



College Club West Bulletin

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another year of fun activities and socializing. There are still two months left in the fiscal year, and we have several events that you will want to attend. Our General Meeting on Wednesday, May 7th at Umerley Center will feature Dave Schwensen, who will be doing a Comedy Show with audience participation. Dave previously came to a CCW luncheon last year and gave a very fascinating and enjoyable talk on "The Beatles in Cleveland." The Hospitality Committee will be providing refreshments. You will also want to attend the highlight of our year which is the annual Scholarship dinner on Saturday, May 17th, which is a bit earlier than usual. Watch the bulletin for details.

Please donate generously to our Scholarship Fund if you have not already done so. Our donations this year are down by about half of what they were last year. Please consider donating to the Scholarship Fund. Please put Foundation in the memo line. Your donations are tax deductible under IRC 501(c).

The biggest challenge that the Club faces is growing and maintaining our membership. 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 guests 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.

This will be my last message as President of CCW and I can't believe how fast the year has gone by! I have been much honored to be your President as it has been a very rewarding year for me. Firstly, I'd like to thank all of the Board members who have worked very hard this year behind the scenes planning all of our wonderful luncheons, evening meetings, and interesting programs and for their support during my tenure as President. I also want to thank all of the committee members who have handled our finances, scholarships, and nominations for Board positions this year. I'd also like to thank our Group Chairs for keeping our interest groups rewarding and fun for all. Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who have given me so much encouragement and support throughout the year. I couldn't have done it without your support and I am very grateful to each and every one of you.

As we plan for the upcoming year, please consider taking a position on the Board or on a committee. This work is very rewarding and is necessary if we want to continue our traditions to keep our club vibrant and moving forward.

Wishing you all sunshine and a relaxing summer season and with my sincerest thanks,
Barbara A. O'Malia

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BULLETIN DEADLINE
July 15

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2025.....7:00 p.m.

Place: Don Umerley Civic Center, Rocky River

Program: Comedy Show with audience participation.

Speaker: Dave Schwensen

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON 2025

Join us in celebrating Scholarship Winners

Saturday May 17, 2025

Place: CYC Cleveland Yachting Club, 200 Yacht Club Dr., Rocky River

Time: Social: cash bar, no credit cards.....11:30 am

Lunch:12 noon

Menu

Assorted wraps, including vegetarian choice

Pasta Salad

Seasonal Fruit

Cole Slaw

Cookies and brownies

Coffee and Tea included

Cost: \$39.00

Payment: Please send your check made out to CCW to Rebecca **by May 10, 2025**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- DEADLINE WAS APRIL 15

Annual Dues are \$50.00. Make your check payable to College Club West and mail it to Em Gildenmeister, Treasurer. **Membership is forfeited if dues are not received by April 15th**

SAVE THE DATE

CCW Centennial Celebration
April 24, 2026
Cleveland Yacht Club

In this day and age, you very seldom hear of organizations that have been in existence for 100 years. Well CONGRATULATIONS CCW members we are one year away from celebrating our Centennial. Our committee has been working very hard since March 2024 to make our Centennial a special and memorable event. Our special date is April 24, 2026 at Cleveland Yacht Club. Put this date on your calendar. Thank you to the two Past-Presidents for sharing some of their memorabilia. We still need more memorabilia for our showcases at three of our local libraries. We are also asking members for a photo of yourself when you joined CCW. So, before you head out to the beach or summer vacation start looking. Please label everything and call Mona Tomko and I will pick them up.

PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON

Save the date: **July 9th at 12 noon** at the Renaissance Retirement Campus, details to follow.

REMEMBRANCE

Secretary, Jane Erickson

Please continue to let me know when any member could use a card. The usual reasons are illness, surgery or a death. But there might be other reasons too. You can contact me either by email or phone.

IN MEMORIAM

Elda Krach

2025 Membership

Regular 157
Life Members: 18
Membership Total: 175

New Member Recruitment

Please refer anyone interested in joining CCW to Membership Chair, Delia Costin.

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
- *Include the name of the person being remembered.
- *Write your name and address legibly.

* Mail your donation to Karen Farmer. Beginning in **June** donations should be sent to Lori Detweiler.

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.

Co -Chair Needed

Out to dinner is looking for someone who would be willing to help co-chair for the out to dinner group. If so, please contact Jan Kapur.

2025-2026 BOARD

Results of the Nominating Committee for CCW
President: Claire Stair
Vice President: Jane Simpson
Secretary: ** Marie Stashick
Treasurer: **Lori Detweiler
Programs: Barb Knipple, Barb Moran
Hospitality: Mary Kay McClean, **Vicky Mowcomber
House: Mary Haggard
Membership: **Delia Costin
Press/Historian: **Catherine Lawrence
Webmaster: Paula Deal
Publications: **Judi Norton
** means new to the board

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. See the May-August schedules below.

ADVENTURES IN COOKING

Chair: Claire Stair Co-chair: Lucy Evans

Thursday, May 8, 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: Favorite Salads

Hostess: Barb Stetler

Thursday, June 12, 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: Sandwich Buffet

Hostess: Lucy Evans

Thursday, July 10, 2025.....NO Gathering

Thursday, August 14 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: Out to Dinner. "Michaelangelo's"

Hostess: Nancy Novak

@NIGHT

Contact chair, Becky Sofka for plans.

BOOK REVIEW

Chair: Carol Sturrett Co-Chair: Gerry Knapp

May 12, 2025.....Noon

Presenter- Gerry Knapp. The Book of Books.

Also meeting to determine the schedule of presenters for the following year.

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

June 9, July 14 and August 11. Informal meeting to discuss summer reading ideas, Time and place stays the same as always. Any questions just call or text Gerry

BOWLING

Chair: Linda Beebe.....Co-chair: Angie Holmes

Thursday:9:30am

Place: Rollhouse 24488 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted.

As of the end of April, Bowling has ended for the season and will resume in September.

BRIDGE - DUPLICATE

Chair: Jane Erickson.....

The Duplicate Bridge group will end the 2024/2025 in May and will be looking to fill some vacancies in the Fall. So, if you are a bridge player, please think about signing up as either a full-time player or a substitute.

We are a friendly group, not "cut throat" group as many duplicate groups are. 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 Jane Erickson directly.

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.

May 1, 2025.....1:00-3:00 pm

Topic: Garage Sales

June 5, 2025.....1:00-3:00 pm

Topic: Soda shop memories

EXPLORERS

Chair: Cynthia Rodunsky.....cindydave1@aol.com
440-666-8342

Meetings at Westlake Public Library on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm

May, 2025 DATE & TIME.....TBD

Theme: Planning

FAIR WEATHER WALKING

Chair: Paula Deal

Wednesday, May 28, 2025.....4 p.m.

Place: Mastick Road Connector Trail Walking Challenge.
Meet at the Mastick Road Picnic Area Parking Lot.

Happy Hour at Gunselman's, 21490 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park/ RSVP by May 23

Wednesday, June 25, 2025..... 4 p.m.

Place: Lakewood Park and Solstice Steps, 14532 Lake Ave, Lakewood. Happy Hour at Angelo's Pizza, 13715 Madison Ave. RSVP by June 21.

Wednesday, July 23, 2025.....4 p.m.

Place: Adventure on the Towpath Trail. Lock 39 Trailhead, 8000 Rockside Road, Independence. Happy Hour at Winking Lizard 6111 Quarry Ln, Independence. RSVP by July 20.

Wednesday, August 27, 2025..... 4 p.m.

Place: Olmsted Twp Walking Trail, 27180 Schady Road, Olmsted Twp., Happy Hour at Gibbs Butcher and Brews. RSVP by August 24.

FRENCH

Chair: Judy Bates

Friday, May 9, 2025.....10:00 a.m

Place: home of Dianne O'Malia,
Program: read and discuss "La chambre verte" in 13
À table; petites histoires.

Friday, May 23, 2025.....10:00 a.m.

Place: home of Jean Seasholtz
Program: discuss new reading selection; petites histories

Friday, June 13, 2025.....10:00 a.m.

Place: home of Char Horton;
Program: TBA; petites histoires.

Friday, June 27, 2025.....10:00 a.m.

Place: home of Betsy Ruper
Program: TBA; petites histoires

GAMES AND SUCH

Chair: Jackie Gramlich Co-Chair: Pat Foell.....

Monday, May 12, 2025.....12:30-3:00

Featured games: Balderdash and Scattergories

Monday, June 9, 2025.....12:30 -3:00

Featured games: Phase 10 and 5 Crowns

Monday, July 14, 2025.....no meeting

Monday, August 11, 2025.....12:30-3:00

Featured games: Farkle and Mexican Train Dominoes
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
April 28 at 9AM at the Big Met Club House. League fee is \$25.00 cash per every player which is then redistributed out to league players throughout the season. Chip- In Tournament which is optional to all players for an additional \$5.00. Money is then awarded at the end of the season to all players that paid and had a chip in from outside the green using any club. Anyone interested in playing should attend the meeting and receive the annual league information booklet (Play of the Day, Ten Shot Rule. etc). ALL ARE WELCOME to join.
Golf season starts **at 8AM May 12**, at Mastcik Woods.

HAPPY HOUR

Chair: Jan Brundage Co-Chair: Joanna Clancy
THIRD & FIFTH Tuesday, arrive about **4 pm**. No reservation needed. Open to all.
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 Amber Oaks 4798 E Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 Veranda 32045 Detroit Rd., Avon
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 Burntwood Tavern 19304 Detroit Rd., Rocky River
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 Houlihan's 25651 Detroit Rd., Westlake
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 Legacy, 750 Jaycox Rd., Avon Lake

HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Chair: Ann Adams...Co-chair: Helen Bibbee
Friday, July 4, 2025.....1:00 p.m.
Potluck at Jan Brundage's condo. Please let Ann know what dish you are bringing.
RSVP to either Chair by July 1st.

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
April and May 2025.

1. We will be collecting and delivering stuffed animals for Providence House. All animals must be new with the tags still attached. All animals must be received by the second week in May.
2. We will be collecting monetary donations for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. An organization that builds beds for Cleveland children in need. The

donations will go towards the purchase of bedding.

July 1, 2025.....1:00-3:00 pm
Place: Kids' Book Bank, 3635 Perkins Ave Cleveland. We will be carpooling from the Umerley Center with dinner available at Joe's upon return to Rocky River. Please inform Jan or Diane if you would like to attend.

LITERATAE

Chair: Gerry Knapp.....
May 13, 2025.....10 am
Book- The Briar Club by Kate Quinn.
Leader- Jean Seaholtz
Hostess- Jean Seaholtz
June 10, 2025.....10 am
Book-The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson.
Hostess- Dianne Hall
July 8, 2025.....10 am
Book- Mystery of Mysteries by Mark Dawidziak.
Leader- Janet Eyman.
Hostess- Gerry Knapp
August 12, 2025..... Note time change 10:30 am
Luncheon and book selection.
Hostess Jean Seaholtz.

LIVE TO EAT

Chair: Jackie Gramlich.....
Thursday, May 8, 2025.....12:30
Hostess: Pat Yoder
Theme: ABC Luncheon.....RSVP to Pat
Thursday, June 12, 2025.....12:30
Hostess. Pat Foell
Theme: Annual Picnic.....RSVP to 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 May 27, 2025.....12:00
Place: IBIZA Mediterranean Restaurant, 33481 Lake Rd. (Lofts at Beach Park Station), Avon Lake, 440-653-5953
Tuesday, June 24, 2025.....12:00
Place: Bonnie's Bar and Grill, 22811 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park, 440-734-3276
Tuesday, July 22, 2025.....12:00
Place: Don's Pomeroy House (Patio), 13664 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, 440-572-1111
Tuesday, August 26, 2025.....12:00
Place: Rocky River Brewing Co., 21290 Center Ridge Rd., Rocky River, 440-895-2739

MAH-JONGG

Chair: Carleen Kruger.....

Thursday, May 1, 2025.....6:45PM

Hostess: Cheryl Bendik,.....RSVP.....

Wednesday, May 28, 20251-4PM

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

Thursday, June 5 2025,.....1-4PM

Hostess: Heather Arendt ..

Wednesday June 25, 2025

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

Thursday, July 10, 20256:45 PM

Hostess: Betsy Ruper...

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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

Thursday, August 7, 2025.....1-4PM

Hostess: Heather Arendt...

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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

RSVP for all Thursdays to Sandy Schurdell

MONDAY MATINEES

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

Karen will email the name of the film by the Friday before the scheduled date each month.

Monday, May 5, 2025.....time and theater TBD

Monday, June 2, 2025.....time and theater TBD

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

Monday, Aug.4, 2025.....time and theater TBD

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, May 15, 2025. Proof of the Puffing by Rhys Bowen

June.....No Meeting

Thursday, July 17, 2025. The Good Girls Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

Thursday, August 21, 2025 Crime and Poetry by Amanda Flowers

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

Pat Kelly, Chair, Informal group for new members.

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

Topics for next year are being planned, watch for more information in the September bulletin.

OUT TO DINNER

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

Out to Dinner is looking for a co-chair. Please contact Jan Kapur

Tuesday, May 13.....5:00

Place: Tartine Bistro, 19110 Old Detroit Rd., Rocky River

Tuesday, June 10.....5:00

Place: Edgewater Yacht Club, 6700 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway, Cleveland

Tuesday, July 8.....5:00

Ibiza Mediterranean Restaurant, 33481 Lake Road, Avon Lake

Tuesday, August 12.....5:00

Place: Sarita a Restaurant, 14523 Madison Avenue, Lakewood

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

All are welcome.

PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Karen Farmer...Co-Chair: Sarida Volante

Wednesday, May 14, 2025.....2:00 pm

Program: Our American Friend by Anna Pitoniak

Discussion Leader: Pat McAndrew

Place: Rocky River Library

Wednesday, June 11, 202512:00 pm

Program: Annual luncheon meeting to choose books & discussion leaders for next year Place: Rocky River PL

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.....

No meetings until Fall 2025