

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

June 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is almost June and the end of our calendar year, but not the end of our activities. We will have lunch, book, and trips during the summer, so please read your summer edition of our newsletter to find out what we are offering.

Our final meeting of the year is our June luncheon. We will vote and install our officers for the upcoming year and have presentations from two of our past scholarship recipients. I hope all of you will be able to join us.

In this edition of the newsletter, I will include summaries of ½ of our 2026 scholarship recipients. The rest will be in the summer edition of the newsletter.

Remember that you are also invited to participate in any or all of our trip, luncheon and book discussion groups.

Bonnie Larson

BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, June 11 at 10 AM** at the West Windsor Library.

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.

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Monday, June 15, 11:30 AM

Annual End of the Year Luncheon

Princeton Windrows

2000 Windrows Drive

Princeton

609-520-3700

Our annual luncheon will be held at Princeton Windrows. Besides a wonderful full course luncheon, we will have election and installation of officers for 2026-2027 and will hear from two of our previous scholarship winners. It is always a wonderful event.

LUNCH OUT



Windsor, at noon.

Since we are having lunch at Windrows on June 15, we will not have a luncheon in June, however, our next lunch out will be on **Monday, July 13 at City Streets, Rt. 130, East**

If you would like to join us, please contact Bonnie Larson, 609-655-2663 or bonniejlarson63@comcast.net.

TRIP GROUP

Thursday, June 18 at 11 AM

THE Pearl S. Buck National Historic Landmark in Bucks County Pa. is the former home of the Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning author Pearl S. Buck. It will feature a one and half hour guided tour of the historic farmhouse which contains an intact collection of her personal belongings.

There is a \$13 charge to visit the house and gardens.

I still remember her book *The Good Earth* read so many years ago.

Location: 520 Dublin Road
Perkasie, Pa. 18944

at 1 PM, we will have lunch at: Crossroads Tavern
2004 Hilltown Pike, Perkasi, PA 18944.

I have spoken with a few people who have been there and have really enjoyed their visit.

Please let me know by June 16 if you plan to attend.

Email Connie Loukatos at esloukatos@comcast.net if you would like to join the trip.

NOMINATING SLATE FOR 2026-2027

Officers:

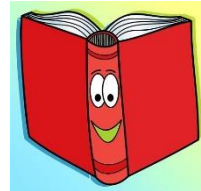
President - Bonnie Larson
Vice President - Chris Greges
Recording Secretary - Nancy Duff
Corresponding Secretary - Bonnie Larson
Treasurer - Marlene Gordon
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Standing Committee Chairs and Members at Large:

Endowment – Mary Castria
Historian – Doris Ju
Hospitality – Barbara Rinaldo
Membership – LuAnn Wood, Laura Steinberg
Photography/Graphic Design – Patrish Shalestik, Helen Ju
Program - Joan Goodman, Barbara Bart, Iris Schulman
Publicity - Mary Anne Restuccia
Scholarship - Chris Greges
Trips – Connie Loukatos (Gina Welsh, Susan Strober, Jan Stout)
Website – Helen Ju
Members at Large – Nancy Varga, Iris Shulman
Nominating – Alyce Conlon, Jan Stout

BOOK GROUP June 26, 10:30 AM

In June we will go back to our regular meeting time of 10:30 in the Barnhart Room on the Terrace Level.



We will be discussing *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

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).

2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



This year we honored 21 young women with scholarships. I will list 10 of them in this newsletter and the rest will be in the summer newsletter edition.

NINA BARNES

Nina Barnes, is a senior attending the Hun School in Princeton and is the recipient of the Kathleen Hutchins Scholarship.

Nina is among the academic elite at Hun, taking many challenging AP classes during her time there. In addition to her classwork, she has taken leadership roles in the Computer Science Club, the Black Student Union and the vocal group, the Edgertones. She has co-led a chapter of Doorstep Donations which combats food insecurity with food drives nationwide. Nina is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Peer Leadership board. For extra curricular activities, she has worked with the Performing Arts Theater, the Community Foodbank, Girls Who Code and served as a Junior Counselor for Hun Summer Camp.

Nina plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania and study Computer Science and PPE (Policy, Politics & Economics).

ASHLEY BATZ

Ashley Batz, a senior at Stuart Country Day School, is a recipient a Bartlett Family Foundation Scholarship.

Ashley is a gifted scholar, a diligent worker, and a brave and resilient young woman who shows a commitment to making her classroom environment an inclusive and justice-oriented place. Academically, Ashley took six academic courses as a junior and maintained this heavy course load in her senior year including two honor and two AP courses. She also was chosen by the faculty for the Peer Leadership Course.

Ashley is co-head of the Mock Trial group, co-head of the Latin Hispanic Heritage Club, captain of Cross Country and has participated in the Appalachia Service Project and Resistencia en Action NJ.

Ashley plans to enter Colorado College in the fall and major in political science with a goal, “whether through law, public policy or community-based work” to advocate for marginalized communities.

KIRSTEN BRENYA

Kirsten Brenya, a senior at Stuart Country Day School, is the recipient of the Marjory White Memorial Scholarship.

Kirsten is an extraordinary student whose analytical ability, intellectual curiosity, and creative problem solving makes her stand out among her peers. Academically, she took Honors Physics last year and AP classes in Physics, English Literature and US Government and Policies this year.

Kirsten volunteers as a tutor in both the Writing Center and Stem Center at Stuart. In addition to other community volunteer activities, such as Share My Meals and working at a daycare center, Kirsten served as Team Captain for Indoor and Outdoor Track and is a passionate and highly competitive athlete.

Kirsten plans to attend Wellesley College in the fall, majoring in Physics and compete in Track and Field.

BRYNN DANDY

Brynn Dandy, a senior at Princeton Day School, is the recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Brynn has maintained consistently high grades throughout her time at PDS. She credits her courses in Psychology and Human Geography with giving her an understanding of how businesses and marketing strategies are intertwined and taught her how she could leverage her aptitude for social media to better understand human behavior. What started as a hobby for her, ceramics has become an integral part of her experience that she has parlayed into a business and also a charitable pursuit, working with Empty Bowls which raises money through the making of soup bowls which go towards meals given to food insecure families in the area. She has also been active in Teen Advisory Group and Student Board which creates events for elementary and middle school kids where they learn about substance abuse and peer pressure.

Brynn has been actively involved as Captain of the school’s varsity ice hockey team and also played along with her sister on the varsity field hockey team.

This spring, Brynn started an internship at a start-up skin and body care company which will provide some of the marketing experience she wants for her future endeavors.

Brynn will be attending the University of South Florida where she plans on majoring in Business and Health Science.

QUINN GALLAGHER

Quinn Gallagher is a senior at Princeton High School and is the recipient of the Barbara A. Hillier Memorial Scholarship.

Quinn is described as one of the most outstanding students that teachers/coaches have had the pleasure of working with. She demonstrates outstanding character, dedication and integrity. Quinn is also described as extremely kind, genuine and hardworking. She takes pride in doing her best because she genuinely cares. Additionally, Quinn is a rare three sport athlete. As a result, she has also developed excellent time management skills. Quinn is active in the community and has also been employed during this time.

Quinn looks forward to pursuing a career in healthcare. As someone who has personally experienced healthcare issues, she has shadowed various healthcare providers and is developing her own ideas on how best to interact positively with others. Quinn hopes to provide a human connection

in this age of digital interaction. She is extremely enthusiastic and looks forward to meaningful, helpful interactions.

Quinn will attend The University of Delaware in the fall where she will also play lacrosse and pursue Health and Behavioral Science.

MARS GAMBONE

Mars Gambone is a Senior at The Hun School and is a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Mars was challenged by taking many high-level AP classes and her transcript reflects straight A's across the board! Mars is the Co-Founder of Academic Interest Club dedicated to natural sciences. She served as a research assistant for the Rutgers' Center for Advanced Human Brain Imaging Research, Mars also has participated in The Hun Dance Company, Janus Players, Junior Volunteer at RWJ Hospital, Martial Arts World Tang Soo Do Association, Roman's Shin Karate, attaining a 2nd degree Black Belt. She is a member of the GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) and is honored to stand up for their community. Mars also studied Mandarin for 4 years and hopes to continue those studies at college.

Mars plans to attend Franklin & Marshall to study Biology and Natural Science in the Fall.

ZURI GRAHAM

Zuri Graham, a senior at Princeton Day School, is the recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Zuri has performed well in a very rigorous curriculum with many AP classes, honors and accelerated courses. She is fascinated by the way the human body works and plans to study biology or neuroscience in college with a goal to pursue a career in medicine. She was inspired by her attendance at the National Student Leadership Conference for Medicine and Health Care at the University of Miami last summer where she practiced surgical skills such as suturing and knot tying, participated in anatomy dissections and worked with a team to diagnose simulated patients.

She was a member and researcher of PDS's Immersion Science Club where she conducted microbiology research, studying how growth conditions affect the efficacy of oil-eating microbes used to reduce soil contamination.

At PDS she is a Panther Guide, Peer Leader, a member of the Black Student Union and is the 2nd

chair clarinet in the band, as well as being on the captain of the hurdlers on Track and Field.

Zuri plans on attending University of California Irvine. in the fall.

ANDREA GREGORIO

Andrea Gregorio is a senior at Princeton High School and a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Andrea is described as having demonstrated tremendous growth both academically and personally. She has a strong work ethic and can be counted on to be inclusive and welcoming to others. Additionally, she has had cultural and travel experiences that have introduced her to different cultures and expanded her world view. These experiences have enabled Andrea to become an effective team leader.

Andrea shares that she transformed from an observer to a participant and how that experience enhanced her self-confidence and ability to encourage others and to work cooperatively on teams. Andrea is involved in many activities, both as a leader and a participant who enhances her school and her community, including Latinos Unidos, Cheer and has been the wrestling team manager for 5 years.

Andrea is extremely interested in business/marketing and will be pursuing that as she enters St. Joseph's University in the fall.

AOLANI HARRIS

Aolani Harris is a senior at The Hun School and is a recipient of a WCCP Scholarship.

Aolani has dedicated herself to her studies taking many AP classes and helping others. Her high grades and kindness are reflected in her dedication. She received the 2024 Kiefer Community Kindness Award. She is a volunteer at the Nottingham Ambulance Squad where she received hands-on medical experience. Aolani is the Co-Founder and President of Doctors of Tomorrow, a Hun School Club. She serves as a member and President of the Black Student Union and a Senator of Hun Student Government. She is the founder of Lani's Sitting and Tutoring Services where she has worked with Turkish-speaking students and their families. Aolani is a member of the Majesty Step Team, Varsity Track & Field and the Science Olympiad at Hun and also manages to hold down a part-time job.

Aolani plans to attend Washington University and major in psychology and neuroscience with a concentration in social identity and continue to work as a volunteer EMT while in college.

LEILA HERNANDEZ-LEWIS

Leila Hernandez-Lewis, a senior at Stuart Country Day School, is the recipient of the Dr. Marilyn E. Gonyo Aspiring Educator Scholarship.

She is described by a counselor as someone who leads with empathy, encouragement, and the desire to take care of others.

Academically, Leila evidenced her interests and strengths as a junior in APBiology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Journalism. As a senior, she was selected for the Peer Leadership course, and took honors courses in Physics and English. Leila has also written a published volume of poetry and was a contributor, and then Editor-in Chief of The Tartan, the Stuart newspaper.

Leila, a long time basketball player was Captain of the varsity team and founded and led an Athletic Mental Health Group. She was a leader in student government and the Latin Hispanic Heritage Club, a volunteer teaching assistant in aftercare programs for young children, a tutor at Stuart, and an active member of the Black Student Union.

Leila plans to enter Temple University in the fall where she wants to focus on public health while following a pre-med track.

SCHOLARHIPS TEA Photos

May 18, 2026 at Morven

Photo credit: Patrish Shalestik



Helen and Doris Ju with the recipient of their scholarship created in memory of their mother.



Marilyn Gonyo

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting	Thursday June 11, 10 AM
General Meeting	Mon. June 15, 11:30 AM
Trip	Thurs. June 18, 11 AM
Book Discussion	Friday, June 26, 10:30 AM
Lunch Out	Mon. July 13, noon



Margaret Bartlett with her scholarship winners

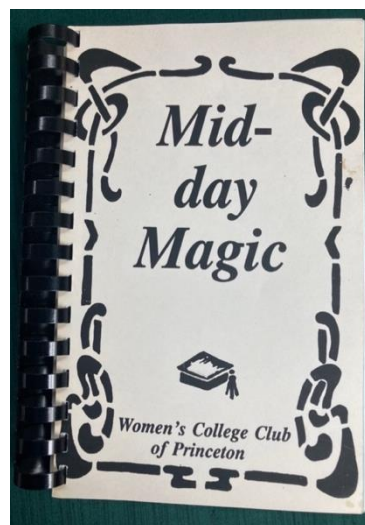
Bob Hillier with his scholarships' recipients



OUR CLUB HISTORY

Digitization Project

THE WCCP COOKBOOK, EDITED
BY TADY HUNTER
(PUBLISHED DECEMBER 1992)



An interactive video of the history of our Club since its founding 110 years ago in 1916 has been in the works for several months. We have engaged the Archivist Helene Van Rossum to digitize our archives, and we look forward to when we can show it to the membership which we hope is very soon. The club's historic recipe book, *Mid-day Magic*, published in 1992, is part of the Digitization Project. In our last newsletter we reported on Helene's discovery of who the editor was, the late Edna (Tady) Hunter, a very active and enthusiastic member. We will have more to report in upcoming newsletters.

**THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE CLUB OF PRINCETON
ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON**

Monday, June 15, 2026
11:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Nassau Room, Princeton Windrows
2000 Windrow Dr. Princeton, NJ 08540

Menu

Mushroom Bisque

Mixed greens, pear and cheese salad

Chicken Francaise
with a side of French beans almondine and fingerling potatoes
or
Grilled Salmon
with a side of French beans almondine and fingerling potatoes

Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Soft Drinks

Please complete the form below and send it with your check, made out to **The Women's College Club of Princeton** to:
Mary Castria, 8 Newell Place, Hopewell, New Jersey 08525.
Reservations and checks must be received by May 30th. Please reserve early.

Print Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Print names of guests: _____

Please reserve _____ places at \$33.00 each

Meal Selections (Please fill in the total number requested for each main course)

Main Course: Chicken Francaise _____ Grilled Salmon _____

*Vegetarian Entrée on request _____