

SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB BULLETIN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Prudence Bradley

The 2013-2014 year had several innovations in our programming, AAUW mission focused projects, cultural events, and our Thursday's at the Hat for lunch. The objective was to provide several options for our members, cultural events for socialization, programs in human trafficking and pay equity to provide education in important subjects critical to change, and lunch at the Hat to connect with friends outside of our formal events. The cultural events included a visit to the Frick Museum and a musical at the Mayo Theater.

We will continue with this program strategy for 2014-2015. Check out coming events for the Fall and don't miss our Fall Luncheon kickoff on Saturday September 6th. We will also collaborate with Interweave and the League of Women voters for programs important to a wider audience. Our events are open to the community so please invite family and friends.

The Summit College Club Foundation provided scholarships to four young women starting college this fall. Our active Book Sale committee continues to organize a successful book sale which supports the scholarships.

The membership committee has recruited several new members who are active in our committees. If you are interested in participating on our Hospitality, Finance, Communications, Public Policy, or Scholarship committees please contact me at prudencebradley@comcast.net or [908 497-9201](tel:9084979201) or any of the committee chairs listed in the Bulletin.

I'm looking forward to an exciting and active new year.

Prudence Bradley

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2014-15 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Cynthia Marlow

Luncheon at Canoe Brook Country Club

September 6th, Saturday, 11:30-2:00

1108 Morris Turnpike, Summit; Cost: \$35

Speaker: Nicole Smith, leader of the Central NJ Chapter of **Room to Read** an organization which provides books, builds libraries and schools, and provides teacher training in emerging nations.

Seward Johnson Retrospective Exhibit Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ

September 17th, Wednesday, 9:15 am

To carpool: meet at the Grand Summit Hotel back parking lot at 9:15 am, expected return about 6-6:30 pm.

Come enjoy 250+ outdoor sculptures on 42 acres with indoor Museum and Visitors center. Mobility devices may be available—call ahead to the Grounds for Sculpture to reserve.

11:30 am lunch (optional) at Rat's Restaurant in Hamilton. Pay upon arrival at the grounds (seniors \$12, adults \$15) and for lunch at Rat's.

RSVP Prudence Bradley [908-497-9201](tel:908-497-9201) (prudencebradley@comcast.net).

State Repertory Opera of New Jersey President Hedy Tukey

October 7th, Tuesday, 7-8:45 pm

New Providence Public Library Meeting Room, 377 Elkwood Ave, New Providence, NJ.

SCC's own Hedy Tukey will speak about what it's like to run an opera company. Hedy is president of the State Repertory Opera of New Jersey, which will be performing Carmen October 26. Please come and bring your friends.

Dodge Poetry Society Festival

October 23rd, Thursday, 10:00 am

Opening day of the Dodge Poetry Society Festival at various sites in, Newark. \$20 for 1 day ticket (the festival continues all weekend, ending at 3 pm on Sunday). The festival only meets every other year, and it is one of the oldest and most highly regarded poetry events in the country. For more information, contact Marylou Motto at mlmotto@earthlink.net or [908-273-1421](tel:908-273-1421) We will meet to carpool from the Grand Summit Hotel back parking lot at 10 am.

Carmen - State Repertory Opera of New Jersey

October 26th, Sunday, 4 pm, \$40/ticket.

Montclair Memorial Hall Auditorium

RSVP with check made out to SCC to Bernie DeGuzman, 7 Webster Ave, Summit, NJ, 07901

The Cloisters of The Metropolitan Museum

November 8th, Saturday, 10 am

Carpool from the Grand Summit Hotel at 10 am.

Visit to the Cloisters museum. Have lunch.

\$25 non-Met members, \$17 for seniors.

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Hildegard of Bingen

Father Gabriel Coless, O.S.B., Drew University

November 16th, Sunday, 3pm -5 pm

Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit. Father Gabriel Coless, O.S.B., popular Professor at Drew University will speak about Hildegard of Bingen, a renowned Medieval herbalist and healer, whose remedies are still relevant today, as well as a champion for women's rights. The program will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. Co-sponsored with Interweave. **Pre-register** www.interweave.org ([908-277-2120](tel:908-277-2120)) members & students: \$5; non-members \$10. At the door: Members: \$10; Non-members: \$20.

Holly Berry Champagne Brunch

December 6th (Saturday) 12:30-3:00 pm

Holly Berry Champagne Brunch at the home of Erna and Charles Hoover, 87 Tanglewood Dr., Summit, NJ 07901

Ring in the Holiday Season with friends

Cost to Members: \$25, Guests; \$20

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Sister Act at the Mayo Performing Arts Center

January 31st, Saturday, 3:00 pm

100 South St., Morristown. Cost \$49/person.

Optional lunch at Bricks, (adjacent to the Performing Arts Center) at 12:30pm (cost not included in ticket).

RSVP with checks made out to SCC to Bernie DeGuzman, 7 Webster Ave, Summit, NJ, 07901 by **December 15th** so seats in the same area can be arranged.

Ballantine House (Newark Museum)

December 11th, Thursday, 1:00pm

Visit the Ballantine House (Newark Museum) following **11:30 am** lunch (optional) at The Hat. Carpooling will depart The Hat at 1:00 pm. RSVP Prudence Bradley [908-497-9201](tel:908-497-9201) or prudencebradley@comcast.net. A minimum of 10 people are needed for the docent lead group tour. Cost: \$20 includes admission, parking and docent tour.

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Eva Jedruch speaks about the role of women in European arena during WWII

February 8th, Sunday, 3:00 pm

New Providence Public Library, 377 Elkwood Ave. SCC member Eva Jedruch will speak about the role of women in the European arena during WWII, as reflected in Eva's book about her mother's personal experience. Eva spoke two years ago about her book, and members found her presentation so interesting there have been requests for an encore. This talk will look at the role women played in Europe during WWII. A timely topic since the 70th anniversary of the end WWII in Europe is May 8, 2015.

The program committee is finalizing details for 2015. The final 2015 calendar will be included in the next bulletin:

- Book Sale April 21 – 26, 2015. Please mark your calendar now! Details to follow.
- Final timing of WomenArt is to be determined and members preference is needed for April programing.
- January program details are being finalized.
- February cultural event is to be finalized.
- Feb-April: Great Decisions Program co-sponsored by LWV and Interweave.

*****Second Thursday Lunch at the Hat*****

All are welcome to join us at 12 noon for lunch at the Hat on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Exception: December 11th lunch will begin at 11:30 am due to the Ballantine House tour scheduled at 2:00 pm that day.

BOOK CLUB - *Joan Murphy & Betty DeGuzman*

2013-2014 Books Read (PAST)

- Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power by Jon Meacham
- Condoleezza Rice: An American Life by Elizabeth Bumiller
- Space Between Us by Thirty Umriger
- The Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
- And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini
- Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh and America's Fight Over WWII by Lynne Olsen

2014-2015 Book Selection (FUTURE)

- October 7, 2014: GOLD FINCH by Donna Tartt
- November 4: BLACK BOY by Richard Wright
- January 6, 2015: LONG WALK TO FREEDOM by Nelson Mandela
- March 3, 2015: ZELDA by Scott Berd
- April 7, 2015: SHOEMAKER'S WIFE by Adriana Trigiani
- May 6, 2015: Lunch and Planning for the upcoming year.

There are currently sixteen members who meet regularly to enjoy stimulating conversation and delicious lunch. Meetings during the 2014-2015 season are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at La Foccacia's Restaurant. Kindly contact Betty DeGuzman, if you have any questions.

BRIDGE GROUP

Elaine Yamin

The Wednesday Dessert & Bridge group meets at 12:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month. New members are welcome. If you wish to join the group and participate on some Wednesdays, contact PatriciaMaryHorton@gmail.com

PUBLICITY 2014-15

Publicity is important to us for two reasons: to attract people (members and non-members) to our events *and* to increase public awareness of our organization and the kinds of things we do. To increase our membership and promote our causes, we need to put ourselves “out there.”

Content. If you are organizing an event, the easiest thing to do is to email me the facts—who, what, when, where, and why—a full 60 days before the event. If you have other information—for example, the speaker’s bio, a relevant website, or a plot summary of a play we’re going to see—please include that, too. If there’s enough information, I’ll write up a full-fledged release, run it by you or anyone else who needs to see it, and submit it to print and electronic media.

Writing. If you would like to write a few paragraphs or even the complete press release about your event, please do! Then send it me for polishing, if need be, and submission to the media. **This year, all our media submissions should come from me.**

Timing. Since many of our items will be “calendar” paragraphs only, they need to be submitted well in advance of the event. Again, please make every effort to send the essential information to me **60 days** ahead of time.

Photographs. Pictures are *always* welcome. When we send a photo with a release, it greatly increases our chance of making it into print.

Recap. 60 days before the event: Who, what, when, where, why/ Any other information you have/Photo, if possible
mlmotto@earthlink.net

Please feel free to call or write with any questions. Many thanks.

Best,

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - FINAL REPORT – 2014

Neela Pushparaj-chairperson protem; Elizabeth Anderson; Madeline Brown-Paris; Dorothy Modla and Lynne Rogerson

Four local high school graduates, out of 32 applicants, were awarded the Summit College Club Foundation Scholarships on June 1st, 2014 at Calvary Episcopal Church. Susan Cox presented the awards and the event was reported in the Independent Press.

Congratulations!



Award Recipients from left to right

Jacelyn Greenwald - SCCF Merit Scholarship, Gov. Livingston High; going to Cornell.

Emily DelGreco -Kathi C. Madison Scholarship. Millburn High; going to Cornell.

Danielle Winter- Tilla Thomas Merit Scholarship. Summit High; going to Vassar College.

Rachel Cantor- Mary K. Tennant Scholarship. Gov. Livingston High; going to Emerson College

NOTABLE QUOTE

“A ship in port is safe, but that is not what ships are built for. Sail out to sea and do new things.” — Admiral Dr. Grace Murray Hopper – Mathematician & Computer Scientist paraphrasing a quote by J.A. Shedd

MEET A MEMBER

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Sweet and Sassy by Neela Pushparaj M.D.

*Neela Pushparaj M.D.
115 Division Avenue
Summit, New Jersey*

I am a 70+ year old grandmother and a retired pathologist who enjoyed teaching as well as working as a hospital pathologist until January 2000.

I started watercolor lessons at the Summit Adult Education program and learned the rudiments of Watercolor painting from Sarita Anne Cook in 1987 at age 49. After two semesters with her, she recommended that I attend a more formal program. This led me to du'Cret, a non-accredited art school in Plainfiel ,NJ. Upon her advice, I spent a whole year going to art school on Wednesdays and the rest of the week pursuing my profession of Pathology and became addicted to painting and watercolors in particular.

I began many a work day at five in the morning so that I could paint for a few hours before leaving for the hospital and was sometimes late in getting there as I was so engrossed in my watercolors! I also took several workshops with well- known artists, especially Barbara Nechis.

My favorite way of painting is to add colors to wet or damp paper and allowing shapes to emerge from them by picking them out with negative painting. I like and use a lot of COLOR in my work; I use a veritable feast of colors in my florals which are semi-abstract to sometimes totally abstract. I am more restrained in my landscapes and still life work.

Many of my prints hang at the St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY and six of my semiabstract floral prints are in the radiology department of Atlantic City Medical Center, as a result of being chosen from a State wide competition a few years ago. I also routinely contribute paintings to fund raising for the Summit Rotary Club scholarship activity and the St Francis Hospital Foundation Several of my paintings are on display at FCGAdvisors, a local financial services firm in Chatham, NJ.

I am a member of the NJCVA, GSWCS and the Essex Watercolor Club. I exhibit with these organizations on and off and have received First place award for W/C as well as a certificate of honor from NJCVA in Summit. In the past, I have had a few solo shows at the Radiology Gallery at St Francis, which I helped start and I have exhibited at the Morristown Memorial Hospital, the Bouras office building in Summit as well as at the New Providence and Summit libraries.

For the past five years, I have been the art director of a show called WomanArt which is run by the Summit College Club for women artists of the NY-NJ-PA area at the New Providence library where artists can exhibit two dimensional art in any medium without restrictions for a small fee.

My work is well suited for many surfaces and I have an extensive portfolio. I am also willing to paint as requested by clients.



Fruit on the Vine by Neela Pushparaj M.D.

MEMBERSHIP

By Leslie Carson, Membership Chair and Ann Soper, Assistant Treasurer

Our New Members have jumped right into the activities of SCC/AAUW. Patty Horton is our new *Bulletin* Chair. Please send your news and photos to her. Lynn Rogerson is a new Director of our Summit College Club Foundation.

Several of our New Members from 2012-2013 are involved in the life of our Branch. Marylou Motto is our new Publicity Chair. Bernie DeGuzman is our SCC/AAUW Treasurer. Debbie Nedelman was our Book Sale co-coordinator this past year, and Debbie, Marylou, Sue Hirner, and Eva Jedruch are active in Book Sale planning. Eva is member of the Program Committee. As many of you recall Eva, as a brand new member, presented a wonderful program in November of 2012.

Three of our past presidents moved this year. Hyla Garlen, who brought back our Book Sale during her presidency and then chaired it for a few years, recently moved to Florida. Marie and Ken Simone are at their home in Florida waiting for their new home in Somerset to be completed. And Betty and George Conway are now living in Maplewood.

We lost four of our past presidents – Mary Alma Bushong (1974-76) died shortly after her wonderful 100th birthday celebration at her home last August. Liz Haugen (1992-94) who moved to Minneapolis but remained a SCC member, died in March. Kay Grant (1988-89) and Liv Price (1996-98) both died in July. Two long-time members also died, Virginia Van Damme in February and Gerry Walsh in July.



Mary Alma Bushong's 100th Birthday Party Aug 2013

SCC/AAUW members left to right: Ann Carty, Sue Edmondson, Ann Soper, Anita Meritt, Mary Alma, Diva Norwood, Erna Hoover, Leslie Carson, Judy Gaudino, Liv Price

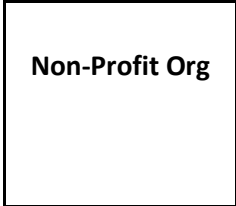
EDITOR’S COMMENTS

Patty Horton

It has been my pleasure to assemble this edition of the SCC/AAUW Bulletin. I hope you enjoy catching up on all that is going on in our branch. This issue will be e-mailed to all members on our distribution list. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact me via email at patriciamaryhorton@gmail.com.



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