



College Club West Bulletin

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Everyone!

It's hard to believe that it is the beginning of a new year again and halfway through our club year. CCW could not function at such a high level if it were not for the many members who give of their time and talents to lead, plan, and organize our many committees, groups, and events. Since our Nominating Committee will begin its work by contacting members soon, please consider taking a board position. It is a great way to make new friends and will leave you with the satisfaction of serving an organization that you care about. Please contact Claire Stair, Nominating Chair, to volunteer or suggest someone who would make an excellent board member.

Have some fun and socialize at the January Games Luncheon at the Umerley Civic Center on January 8 at 12:00 noon. 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.

We will be honoring our Group Chairs at the General Meeting and Luncheon on Friday, February 7 at the Avon Oaks Country Club, not Wagner's, as noted in the Directory. The speaker will be Carol Stark-Kmiecik who will be portraying Dorothy Fuldheim.

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 the best in this new year of 2025.

Barbara A. O'Malia

President, College Club West, 2024-25

MARCH/APRIL BULLETIN DEADLINE
January 15

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2025.....12:00 noon

Place: Don Umerley Civic Center, Rocky River

Program: GAMES AND LIGHT LUNCH

Bring your favorite game!

CHAIRS' APPRECIATION LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEETING

Friday, February 7, 2025. Social/Cash bar at **11:30AM**

Followed by lunch at..... **12:15 PM**

Co-chair: Barb Moran.....

Co-chair: Victoria Mowcomber.....

Place: Avon Oaks Country Club, 323000 Detroit Rd., Avon, Oh 44011

Program: Carol Starre Kmiecik portraying Dorothy Fuldheim

Menu Choices: 1. Vegetable Lasagna (roasted vegetables tossed in a ricotta, mozzarella blend and layered and served with green beans).

2. Chicken Piccata (sautéed breast of chicken with a lemon beurre blanc and caper sauce served with Yukon mashed and green beans).

All entrees include a side salad and roll.

Dessert is Brownie ala mode.

Beverages include coffee, water, lemonade, hot or iced tea, and a Champagne Toast

Cost: \$35 pp; Checks payable to CCW & indicate your entree choice on the memo line. The luncheon is open to CCW members and guests. Payment required for reservation.

Mail Checks: Barb Moran, **Reservation Deadline:** Friday, January 24, 2025. **No late reservations can be accepted.**

REMEMBRANCE

Secretary, Jane Erickson

I seem to write the same thing every month, but it's important that we try to bring a little cheer into the lives of our members who are sick, can't get out, or who have lost a loved one. So please let me know when a card is needed for any of those reasons.

Save the Date

CCW Scholarship Luncheon.....May 17, 2025

Please Note: This is earlier than previous Scholarships Luncheons

Happy New Year

It's hard to believe its 2025, where do the years go? Better yet we are one year away from CCW's 100th Celebration. So before you cozy-up in your favorite chair with your favorite book, watching the snowflakes fall,,,, remember. Look for your CCW's memorabilia (photo, programs, mugs, coasters, plates etc.) We would like to have these items on display in our local libraries for our 100th Celebration. Please contact Mona Tomko and she will pick up your items. Make sure they are labeled and they will be returned to you. Happy Searching!

2024 Membership

Regular 154
New Members: 2
Life Members: 20
Membership Total: 176

New Members

Jacque Fachman and Rudi M Simko

New Member Recruitment

Please refer anyone interested in joining CCW to Membership Chair Patt Kelly.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Applications are available at www.collegeclubwest.org/scholarships For more information, contact: Judy Bates or Carol Hildebrandt Scholarship Committee Chairs

CCW SCHOLARSHIPS

Donations for the CCW Scholarship Fund are encouraged at any time and are tax deductible.

*Make your check payable to College Club West Foundation Inc.

*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.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION CHALLENGE

Our College Club West Tuition Grant Scholarships are funded two ways, through member contributions to the CCW Scholarship Foundation, and the earnings from our endowment fund investments. The Endowment Fund receives a small portion of your contributions each year to allow it to grow. This year, our Treasurer, Em Gildenmeister, is challenging the members to contribute to the Endowment Fund to help it grow. She

will match any amount contributed by April 15, 2025, up to \$1,000.00 in total. If we meet her challenge, we will be adding \$2,000.00 to the Endowment Fund, which will generate scholarship funds for years to come.

Participate in this challenge by sending a check to our Assistant Treasurer, Karen Farmer. The check should be made payable to the CCW Scholarship Foundation and endowment should be in the memo line. This is a charitable contribution under IRC 501(c)(3). **Form Included below.**

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.

For your Convenience

Baskets will be available at General Meetings to accept your envelope with a scholarship donations and/or payment-reservations for any upcoming luncheon.

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 Stair.....Co-chair: Lucy Evans

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: Out to Eat "Wild Mango"

Hostess: Jennifer Solinski

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: Memory Lane

Hostess: Barb Knipple

@NIGHT

Chair: Becky Sofka

Please check your email for new meetings/events.

BOOK REVIEW

Chair: Carol Sturrett Co-Chair: Gerry Knapp

Monday, Jan.13, 2025.....Noon

Presenter: Informal meeting. No presentation;

Place: Claudette's restaurant, 26485 Center Ridge Rd

Mondays, Feb. 10, 2025.....Noon

Presenter: Lynne Rambasek; Books of Allison Tatak

Place: Claudette's Restaurant, 26485 Center Ridge Rd,

BOWLING

Chair: Linda Beebe.....Co-chair: Angie Holmes
Thursday:9:30am
Place: Rollhouse 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
As of this writing, the Duplicate Bridge group has met 3 times. Everything is going well but we still need substitutes. If you are a bridge player, please think about signing up as a substitute. We meet on the **second Monday** of the month at **12:30 PM** at the Unitarian Church in Rocky River.
If you would like to become a full-time player or a substitute, please contact me directly
Jane Erickson, Chair

CREATIVE WRITING

Chair: Barbara Buser
Join us once a month, the **first Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 pm**
January 2025.....No Meeting
February 6, 2025.....1:00-3:00pm
Topic: Why I join clubs
Place: TBD
Place: We gather at various members' homes and share creative writing topics. Contact Chair.

EXPLORERS

Chair: Cynthia Rodunsky.....
Meetings at Westlake Public Library on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm
Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025.....1:30 pm
Theme: Senior Exercises; Judy Bates
Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025.....1:30 pm
Theme: Artificial Intelligence; Karen Parker

FAIR WEATHER WALKING

Chair: Paula Deal
Pop-up walks for January & February. No formal walks planned. If the weather is pleasant, Paula will notify email list of a pop-up event a few days in advance.

FRENCH

Chair: Judy Bates
No meeting in January and February. Next meeting will be in March 2025.

GAMES AND SUCH

Chair: Jackie Gramlich.....Co-Chair: Pat Foell
Monday, Jan. 13, 2025.....12:30-3 pm
Featured games: Word Games
Monday, Feb. 10, 2025.....12:30-3 pm
Featured games: Hand and Foot
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, Jan. 21, 2025 Hoolihan's 25651 Detroit Rd. Westlake
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025 Amber Oaks 4798 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake

HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Chair: Ann Adams Co-chair: Helen Bibbee
No Plans at this time

INVESTMENT – OPTIMIST

Presiding Partner: Paula Binder
Monthly meetings **3rd Friday** of the month.
Place: Rocky River Library**10:00 am.**

LEND A HAND

Chair: Diane Schlegel Co-chair: Jan Brundage
January 2025.....No activities planned
Tuesday, February 4, 2025.....1:00-3:00pm
We will be working at the Kid's Book Bank 3635 Perkins Ave., Cleveland. Carpools will leave Umerley Center at 12:30 pm. Please contact Jan or Diane if you plan to help with this event or if you want to participate in the carpool. A dinner option at Joe's Diner will be available.

LITERATAE

Chair: Gerry Knapp
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 202510:00 am
Book: Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes
Leader: Gerry Knapp
Place: Panera's Westlake 26137 Detroit Rd
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025.....10:00 am
Book: The Mascot by Mark Kurzem
Leader: Jan Brundage
Place: TBD

LIVE TO EAT

Chair: Jackie Gramlich.....

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025.....12:30 pm

Hostess: Pat Yoder.....

Theme: Soups and sliders..... RSVP: Pat

Thursday, Feb.13, 2025.....12:30 pm

Hostess: Pat Yoder.....

Theme: White House recipes.....RSVP: Pat

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 Jan. 28, 2025.....12:00

Place: Hecks, 2927 Bridge Ave., Cleveland 216-861-5464

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025.....12:00

Place: The Olde Wine Cellar,7932 Main St., Olmsted Falls, 440-427-1222

MAH-JONGG

Chair: Carleen Kruger

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025.....6:45 pm

Hostess: Barb Moran.....RSVP

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 20251-4 pm

Place: Fairview Senior Center....RSVP.....Carleen Kruger

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025.....6:45 pm

Hostess: Sandy Shurdell.....RSVP.....

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025.....1-4 pm

Place: Fairview Senior Center....RSVP..... Carleen Kruger

MONDAY MATINEES

Chair: Karen Farmer.....

Co-Chair: Marillyn Sledz.....

Monday, Jan. 6, 2025.....time and theater TBD

Karen will email the name of the film, theater, & matinee time by Friday, Jan. 3rd.

Monday, Feb. 3, 2025.....time and theater TBD

Karen will email the name of the film, theater, & matinee time by Friday Jan.31.

MURDER, SHE READ

Chair: Patt Kelly.....

Place: Rocky River Library Community Room1 pm

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

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025. The Last Mrs. Parrish by Lynne Constatine

Thursday, Feb.20, 2025. Finlay Donovan is Killing it by Elle Cosimano

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 1:00-3:00 pm. New members are welcome and can contact Mary Kay.

NEW MEMBER Meet Up

Chair: Patt Kelly

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

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

Co-Chair: Marijane Kubach

Co- Chair: Marjory Heyd

Place: Westlake Porter Library from 10 am to 12 noon

Jan. 16, 2025.....10am

Topic: Generic vs Prescription Drugs.....Cindy Rodusky

Feb. 20, 2025.....10am

Topic: Magnesium.....Gerry Knapp

OUT TO DINNER

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

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025.....5:00 pm

Place: Ninos Italian Restaurant 32652 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025.....5:00 pm

Place: Bonefish Grill, 1900 Crocker Rd., Westlake

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

PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Karen Farmer Co-Chair: Sarida Volante

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2025.....2:00 pm

Program: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Discussion Leader: Peg Metzner

Place: Rocky River Library

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 20252:00 pm

Program: First Friends by Gary Ginsberg

Discussion Leader: Lia Staaf

Place: Rocky River Library

QUILTING

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

Place: North Olmsted Library

Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday, of the month from 1-3 pm. Please call chair to receive program details. We welcome new members

SPANISH

Chair: Jean Seasholtz

Please **contact Jean** Seasholtz for more information regarding meetings.

TECH CONNECT

Chair: Paula Deal..... RSVP to Paula

Place: North Olmsted Public Library, Small Meeting Room

Friday, January 10, 202510:00 a.m.

Getting the Most Out of your Smartphone

RSVP by Jan. 5, 2025

Friday, February 14, 2025.....10:00 a.m.

Cybersecurity Tips..... RSVP by Feb. 10, 2025

WHAT A FABULOUS WAY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS.
JOIN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES!