

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

February 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I sit here watching the snow fall, I am trying to remember a snowier winter than this one.

Unfortunately, I decided to err on the side of caution and canceled our January meeting. Now here we are, another weekend with snow in

the forecast. Hopefully our February meeting will bring nice weather.

Our February speaker will present a wonderful slideshow featuring birds in our area. The slides are beautiful.

Once again, some of our members received scam emails asking you to buy gift cards for service members. Please just delete these emails. We have this happen several times every year. Unfortunately, in the past, some of our members got caught in the scams and lost money. Please know that we do not ask you to contribute to any fund other than our scholarship fund.

Stay safe and warm. See you in February.

Bonnie Larson

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, February 12 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor Library.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 16, 1:00 PM

Stockton Education Center at Morven



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join our all-year round resident birds for a colorful, musical season. Their migration is timed to arrive during the explosion of protein-rich larva, aka caterpillars, a primary food for baby songbirds. 14% of our native plants make up 90% of the caterpillar food that drives the food webs. Birds are fascinating creatures, watchable wildlife, in whose world we live.

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MEMBERSHIP

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

LUNCH OUT

The next lunch out will be on Wednesday, February 11 at noon at Capuano on Clarksville Rd.

If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson 609-655-2663 or bonniejarson63@comcast.net.

TRIP GROUP

JANUARY 15 TRIP to the Trenton City Museum Ellarslie exhibition of 30 quilts



February 25 trip to Johnson and Johnson Powerhouse Museum 2 pm Wednesday

Located in the 1907-built Powerhouse, the oldest building on the company's global headquarters campus in New Brunswick, NJ, the Johnson & Johnson Powerhouse Museum showcases the remarkable people and ideas behind the world's largest healthcare company.

Through storytelling and immersive experiences, visitors can explore and discover the global impact of Johnson & Johnson's 135 years of caring and pioneering innovation.

This is a guided tour that begins at 2 pm. To be sure we get there on time, lunch will be on your own.

Guests must be preregistered.

Please send me your name by February 10, so that Connie can send an excel sheet to J & J.

Indicate J&J trip on the subject of the email to : esloukatos@comcast.net

The Museum is located at 501 George Street, New Brunswick.

There is parking at the museum as well as at One Johnson & Johnson Plaza — directly across the street from the Powerhouse.

The tour will begin in the front lobby.

If you are interested in going, please contact Connie Loukatos, esloukatos@comcast.net or 609-577-3415.

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.

For **February 27**, Friday, we will be discussing *The Fifth Gospel* by Ian Caldwell. The book group will meet at Windrows in the Barnhart Room on the terrace level at **10:30 AM**

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

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HOSPITALITY

Thank you to everyone who had planned and purchased food for the WCCP January meeting which was cancelled due to the weather. I have been eating hardboiled eggs for the last five days, which was to have been egg salad sandwiches! Lol!

The members who had signed up for the February 16th meeting are:

*Savory: Barbara Rinaldo, Lisa Molis, and Nancy Varga

*Sweets: Janet Reiche, Cindy Kramer, Esther Whalen, and Juliann Edelstein

* No need to bring extra drinks for this month.

Barbara Rinaldo
732-742-2827

Getting to know you

This month we are introducing you to a new member, Vivianne Rodriguez Silverstein.

Vivianne has a BA from the University of Puerto Rico and an MA in Clinical Psychology from the University of Puerto Rico. She received her PhD in school psychology from Temple University.

Vivianne has been a psychologist in private practice in the assessment and programming for services to Spanish dominant and bilingual populations. She consults in cases of abuse and neglect of children.

Previously, she was a school psychologist and Child Study Team Coordinator in the Princeton Regional School district.

Vivianne has a school psychologist certificate in NJ and PA and is a licensed psychologist in PA.

She is in the American Psychological Association, and the Latin American Women's Group of Princeton.

Vivianne enjoys cooking, traveling, listening to classical music and spending quality time with family and close friends. Welcome, Vivianne!

IN MEMORIUM

We are sad to announce that Gay Culin passed away several weeks ago. Gay was an active member and was on the board for many years. We will miss Gay's laugh and sense of humor.

Dates to Remember

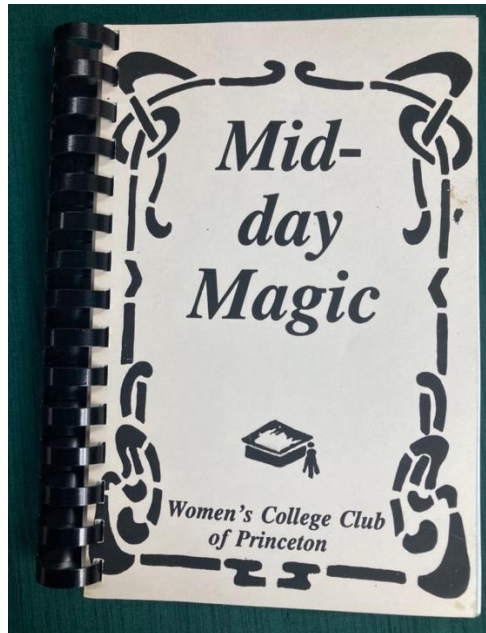
Book Discussion	Friday, Jan. 30, 10:30 AM
Lunch Out	Wednesday, Feb 11, noon
Board Meeting	Thursday, Feb 12, 10 AM
General Meeting	Monday, Feb 16, 1 PM
Trip	Wednesday, Feb 25, 2 PM
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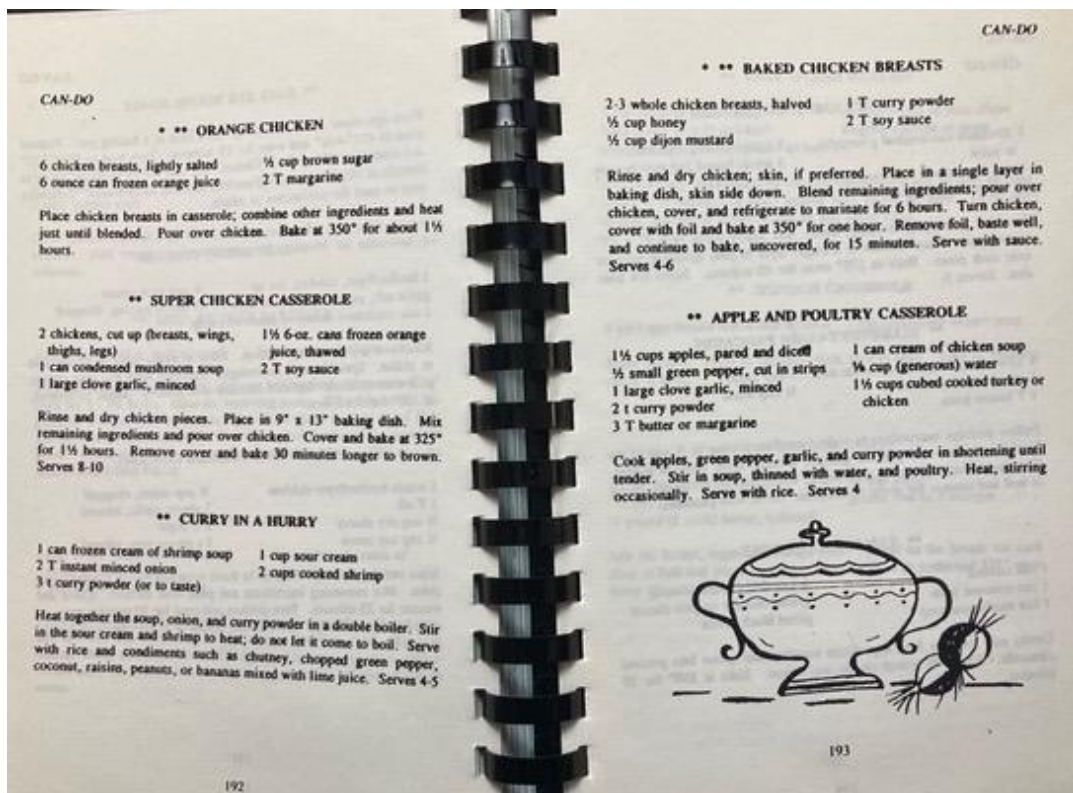
Website: www.wccpnj.org

A PAGE FROM OUR CLUB HISTORY

AN ARTIFACT FROM OUR CLUB ARCHIVES: BOOK COVER and **CAN-DO RECIPES** FROM THE WCCP COOKBOOK (PUBLICATION YEAR UNKNOWN)



CAN-DO RECIPES



The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Come join us on Monday, **February 16, 2026**
from **1 PM to 3 PM** at
the Stockton Education Center at the Morven Museum
55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540



Speaker:

Kathy Easton

Founder and Director at About **Birds**
LLC.

Topic:

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