

<p><b>SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB</b></p>	<p><i><b>Bulletin</b></i></p>	
<p><i>Spring 2012</i></p>		

**PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE: ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END...**

by **DIVA NORWOOD**

In a few months my term as President will end and a new President and Board will take over the running of this organization. The Summit College Club has been fortunate to have a succession of women volunteers dedicated to achieving the goals of promoting education and equity for women and girls. I had the privilege to be part of this team as I served the Summit College Club /AAUW in a number of leadership capacities over the past decades. Looking back, these last two years were the most challenging and at the same time very fulfilling for me. I am also grateful that I had the opportunity to serve and contribute to secure the continuation of the Club ideals/message.

I am truly grateful and thankful to have an engaged and competent team, starting from having the full support and inspiring help of the VP Program Marilynn MacLean (my silent Co-President) to a focused and engaged Board and Committees. My sincere appreciation and thanks for their work goes to Betty De Guzman, Prudence Bradley, Jim Carson, Cynthia Marlow, Ann Soper, and Terry Kandalajt. A special thanks is also extended to the dedicated Committees Chairs: Anita Meritt (Book Sale); Leslie Meskin (Scholarship); Madeline Brown Paris (Publicity); Leslie Carson (By-Laws); Suzan Cox (Educational Foundation); Judy Guadino, Sue Edmonson, Ann Gallagher, Ann Carty (Hospitality); Ann Joralemon (Historian) and the contributing expertise of Joan Murphy (Technical Support).

**A general meeting and election of the Summit College Club/AAUW Board of Directors will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the New Providence Library (a light supper will be served).**

Once elected, the new Board will take over with fresh ideas and we are sure that they will have the support and assistance of all our members for the completion of their successful projects as well as continuation of the ideals/message of the club.

**The following is the Summit College Club/AAUW proposed slate of officers beginning July 1, 2012:**

- \*Co-Presidents: Prudence Bradley and Neela Pushparaj
- \*Vice President Program: Marie Simone
- \*Vice President Membership: Leslie Carson
- \*Vice President Finance: Lorna Ness
- \*Recording Secretary & Corresponding Secretary: Terry Kandalajt
- \*Treasurer: Bernie DeGuzman
- \*Assistant Treasurer: Ann Soper

It is important that *all our members attend the meeting and Election of the new Board.*  
We are bullish about the competency and professionalism of the proposed slate of officers.

Please join me in wishing the new slate of officers a successful term.  
My very best wishes to all,  
Diva Norwood

## Program News

By Marilyn MacLean

### **FALL - WINTER**

#### **November 20, 2011** - Lecture/Travelogue

On Sunday, November 20, 2011 Valerie Moreno a local traveler, artist and lecturer spoke to about twenty five members of the club about the fascinating history of Sicily, a multicultural island known as the crossroads of civilization. She shared her personal story of researching her family's genealogy and finding members of her extended family she had never known before. We had a lively question and answer sessions following her presentation and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all. As always, our hospitality committee comprised of Judy Gaudino, Sue Edmondson, and Susan Cote provided a delicious assortment of refreshments.

#### **December 4, 2011** - Holly Berry

This year's Holly Berry party held at the DeBary Inn in Summit on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> was attended by forty eight members and their guests. The DeBary Inn was a perfect venue for the party since it is very quaint and reminiscent of a Victorian bed and breakfast. The management of the inn put up a tree and other seasonal decorations for our event. Thanks to the efforts of the program and hospitality committees, the refreshments were outstanding and Lorna Ness and Steve Coffin generously donated the wine. It was a wonderful way to start the holiday season and gave all of us a chance to get together before the hustle and bustle of the season truly began.

#### **January 8, 2012** – Documentary and discussion

Summit College Club presented a program and documentary film about Patsy Mink, the first woman of color and first Asian-American woman elected to Congress. Her efforts to run for office in Hawaii and eventual election to Congress where she served for twelve terms were the focus of the film. There were about 40 attendees including our members and people from the community. Leslie Carson led a lively discussion following the film

#### **February 11, 2012**

About twenty SCC members met on a Saturday to eat lunch and to hear a presentation by Sheila Duetsch, a trustee of the Summit Historical Society at Anna's restaurant in Summit. Everyone enjoyed wonderful Italian fare and learned about the founding of Summit and some of its architectural landmarks.

#### **WomanART-2012**

*WomanArt Chair – Neela Pushparaj*

Forty guests attended this year's WomanART successful opening reception and show. The audience was held captive by demonstrations of various interesting media techniques.



#### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS and TEA**

The Scholarship Committee Chair revised applications in order to make the process easier for the applicants. Participating schools are contacted in order to distribute the scholarship applications to interested seniors and follow up to ensure adherence to the rules as well as the adherence to the due date. When the applications are completed they are distributed to the members of the scholarship committee for evaluation. Interviews are held with the top-ranked applications. Winners are notified and invited to the Scholarship Awards Reception.

**This year the Scholarship Awards Reception is scheduled for Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit.**

Hometown TV interviews are also part of this program.



**BOOK SALE**

*Book Sale Chair – Anita Meritt*

The annual Summit College Club Book Sale will take place this April 17 – 22 at the American Legion Post #433, at 257 Elkwood Avenue in New Providence next to the New Providence Library. Thousands of collectible and used hardback as well as paperback books in good condition will be for sale at unbeatable prices, including fiction, mystery, science fiction, history, biography, cooking, gardening and children's books.

Pre-sale for dealers, collectors and all book lovers will be Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 6 pm, a \$20 admission fee is charged for pre-sale privileges.

The sale officially begins, with no admission fee, Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, continuing on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, with sale hours from 10 am to 9 pm. On Friday and Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>, hours are 10 am to 6 pm.

Bag Day is Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, hours are noon to 4pm.

*See you at the sale!*



**MEMBERSHIP**

*Cynthia Marlow and Leslie Carson*

The membership renewal Notices and forms are in the process of being mailed. Please make sure you return your check and form in the envelope provided no later than May 15, 2012.

It is important that you include your complete and current information and interests so we can include in the 2012 – 2013 Summit College Club AAUW Yearbook.



**BYLAWS**

Leslie Carson, Bylaws Chair, is currently working to bring our Summit Branch bylaws into conformance with AAUW. All branches across the country are required to complete this task by May 15. No vote by the Board or Membership is required. Last year our Scholarship and Fellowship Policies were updated to include a non discrimination policy as required by our insurance company. Becky Kerns is reading all bylaws and policies to help Leslie complete the task of updating them before her term ends on June 30.



**BOOK GROUP**

*By Betty DeGuzman*

Next meeting will take place at La Focaccia restaurant, 523 Morris Avenue, Summit on May 9, 2012.



If you incur expenses on behalf of Summit College Club/AAUW, please procure a Check Request Form from the Treasurer or the Chair of your committee. Fill it out completely and attach your receipts to it. Remember, Summit College Club/AAUW do not pay tax. Our NJ State Tax Exempt number is 226-043-833. That may be all you need for the vendor you are dealing with. If they ask, you can submit a copy of our *Exempt Use Certificate* from the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation. Again, the Treasurer will have those. Submit your completed Check Request Form with stapled receipts to the Treasurer in a timely fashion so the Club has a record of how much your event cost. It is nice to submit a self addressed stamped envelope. The Treasurer will reimburse you and you will soon find a check in your mailbox. Our fiscal year runs from July to June 30. So please submit your final reimbursement requests before the last week of June. Thank you!



**ROTOGRAVURE**

Enjoy the following photo revue of some of the major events on our calendar!

Fall Luncheon





WomenArt reception



2011 Scholarship:





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