

The Women's College Club of Princeton Newsletter

September 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The summer has flown past! I can't believe that it is almost September and the start of a new year for WCCP.

Welcome back! We already had a board meeting and have wonderful programs

scheduled for this year.

Our first meeting will be on the SECOND Monday of September, September 14 at Morven. We were able to change the date due to the Jewish holiday on Sept. 21. I do hope that all of you can make this date, since we have Helene van Rossum, who is an archivist and will be presenting the project she has been working on to enhance our website. The time and effort that Helene put into this project is unbelievable and the results show it. You will be truly amazed at what she has done.

Have you sent in your dues for this year? We will be printing a new directory of all of our members, and want to make sure your information are included. Attached is your dues renewal form. Please return it as soon as possible.

Bonnie Larson



The 2026-2027 Board

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Morven Education Center

Monday, Sept. 14, 1:00 PM

The Women's College Club of Princeton Makes History

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She worked as an archivist at Princeton University Mudd Manuscript Library, the Curtis Institute of Music at Philadelphia and at Rutgers University Special Collections and University Archives.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to women who have post-secondary school backgrounds. If you know someone who would be interested in joining our organization, please contact membership Chair LuAnn Wood, luannwood16@gmail.com or Laura Steinberg, lss1421@aol.com.

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Andrea Pellezzi
2026 Windrow Drive
Princeton, NJ 08540
917-439-1705 (cell)
apellezzi@me.com
Marymount Manhattan College

Marsha Rosenbaum
2428 Windrow Drive
Princeton, NJ 08540
609-919-0680
732-485-6459 (cell)
Smooki47@yahoo.com
Hunter College

Louise Intindoli
11 Patrick Henry Court
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
516-315-4132
louiseintindoli@gmail.com
CUNY-College of Staten Island
St. John's University

Nancy Utaski
197 Rolling Hill Rd.
Skillman, NJ 08558
609-306-8435
nutaski@comcast.net
Augustana College
Rosary College

LUNCH OUT



Our next lunch out will be on
Wednesday, Sept. 9
at **Seasons 52** at **12:30**.

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

TRIP GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 10:00 AM

On September 29th we are going to visit:

Bruce Springsteen Center for American Music
382 Cedar Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740

Please be there at 10 am so that you can start the tour at 10:15 by seeing a 25-minute documentary of America's music history beginning with indigenous music that existed prior to the Europeans.

The museum has artifacts (costumes, instruments etc.) from such artists as Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, Beyonce and others. Of course, Bruce and the E Street Band are also highlighted.

The museum opened on June 13, 2026 and is on the campus of Monmouth University. It has 30,000 square-feet of space and cost \$50 million dollars.

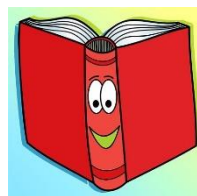
The entrance fee is \$20.00

Lunch will be at 12:30 at:
Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant
100 Ocean Avenue North
Long Branch, NJ 07740

Please let Connie Loukatos, esloukatos@comcast.net know by September 24 if you are going so that she can make restaurant reservations.

BOOK GROUP Sept. 25, 10:30 AM

In September, we will meet at our regular meeting time of 10:30 in the Barnhart Room on the Terrace Level at Princeton Windrows.



We will be discussing *Hidden Figures* by Margaret Lee Shetterly.

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).

Getting to know you....



This month we are highlighting a new member, **Elaine Alexander**.

Last year, Elaine moved to NJ from Scottsdale, AZ after 30 years of desert life until temperatures soared to 118 and draught put water resources in question. She retired from a career in interior design where she worked with firms that are masters in desert design and whose owners became her mentors.

Having an education in business from Rider College and design from UCLA, she was prepared to work with architects and builders on new build, custom homes, and on commercial projects. Working ground-up, some projects took years to complete

and therefore, long-term relationships were nurtured with clients and building professionals. The rewards were many; client satisfaction, recognition with magazine coverage and multiple ASID awards in all categories. In 2024, Elaine could then retire with contentment and good memories.

Creative inspiration comes from many places and she relied on her early background in TV broadcasting, film production, fashion design and European travels to influence her process of imaging. Rather than using Architectural Digest photos or Pinterest, she drew from her passion for classic art, museum tours, retro film, fabric design and the work of fashion icons.

At the Ralph Lauren studio in NY, she designed suits, dresses, knits, etc. inspired by periods of the past. Her early career at ABC-TV and at Hollywood film studios was an education in converting an idea to story and ultimately to film with lasting visual impressions. Organization, logistics and team effort were residual benefits that support almost any career.

Growing up in New Jersey, with an abundance of nature, with the stimulation of seasonal changes and with proximity to NYC and Princeton was a valuable jumping off point. Nature walks, sports, explorations and a family who encouraged music lessons, books, art projects are activities that develop the imagination and boost creative imaging which opens a world beyond the obvious.

HOSPITALITY

I would like to thank all of the WCCP members who volunteered to bring food as well as those who sent monetary donations for the hospitality table. I greatly appreciate it!

Below is a list of members who agreed to provide refreshments for the September 14th meeting. The food items are requested by 12:40 on meeting day and I will send you a reminder e-mail, text or phone call as to what item you will be bringing at that time. Thank you again for your anticipated help.

Barbara Rinaldo
Barbe017@aol.com
 732-742-2827

Savory.	Sweets.	Drinks.
1. Nancy D.....	1. Chris G.....	1. Jan S
2. Vivianne	2. Roberta A.	2. Barb R
3. Lisa M.	3. Laura S	
4. Barbara R	4. Barbara R	

In Memory of...

Amy Rowen, a new member last year, passed away this past week after a short battle with cancer. Those of us who knew her from book discussions, will remember the interesting information Amy added to each discussion.

Amy was an artist and shared her art with others. She will be fondly missed by those of us who enjoyed her company.

Dates to Remember

Lunch Out
Board Meeting
General Meeting
Book Discussion
Trip

Wed. Sept 9, 12:30 PM
Thurs. Sept. 10, 10:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 14, 1:00 PM
Fri. Sept. 25, 10:30 AM
Tues. Sept. 29, 10:00 AM

THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE CLUB OF PRINCETON
Membership Renewal Application

NAME _____

ANNUAL DUES 2026-2027 \$ 75.00

(Dues requested by August 15, 2026)

Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Hospitality Fund \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please return this slip with your check to:

WOMEN'S COLLEGE CLUB OF PRINCETON
c/o Marlene Gordon, Treasurer
39 Slayback Drive
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

The Women's College Club of Princeton is a 501(c)(3) organization, EIN:21-6016688. You are encouraged to make an additional contribution to the Scholarship Fund which is tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.

All members who joined after the October 6, 2025 Directory was printed, please complete the following Directory information form. Please print legibly.

Members listed in the October 6, 2025 Directory only need to provide changes or corrections to your Directory entry.

NAME _____

(If you are known by another name, or nickname, please give it in parentheses.)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____

COLLEGE(S) _____

HOSPITALITY SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2026-2027

Dear College Club Member,

The Board appreciates the involvement of our members and looks forward to another successful year of great speakers, programs and of course, delicious refreshments. Because of the generosity of our Club members, we have enjoyed everyone's contributions at our monthly Morven meetings. We hope you will continue this tradition by signing up for the 2026-2027 year. Contributions are requested for sandwiches, salads, veggie platter, desserts, or cold beverages.

Please sign up for two dates when you will be able to provide refreshments. If enough members volunteer, you will be called only once. The Hospitality Chairperson, Barbara Rinaldo, will email or phone you to confirm what you are bringing.

If you prefer not to bring refreshments, we would very much appreciate a small donation to the hospitality fund. This would cover the purchase of supplies.

Please fill out your name, telephone number, and email. Then fill in the chart below specifying the date and item you will be bringing. **Return this form with your dues payment.**

NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DATE	SANDWICHES, SALADS, VEGGIE PLATTER	DESSERTS	COLD BEVERAGES
Monday, September 14, 2026			
Monday, October 19, 2026			
Monday, November 16, 2026			
Monday, December 21, 2026			
Monday, January 18, 2027			
Monday, February 15, 2027			
Monday, March 15, 2027			
Monday, April 19, 2027			

The Women's College Club of Princeton

"Enriching and empowering women since 1916"

Come join us on Monday, **September 14, 2026**
from **1 PM to 3 PM** at
the Stockton Education Center at the Morven Museum

Speaker:

Helene van Rossum

Title of Presentation:

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Event is free and open to the public.

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

wccpnj.org