

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

March 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I don't know about you, but I have had enough of this winter! I can't remember having a winter with all the snow, ice and cold weather. Thank goodness March is almost here.

April will be a busy month for us. We are going to have our New Member Tea on Monday, April 13th. All new members will be invited to come and on April 20, at our April meeting, we will celebrate our 110th anniversary.

We have a new member this month, which makes our total 109. One more new member and we will reach our goal of 110.

The program that we missed in January has been rescheduled for next year. We have two more great programs, then we have the scholarship awards, and our end of the year luncheon in June. This year has flown by and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. Hopefully the snow is past and we will celebrate the spring.

Bonnie Larson

BOARD MEETING

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

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 16, 1:00 PM

Stockton Education Center at Morven

Judge Phil S. Carchman will speak to us on the topic of "The Art of Judging." He will present an inside view of the official judicial system and will explain how one becomes a judge. He will discuss other issues as well, including the perception of politics on the decision-making process and the interaction of judges and justices on the final opinion.



Judge Carchman began his judicial career in 1973 when he was appointed to the part-time position of Municipal Court Judge of Princeton Township and Princeton Borough. In 1981, Governor Brendan T. Byrne appointed him to the office of Mercer County Prosecutor, and he served in that position until 1986 when Governor Thomas Kean appointed Judge Carchman to the Superior Court of New Jersey. He was reappointed by Governor James Florio in 1993.

In 1995, he was designated by Chief Justice Robert Wilentz to serve as Assignment Judge of the Mercer Vicinage. Chief Justice Deborah Poritz appointed Judge Carchman to the Appellate Division in 1997. From 2004 to 2008, Judge Carchman took a leave of absence from the Appellate Division and was appointed the Acting Administrative Director of the Courts, where he served with three Chief Justices – Chief Justice Deborah Poritz, Chief Justice James Zazzali and Chief Justice Stuart Rabner. He returned to the Appellate Division in 2008. He has authored over 1200 written opinions. Judge Carchman sat in every judicial position in New Jersey including temporary assignments to the Supreme Court.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Carchman served on and chaired a number of Supreme Court Committees including the Advisory Committee on Extrajudicial Activities, which advises both sitting and retired judges on their ethical obligations outside of their judicial activities. He also has been called upon by the Supreme Court to engage in special assignments including service as a mediator in one phase of the education finance cases – *Abbott v Burke*.

In August 2021, Judge Carchman was appointed by Chief Justice Rabner to serve as the independent 11th member of the New Jersey Apportionment Commission.

Judge Carchman presently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Penn Medicine – Princeton Health Center, and The Center for Modern Aging Princeton (formerly Princeton Senior Resource Center). He is a recipient of the 2022 “Making Democracy Work Award” awarded by the New Jersey League of Women Voters and the 2018 Professional Lawyer of the Year Award presented by the Mercer County Bar Association and the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. He also received awards from Womenspace and other community organizations.

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.

Please add the following new member to your new directory:

Phyllis M. Freed
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609-454-3735
917-880-9139 (Cell)
pmfreed@comcast.net
Adelphi University
Northeastern University
Tufts University

LUNCH OUT

The next lunch out will be on **Monday, March 23 at noon at Robbinsville Bar and Grill**, Rt. 130, Robbinsville. It is across from Tony’s farm market. We have always been able to get separate checks there. If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson 609-655-2663 or bonniejarson63@comcast.net.

TRIP GROUP

Due to the bad weather this week, the February trip to J&J has been postponed until later this spring.



On **Thursday, March 19**, we will be touring the new Princeton Art Museum. We will meet in the Art Museum lobby at 10:30. We are not taking a docent tour; we will be touring the museum on our own.

Once we have finished with our tour, we will go to a restaurant in Princeton for lunch.

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

A second trip for the month is a trip to see an opera:

HD Opera at the Regal Movie Theatre
Sat. March 21, 12 Noon

What: Tristan and Isolde by Met. Opera (5 hours)

Where: Regal Commerce Center, 2399 Route 1 South, North Brunswick

When: Buy your tickets online soon. \$27 + fees
Meet at theatre by 12 Noon on March 21

Call Jan Stout with any questions. 609-475-5649.

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HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all the volunteers who provided refreshments for the WCCP 's February meeting! Everything was delicious and so appreciated by me!

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

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| 1. Laura | 1. Debbie Shuman |
| 2. LuAnn | 2. Jan Stout |
| 3. Barbara Bart | 3. Iris S. |
| 4. Nancy Duff | 4. Marianne S. |

DRINKS

1. Vera Skeete
2. Betty Ann Claytonm

Thank you,
Barbara Rinaldo
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, March 27** to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. On April 24, Friday, we will be reading *Culpability* by Bruce Holsinger.

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

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

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| Board Meeting | Thursday Mar 12, 10 AM |
| General Meeting | Monday, Mar 16, 1 PM |
| Museum Trip/Lunch | Thursday, Mar 19, 10:30 |
| Opera Trip | Saturday, Mar 21, noon |
| Lunch Out | Monday, Mar 23, noon |
| Book Discussion | Friday, Mar 27, 10:30 AM |

MEETING PICTURES 02/16/2026

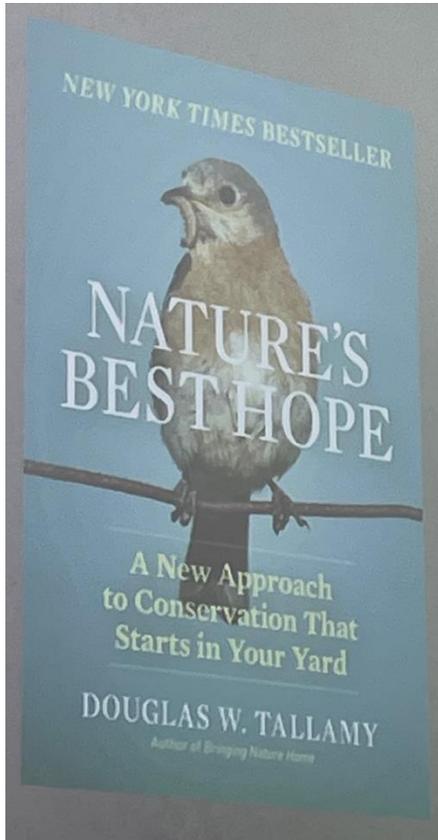
Speaker: Kathy Easton



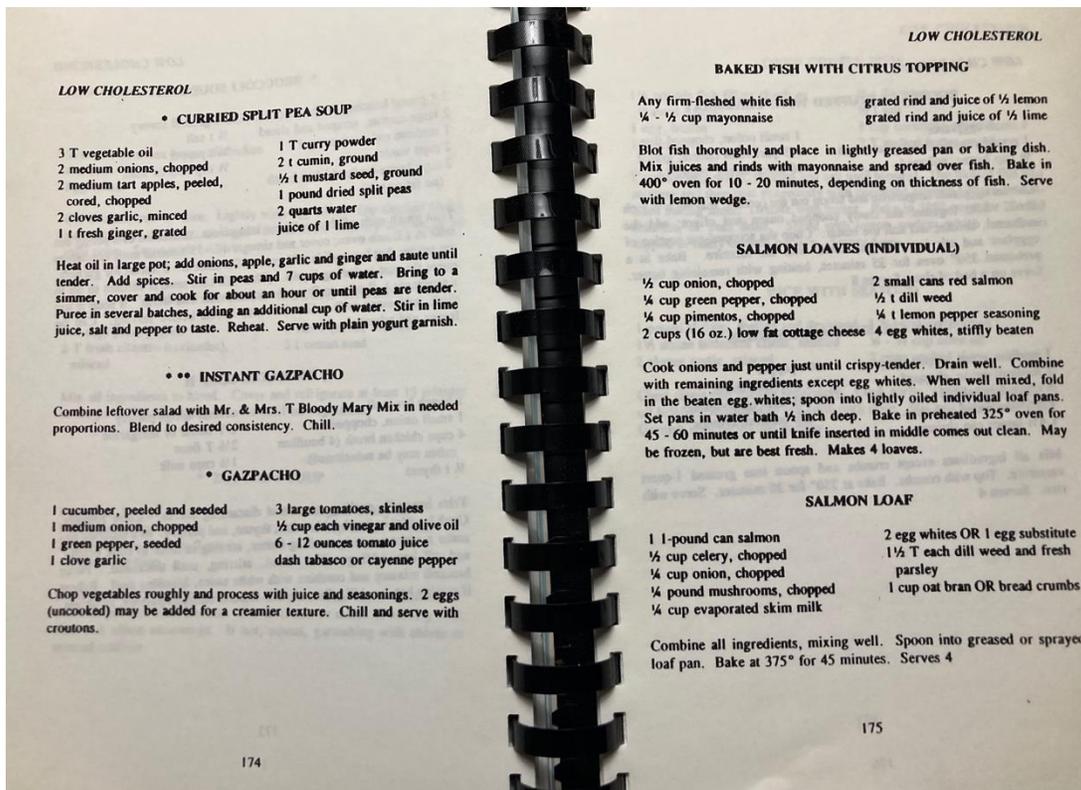
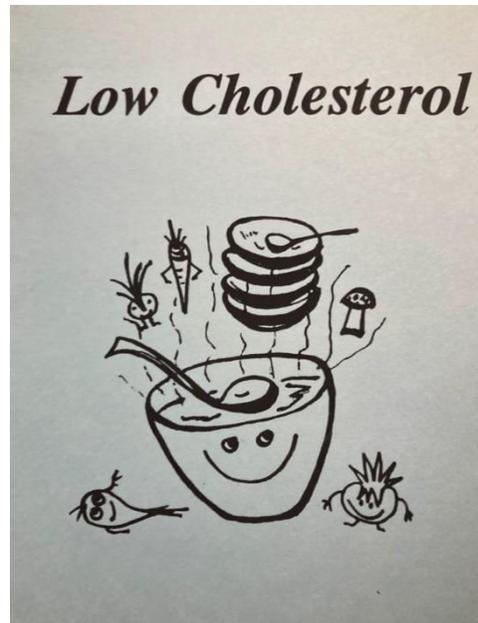
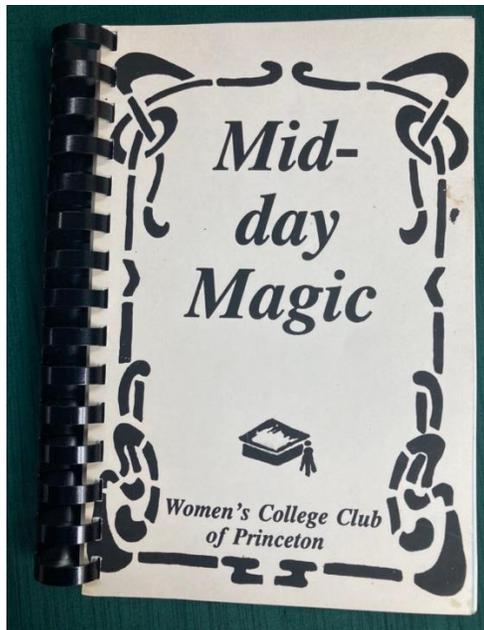
Kathy Easton, a New Jersey birder for 40 years, has been active in non-formal environmental education featuring our avian neighbors since 1998. Her appreciation and respect for the natural world are lifelong, having had the fortune to live a block from the Delaware River through childhood and in the foothills of the Sourlands during adolescence. In addition to walks and talks about birds, she volunteers as an Associate Naturalist with NJ Audubon, is a Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteer of Mercer County, and chairs the Cranbury Shade Tree Commission.

We learned about our avian neighbors returning in the spring from distant wintering grounds, who'll be joining 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.



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



LOW-CHOLESTEROL RECIPES

The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

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

Speaker:
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Topic:
"The Art of Judging"



Judge Carchman will present an inside view of the official judicial system and will explain how one becomes a judge. He will discuss such issues as the perception of politics on the decision-making process, and the interaction of judges and justices on the final opinion.

Speaker:

Judge Carchman is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. His law career includes appointments such as the Mercer County Prosecutor Office, Assignment Judge of the Mercer Vicinage, Superior Court of New Jersey, the New Jersey Appellate Division, and New Jersey Apportionment Commission. He has served on and chaired numerous Supreme Court Committees and has authored over 1200 written opinions. He lectures extensively on the legal system, serves on several boards, is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, and shares his legal expertise to support community groups and activities. He is the author of "Legislative Apportionment in New Jersey 2022: A Historic Result" published in the Spring 2023 edition of the Rutgers University Law Review.

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