#### The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter January 2026

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year! It is now 2026! It is hard to believe that a new year has arrived. I hope that everyone has a very happy and healthy year.

In this new year we will be celebrating our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Originally we

were going to celebrate in January, but the board decided that we should wait until April. Thus, we will need volunteers for refreshments for the January meeting. If you would like to bring something, please contact Barbara Rinaldo. She would appreciate it.

This month we welcome three new members, bringing our total membership to 108. We are just two shy of our goal of 110.

We have some interesting programs lined up for the coming months. We do hope that you will come to our general meeting as well as our small group meetings. We look forward to seeing you this month.

Bonnie Larson

#### **BOARD MEETING**

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Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, January 8 at 10 AM at the West Windsor Library.

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### **JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

Monday, January 19, 1:00 PM

#### Stockton Education Center at Morven

#### The Watershed Institute and Your Community



This presentation will provide an overview of the issues facing local waterways and the ways in which the Watershed Institute is working with community members to

address them. Topics covered will include an overview of partnerships with local municipalities to develop regional watershed plans to address flooding and improve water quality and community water testing programs that offer an opportunity for people of all ages to get involved with monitoring for road salt impacts on local waterways and to monitor waterways for harmful algal blooms. The presentation will include an introduction to StreamWatch Schools, a program that connects students to their local waterways and builds STEM skills, as well as opportunities to connect to the "joy of nature" through programs with our naturalists. Jim will also speak about the Nature Play area and other areas of The Watershed Institute that are enjoyed by children of all ages.

Jim Waltman has served as Executive Director of The Watershed Institute since April 2005. With more than thirty years of experience in the conservation field, he serves as a go-to resource for government officials and community leaders on how to best protect clean water and the environment throughout the region. Jim has led the Watershed through a period of strong program expansion and accomplishment. He spearheaded the broadening of the organization's mission and change to its name and brand, as well as the creation of the Watershed Center for Environmental Advocacy Science & Education, a LEED-Platinum facility that has garnered a number of prominent awards for sustainability and innovation.

Prior to joining the Watershed, Jim was director of the refuges and wildlife program for The Wilderness Society in Washington D.C. For 10 years he represented the Society on issues relating to the National Wildlife Refuge System, Alaska public lands, endangered species, and other wildlife matters before Congress, federal agencies, the media and the public. He spent five years as a wildlife specialist at the National Audubon Society before joining The Wilderness Society.

Jim is also a member of the State Agriculture
Development Committee, which oversees New
Jersey's farmland preservation program, and is a
founding board member of ReThink Energy NJ, a
non-profit organization that seeks a rapid transition
from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy. Jim has
a biology degree from Princeton University and a
Master of Environmental Studies from the Yale
School of the Environment.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you know of women who would like to join our club, please contact Membership Chairs, Alyce Conlon, <a href="mailto:alymar@comcast.net">alymar@comcast.net</a> or 609-448-7064 or LuAnn Wood, <a href="mailto:luannwood16@gmail.com">luannwood16@gmail.com</a>.

Please add the following new members to your new directories:

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Laura Steinberg 37A Tinton Avenue Eatontown, NJ 07724 732-336-9860 (cell) Lss1421@aol.com Kean University

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#### **LUNCH OUT**

The next lunch out will be on Monday, January 12 at noon at PF Chang at Marketfair. We have always been able get separate checks there. If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson 609-655-2663 or bonniejlarson63@comcast.net.

#### **TRIP GROUP**

**JANUARY TRIP** 



On **Thursday, January 22**, we will be going to The Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie. We will meet there at noon to see their exhibit of 30 quilts. After the tour, we will have lunch at a local restaurant.

If you are interested in going, please contact Connie Loukatos, <a href="mailto:esloukatos@comcast.net">esloukatos@comcast.net</a> or 609-577-3415.

#### HOSPITALITY

Happy New Year! Thank you again for all of your help in always providing refreshments and monetary donations for our hospitality table at meetings. I really do appreciate your help.

I will be reaching out, in the next week, for volunteers for January. No drinks will be needed for this month. See you on January 19, 2026!

Barbara 732-742-2827

#### **BOOK GROUP**

The book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart Room on the terrace level at **10:30 AM** on **Friday, January 30 to** discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by* Rebecca Skloot.

#### Please note that our new meeting time is 10:30 AM.

We will be reading *The Fifth Gospel* by Ian Caldwell in February.

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

#### **Dates to Remember**

Board Meeting Thursday, Jan. 8, 10 AM Lunch Out Monday, Jan. 12, noon General Meeting Monday, Jan. 19, 1 PM Trip/Lunch Thursday, Jan. 22, noon Book Discussion Friday, Jan. 30, 10:30 AM

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# TRIP PICTURES – BRYN ATHYN December 12, 2025







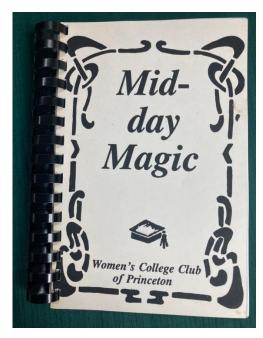


December 15, 2025 GENERAL MEETING PICTURES: Holiday songs by THE ARABELLAS

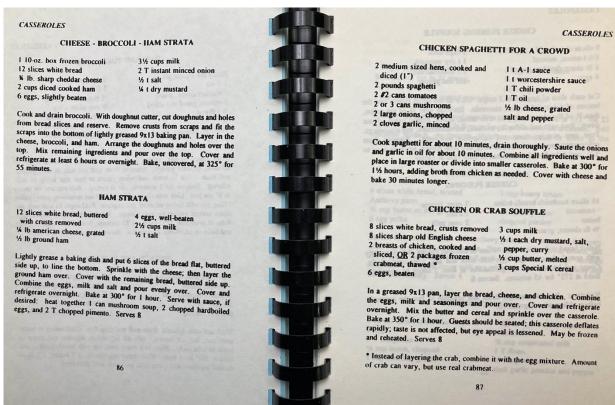




# A PAGE FROM OUR CLUB HISTORY AN ARTIFACT FROM OUR CLUB ARCHIVES BOOK COVER and *MORE* PAGES FROM THE WCCP COOKBOOK (PUBLICATION YEAR UNKNOWN)







# The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Come join us on Monday, **January 19, 2026**from **1 PM to 3 PM** at
the Stockton Education Center at the Morven
Museum



Speaker:
Jim Waltman
Executive Director of
The Watershed Institute



#### **Topic:**

# "The Watershed Institute And Your Community"

Jim Waltman will give an overview of the Watershed Institute and how it is working with community members to address waterways issues. Topics covered will be flooding, water quality, water testing programs, monitoring waterways for harmful algal blooms, and partnerships with local municipalities. We will also hear about StreamWatch Schools, a program that connects students to their local waterways and builds STEM skills, opportunities to connect to nature with a naturalist, and the Nature Play area for children.

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