

# The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

## November 2025

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are approaching the holiday season already! The leaves are turning, and it is definitely fall.

We currently have 105 members! Our goal this year is to reach 110, the number of years that our club has been in existence. We will celebrate our anniversary in February.

Recently, some of our members have again been contacted in email by scammers. **DO NOT** buy gift cards, pay money to alternate pay systems such as Venmo or send money to any other groups that the scammers think up. Before you do anything, please contact me or one of the other officers. Unfortunately, we have had some of our members fell prey to these people and lost money. The only money we collect from our members is for membership renewal, our year-end luncheon or if a member would like to donate money to hospitality or the scholarship fund.

We have had two great programs this fall. The program for this month should be extremely interesting. I do hope all of you can attend. Don't forget, we have trips, lunches and book discussions. You are invited to come to any or all of them.

*Bonnie Larson*

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### MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chair, Alyce Conlon, [alymar@comcast.net](mailto:alymar@comcast.net) or 609-448-7064 or LuAnn Wood, [luannwood16@gmail.com](mailto:luannwood16@gmail.com).

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### NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 17, 1:00 PM  
Stockton Education Center at Morven

*"Haven or Hell: Jews in the Philippines during World War II"*

Our speaker, Sandy Lanman is an award-winning writer and public relations professional. She had been a staff writer for the Home News in New Brunswick, had worked as a public relations professional at the Crossroads Theatre as well as Rutgers University, and is on the Board of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission. In 2024 at an international genealogy conference, she presented this talk she is giving us.

At our meeting, she will tell the story of the rescue of 1,300 mostly German Jews and the terrors they faced during Japanese rule in the Philippines. We will learn of the surprising role her grandmother played in the history of the period.

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### BOARD MEETING

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

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### NEW DIRECTORIES

Our new directories will be ready for you to pick up at the November meeting. They will be on a table outside of the meeting room. Please stop and pick yours up. They are very costly to mail, so we want to give out as many as possible at the meeting.

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### LUNCH OUT

The next lunch out will be on **Friday, December 19** at noon at Chambers Walk Cafe in Lawrenceville. If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson 609-655-2663 or [bonniejlarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejlarson63@comcast.net).

## ENDOWMENT NEWS

We would like to give a big thank you to Margaret Bartlett for her generous gift to the endowment fund.

Margaret has a family office through which she funds scholarships in the memory of her late husband. We will be able to give scholarships to young women for the foreseeable future with the gift she has given us.

Thank you, Margaret. We appreciate your generosity.



## TRIP GROUP

On **Wednesday November 12**, we are going to the State Police Museum in Ewing, NJ.

We will meet at 11 am at the museum for an one-hour to 45-minute tour. (Several people I know have gone on the tour before and they found it interesting)

Location: 1040 River Road  
Ewing, NJ 08628

When you get to Trooper Drive, you will get to the Guard Shack---- just say you're going to the Museum, and they'll let you through.

Afterwards, we will go to Cattani Restaurant in Ewing (close by to the museum)  
1569 Parkview Ave.  
Ewing Twp, NJ 08628

Please send an email to Connie and indicate in the Subject Line "Police Museum" if you are going to join us.

## DECEMBER TRIP

On **Friday December 12**, we will be going to the "Christmas in the Castle Tour" at Bryn Athyn. The tickets are \$12 and the tour begins at 1:30---they would like us there at 1:15.

We will be going to a local restaurant prior to the tour.

There will be more information in the December newsletter.

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## HOSPITALITY

I would like to once again thank all of those who brought food and drinks to the October meeting. We had a nice variety of foods to share with our members. I also would like to thank Chris Grege and Marilyn Gonyo for their invaluable help in setting up the Hospitality table each week for me! A great big thank you to Diana Griffin for faithfully putting on the coffee and hot water for tea each and every

week. She has a very special place in our WCCP members' hearts!

If you have signed up to bring items for the November 17th meeting, please have your offerings at Morven by 12:45 so our members can begin eating at 12:55

#### NOVEMBER SIGNEES

##### Savory

1. Esther W
2. Barbara R

##### Sweets

1. Melanie G
2. Betty B
3. Janet R.
4. Flo Wininger

##### Drinks

1. Betty Ann C.
2. Marlene G.

I will email a reminder a week before the November meeting. Thank you in advance.

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#### HELP WANTED

If you have knowledge of graphics programs and are willing to help update our slide presentation and website, please contact Bonnie Larson, [bonniejarson63@comcast.net](mailto:bonniejarson63@comcast.net) or 609-655-2663.

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#### BOOK GROUP

We are not meeting on November 28, because it is Thanksgiving weekend. The book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart Room on the terrace level at 11 AM on **Friday, December 5** to discuss *Mockingbird Summer* by Lynda Rutledge. We all enjoyed *West with Giraffes* so much that we decided to read another one of Lynda Rutledge's books.

After lunch we go upstairs to the café for lunch. If you would like to participate in this group, please contact Joan Goodman ([joan2larry@aol.com](mailto:joan2larry@aol.com)).

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#### Dates to Remember

Trip/Lunch	Wed. Nov. 12, 11 AM
Board Meeting	Thurs. Nov. 13, 10 AM
General Meeting	Monday, Nov. 17, 1 PM
Book Discussion	Friday, Dec. 5, 11 AM
Trip (Bryn Athyn)	Friday, Dec. 12, 1:15 PM
Lunch Out	Friday, Dec. 19, noon

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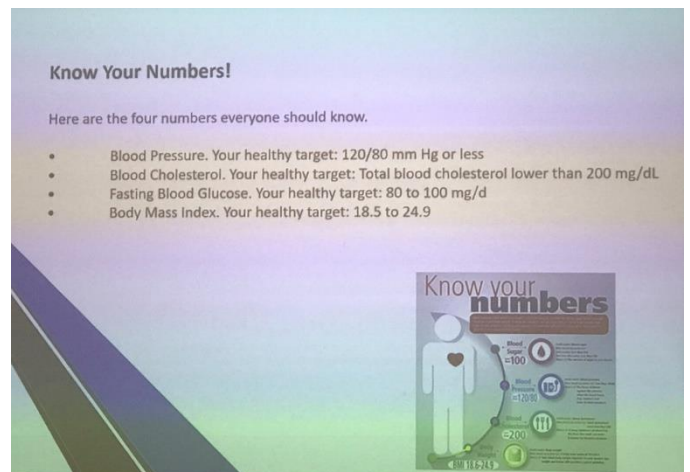
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#### OCTOBER 20, 2025, MEETING PHOTOS

Speaker: Lisa Crusier, LPN

"Empowering Patients:



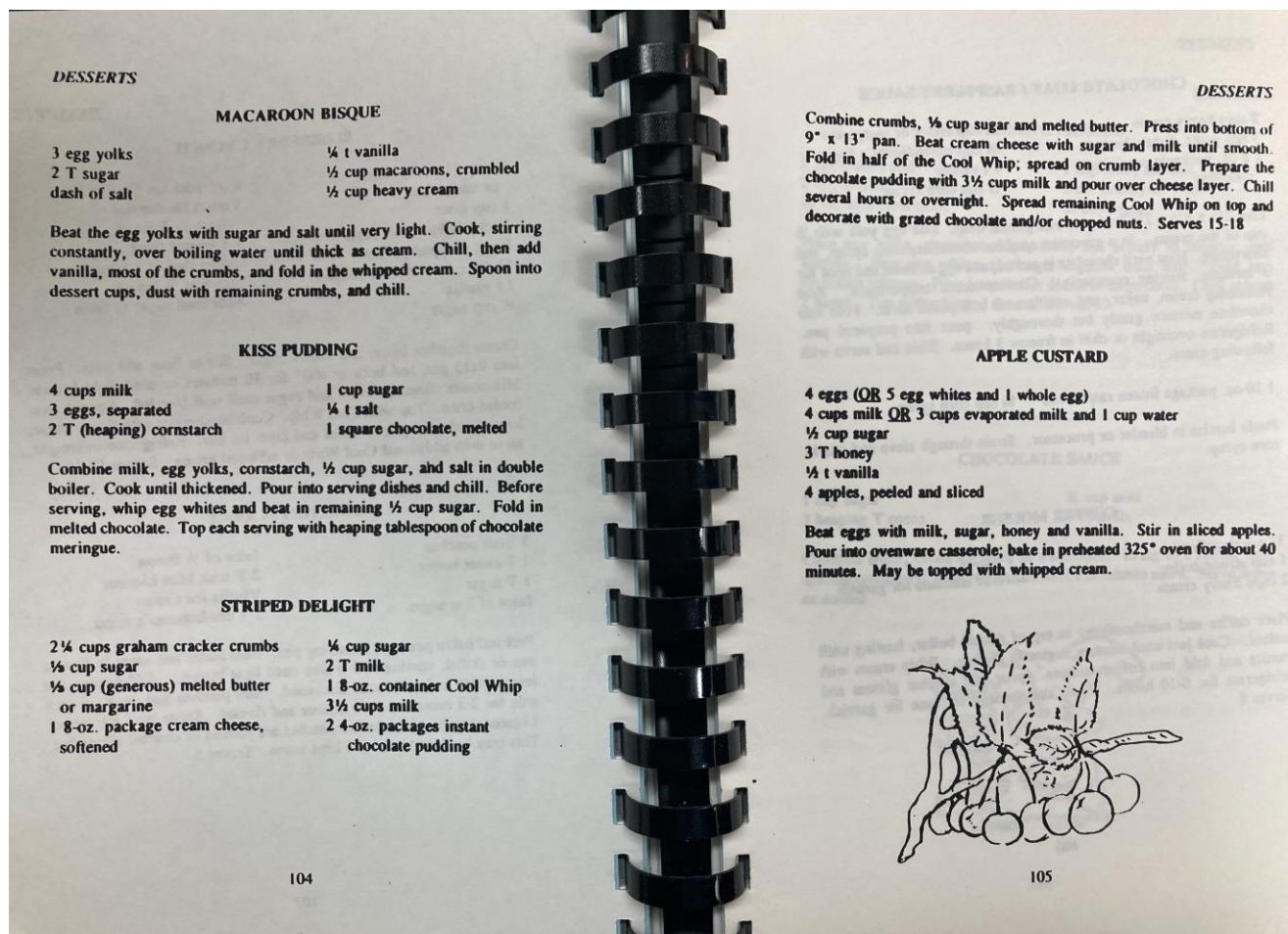
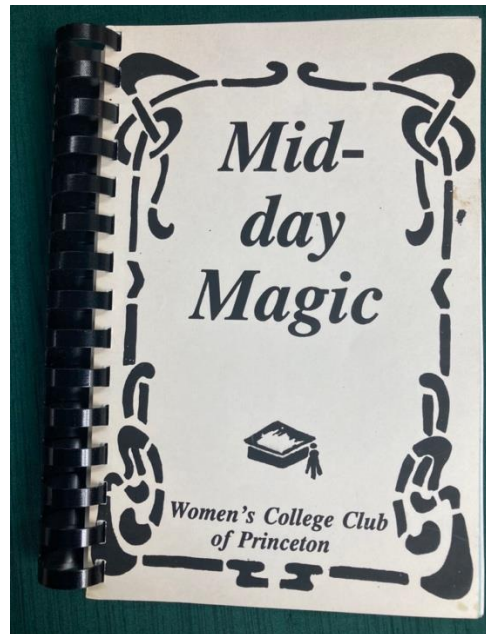




**OCTOBER 20, 2025, MEETING PHOTOS**  
Photos credits: Patrish Shalestik and  
Barbara Rinaldo



A PAGE FROM OUR CLUB HISTORY  
AN ARTIFACT FROM OUR CLUB ARCHIVES  
BOOK COVER and 2 PAGES FROM THE WCCP COOKBOOK  
(PUBLICATION YEAR UNKNOWN)





# *The Women's College Club of Princeton*

*"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"*

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

Speaker:

**Sandra Lanman**

on

**Haven or Hell?**  
**Jews in the Philippines**  
**During WWII**  
**A story of hope, terror,**  
**and survival**



Our presenter, Sandra Lanman, will tell the story of the rescue of 1,300 mostly German Jews and the terrors they faced during Japanese rule in the Philippines. We will learn of the surprising role her grandmother played in the history of the period.

Sandy is an award winning writer and public relations professional. She had been a staff writer for the Home News in New Brunswick, had worked as a public relations professional at the Crossroads Theatre as well as Rutgers University, and is on the Board of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission. In 2024 she presented a talk on today's topic at an international genealogy conference.

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**wccpnj.org**