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The Porch Club of Riverton

February 2009

Inside the Porch Door

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Calendar

February 3, 1:00 pm
General Meeting/Christine
Carty from "Autism Speaks"
Porch Club

February 5, 7:00 pm
Gala Planning Meeting
Porch Club

February 11, 1:00 pm
Still-Life Sketching Class
Porch Club

February 16, 7:00 pm
Pompeston Creek Program
Porch Club

February 20, 10:00 am
Public Affairs Meeting
Home of J. Heinze

February 23, 11:30 am
Literature Dept. Meeting
Porch Club

February 23, 7:00 pm
Evening Meeting/
Charity Bingo
Porch Club

March 1-8
Philadelphia Flower Show

March 3, 7:30 pm
Meeting / Entertainment
Guests Invited
Porch Club

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President's Message: Pat Brunker

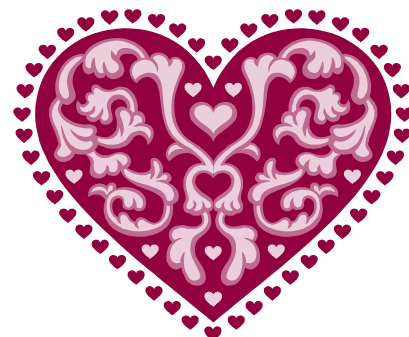
Don't you find that it's hard to keep balanced? Every day, I try to have time for work, family, friends, and taking care of myself. So it is with the Porch Club. We try to find a balance between doing good things for others and good things for ourselves. We need to do some things just for us, to have some fun, because we all work hard and we need time to relax and come together as friends. We are also dedicated to helping needy women and children in our community. And finally, we need to keep our clubhouse in good repair. It's all important. In this worsening economy, it's hard to know if the rentals, which are the main source of our income, will hold up so that we can continue to do it all. We still need everybody's help and support to make the club the best it can be. There are lots of great opportunities coming up. I am always amazed by all that you wonderful women can manage to do.

We have been asked by the Burlington County Board of Tourism to open the Porch Club on Saturday, March 21st for Women's History Month. They plan to honor six Burlington County women who made significant contributions to women's causes with a self-guided tour. They are including Mary VanMeter Grice, our first President, and the Porch Club on the tour. This is quite an honor for the Club. We will need to get out our Victorian costumes and share what we know about Mrs. Grice and the Porch Club with the general public. The Historical Society, the RiverLine Inn where Mary Grice lived, and the businesses in town are going to help that day, too.

Planning is underway for the "100th Anniversary of the Clubhouse" gala. Save the date of June 6th at 6:00 PM. We'll have food and drinks and music and dancing and I hope this will be a lovely evening for us all to celebrate the great things that the ladies who went before us - and ourselves! - have done over the years, as well as the tremendous foresight that the ladies of 1909 had in building our clubhouse. If you would like to help with the planning, the next meeting is on February 5th at 7:00 at the Porch Club.

Soon it will be spring!

Pat



Programs Aggie Kennedy aggielkenedy@hotmail.com

All members and guests are cordially invited to join us and enjoy the music of "The Great American Songbook", including the music of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and other popular standards, as performed by Vocalist/Entertainer Tom Del Moore. Tom has performed at many local venues including Wood Park in Cinnaminson, Knight Park in Collingswood and The Columns in Delanco. This performance will take place at our regular March meeting on the evening of Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30pm. Hope to see all of you there.

Public Affairs Joanne Fields 786-0441

Next meeting is Friday Feb. 20 at 10 am at the house of Jessie Heinze - 445 Arbor Rd, Cinnaminson. March 20 meeting we'll be delivering Easter baskets. Meet at 10:45 at 704 Cedar St, Riverton. We'll have lunch afterwards at a restaurant chosen by members.

Charter Luncheon

Tuesday, April 7th is our Charter Luncheon meeting. Please remember to call or email June Emens after March 16th to reserve your catered lunch from Georgetti's. The cost of \$10 is payable at the door. 829-2838/ june.emens@comcast.net

Scribbler's Denise Petti info@denisepetti.com

We are wrapping up the Artist's Way and will be ready to launch the official Scribbler's writer's group as of the second Monday in March.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!!!!!! Mary Hannah

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 4th, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Setup will be Wednesday, 4/1 from 2 to 6, Thursday, 4/2 from 2 to 6 and Friday, 4/3 from 12 to 2. We are going to try to add something new for this spring sale, gently used Prom gowns. We will be contacting the nearby high schools to let them know of our offerings. If you know someone willing to part with some pretty dresses, please let me know. I will be glad to start taking the gowns so we can do some upfront planning. I can be contacted at (856) 786-9314.

We will be looking for some items for our "garden center" in addition to the many unique and useful items that we normally are so lucky to receive from you all. Our last sale was very successful due to your generous givings. **Thank you!**

Calendar—*continued*

March 6

Cezanne Exhibit Trip-PMA
w/ Arts Creative

March 14, 7:00 pm

"The First Tuesday of the
Month"
Porch Club—\$10

March 20, 10:45 am

Public Affairs Meeting
Home of J. Fields

March 21, 10 am to 4 pm

Women's History Month Tour
Porch Club

March 23, 11:30 am

Literature Dept. Meeting
Porch Club

March 23, 7:00 pm

Evening Meeting/"Easy
Appetizers for Busy Folks"
Porch Club

March 30, 7:00 pm

Easter Basket Extravaganza
Porch Club

April 4, 8 am to 2 pm

Spring Rummage Sale
Porch Club

April 7, 12:30 pm

Meeting/Charter Luncheon
Porch Club—\$10

Garden Department

Susie Hudson susiebudson@comcast.net
Kathy Simon

On February 16th at 7 pm at the Porch Club the Garden Department will present a program entitled "The Pompeston Creek: The Treasure in Our Own Backyard".

Teeming with life; from tiny spring peepers to lacey wild rice, from belted kingfishers to grand American eagles, this little piece of tidal creek offers a glimpse of what our long Delaware coastline once was. Our Pompeston Creek was recently designated as a protected wetland.



Porch Club members enjoying the December 4 trip to Longwood Gardens organized by Susie Hudson.

Don't forget to bring in your ACME receipts!!

Drama Committee

Phyllis Rodgers & Ginny Cisario

"The First Tuesday of the Month"

The delightfully funny play done several years ago about the history of the Porch Club will be reprised on Saturday evening, March 14th at 7:00. If you missed it before, here's your chance to learn all about what really happened (OK, not really) at the Porch Club through the years.

The play has been newly updated. Refreshments will, of course, be served after the play. Learn what "the recipe" is really all about! The cost is \$10. This fundraiser supports the Club and is open to the public.

SAVE THE DATE!

**100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CLUBHOUSE**

GALA

JUNE 6TH FROM 6 TO 10

THANK YOU
to all who bought
poinsettias.



The poinsettia sale made \$166
to benefit the state project -
Autism Awareness.

Address Corrections / Changes in the Yearbook

Toby Hunn is now at 303 Bank
Ave, Riverton.

JoAnn DiNoia's new email is
joannmdinoia@verizon.net

Membership

JoAnn diNoia joannmdinoia@verizon.net

Once again, we will be nominating our Woman of the Year. The award will be presented at our April 7th meeting. Deadline to vote will be March 18th. Please see me for a ballot if you wish to nominate a member.

PROPOSALS:

When proposing a new member, please try to get letters to me a week before the meeting (they can be mailed or emailed) and please keep them short and sweet!

Please note my new email: JoAnnMDiNoia@verizon.net



Mitten Tree

Jeannie Francis took all the mittens, hats and scarves to Riverton School in December.

They were very grateful to receive them!

THANK YOU to everyone that brought in such nice things for the children.



Emergency Services received the leftovers from our very successful Spaghetti Dinner—and they were VERY Happy to get them!

Their shelves are bare and the needs are increasing daily. They especially need the staples: spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly.

If you can bring any of these things or other non-perishable food to the Porch Club when you come for any meeting during the week (we can lock it up), it would be very much appreciated.

The Porch Club and The Philadelphia Flower Show!

Come see the flower show and support our club's entry! Dates: March 1-8

Theme: Bella Italia!

At the Pennsylvania Convention Center
12th and Arch Sts, Philadelphia

Admission: \$28.00 adult, \$17.00 children
(2-16)

Advance tickets: \$22.00 available at participating ACME, PNC branches, and AAA Midlantic and www.theflowershow.com

House Committee

Donna Kirkland

The House Committee recently had the hot water heater replaced. The old one was originally put in about 1987---not a bad run as water heaters go!!!! Hopefully the new heater will last a long time and serve us well.

No further action has been taken concerning the basement walls. It has been requested more bids should be made for the project.

Future projects for consideration will include fixing the bathrooms up-get rid of the wallpaper, fix the walls, and remove the cove base molding from the old wide baseboards!!!!

International Affairs Pat McDermott pmcdermott14@comcast.net

Bead for Life Eradicates Poverty: One Bead at a Time

During the month of January, International Affairs hosted their annual International Luncheon and the Evening Meeting. Both events highlighted the global initiative "Bead For Life". Bead for Life is a way to empower African women to find solutions to poverty. These women struggled to survive on less than \$1 a day before joining the Bead For Life program. Joining with women from North America and right here in Riverton a difference has been made. Since 2004 Bead for Life has provided sustainable income for Ugandan women and their families by selling their beautiful jewelry made from recycled paper. For all of you who supported the Bead For Life Circle, many thanks! Please contact me for further information or visit the website: beadforlife.org.

It is never too late to turn in your UNICEF boxes! Just give me a call for pickup. During the month of March please note the World Day of Prayer on March 6 and International Women's Day on March 8.

Arts Creative

Virginia Cisario, chair 829-7329,
Donna VanHoy, co-chair 786-1622

February 11 -- 1:00 at the Porch Club Still Life Sketching class in pencil or charcoal. Small Fee. Could possibly be used for Achievement Day.

March 6 Trip -- Cezanne Exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art Tickets \$22.00

Future Trip in April -- Byers Factory -- Stay Tuned for date



Literature Department

Sandra Scheer, Chairman 461-3080

Monday, Feb 23, 11:30 am. Jessie Heinze and Sandi Scheer hosting at the Porch Club

Monday, March 23, 11:30 am. Joanne Fields hosting at the Porch Club.

We will be discussing and choosing our Author of the Month to be discussed at the March Meeting.

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

Sacred Heart Church in Camden operates a "Clothes from the Heart" Thrift store for children. They will take new or gently used clothing, toys, books, etc. An average of 90 customers are served each Saturday from 10-2.

Call April Foster/Collin Brennan at the store: 856-541-7288, or call April Foster at her home: 856-858-5928

**We continue to collect Campbell labels, pull tabs, hotel samples, etc at every meeting.
Thank You!**

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

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Autism Awareness

www.autism-society.org

www.autismspeaks.org

Evening Group Meetings – *change* 4th Monday of the month

Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm Bingo for Charity

We'll play Bingo to support Virtua Memorial Hospitals' Mother and Baby Program and St. John of God Community Services for the disabled. \$10 gives you 3 bingo cards plus wine and snacks. Extra bingo cards can be purchased. We will also have valuable trombola baskets (including tickets to the PHS Flower Show and "Cezanne and Beyond" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art) and a 50/50. Cash prizes!

Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm "Easy Appetizers for Busy Folks"

Last minute guests? At a loss for what to serve? Let the Philadelphia area cooking group Forking Delicious share tips for fast and easy hors d'oeuvres you can make on the spot or do ahead to keep in your freezer for those last minute surprises. The ladies of Forking Delicious believe cooking should be fun, and you should also have time to enjoy your guests. Come and meet the group as they serve up laughs and leave you with recipes to take home.

Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm Easter Basket Extravaganza

Once again, we will be making Easter baskets for poor families. Please bring any of the following: small baskets, ribbon, clear wrap, candy, small toys, toothbrushes, 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.