



College Club West Bulletin

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring, Everyone!

It's time to welcome Spring again as we begin to enjoy longer days and sunnier skies. At our General Meeting on Wednesday, March 5th, our speaker will be Julie Koenig who will be speaking about royal scandals. Julie, who is British born, is a lifelong student of the British monarchy and the colorful history and traditions of the British royal family. The Hospitality Committee will be providing refreshments.

You will not want to miss our spring luncheon on Wednesday, April 16th, where we will be recognizing new Board of Director and Life members. Our special guest speaker will be retired judge, Donna Congeni-Fitzsimmons, who was the lead prosecutor in *United States v. Lonardo, Gallo, et al.*, which resulted in the conviction of former Cleveland Mafia boss Angelo Lonardo and five of his subordinates. This conviction resulted in the destruction of the Cleveland Mafia. The luncheon will be held at the Renaissance which is well known for its excellent food. Please check this bulletin for further details.

April is the also the month to renew your membership in College Club West for the 2025-26 year. We are keeping our dues at \$50.00 again this year as our membership is holding steady and the Board does not think we need to raise our dues at this time. I truly hope we will welcome all of you back for the coming year. As I have mentioned before, please invite any friends or family members to come to a monthly meeting, luncheon, or interest group with you. Many of the ladies who attend a College Club West function end up joining our club. The best way to grow our membership is by word of mouth and I want to thank all of you for promoting our club.

As we plan for the upcoming year, please consider providing feedback to your leadership regarding programs you would like to see and any ideas for luncheons, dinners, or monthly meetings as far as speakers, entertainment, etc. The Board of Directors is always looking for fresh ideas, so please feel free to get in touch with any 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 vibrant and moving forward.

I wish you all sunshine and happy times!

Barbara A. O'Malia

President, College Club West, 2024-25

MAY/AUGUST BULLETIN DEADLINE
March 15

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 5, 2025.....7:00 p.m.

Place: Don Umerley Civic Center, Rocky River

Program: Royal Scandals

Speaker: Julie Koenig

SPRING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Social Hour: 11:30 AM Brief Meeting Followed by

Lunch:12:00 PM

Place: The Renaissance Retirement Campus,
Honoring Life Members and New Incoming Board Members

Program: The Honorable Judge Donna Congeni-Fitzsimmons

Co-hostesses: Paula Deal and Cathy Lawrence

Menu Choices:

1. Bacon Spinach Quiche with Fruit Cup
2. Red Pepper Pasta with Chicken and Vegetables
3. Vegetarian: Big Salad, Mixed Greens, Cranberries, Pecans, Oranges, Strawberries, Tomatoes, Dressing

All entrees include:

Mushroom Soup

Fresh Scones

Assorted Fresh-baked Cookies

Coffee, Decaf, Hot or Iced tea.

Cost: \$20 for members - \$22 for guests

Payment: Make check payable to College Club West.

Indicate entre choice on memo line.

Mail to Paula Deal Reservation Deadline: April 5, 2025

CCW Centennial Celebration

We are one year away from CCW's 100th anniversary. 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 centennial Celebration. Please contact Mona Tomko and she will pick up your items. Make sure they are labeled and they will be returned to you.

REMEMBRANCES

Secretary, Jane Erickson

Please remember to keep me informed of any member who could use a little cheering up by receiving a card. You can contact me either by email or phone.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Seib
Lois White

Save the Date

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

2025 Membership

Regular 156
New Members: 1
Life Members: 19
Membership Total: 176

New Members

Caroline Lawrence
Mount Holyoke BA '75; CWRU BSN; Youngstown St.
MBA

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Applications are available at
www.collegeclubwest.org/scholarships Applications are due March 15. For more information,

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 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).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-APRIL15 DEADLINE

Annual Dues are \$50.00. Make your check payable to College Club West, use the attached form and mail it to Em Gildenmeister.

Membership is forfeited if dues are not received by April 15th.

For your Convenience

Baskets will be available at General Meetings to accept your envelope with a scholarship donations, dues 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, March 13, 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: St Patrick's "Wearin' of the Green"

Hostess: Pat McAndrew

Thursday, April 10, 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: Garden Party

Hostess: Mary Donovan

@NIGHT

Chair: Becky Sofka

Please watch your email for new meetings/events.

BOOK REVIEW

Chair: Carol Sturrett.....Co-Chair: Gerry Knapp

Monday, March 10, 2025.....Noon

Presenter: Melanie Deutsch; The Library of Alexandria

Place: Claudette's restaurant, 26485 Center Ridge Rd

Mondays, April 14, 2025.....Noon

Presenter: Daria Grimes; Demon of Unrest

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 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 usual, I am asking that if you are a bridge player, please think about signing up as a substitute. We are a very friendly group and are willing to teach you the ins and outs of playing duplicate bridge. 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**
Place: We gather at various members' homes and share creative writing topics. Contact Chair.
March 6, 2025.....1:00-3:00 pm
Topic: Lazy Day Plans
April 3, 2025.....1:00-3:00pm
Topic: If I could change my view

EXPLORERS

Chair: Cynthia Rodunsky,
Meetings at Westlake PL on the 4th Thursday at 1:30 pm
Thursday, March 27, 2025.....1:30 pm
Theme: The American Red Cross; Lucy Evans
Thursday, April 24, 2025.....1:30 pm
Theme: Dog Shows; Gerry Knapp

FAIR WEATHER WALKING

Chair: Paula Deal-
Friday, March 28, 2025.....4 p.m.
Place: Bradley Woods Reservation, Codrington Picnic Area, North Olmsted. Happy Hour at Hop Brothers Brewing, 32650 Lorain Rd, North Ridgeville.
RSVP by March 23 by text or email to Paula
Friday, April 254p.m.
Place: Huntington Beach Reservation, 28611 Lake Rd, Bay Village. Happy Hour: Chatty's Pizza, Bay Village.
RSVP by April 21 by text or email to Paula

FRENCH

Chair: Judy Bates
Friday, March 14, 2025...10:00 a.m.
Place: home of Judy Bates,
Program: read and discuss " Petite vacance" in 13 Å table; petites histoires.
Friday, March 28, 2025.....10:00 a.m.
Place: home of Judy Bates,
Program: read and discuss "Martine" in 13 Å table; petites histoires.
Friday, April 11, 2025.....10:00 a.m.
Place: home of Kathleen Maciuszko
Program: read and discuss "GÃ©nie et Magnificent" pp. 249-257; petites histoires.
Friday, April 25, 2025.....10:00 a.m.
968 State St., Vermillion.
Program: read and discuss "GÃ©nie et Magnificent" pp. 257-267; petites histoires.

GAMES AND SUCH

Chair: Jackie Gramlich Co-Chair: Pat Foell
Monday, March 10, 2025.....12:30-3 pm
Featured games: Hand and Foot and other card games
Monday, April 14, 2025.....12:30-3 pm
Featured games: Taboo and Quirkle
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 BeebeCo-Chair: Kathy
Play will resume in May 2025!
Please contact Chair if you are interested in joining the League. Chairs are making arrangements for the time, day and course. In recent years play has been on Monday's at 8:00 am at one of the Cleveland Metroparks.

HAPPY HOUR

Chair: Jan Brundage Co-Chair: Joanna Clancy
THIRD & FIFTH Tuesday, arrive about **4 pm**. No reservation needed. Open to all.
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Legacy 750 Jaycox Rd., Avon Lake
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 Burntwood Tavern 5600 Great Northern Blvd
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Houlihan's 25651 Detroit Rd., Westlake

HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Chair: Ann Adams Co-chair: Helen Bibbee

Sunday, April 20, 2025.....TBD

Easter meal will be at either Mahle’s Restaurant or the Blue Sky Restaurant. Reservations required. Contact either chair person with your RSVP and their decision on location.

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2025.....1:00 -3:00 pm

We will be addressing cards for our shut-ins and ill members at Diane’s. Those wishing to help bring 5 U.S. postage stamps and appropriate cards to send.

April 2025. Collecting and delivering stuffed animals for Providence House. All animals must be new with the tags still attached and received by the 2nd week in May.

*The Sock project was very successful with over 200 pairs collected for the men of 2100 Lakeside. Thank you so much for your efforts with this project.

LITERATAE

Chair: Gerry Knapp

Tuesday, March 11, 202510:00 am

Book: Real Americans by Rachel Khong

Leader: Dianne Hall

Place: Claudette’s Restaurant, 26485 Center Ridge Rd

Tuesday, April 8, 2025.....10:00 am

Book: The Measure by Nikki Erlick

Leader: Gerry Knapp

Hostess: Elizabeth Claypool

LIVE TO EAT

Chair: Jackie Gramlich

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

Hostess: Jackie Gramlich1382

Theme: Wild Mango Restaurant..... RSVP: Jackie

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Hostess: Fran DeAngelis

Theme: Savour at Polaris.....RSVP: Fran

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 March 25, 2025.....12:00

Place: Mulligan’s Bar and Grill, 20880 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, 440-238-4447

Tuesday, April 22, 2025.....12:00

Place: Bucci’s J Bella 12201 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, 440-238-0200

MAH-JONGG

Chair: Carleen Kruger

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

Hostess: Barb Moran.....**RSVP**

Wednesday, March 26, 20251-4 pm

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

Thursday, April 3, 2025.....6:45 pm

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

Wednesday, April 23, 2025.....1-4 pm

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

MONDAY MATINEES

Chair: Karen Farmer.....Co-Chair: Marillyn Sledz

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

Karen will email the name of the film, theater, & matinee time by Friday, Feb. 28

Monday, April 7, 2025.....time and theater TBD

Karen will email the name of the film, theater, & matinee time by Friday April 4.

MURDER, SHE READ

Chair: Patt Kelly.....

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

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

Thursday, March 20, 2025. We Solve Murders by

Richard Osman

Thursday, April 17, 2025. The Burning by Linda Castillo

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 welcome. Contact Mary Kay/

NEW MEMBER Meet Up

Chair: Patt Kelly

All 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

Co-Chair: Marijane Kubach

Co-Chair: Marjory Heyd

Place: Westlake Porter Library from 10 am to 12 noon

March 20, 2025.....10am

Topic: Sleep positions, apnea, etc.....Barbara Garrison

April 17, 2025.....10am

Topic: Dehydration & Topics for next year.....

Marjorie Heyd

OUT TO DINNER

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

Wednesday, March 12, 20255:00 pm

***NOTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE**

Place: Mahle’s Restaurant, 24945 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Tuesday, April 8, 2025.....5:00 pm

Place: Aviator Pub and Restaurant, 20920 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland. All are welcome.

RSVP Jan by phone or email by previous Sunday.

Jkapur7@netscape.net or 440-365-8438.

PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Karen Farmer Co-Chair: Sarida Volante

Wednesday, March 12 2025.....2:00 pm

Program: Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney

Boylan

Discussion Leader: Karen Farmer

Place: Rocky River Library

Wednesday, April 9, 20252:00 pm

Program: The Book of Last Letters by Kerry Barrett

Discussion Leader: Sarida Volante

Place: Rocky River Library

QUILTING

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Sledz,- & 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 Rm.

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

Cybersecurity and Update on Browsers

RSVP by March 9

Friday, April 11, 202510:00 a.m.

Cloud Computing, including Google and others

RSVP by April 6

Membership Dues - \$50.00
2025-2026

Due April 15, 2025

Make \$50.00 check payable to College Club West. (Memo line: Membership)

COMPLETE THE DIRECTORY INFORMATION.

_____ Contains new contact information _____ Life Member

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Preferred phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Please mail check and form **by April 15, 2025**, to Em Gildenmeister,

Email collegeclubwest@gmail.com for information on how to join or pay dues.