

CHRYSLIS

JANUARY 2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Happy New Year to all. The hope of spring is just around the corner as daylight gets a bit longer each day.

We have great plans for programs and new interest groups are constantly evolving as our standby's continue to provide great fellowship and fun. The newest group, called Political Process, will have its first meeting this month on January 21st, to discuss the Electoral College. Does the Electoral College mystify you? It does me. and the topic is timely as we look forward to another general election this year. Best wishes,
Mary

Jan. 15th - Wednesday, HIGH NOON LUNCHEON - *That's Amore*, Rt 53 - respond to Ann McCarthy, (973) 586-7677.



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PROGRAMS

Jan. 17th - Friday, 9 a.m. Mt. Lakes Library
My Dear Children, Film & discussion.
The Quest to Unravel a Family Mystery.
In 1921 amid brutal anti-Semitism, in the former Russian Empire, Feiga Shamis, a Jewish widow sent two of her youngest children to an orphanage a continent away. Years later, she wrote to them explaining what she endured during the violent pogroms. Her children never read that letter and never spoke a word about their traumatic childhood. Feiga's rare account of survival inspires generations of her descendants to trace their lost history. What they find is both a humanitarian tragedy and the triumph of the human spirit.

Feb. 14th, Friday, Bridge/Card Party, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., includes lunch, St. Francis Residential Community, Denville. Flyer to follow with sign-up instructions.

March 12th, Thursday, - Cocktails and Convo, Ann Greek's, 7:30 p.m., topic - TBA.

March 23rd - Monday, Scholarship fundraising dinner - Cafe Navona, details to follow.

April Programs - TBA- Watch for particulars.

May 15th, Friday - Spring Luncheon - Rockaway River Country Club.

"Just as the chrysalis contains the caterpillar as it prepares for the soaring effects of being a butterfly, so our bulletin contains the information that will allow us all to fly, soar and explore." Chrysalis Archives: June 1, 1984

ENRICHMENT GROUPS - JOIN THE FUN

GOURMET GROUPS

We have four gourmet groups that meet in members home's monthly from September through June. Participants share, hosting and cooking. If the group is at capacity, they will help you form a new one.

Afternoon Gourmet-Luncheons will be put on hold until new members join. Updates will be emailed and other suggestions will be welcome. Contact Carol Trapp. caroltrapp@optonline.net, (973) 386-1736

Saturday Evening:
Meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Bonnie Cytron (973) 600-9970

Thursday Evening
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of the month.
Contact Carole Jivatode (973) 769-7339, cjivatode@yahoo.com

Julia Child Memorial Society- Currently at capacity-meets monthly.
Contact Laura Locklin, (973) 361-2144, Laura Locklin@Yahoo.com

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CHORALE

The Chorale practices throughout the year in preparation for presenting programs at our Open House and Holiday Brunch as well as performing locally for various community groups. You are welcome to join us. For information call Maureen Gramo (973) 257-9290.



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Evening Book Club - Christina Jonas

Our bookclub was hit with bad weather and holiday scheduling problems at the end of 2019. Hopefully, 2020, will be a better fit. We meet the last Tuesday of the month, at Jaspers in Parsippany at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and discussion. Our schedule for the new year: Jan 28, 2020 Discussion of *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean and *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. Please contact Maryann Porosky (973) 953-0030.

porosky@caringchoicesgcm.com .

Afternoon Book Club - Ann Greek
We will meet again on January 23rd to discuss Ann Patchett's newest novel, *Dutch House*. We'll start at 1 p.m. at Ann Greek's house. *Dutch House* by has been called many things: a dark fairy tale, a story of obsession and paradise lost, a joy to read, a subtle mystery and a psychological page-turner. It is set over the course of five decades and speaks to the bonds of siblings raised in a very special house.

The Political Process - Thursday, Jan 21st, 7 p.m., at Bonnie Cytron's, 95 Briarcliff Rd., Mt Lakes - Our initial meeting will discuss the Electoral College - (WHAT? WHY?) which will no doubt be a consequential issue in 2020. While refraining from partisanship, we plan to consider significant political matters. Future topics will be determined by the group. All welcome.

PUBLIC POLICY

ERA at last??

A bill to eliminate the deadline for states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment is currently before Congress. The ERA was one state short of the 38 needed for ratification when the deadline expired in 1982. If the deadline is eliminated, it's likely that Virginia will ratify and become the 38th state, thus allowing the ERA to go into effect as a constitutional amendment.

The ERA was first proposed by women's suffragists in 1923. It was adopted by Congress in 1972 and sent to the states for ratification with a 7-year deadline, later extended to 1982. The ERA would bar discrimination on the basis of sex.

Some question whether the ERA is still necessary but many believe it is important and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has said that she still believes the amendment has practical and symbolic value. The NYTimes reports that Catherine A. MacKinnon, whose legal theories laid the basis for sexual harassment being defined as a form of sex discrimination, has championed the revival of the amendment as a weapon against what she sees as the continuing subordination of women through sexual violence and economic inequality.

AAUW supports the bill to eliminate the deadline and urges us to tell Congress to support ratification of the ERA.

Ellen Lyons