

# The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

## February 2025

### President's Message

It's February - Happy Valentine's Day!

Fortunately, the snow held off on the day of the celebration of Kathy Hutchins, and a number of members were able to attend. Those of us able to participate in paying tribute to Kathy enjoyed talking with her family and seeing photos. Her daughter Elizabeth has her mother's quick wit. Both her daughter and Connie Loukatos spoke of Kathy's love for the WCCPNJ, its mission, and its members. (See below for Connie's comments about Kathy in 2021, when a scholarship in Kathy's name was created.)

Photos of our Club history are in a slide set which will again be shown at the General meeting prior to the introduction of the speaker. Historical photos are also on the posters near the sign-in table.

It's not too soon to think about serving on the Board in September. Connie Loukatos is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. If you have any questions about the various roles don't hesitate to ask her or me.

**Jan Stout**

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### BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, February 13 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor library.

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### MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome. If you know someone who wishes to join the Women's College Club of Princeton, please contact Alyce Conlon, [alymar@comcast.net](mailto:alymar@comcast.net) or 609-448-7064 or LuAnn Wood, [luannwood16@gmail.com](mailto:luannwood16@gmail.com), 609-731-6680.



### GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, February 17, at 1 PM**  
Stockton Education Center at Morven

### Raising Awareness of African American Artists

**Speaker: Joyce Felsenfeld**

Joyce Felsenfeld, a docent at the Princeton University Art Museum, will give an art talk on Monday, February 17, titled "Raising Awareness of African American Artists". The talk is especially pertinent during February, which is Black History Month.

The talk will feature artists from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including an artist who was once a slave.

Black artists faced significant barriers to attain acceptance into art schools in the US until the 1960's when segregation was ruled unconstitutional. There will be a variety of artists, styles, and themes in the artwork that will be shown and discussed.

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### BOOK GROUP



For those who enjoy reading a book each month, we will meet at 11:00 PM. on **Friday, February 28** at the Barnhart Room at Windrows.

We will be discussing *Marriage of Opposites* By Alice Hoffman.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Joan Goodman, [joan2larry@aol.com](mailto:joan2larry@aol.com) or 609-799-4433.

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## LUNCHING OUT GROUP

On **Friday, February 21**, members will meet at **Salt Creek Grill at 12:00**. There is parking in the lot in front of the building.

Please let Bonnie Larson know by Tuesday, Feb. 18 if you would like to join us by calling 609-655-2663, or email [bonniejarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejarson63@comcast.net).

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## TRIPS

Our February trip will be to the **New Jersey State Museum** located at 195-205 West State Street in Trenton. The trip will be Wednesday **February 26th at 10:30 AM**.

Tours are offered for groups of 15 or more so if you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible and mark it on your calendar.

You will also have a chance to sign up at the WCCP general meeting on Monday, February 17th. At that time, the restaurant will be posted as well as signups for carpools. If you are interested in volunteering to drive, please let me know. Thank you. Barbara Rinaldo, [Barbe017@aol.com](mailto:Barbe017@aol.com) 732-743-2827

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## HISTORY GROUP

The WCCP History Interest Group will now be meeting on the second Monday morning each month. However, we are cancelling February 10 because our Historian Doris Ju will be travelling in Asia. The next meetings are **March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9**, then we break for the summer. The time and location remain the same — 9:30 to 11:30 in Windrows' Barnhart Room. Doris: 917-520-8653

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## NEW INTEREST GROUPS

Do you have an interest that you think other members would like to participate in it? We are open to forming new groups and we will publicize them in our newsletter. If you have any group that you would like to form, please contact Bonnie Larson at [bonniejarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejarson63@comcast.net).

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Amy Rowen is a new College Club member. She lives at Windrows. *Welcome!*



In 1964 my family moved to Rocky Hill. Prior to that we had lived in Iowa, New York State, California, Wisconsin and the Netherlands. I attended the old Witherspoon School on Quarry St. in Princeton, for junior high and then Princeton High School, where I graduated in 1969. I went to Indiana University/ Bloomington, and graduated with a B.A. in Fine Arts. Following that I took night courses at School of Visual Arts and got an Honorary Degree.

I lived in New York City for 28 years, and worked as an illustrator and portrait painter. In 2005 I got a Masters of Social Work from New York University. I worked as a Social Worker from then until I retired from my job at the VA in Northampton, MA in 2022.

I moved back to the Princeton area in September of 2024. I am currently working as a portrait artist. My daughter lives in Brooklyn with her husband and 2 children, ages 4 and 18 months. My interests include reading, cooking, walking, swimming, British murder mysteries, history, and oil painting.

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## A note from a scholarship recipient

From Morgan Haley, a 2024 scholarship recipient who is currently a freshman at the University of Richmond. January 13, 2025.

Greetings,  
Thank you so much for your letter. It warms my heart to know that you're still thinking of me.

So far, I've truly loved every aspect of my college experience. I feel incredibly blessed to have made such amazing friends at the very beginning of the school year. I couldn't imagine my life without the community I've built in just these few months. Their presence brings constant happiness and laughter, and they've been a tremendous support system for me.

I've also been fortunate to meet and have such incredible, passionate professors who are dedicated

to helping students like me get the most out of their learning. Their infectious enthusiasm has inspired me and heightened my own excitement about the coursework and career opportunities I want to pursue. From reading psychological and sociological studies to building a foundational understanding of politics in my public policy and comparative politics classes, and diving deeper into education policy and the history of public schools in America, I've enjoyed every aspect of my studies. While school can be stressful at times, my teachers and coursework have reassured me that I'm on the right path to finding the perfect career for myself. I feel confident and happy in my academic pursuits.

I've officially decided to pursue PPEL (Politics, Philosophy, Economics, and Law) as my major, with the goal of completing a double minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Data Science and Statistics.

On campus, I'm involved in six organizations. One of my biggest commitments is WILL, a nationally recognized program for students exploring gender and social justice issues both in and out of the classroom. My second biggest extracurricular is Blockcrew, one of the campus dance companies. Dance has become my main form of exercise, and I absolutely love the supportive community within the troupe. Blockcrew has really helped me grow as a dancer. We're currently preparing for our spring showcase, which I'm very excited about. I'm also actively involved in other organizations, including the Black Student Association, West Indie Lynk (our Caribbean student association), and the NAACP's political action committee, where I've participated in campus canvassing and voter registration initiatives. Additionally, I'm a member of the crochet club, which has been a great creative outlet for me!

Beyond these activities, I work part-time as a data entry assistant in the advancement office, and I'll be part of a spring research team focusing on the design aspect of a project to build a digital archive of activism on campus around gender-based violence.

All in all, I've been doing my best to make the most of everything college has to offer while maintaining balance and finding time to have fun. Thank you again for checking in on me. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the luncheon, as I'll be in Virginia conducting research with the goal of producing a publishable paper during this time.

## A SAD FAREWELL

As you already know, we lost a wonderful dedicated member of our club last month, Kathy Hutchins.

Below is a tribute to Kathy from Connie Loukatos.

*Kathy was President for NINE years including the two years that we met on Zoom because of the pandemic.*

*She has given her time to numerous members that needed help throughout the years, driving them to meetings and trips, visiting members when sick, etc.*

*Her generosity was extraordinary. She hosted breakfasts in January for the entire membership at the Nassau Club. It was another opportunity for the members to meet and enjoy our friendships in beautiful surroundings.*

*In addition her wit was remarkable. Who else can discuss Lewis and Clark, the autobiography of Alice B. Toklas and make it fun and interesting?*

We will all miss Kathy and her gigantic bowl of fruit at each meeting.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Board Meeting	Thurs. Feb 13, 10 AM
General Meeting	Monday, Feb 17, 1 PM
Luncheon	Fri. Feb 21, Noon
Trip	Tues. Feb 26, 10:30 AM
Book Discussion	Friday, Feb 28, 11 AM
History Group	Mon. Mar 10, 9:30 – 11:30 (No meeting in Feb.)

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## A Page from The Club History



**MODEL BEHAVIOR:** Members of The Women's College Club of Princeton modeled apparel from the Dandeline Shop in Princeton at their recent Fashion Show Luncheon at the Present Day Club. The event is one of the club's two annual fund-raisers for the college scholarships awarded each year to young women graduates of Princeton-area secondary schools. The models are, in front from left, Barbara Rubano, Janet Rubinstein, Ruth Freed, and Martha Mathews; and in back, Diana Cedeno, Mary Lincoln, Nancy Luck, Dee Cantrell, and Doris Tazelaar.

Around the time of 2009-2010, the Women's College Club of Princeton hosted Fashion Show luncheons to raise funds for college scholarships awarded to young women graduates of Princeton-area secondary school, as this clipping from Town Topics indicated. There are other photographs of the Fashion Shows from our archives that do not have proper captioning as this color one. Can anyone help identify which year this was and who were the models?

# *The Women's College Club of Princeton*

*"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"*

Come join us on Monday, **February 17, 2025**  
from **1 PM to 3 PM** at  
*the Stockton Education Center at the Morven Museum*  
55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

**Speaker:**

**Joyce Felsenfeld**

**Docent, Princeton University Art Museum**

presents

## *"Raising Awareness of African American Artists"*



In Harriet Tubman I Helped Hundreds to  
Freedom, by Elizabeth Catlett, 1946



The Migrants Arrive and Cast Their Ballots,  
By Jacob Lawrence, 1974

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*For further information about WCCP, visit our club website at:*

**wccpnj.org**