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The newsletter of The College Club of Boston, Inc. • 44 Commonwealth Avenue • Boston, Massachusetts 02116 • 617.536.9510 • cclub.boston@verizon.net

March-April 2006

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- March 4 Polish Dinner Night at the Club (*see below for details*)
March 16 Book Club dinner and meeting November of the Soul by *George Howe Colt*
March 24 Trivia Pursuit Night
April 5 Theater night
Dinner at the Club followed by *La Traviata* at the Boston Lyric Opera
April 8 Denim & Diamonds Dinner (*see below for details*)
April 20 Book club dinner and meeting The Big Rock Candy Mountain by *Wallace Stenger*
April 29 Lunch with author George Howe Colt, winner of this year's Literary Luminaries Award at the Boston Public Library.
May 7 Jazz Brunch
May 18 Book club dinner and meeting The Murder Room by *P.D. James*
June 2 Member and guest cocktail party

Always check the College Club website in case last minute changes have been made to the programs.

Dietary Restrictions

If you have any dietary restrictions please call the office in advance and we will be glad to accommodate you.

Moving? Changing?

Please add The College Club to the list of those you notify when you move or when a phone number or e-mail address changes.

Club Events via E-Mail

Would you like receive e-mail notices and updates about upcoming College Club events? Call the office at 617.536.9510 and we would be happy to add you to our e-mail list!

Club Reservation Policy

All Club Functions

Members should make a reservation at least three (3) days prior to all events. Members are responsible for their reservations. Unless cancelled at least 72 hours prior to an event, members will be billed accordingly. Menus for events are available on The Club website 2-3 weeks in advance.

Lunch/Dinner

Members should make individual lunch or dinner reservations at least 24 hours in advance.

International Dinner & Dance / Polish Night

Saturday March 4

7:00 - 11:00 pm

\$42 per person

Live Music & Dancing with "Buddy Walker & The Warszawski Trio" and full cash bar

During cocktails, Polish vodka and beer will be featured.

Chef Jesse's "Family Favorites Buffet"

- Postna Grochowka (yellow split pea soup)
- Salat ze smietana (tossed lettuce salad)
- Golabki (stuffed cabbage rolls with beef, pork & rice)
- Pierogi (pan fried cheese or cabbage filled pasta dumplings)
- Kielbasa (polish sausage)
- Kapusta z zeberkami (sauerkraut with pork)
- Kotlety z ryb (fish patties with horseradish sauce)
- Placki z kartolfi (potato pancakes)
- Babka (fresh baked raisin Sweet Bread)

Leguminy (Dessert)

- Chruscik (fried rum-laced pastry bowties)
- Budyn z Chleba (sweet rye bread pudding with fresh whipped cream)

Please RSVP: office@thecollegeclubofboston.com or call 617.536.9510.

Denim & Diamonds

Saturday, April 8

7:00 - 11:00 pm

\$75 per person

Mix your Jeans & Jewelry and join us for this casually elegant event to support the College Club Endowment Fund. Enjoy a fabulous buffet prepared by our talented Executive Chef, Jesse. During the cocktail hour, we will be entertained by Russ Carlton on the piano. Following cocktails, enjoy a buffet which will include an assortment of unusual offerings.

Russ Carlton is a well known DJ in the Boston entertainment world. He specializes in playing music for all tastes and ages.

Please join us as we continue to hold events specifically planned to add to the College Club's Endowment Fund.

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Gibson House Museum Tea

Each Spring the Gibson House Museum at 137 Beacon Street hosts a lovely afternoon tea at the Four Seasons Hotel on Boylston Street. The Gibson House Benefit Tea is the Museum's principal fund raiser and this year they will be holding their 10th annual tea on Sunday, March 12th, from 3 to 5 pm.

Always an elegant affair, they will again be featuring a ladies hat and gentlemen's bow tie contest. This year's raffle will include such exciting items as a New York package featuring two round-trip tickets to New York on LimoLiner with an overnight at the Yale Club; a curator's tour of "Rough Point," Doris Duke's Newport mansion; dinner at the Four Seasons; and a gift certificate to The White Barn Inn. There will also be a live auction featuring golf and lunch for three at Wianno Club in Osterville.

What better reason do you have for buying a new hat or bow tie or just dusting off an old favorite? Please join them on March 12th.

For further information call 617.267.6338 or email: info@thegibsonhouse.org and visit www.thegibsonhouse.org

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

2006 has begun on an upbeat note. In early January the membership committee co-chaired by Christine Chamberlain and Elizabeth Shade organized a highly successful prospective member cocktail party. Members invited friends whom they thought might enjoy College Club membership.

Neil Lamb's electric guitar music provided just the right tone for easy conversation while creating a festive atmosphere. After enjoying Chef Jesse's fine hors d'oeuvres and touring the clubhouse some guests applied for membership that very evening. Other applications followed the event. Congratulations to membership co-chairs, Christine and Elizabeth!

Later in the month the program committee, chaired by Janet O'Neill, sponsored a Sunday Jazz Brunch. Two talented young musicians, 18 year old Ben Albert, pianist, and his 17 year old cousin, Greg Albert, bassist, entertained and delighted us. Ben is a first year Berklee College of Music student and Greg is a high school senior who hopes to become a Berklee student next year. In addition to the youthful talent winning our hearts, Chef Jesse provided a truly elegant brunch featuring a variety of luscious choices. A huge thank you is in order to The College Club staff that always makes our events so professional and gracious.

Please keep The College Club in mind for an informal buffet dinner on specified nights. You have received email and postcards indicating the dates and times these dinners are available. The same holds true for enjoying lunches at the Club. You may come alone and join groups that have scheduled meetings that are followed or preceded by a meal.

With your help and support we can keep the positive energy flowing at 44 Commonwealth Avenue. As always I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Judith Joyce, President

Policies and Procedures

The Policies and Procedures Committee (a spin-off of the By-Laws Committee) has been meeting about once a month to create a document which it hopes will aid all committee chairs and office staff in complying with by-laws in a uniform way. The Committee hopes to have completed its work by spring - if not before!

Facade Fund Exceeds Goal

Anita Mackinnon, Marie Crocetti, Development Committee Co-Chairs

The College Club of Boston is very fortunate to have such a wonderful membership. We are grateful so many of you understand that the Club's rich history is very closely associated with its gracious surroundings. We thank you for your generosity in helping us to undertake the preservation of our historic Back Bay townhouse. Not only did we reach our goal of \$25,000 but we exceeded it by raising almost \$30,000.

Your contributions will make possible the necessary restoration of the facade and with your amazing generosity we can preserve our history and our lovely clubhouse for future generations.

Along with our mandate to raise funds for the Restoration Fund, the Development Committee is also committed to raising funds for the College Club of Boston Endowment Fund. Working with Jesse, our Executive Chef, we are planning an event for the spring which will be a change of pace for the Club, and a funky and fun evening for all.

Members for 20+ Years

The following have been members of The College Club for more than 20 years - congratulations to all!

Janet Bayley	Marie Blessington
Elizabeth Chellis	Ruth Cumming
Helen Day	Hollis Gerrish
Ruth Gray	Mary Hart
Selene Howe	Janet Hugenberg
Susan Jackson	Margaret Jenkins
Jane Kirk	Olive Lesueur
Susan Loring	Margaret Redfield
Rebekah Richardson	Sandra Roberts
Florence Rosse	Ceila Scudder
Alice Seal	Faith Sulloway
Virginia Thompson	Gertrude Waldron

College Club Scholarship Fund's Web site

Heather has re-designed the Website for the scholarship fund. Please take a few minutes to take a look at it at www.collegeclubscholarship.org

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The Board of Directors and the membership of the Club are thrilled for past President Sylvia Quarles Simmons who has just been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts. Sylvia, by virtue of her efforts with the Gallery Instructors program, has been until now an Overseer of the Museum. The new position acknowledges her skillful work in that program as well as her work as an educational consultant for several schools and her volunteer efforts with non-profit organizations.

One of those organizations is our own College Club Scholarship Fund, Inc. which Sylvia has chaired so ably for several years. Congratulations, Sylvia!

Anne Whitman, Ph.D., recently traveled to Washington D.C. to accept an award for mental health advocacy given by the Eli Lilly Company to Jonathan O. Cole Consumer Mental Health Resource Center in Belmont.

Anne serves as President of the Center, and her groundbreaking contributions in the field of mental health advocacy have earned her the admiration in the greater Boston community. Congratulations, Anne!

Adapted from the recent Wellesley College Newsletter

On December 15th, long time Club member Virginia Thompson celebrated her 90th birthday. Virginia was a very active member for many years. She was a founding member of The College Club Scholarship Fund and was also the Club archivist.

She is native of Ohio and graduate of Oberlin College. She earned a Master's Degree at Syracuse University. While a student she was a violinist as well as a fine athlete playing both basketball and field hockey. After college she worked for the Girls Scouts and remained active in the organization throughout her life.

Virginia and her husband Arthur have been married for 63 years, have two daughters and have lived in Wellesley for 42 years.

More than a year ago Virginia suffered an illness that kept her away from her activities at the Club. She is now feeling better and her College Club friends hope to see her at the Club soon. Happy Birthday, Virginia!

Thirteen New Members

Pauline Alighieri of Norwood is a flight attendant for Delta and graduated from Emmanuel College with a degree in Psychology. Her interests include travel, reading and fine dining.

Elizabeth Dodge of Harpswell, ME has a degree from Wellesley College, New York University, and Florida International University. Her interests include business, art, reading and walking.

Cathy Lamb of Brunswick, ME is a real estate broker and earned degrees from the University of York and St John's College (both of which are in England).

Carolyn Vernaglia of Winchester graduated from American University and enjoys city life, golf and sales.

Elizabeth Tyminski of Boston graduated from Smith College and Boston College. She is the president of the Junior League of Boston.

Mary Nichols of Branford, CT graduated from Wellesley College, University of Connecticut and the Fielding Institute. She is interested in psychology, watercolor, reading and jazz.

Rhonda Fishman of Newton is an investment banker and she graduated from Boston University and Simmons College. Her interests include sailing, skiing, art, biking, swimming, running, kayaking, reading and traveling.

Anne Marie Krell Hollis of Boston graduated from Michigan State University and her interests include community development, travel and reading.

Yumiko Honda of Brookline received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Keio University in Japan and an MBA from Harvard University. She works with her husband in commercial real estate investment and operations and she does volunteer work in the medical research field.

Gloria Pumpuni of Alexandria, VA has a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering, an MBA, and a double Masters in Engineering and Management from MIT. Gloria does consulting work in management.

Kathy Drake of Newton is the Manager of a Presales Consulting Team at Oracle. She is a CPA and graduated from Boston College. Kathy enjoys reading and is interested in the Book Club.

Lin Themelis of Newton has a BA in French Literature from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa, a DEA in Comparative Literature from the University of Grenoble in France, and is currently completing a Master's in Applied Linguistics from

BU. She is a Family Coordinator for the Lab for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience at the BU Medical School. Her interests include reading, cooking and spending time with her family.

Marie Keyes of Newton graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and currently works at Fidelity Investments as a relationship manager and promotional writer. She has a background in writing, public relations, marketing and sales.

Sports Club/LA and a Complimentary One-Week Membership

Members of The College Club of Boston can now take advantage of significantly discounted membership rates when joining The Sports Club/LA. This new benefit is available to all members of The College Club including their spouses/domestic partners.

Boston's premier health and fitness club is conveniently located across from the Boston Common and offers over 100,000 square feet of fitness and spa facilities. To help you get acquainted with our services, they would like to invite you to enjoy a Complimentary One-Week Membership at The Sports Club/LA.

For questions or to activate your Complimentary One-Week Membership, please call Tim Gerhold at 617.375.8608.

Gleanings ...

1957, Annual Meeting; report of House Committee Chair, Marie M. MacIntyre, on an "extraordinary year." "...because of the large anonymous gift given the Club by a devoted friend. The House Committee endeavored to direct the expenditures for the good of the Club and the fulfillment of the donor's wishes ... installation of the stair carpet ... painting of all halls in 38, 40 and 42 [Commonwealth Avenue] houses, ... redecoration of the Tea Room and the Private Dining Room. Other repairs ... included replacement of a second floor bathroom in 44 house, the pipes and flooring in 14 bathrooms through the houses, and plumbing breakdown in the basement."

Even at 1957 prices such work and refurbishment was not cheap! Would that we had a "devoted friend."

Support for The College Club

Umbrella - \$10 + tax; Tote bag - \$12 + tax

Both items are available for shipping @ \$15/each - either an umbrella or tote bag with tax and shipping included. These items can be added to your monthly statement. Call The Club to order now at 617.536.9510.

Algonquin Club Privileges Extended Through June

Katherine DeMarco, chair of the Reciprocal Committee, announces that the reciprocity dining privileges with the Algonquin Club at 217 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston have been extended through June '06.

You have your choice of casual dining in the Grill Room or more formal dining in the Main Dining Room. You are welcome to also enjoy a cocktail in the Member's Bar or the Marlboro Lounge. We are also invited to attend the Monthly Seafood Buffet on the first Friday of the month and the Jazz Brunch on the last Sunday of the month.

Advance reservations are required; also mention that you are a College Club member. When signing your credit card, remember to add "The College Club." The Algonquin Club board members will review this agreement in July and will grant an extension based on the usage and incoming revenue from our members. Therefore, we encourage our members to make use of this reciprocal privilege.

To find out more about the Algonquin Club go to www.algonquinclub.com. Or call for reservations 617.266.2400.

Greater Boston Knitting Guild Calendar for 2006

Thursday, March 16

Annual Yarn Auction

Friday, April 21

"Three Little Kittens Who Lost Their Mittens"
Tea Party Another knitting contest and tea party

Thursday, May 18

Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Questions ?

Contact Anita MacKinnon 617.734.4817

BOARD/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS 2006

Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 PM:

February 27

March 27

April 24

Annual Meeting, May 10

June 12

Executive Committee Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM:

March 13

April 10

OFFICERS, BOARD AND COMMITTEES

OFFICERS

President*Judith Joyce '06***Vice President***Lisey Good '06***Recording Secretary***Susan Boyle '06***Corresponding Secretary***Jean Kennett '07***Treasurer, Pro Tem***Beverly Van Orman '06***Assistant Treasurer, Pro Tem***Beryl Bunker '07***Parliamentarian***Jean Kennett***Immediate Past President (Ex-Officio)***Olive Lesueur*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Development Committee*Marie Crocetti, Anita MacKinnon***Finance Committee***Beverly Van Orman***House Committee***Ruth Hunter***Marketing Committee***Lisey Good***Membership Committee***Elizabeth Shade***Program Committee***Janet O'Neill***Reciprocal Club Committee***Katherine DeMarco***Special Events Committee***Jean Roberts, Selene Howe***Scholarship Committee***Sylvia Simmons*

DIRECTORS

*Cathy Barry '06**Kim Clark '06**Angela Foss '07**Barbara Gomperts '07**Arleen Paquette '06**Margaret Stapleton '07**Anne Whitman '07**Alice Seale, Ex Officio*

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Next Deadline

April 12th

August 12th

Next Mailing Date

May 1st

September 1st

Newsletter Material

All photos should be e-mailed or mailed to Barbara Gomperts, 41 Hawkes Street, Marblehead, MA 01945

Material should be typed in Word format and e-mailed to: Bgomperst@aol.com

Any questions, phone Barbara's office at 781.639.0169 or the Club at 617.536.9510

Boston Common Garage Stickers Available

Park under the Boston Common at a reduced rate with parking stickers purchased in the Club office. You can buy a sticker that will allow you to park after 4:00 PM (and out by 10 AM) Monday-Friday or anytime Saturday or Sunday for only **\$6.00**. Purchase a few and keep them on hand for whenever you come into the city. Available from The Club Office, you can purchase parking stickers whenever you are at the Club or they can be mailed to you and charged to your house bill.

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