

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

December 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that you all enjoyed time with family and/or friends at Thanksgiving.

Starting with activities in November we have much to be thankful for in the WCCPNJ.



- We continue to welcome new members.
- We had the opportunity to explore a local treasure and learn some history at the Militia Museum.
- We enjoyed lunch and each other's company at Chambers Walk and Seasons 52.
- We learned about the nature of and benefits and risks of Artificial Intelligence.

December can be a particularly busy month. Please join us in some of the Club activities and enjoy the holidays!

Jan Stout

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, Dec.14 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

December 18, 1:00 PM

Stockton Education Center at Morven

Guatemalan native literature, culture and history

In 2022, following 20 years of visits to the Parramos community in Guatemala, and sociolinguistic research on the local Maya Kaqchikel and Spanish languages and customs, a trilingual (Kaqchikel, Spanish, English) selection of personal narratives, stories, and traditions recorded in interviews was

published. Ms. Kahn will show some community photos, and will read and discuss some of the narratives which express people's traditions, Maya indigenous customs, experiences from the armed conflict, and the movement to include Maya culture, history and languages in the school curriculum.

Hana Muzika Kahn has a Ph.D. in comparative Literature (languages French, Spanish, German, Czech, English).

Hana is currently retired but was in the department of Spanish and Latin American Studies at Temple University. She was an editor and translator: Yax Te' Books and Maya America journal.

Hana was the coordinator of the Princeton Parramos Partnership -annual visits since 2000 to Parramos, Guatemala: community support and Maya language research.

She was an interpreter for Solidaridad, Princeton, N.J., a volunteer organization helping local immigrants with their asylum applications.

MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chair, Alyce Conlon, alymar@comcast.net or 609-448-7064.

We would like to welcome the following new members to our group.

Joanne May

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TCNJ

LuAnn Wood

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Indiana University of PA, TCNJ, Thomas Edison

LUNCHEON GROUP

On **Monday, December 11**, we will be going to PF Chang in front of Marketfair for lunch at noon.

If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson, bonniejarson63@comcast.net.

HISTORY INTEREST GROUP

The Dec 4 meeting is cancelled so that members can join the trip to the State Capital. The Dec 11 meeting is still on, because the historians can meet (in the usual Barnhart Room) 9:30 - 11:30 and be done in time to get to PF Chang's by noon.

Wanted: a member who would like to write a short blurb or tidbit about our history in each newsletter. Please contact Doris Ju: Dorisju@hotmail.com.

TRIPS

On **Monday, December 4, 2023**, the WCCP will be visiting the New Jersey State Capitol in Trenton. We are scheduled for an 11:00 AM sharp tour of the building which will last an hour. We will lunch at Mikonos Restaurant in Ewing following our tour. There is an underground parking garage at the State House as well as metered street parking. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 28 to Barbara Rinaldo, Barbe017@aol.com or call or text 743-742-2828. We hope you will join us.

On Tuesday, November 10th, nine members visited the National Guard Militia Museum in Lawrenceville. The tour was led by two gentlemen who served in the national guard. We were honored to have a lovely gentleman join our group, Connie's husband Spyros. We learned that he had served in Greece and shared a bit of his history and pointed out a firearm that he actually used. It was so nice to meet him.

The fun day culminated with a delicious lunch at Chambers Walk Cafe!

PICTURES FROM THE MUSEUM TRIP



BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart room on the lower level at 11 AM on **Friday, Dec. 1** to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

Our next book will be *We Were the Mulvaney*s by Joyce Carol Oates. We will meet at 11 AM in the Barnhart room on January 26.

The book for February 23 will be *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

All members are welcome. If you would like to participate in this group, please contact Joan Goodman, joan2larry@aol.com.

NEW INTEREST GROUP

Understanding Our Cultural Diversity

A few of us are exploring the formation of an interest group that would invite 2 or 3 individuals from different cultural backgrounds or life experiences to share their stories at each gathering. The purpose would be for participants to better understand the challenges and blessings experienced by people who come from contexts that differ from the dominant culture around them. If you have any interest in participating in such a group, please let Jackie Bloom (jackiebloom@comcast.net) and Nancy Duff (nancy.duff@protonmail.com) know.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER...



LuAnn Wood received her education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Trenton State College (TCNJ), and Thomas Edison State College. She holds teaching certificates in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education and is one course short of completing a Master's of Science in Management at TESC.

She started her work life in retail management and training with The Childrens' Place. Volunteering in her children's preschool led her to find her passion. LuAnn had a joyful and fulfilling 35-year career as an Early Childhood Professional. She held positions as teacher, director, curriculum specialist and administrator and was an officer on the local and state Affiliate Boards of a national childcare organization. She ended her career as the Vice President of Lakeview Child Center for 17 years.

In retirement, she continues to work with children as a Girl Scout Troop Leader and as a Kindergarten ROBIN in the Hamilton Township School District. She sings with The Hopewell Valley Chorus and looks for ways to support the community as a volunteer. She lives in Hamilton and enjoys music and concerts, live theater, traveling, museums, and cooking.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...



This month we are highlighting Sandy Stein, chair of our Scholarship Committee.

Sandy was born and grew up in Freeport, Illinois, attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, majoring in Russian. After 2 years of teaching, she attended Northern Illinois University receiving her Master's Degree in Counseling and her Doctorate in Educational Psychology. She taught at the University of South Carolina, then Northern Illinois University.

At the age of 30 she moved to New Jersey to teach at Rider University for 35 years. Janet Reiche and Barbara Johnson encouraged her to join the Women's College Club of Princeton, which she did. She had the good fortune to be appointed to the Scholarship Committee, where she has served for 5 years, 3 as a member, and 2 as chairperson.

She recommends this committee highly to anyone with an interest in it, as it is most rewarding to meet the outstanding young women who apply.

Traveling is one of her top interests, and has been in all 50 states and all the continents. Reading is another interest, especially historical fiction. She enjoys playing bridge the old-fashioned way. She likes to be active when she joins something. She is an Elder in her church and Treasurer in her homeowner's community. She plans to join the reading group and the lunching out group when she finishes some of her leadership roles.

Joining the College Club of Princeton has been a great way to meet new people, make new friends, while doing activities you enjoy. She recommends it highly.

HOSPITALITY

The following members contributed refreshments for the November meeting;

Mary Bell
Diane Zompa
Danuta Buzdygan

Barbara Bart
Debbie Shuman
Betty Baran
Myra Slatoff
Kathy Hutchins
Lorraine Haucke

Many thanks for your generosity. Thanks also to
Connie Loukatos, Marilyn Gonyo, Betty Ann
Clayton for assisting.

Lorraine Haucke
Chris Greges
Hospitality

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Book Discussion	Friday, Dec 1, 11 AM
Trip	Mon, Dec. 4, 11 AM
History Group	Mon. Dec. 11 9:30 – 11:30
Luncheon	Mon. Nov. 11, noon
Board Meeting	Thurs. Dec. 14, 10 AM
General Meeting	Monday, Dec. 18, 1 PM

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PICTURES FROM OUR NOV. MEETING



The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Come join us on Monday, **December 18, 2023**
from **1 PM to 3 PM** at
the Stockton Education Center at the Morven Museum
55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540



A Maya Kaqchikel Family 1993 (Wikimedia)

Speaker:
Hana Muzika Kahn

On

**"Maya and Spanish
Languages and Cultures
in a Town in Guatemala"**

A cordial greeting in local Kaqchikel language: Nintäq rutzil awäch

Prof. Dr. Hana Muzika Kahn recently retired from teaching languages and cultures in Europe, South America, and USA, and since 2000 has conducted research about Spanish and Maya cultures and languages in the town of Parramos, Guatemala. She will give a Power Point presentation about the community and discuss a trilingual book of stories, legends, experiences, and traditions transcribed from recordings made during several years of interviews with community members.

For further information, visit our club website at:
wccpnj.org