



College Club West Bulletin

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Everyone,

Autumn has arrived and our club has a full slate of activities and fun things planned for you to consider. For our November meeting to be held on November 6 at the Don Umerley Civic Center in Rocky River, our speaker, Beryl Prusinski, will be presenting a talk on the "History of the Firelands". The Firelands was a strip of land twenty-five miles wide located at the western end of the Connecticut Western Reserve in what is now known as Ohio. It consists of what are today *Erie and Huron Counties, Danbury Township in Ottawa County, and Ruggles Township in Ashland County*. I think this will be a very interesting talk and give us some history about the western part of Ohio and how this area got its name.

In December, please plan to join us for our Annual Holiday Dinner which will be held on December 4th at the Don Umerley Civic Center. The food is always wonderful and our Hospitality and Special Events Committees do a fantastic job with decorations and music to get everyone in the spirit of the holiday season. It is always a memorable affair and one event I always love attending.

In January, plan on attending the "Games Day" at the Umerley Civic Center on January 7, 2025. Bring your own games and cards to spend the day playing games with fellow CCW games enthusiasts. A light lunch will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

The Board of Directors is always looking for fresh ideas, so please feel free to get in touch with one of us at any time. Also, please consider serving on the Board, a standing committee, or an ad hoc committee to keep our club moving forward into the New Year.

I wish you all a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

Barbara A. O'Malia

President, College Club West, 2024-25

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024.....7:00 pm

Place: Don Umerley Civic Center, Rocky River

Program: The Firelands. Understanding the meaning of the term by exploring its origin in the Revolutionary War. Learn about the first battle in the War of 1812 to take place on Ohio soil.

Speaker: Beryl Prusinoski

HOLIDAY DINER AND GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, Dec.4, 2024.....Doors opens 5:30

Dinner at 6:00pm

Place: Don Umerley Civic Center, Rocky River

Program: Steve Goodman, Violinist, who will be playing Holiday favorites.

Cost: \$35.00

Payment: Make checks payable to CCW. Mail check to Mary Kay McLean. Note your meat entrée on memo line of check.

Deadline for reservation is **Nov. 26th**

Buffet Menu:

1. Salad: mixed greens with Granny Smith apples
 2. Sides: garlic and Parmesan whipped potatoes. Assorted roasted vegetable melange
 3. Meat entree choices:
 - *Chicken Sonoma w/chipotle cream sauce, artichokes, black olives and diced tomatoes
 - *Grilled calypso pork tenderloin w/pineapple mango salsa
 - *Vegetarian: Four cheese and spinach stuffed shells
- Dessert: Raspberry mouse
Coffee, tea, Ice water

REMEMBRANCE

Secretary, Jane Erickson

As Secretary, I am in charge of sending out cards to our members. Please notify me of any member who is ill, could use a Thinking of You card, died, had a death in the family or for any other reason you can think of. You can contact me either by email or phone.

New Members Recruitment:

Please refer anyone interested in joining CCW to Membership Chair.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY BULLETIN DEADLINE
November 15

SEPTEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP

Regular: 154
Life: 21
Total Membership: 175

CCW SCHOLARSHIPS

Donations for the CCW Scholarship Fund are encouraged at any time and are tax deductible, but CCW’s main scholarship drive is in November.

*Make your check payable to College Club West Foundation Inc. A form to assist in donations is provided in this issue.

*Designate if the donation is for the Regular fund, an Honorarium to honor a living person, or a Memorial to honor someone who is deceased.

*Include the name of the person being remembered.

*Write your name and address legibly.

* Mail your donation to Karen Farmer.

Meeting Cancellations/Bad Weather Alert

In case of cancellations, the I-Alert system will be used to notify WKYC-TV3, News Radio WTAM 1100 AM, & wkyc.com via CCW mail.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Applications are available at <https://www.collegeclubwest.org/scholarships/>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGES

Both Jennifer Solinski and Betty Thomas have resigned from the Board. Patt Kelly will be replacing Jennifer as Membership Chair. Karen Farmer will be replacing Betty Thomas as the Assistant Treasurer. The Press/Historian position is now open after Patt became Membership Chair. If interested in the position, please contact President Barb O’Malia.

INTEREST GROUP PROGRAMS

Groups that meet in homes may limit membership due to space restrictions. Members on waiting lists are encouraged to start a new group with the help of the Groups’ Chair.

ADVENTURES IN COOKING

Chair: Claire Stai Co-chair: Lucy Evans
Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024.....12 Noon
Theme: Thanksgiving Hostess: Marijane Kubach
Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024.....12 Noon
Theme: Sleigh Bells Hostess: Mona Tomko

@NIGHT

Chair: Becky Sofka
Thursday, Nov. 2024.....NA
Program: No scheduled activity
December 2024.....TBD
Program: Christmas Centerpiece making: Details to be determined.

BOOK REVIEW

Chair: Carol Sturrett.....Co-Chair: Gerry Knapp
Monday, Nov. 11, 2024.....Noon
Presenter: Paula Deal
Topic: Why We Read
Place: Claudette’s restaurant 26485 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake
Monday, Dec. 9, 2024.....Noon
Presenter: Erin Manning
Topic: Books for the Holidays and Beyond
Place: Porter Library

BOWLING

Chair: Linda Beebe.....Co-chair: Angie Holmes
Thursdays.....9:30 AM
Place: Rollhouse (new and improved), 24488 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted.
We bowl three games every Thursday through April 17, 2025. We will be off Thanksgiving Day and 2 weeks over Christmas. We need bowlers. Come and join us. You do not have to be a super, fair, or even a beginner bowler. Just come and have some fun!

BRIDGE - DUPLICATE

Chair: Jane Erickson
I am happy to say that our roster for full-time players is set for the year, but we are always in need of substitutes. We meet on the **second Monday** of the month at **12:30 PM** at the Unitarian Church in Rocky River. If you are interested in being a substitute, please contact Jane Erickson.

CREATIVE WRITING

Chair: Barbara Buser
We meet the first Thursday of the month from 1-3pm
Thursday, Nov. 7.....No meeting scheduled
Thursday, Dec.51-3 pm
Topic: What shines brightest?
We welcome any and all to our small gatherings. It’s easy, fun and a very casual setting. Join us.
Place: we gather at various members’ homes and share creative writing topics.

EXPLORERS

Chair: Cynthia Rodusky
Meetings at Westlake Public Library on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm
Nov, 2024.....Happy Thanksgiving.....No Meeting
Dec. 2024.....date and time ..TBD
Place: Pomeroy House-Strongsville

FAIR WEATHER WALKING

Chair: Paula Deal
Friday, November 15.....3pm
Place: Olmsted Township Nature Trail, Dog Park 27180 Schady Rd, Olmsted Twp, Oh 44138. Happy Hour at Razzles, 27128 Bagley Rd, Olmsted Falls
RSVP by Nov. 10 by text or email to Paula
December:No Walking

FRENCH

Chair: Judy Bates
Friday, Nov. 8, 2024.....10:00 a.m.
Place: home of Judy Bates
Friday, Nov 22, 2024.....10:00 a.m.
Place: Home of Kathleen Maciuszko,
Friday, Dec. 13, 2024.....10:00 a.m.
Place: home of Char Horton,
Program: Continue reading in "13 A Table"; petites histoires.

GAMES AND SUCH

Chair: Jackie Gramlich Co-Chair: Pat Foell
Monday, Nov. 11, 2024.....12:30-3 pm
Featured games: Rummikub and Blokus
Monday, Dec. 9, 2024.....12:30-3 pm
Featured games: Old favorites, such as Sorry, Chinese Checkers, etc.
Place: Westlake United Methodist Church
27650 Center Ridge Road, Westlake
Park and enter at the back of the church. We do not serve refreshments. Feel free to bring a snack.

GOLF-NINE HOLE LEAGUE

Co-Chair: Linda Beebe Co-Chair: Kathy McAndrew
Golf is over for the year. Play will resume in May 2025!

HAPPY HOUR

Chair: Jan Brundage Co-Chair: Joanna Clancy
THIRD & FIFTH Tuesday, arrive about 4 pm. No reservation needed. Open to all.
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024: Legacy at Sweetbriar 750 Jaycox Rd., Avon Lake
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024: Burntwood Tavern 5600 Great Northern Blvd.

HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Chair: Ann Adams Co-chair: Helen Bibbee
Thursday, Nov.28, 2024: Happy Thanksgiving.....TBD
Place: Blue Sky Restaurant, 802 Cleveland St. Elyria
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024.....TBD
Place: Romano’s Macaroni Grill 25001 Country Club Blvd., North Olmsted Merry Christmas!
RSVP: to Ann Adams

INVESTMENT – OPTIMIST

Presiding Partner: Paula Binder
Monthly meetings 3rd Friday of the month at the Rocky River library..... 10:00 am.

LEND A HAND

Chair: Diane Schlegel Co-chair: Jan Brundage
Lend-A-Hand will be collecting socks for the Mens’ shelter at 2100 Lakeside, during the months of **November** and **December**. Please bring them to the general meetings at Umerley Center or give them to Jan Brundage or Diane Schlegel at group meetings. Thanks for your continued support with this worthwhile project.
Tuesday, December 3, 2024.....11:30am
We will be meeting at Houlihan's Restaurant on Detroit Road in Westlake to celebrate the holidays. Please let Jan or Diane know if you plan to attend.

LITERATAE

Chair: Gerry Knapp.....
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 202410:00 am
Book: "What the Fireflies Knew" by Kal Harris
Leader: Mary Case
Place/Hostess: Gerry Knapp
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024.....10:00 am
Book: "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt
Leader: Jean Seaholtz
Place/Hostess: Jan Brundage

LIVE TO EAT

Chair: Jackie Gramlich
Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024.....12:30 pm
Hostess: Jackie Gramlich
Theme: Don Ramon’s restaurant in Westlake
RSVP to Jackie
Friday, Dec. 13, 2024 ..NOTE change of DAY...12:30 pm
Hostess: Jackie Gramlich
Theme: Emerald Necklace Tea Room
RSVP to Jackie

LUNCH BUNCH

Chair: Pat McAndrew Co-Chair: Margaret Gerrity
Lunch Bunch meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:00. Regular participants have collaborated on this year's selections. Please RSVP to Pat McAndrew by the previous Sunday. Carpooling may be arranged at that time. All are welcome!

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024.....12:00 pm

South Side 2207 West 11th St., Cleveland (Tremont),
216-937-2288 (Closes at 2:00 pm)

Tuesday, Dec 24, 2024.....MERRY CHRISTMAS

MAH-JONGG

Chair: Carleen Kruger

NO WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER or DECEMBER 2024

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024.....6:45 pm

Hostess: Sandy Shurdell.....

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024.....6-9 pm

Hostess: Barb Moran

MONDAY MATINEES

Chair: Karen Farmer Co-Chair: Marilyn Sledz

Monday, Nov.4, 2024.....time and theater.... TBD

Karen will email the name of the film, theater, & matinee time by Friday, Nov. 1

Monday, Dec.2, 2024.....time and theater... TBD

Karen will email the name of the film, theater, & matinee time by Friday, Nov. 29.

MURDER, SHE READ

Chair: Patt Kelly.

Place: Rocky River Library Community Room.....1pm

We meet on the **3rd Thursday** of the month. Walk ins always welcome.

Nov. 21, 2024:Peacock and Sparrow” by Ilana Berry

Dec. 2024:..... No meeting

NEEDLEWORK

Chair: Mary Kay McLean_Co-Chair: Janet Eyman

We meet at each other's homes on the **3rd Tuesday** of

the month Sept. until our year end luncheon in May from **1:00-3:00pm**. Our first meeting was in Sept . At

that meeting we scheduled the rest of the year's meetings. New members are welcome and can contact

Mary Kay

NEW MEMBER MeetUp

Chair: Patt Kelly

All CCW members who have joined during the past two years are part of this informal group that meets periodically.

N.I.C.E. D.I.E.T

Chair: Marijane Kubach Co- Chair: Marjory Heyd

Place: Westlake Porter Library

Nov.21, 2024.....10 am-noon

Topic: Adult eye care by Sally Novak

Dec. 2024: No Meeting

OUT TO DINNER

Co-Chair: Elaine Boudreau bCo-Chair: Jan Kapur

Please note change for month of November; we will meet on Wednesday Nov.13th.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024.....5:00 pm

Place: Westsiders,19880 Detroit Rd., Rocky River.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024.....5:00 pm

Place: Ferris Steak House, 2589 Wooster Rd., Rocky River

RSVP by phone or email to Jan by the previous Sunday.

All are welcome.

PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Karen Farmer Co-Chair: Sarida Volante

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024.....2:00 pm

Program: Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard

Discussion Leader: Rachel Abernethy

Place: Rocky River Library

December 2024:No Meeting

QUILTING

Co-Chair: Marilyn Sledz Co-chair: Diane Diekroger

Place: North Olmsted Library

Meetings are the **3rd Thurs** of the month. Please call

chair to receive program details. We welcome new members

SPANISH

Chair: Jean Seasholtz

Anyone interested, please **contact Jean** for more information as we plan from meeting to meeting.

TECH CONNECT

Chair: Paula Deal

Friday, November 8, 2024.....10 am

Program: AI, What is it?

Place: North Olmsted Public Library, Basement Meeting Room. **Bring a device**

R.S.V.P. to Paula via email

December:No meeting Scheduled