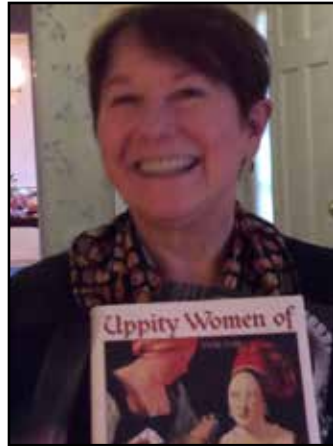


## Food, Friends, Fun, Good Cheer



**Erna & Charlie Hoover** opened their warm, welcoming home to us. **Judy Gaudino** and cohorts purchased, prepped, and displayed the food, filling a large table a few times over. **Bernie De Guzman** proved he was every bit as good at liquids as he is at numbers. Last but not least, scores of SCC members (a few of them pictured on this page) came, mingled, chatted, ate, drank, laughed, and generally had a glorious time. Yup. It was the **Holly Berry Brunch of 2016**.



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## A Message from the SCC President

I hope that your holidays were in all ways wonderful and that you are all well. As we contemplate the new year, we should be very proud of what we have accomplished this past year and of our continuing progress in enhancing our club's importance to all of us. Leslie Carson and the Program Committee have presented several wonderful, inspiring programs, and they still have ideas up their sleeves! Event attendance has been hugely improved, and members who have come out have been impressed and entertained. Our Holly Berry Brunch at Erna and Charlie Hoover's home was great, and Lunch at the Hat has been well attended. In the late winter, we look forward to our Book Sale work, and to Woman Art! Please call or email Lynne Rogerson about joining the Book Sale Committee to help; it is important to the club and is very enjoyable. Contact Neela Pushparaj to help with Woman Art.

We will be launching several interest groups in January, and the group chairs will be sending emails to all members in the next few weeks, as we return from our various holiday activities and each group's plan is firmed up. Watch for the notices! All members are welcome, and we welcome the full participation of our new members! Molly Ball, our membership chair, is bringing in new people, and we must welcome them wholeheartedly!

The Summit College Club has been super important to me through the years. I began as a total non-participant, and gradually became more and more involved, loving every minute! I hope that our club can strengthen its ties to National AAUW while also enhancing the success of our local activities, both charitable and social. What we do is important, and it is also fun.

Sincerely,  
*Anita Meritt*

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## Human Trafficking

January is **Human Trafficking Awareness Month**. In 2013 the **Summit College Club/AAUW**, the **LWV/BHNPS**, and the **Junior League of Summit** partnered to create a community wide program to educate the Summit area on Human Trafficking. The LWV/BHNPS is collecting donations this month to aid survivors of Human Trafficking. At the January 22nd Rosa Parks film, the LWV information table will have a basket to collect donations--cash, checks, or gift cards--for HT victims rescued by the FBI in

New Jersey. Meanwhile, **The New Jersey Coalition against Human Trafficking** is holding a free day-long event on January 11, which is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

At Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, the event includes a keynote speaker, various experts, and Q & A. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the event includes a continental breakfast and a light lunch. **www.NJHUMANTRAFFICKING.org** has further information.



## Great Decisions

**The League of Women Voters** is sponsoring **Great Decisions 2017**. Produced by the Foreign Policy Institute, Great Discussions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The series, which costs \$95 (\$85 for LWV and Interweave members), runs from February 1 through March 29: eight meetings

The group will meet at the DeCorso Community Center, 15 East 4th Street, New Providence. Each meeting includes a brief video clip, a discussion moderated by a facilitator, and an opinion poll that is later returned to Congress and other departments of the government. For more info or registration, go to **www.lwv-bhnps.org**.

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## Things to Do!

On January 13, from 8 am to 2 pm, Drew University will hold the AAUW's Tween Tech Day for our part of the State. Organizers need help. If you can participate, write to **marielkolker@gmail.com**.

On January 21, a Women's March will be held in Trenton, starting at the State House, in conjunction with the National Women's March on Washington.

## SCC on Wheels

SCC's **Diva Norwood** recently attended Sage Eldercare's 50th Anniversary Celebration of Meals on Wheels. The gala dinner was held on November 30th at Canoe Brook Country Club. Sage is one of the longest serving Meals on Wheels service organizations in the country. At the dinner, Diva reports, the Summit College Club, one of the founding organizations, was repeatedly cited for its early support of Meals on Wheels.

## One Woman's Voice



*I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear. Knowing what must be done does away with fear.*

*I had felt for a long time that, if I was ever told to get up so a white person could sit, that I would refuse to do so.*

*People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. I was not tired physically... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in.*  
---Rosa Parks

The poster features a blue background. At the top left is the LWV logo, and at the top right is the AAUW logo. The text reads: "Join us for a screening and discussion of The Rosa Parks Story". Below this, it says "Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, at 2 PM" and "New Providence Memorial Library, 377 Elkwood Avenue". The central image shows a portrait of Rosa Parks on the left and a movie poster for "The Rosa Parks Story" on the right. The movie poster includes the quote "STAND FOR SOMETHING OR YOU WILL FALL FOR ANYTHING." and "-ROSA PARKS".

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's January birthday, we will view the film *The Rosa Parks Story* and discuss the many ramifications Mrs. Parks' life had for the Civil Rights Movement and for America. Partnering with the League of Women Voters SCC will meet at the New Providence Library on Sunday January 22 at 2:00. **Madeline Brown-Paris** of Summit College Club/AAUW and Sharon Davis of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit, will facilitate the discussion after the 90 minute film. Refreshments will be served. This event is open to the public. **The**

**League of Women Voters**, a nonpartisan organization founded in 1920, works to protect the right to vote, to educate voters about issues, and to advocate for policy positions approved by its members. **The AAUW** promotes equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research. So we are partnering to learn more about the impact one amazing woman had on America and what her advocacy means in our own lives.

Put January 22 on your calendar, bring a friend, and experience an afternoon that will enrich your life and strengthen the lives of others.

--Leslie Carson

## New Members

**Michele Losman**, a friend of Molly Ball, has joined the **Summit College Club**. Michelle did her undergraduate work at the University of Lyon and earned her 1959 Ph.D. from the University of Lyon in France. Her career work was in biology, cellular biology, and immunology.

**Michelle Losman**  
25 Village Green Court, #25  
South Orange, NJ 07079  
973-761-1693

Michelle is not alone! Also now on our membership roster is **Lorene Connolly**. After earning a B.S. from Seton Hall University and an M.L.S. from Rutgers, Lorene spent her career of 38 years as a research librarian.

**Lorene Connolly**  
315 Central Avenue  
Mountainside, NJ 07092  
908-452-4942 cell  
908-232-5895 home  
lorenecon@gmail.com  
A warm welcome to both!

# Spring Calendar

- JANUARY 9 Board Meeting, New Providence Library, 6:45 pm  
 19 Lunch at the Hat, Grand Summit Hotel, 12:30.  
 To reserve your place, call or write **Sue Edmondson**,  
**908-598-0460** or **eiffe13615@gmail.com**.  
 22 **The Rosa Parks Story: A Film.** New Providence  
 Memorial Library, Conti Room, 2:00. Co-sponsored  
 with **LWV**.
- FEBRUARY 13 Board Meeting, New Providence Library, 6:45  
 16 **Lunch at the Hat**, Grand Summit Hotel, 12:30. To  
 reserve a place, call or email **Anita Meritt** at **908-464-**  
**2540** or **anita.meritt@gmail.com**  
 18 **Book Collection** starts at **Westy Self Storage**,  
 15 River Road, Chatham. Hours: Weekdays,  
 8 am to 5 pm; Saturdays, 9 am to 5 pm; and  
 Sundays, 11 am to 3 pm.
- MARCH 13 Board Meeting, New Providence Library, 6:45  
 16 **Lunch at the Hat**, Grand Summit Hotel, 12:30.  
 To reserve a place, see January, above.  
 26 **Eudora Kombo, "Experiences in Feminism--  
 Scholarship and International Living,"** 2:00,  
 De Corso Center, New Providence. SCC Annual  
 Meeting.
- APRIL 10 Board Meeting, New Providence Library, 6:45  
 20 **Lunch at the Hat**, Grand Summit Hotel, 12:30.  
 To reserve a place, see January, above.  
 25-30 **Annual SCC Book Sale**, American Legion  
 Hall, 357 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence
- MAY 8 Board Meeting, New Providence Library, 6:45.  
 12 **Nolan Asch**, speaker, "**Hamilton**." 7:30 PM,  
 Mondo, 426 Springfield Avenue, Summit. Free.  
 18 **Lunch at the Hat**, Grand Summit Hotel, 12:30.  
 To reserve your place, see above.
- JUNE 4 **Scholarship Awards Reception**, 2:00 PM,  
 Lile Hall, Christ Church, 561 Springfield Avenue  
 12 Board Meeting, New Providence Library, 6:45.  
 15 **Lunch at the Hat**, Grand Summit Hotel, 12:30.  
 To reserve your place, see above.

JUNE through OCTOBER: **WomanArt-2017**. The Grand Summit  
 Hotel's Hat Tavern, 570 Springfield Avenue, Summit. Opening reception  
 late in June to be announced. Exhibition and sale, all summer.

## Posting

Posters . . . UP! If you have kindly  
 agreed to post this year's "Books  
 Wanted" poster for our big sale, please  
 be sure to do so soon. Our dates have  
 changed, and people may be looking  
 for a place to put books that they  
 remember dropping off in January.  
 Let's remind them that we're here!

### SCC MISSION

**SCC unites the graduates  
 of accredited educational  
 institutions in order to  
 promote equity, education,  
 intellectual growth,  
 individual worth, and  
 development of opportunities  
 for women and girls.**

## In Memoriam

We are sorry to report the loss of  
 Helen MacNeal Huber, a member  
 of SCC for nearly two decades who  
 died at home on Dec. 18th. Born in  
 Catskill, N.Y., Helen was raised in  
 Boyertown, Pa., before moving to  
 Summit in 1956. A Summit Council  
 Member in the late 60s and early 70s,  
 Helen is survived by daughter Helen  
 Huber Curtiss and her husband, Scott,  
 of North Salem, N.Y.

Another long time member, Miriam  
 Carson, died just before Thanksgiving.  
 Miriam was a gifted artist.

We also mourn the loss of Alan  
 English, 82, husband of longtime SCC  
 member Jerry Fitzgerald English.

50-year member Betsey Robson lost  
 her husband Ken in September 2015.  
 We just learned of Ken's death when  
 Diva Norwood and Ann Soper caught  
 up with Betsey via telephone. Betsey  
 has lived in Richmond, Virginia  
 for several years but kept up her  
 membership.

Our sympathies to all concerned.

## Still Counting

Next session, women will comprise  
 19.5 percent of Congress. In the  
 November election, the number  
 of women went **down** one in the  
 House and **up** one in the Senate..So,  
 the number of women in Congress  
 remains unchanged: 104.



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