/11

Thanksgiving Day 11/26



Walk - Walk - Walk

It's good for your body

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Rummage Sale Committee

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The Spring Sale went off very successfully on a beautiful spring weekend. We had \$1300.00 to donate to some very special charities. We were able to provide assistance to the Palmyra Soup Kitchen, Hospice, a Riverton School family and food cards to a few families in crisis. We featured Special Occasion dresses, in addition to our famed Jewelry Table! Our Plant/Garden entry way sale generated some very decent sales. We are very proud of the fact that every item was gone the day of the sale- all remaining clothing went to the Riverside American Legion, Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Philadelphia had a truckload of donations and we assisted the BCIT with some costumes for their upcoming show. We really went green with this sale!

Our Fall Sale will be Friday, October 9 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday, October 10 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Donations will be accepted on Wednesday, October 7th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Thursday, October 8th from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Friday, October 9th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Plants can be dropped off at the club only on Friday or at Susie Hudson's house the week before.

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

Pre-school Tuition at for David DiMaio - \$825, Food Gift Card to a family in Palmyra - \$116.50, Bread for Life Food Pantry - Epworth United Methodist Church - \$233.00, Balance of \$116.50 to be added to the Fall Rummage Sale

Our sincerest gratitude to Mary Hannah, her committee and other volunteers who worked a most successful Rummage Sale earning \$1,291.

International Affairs Pat McDermott (856) 786-0852
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October is Trick or Treat Month for UNICEF. The Porch Club women have been generous in their support of this annual campaign for world-wide children's initiatives. Look for the little orange boxes at our first meeting.

The United Nations Charter initiated on October 24, 1945 and has been celebrated as UN Day since 1948. On this day throughout the world, meetings and discussions are held highlighting the goals and achievements of this organization. Visit their website at www.un.org

A package was sent in August to our Christian Children's Fund Child, Kimberley. Through the generosity of the Porch Club a book bag with school supplies was sent to our soon to be nine years old Kim. Kim's birthday is in November.

For the armchair international traveler, the Moorestown Rotary Club is again offering their travel series films. Starting on October 15, the program will show the film, "The Soul of Morocco". The shows are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm at the William Allen Middle School on N. Stanwick Rd. There are six films in the series. Tickets are \$7 for each show or \$28 for the series. For more information call 856-235-2889.

Our International Luncheon will be held on January 5, 2010 this year. Save the date!

Arts Performing

Naomi Horn (856) 829-7235

If you like to sing, come out and join the Chorus!

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

Tuesday, November 10; Tuesday, November 17
Tuesday, November 24; Monday November 30
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

Come join us!

NJSFWC DAY OF SERVICE

Books are being collected for school libraries throughout the state. The Porch Club will be collecting books for Pre-K through 5th Grade for the Sharp Elementary School in Camden, NJ. Books need to be new or look like new. The books may be dropped off at any Porch Club meeting or TBA at the next meeting. The books will be taken on Saturday, October 24 to the Sharp school. Volunteers are needed to sort and take the books. If interested, contact Bobbie Beck at 609-877-8452.



Literature Department

Sandra Scheer, Chairman (856) 461-3080

The Author's Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, October 16 at 11:30 am at the Riverton Country Club. Terminal Neglect by first-time author, Michael Rushnak. Tickets available for \$30. Call Sandy for menu selection.

Next Literature meeting will be Monday, November 23. Place to be determined.



Scribblers

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

Scribblers is entering its second year at the Porch Club. We've been having a grand time sharing our creative writing with one another. Do you enjoy writing? Then join us! You don't need to be a published author or even an aspiring author to scribble. You don't even need a command of the English language! All you need is a pen and a piece of paper (several pieces, actually).

Think you wouldn't know "what in the world" to write? Join the club! Literally! We write whatever we want! Whether it be about marshmallows or mystery, birds or babies, fire or felines... become a scribbler and express yourself through free verse, poetry, journal entries, short stories, plays, memoirs, life story, Morse code or smoke signals... We don't care how you do it. The important thing is to show up to the page and write. After all, you are the only one who can tell your story... So go on and tell it.

Scribblers meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Porch Club. Look for our very first pamphlet of original work to be distributed at the October luncheon! To join Scribblers, contact Denise Petti at (856) 235-1994, info@denisepetti.com. Happy scribbling!

Public Affairs

Joanne Fields (856) 786-0441

Next meeting is Friday, October 23 at 10:00 am at Joanne's house, 704 Cedar St, Riverton.
Lunch will be served at 12:00.

Arts Creative

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Book and Author Luncheon is October 16th. Bookmarks have been cut out. Contact Sandy Scheer if you would like to help her decorate them.

October 30th 1:00 PM - Pumpkin Carving and Painting. Bring your own pumpkin if you want to carve it. Please clean it out ahead of time. If you would rather paint, leave your pumpkin whole. Donna will supply lots of designs and help you paint and draw them. Look for the sign up sheet.

November 11th 1:00 PM - The New Leaf - Decorating Gingerbread Houses. The Porch Club Christmas theme will be gingerbread houses. We'll be decorating our houses at the New Leaf like last year. Houses will be on display at the Porch Club for the Christmas tour. We'll supply the gingerbread kits and lots of extra decorations. Tea and goodies to follow. Cost \$15.00. Look for the sign up sheet.

November 13th 11:00 AM - Philadelphia Craft Show. The Philadelphia Craft Show is at the Convention Center - Philadelphia. We'll take the train to Philadelphia and walk a few blocks to the Convention Center. Lots of great crafts to admire. Look for the 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, October 26, 2009 at 7:00 pm Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree

Vendors will display their hand crafted and artistic items for our Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree. We are striving to have interesting, exciting products for upcoming holiday (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Passover, etc.) gift-giving and personal use. Both artisans (artists, craftspeople) and merchandisers (Longaberger, Southern Living, etc.) will be represented. This is a great opportunity to find that special gift.

Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm “Civilians in the Civil War - Stories from the Homefront”

Civil War expert Paula Gidjunis will appear in authentic costume and present a slide show on what was going on at home while the men were gone during the Civil War. Times were terrible and the women left behind had to cope with earning a living, raising children, living in a war zone, and day-to-day existence. Paula is a wealth of information and this should be an informative and entertaining talk.