



College Club West Bulletin

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CCW SCHOLARSHIP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we embark on another promising season, College Club West continues to uphold its tradition of fostering camaraderie and intellectual engagement among its members. Each year brings fresh opportunities to learn, connect, and celebrate the shared experiences that make our community so vibrant.

What a year to be President of College Club West! Welcome back to the 99th year! I have been a member of College Club since I retired in 2005 from teaching music in the North Olmsted school system. I feel very privileged to be your leader for the 2025 - 2026 season. It will be an exciting year for all of us.

The Board of Directors has been busy planning meaningful and interesting programs. I look forward to greeting you at the September sign up meeting. Don't miss the October dinner and program, "The British Are Coming," with a demonstration by David Zeih, a former history teacher from Fairview Park High School. He represents a private in His Majesty's Regiment of Foot, depicting the daily life and experiences of a British soldier who served King George III in the 1770's. He will bring an authentic reproduction of clothing, arms, and equipment of an original Redcoat. (He will wear the entire uniform by the end of his demonstration.) Bring a friend and/or call a member to attend together.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Claire L. Stair

President
College Club West

IN MEMORIAM
Barb Garrison

**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER BULLETIN
DEADLINE
September 15**

Donations to the Scholarship Fund are welcome at any time and are tax deductible. Make your check payable to "College Club West, Scholarship Foundation, Inc." The Scholarship Fund continues to grow through investment earnings and bequests as well as donations. Please mail your donations to Pat Schreiber, Scholarship Treasurer. The Scholarship Committee is composed of Carol Hildebrandt, Judy Bates, Mona Tomko, Helen Pros, Denise Wheeler, Diane Schlegel and Claire Stair. Information about the 2025 scholarship winners is listed on page 6.

CCW CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE !

CCW Centennial Celebration

April 24, 2026

6:00 pm

Cleveland Yacht Club

Attention all CCW Members! Mona Tomko will be at the General Meeting on Sept.17, 2025 at 7:00pm to collect your CCW memorabilia for our showcases at three local libraries. Please make sure all items are labeled. If you have any questions call Mona. Thank you!

FYI from LEND A HAND

This spring, the members of CCW donated \$400 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that builds and donates beds to children in need in Cuyahoga County. The organization was very grateful for our support. The members of Lend - A - Hand will be collecting donations for this organization during our September meeting. We thank you for your support.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2025.....7:00 pm

Place: Don Umerley Civic Center, Rocky River

Program: *Register and Reconnect*

Come and pick up your new CCW directory and enjoy a light supper as well.

FALL LUNCHEON and GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025..... 12:00 -2:00 pm

Place: Emerald Necklace Scenic Valley Room
1500 Cleveland Metro Park Drive
Lakewood, Ohio, 44107

Cost: \$30.00

Our speaker for the fall luncheon will be Mr. Dave Zeih, a former history teacher who taught for 28 years. He is now retired and portrays a private in the British army in His Majesty's 64th Regiment of Foot. He recreates the life and times of a British soldier serving under King George III in the 1770's. He comes dressed in exact reproductions of an original redcoat's uniform. He has participated in the bicentennial re-enactment of battles at Princeton, Camden, and the surrender at Yorktown. He will explain about his uniform, life in the British army at that time, and the origins of some modern day phrases. This should be an exciting and informative presentation. Please plan on attending.

Menu: Wraps Buffet:

You will get 2 wraps, 2 sides, dessert, and coffee.
2 wraps (chicken salad croissant and hummus and veggie), Steak House Potato Salad and coleslaw, dessert, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee.

Send checks, made out to COLLEGE CLUB WEST,
to reserve your spot **by October 10, 2025.**
Mail to: Barbara O'Malia.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OFFICERS

President..... Claire Stair (25)
VP / President Elect.....Jane Simpson (26)
Secretary..... Marie Stashick (27)
Treasurer.....Lori Detweiler (27)

From Secretary Marie Stashick:

"As incoming Secretary, I would like to introduce myself. I have been with College Club West since the early 2000's. I have been retired since 2014 and this is my first time being on the Board of Directors. I look forward to this new adventure. Please keep me notified of any cards that need to be sent to our members .Keep me informed of any member who is ill, having surgery, has died or experienced a death in the family, or might need a "Thinking of You" note. I prefer email but I have included my phone number for texts and calls as well."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – STANDING COM. CHAIRS

Hospitality..... Mary Kay McLean and Vicky Mowcomber
House.....Mary Haggard
Membership.....Delia Costin
Press/Historian.....Catherine Lawrence
Programs / Special Events
Barbara Knipple and Barbara Moran
Publications.....Judi Norton
Parliamentarian.....Paula Deal
Webmaster.....Paula Deal (Nonvoting member)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome, New Members:

Irene Bogard

Melisa Yeoman

Current Membership:

As of July 15, 2025:

Regular Membership: 147

Life Members: 20

Total Membership: 167

New Member Recruitment: Please refer anyone interested in joining CCW to Membership Chair, Delia Costin
Anyone who is new to CCW (past two to three years) is encouraged to join us for the New Member Meet Up group. See listing under Interest Group Programs.

INTEREST GROUP PROGRAMS

Note: 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: Lucy Evans.....

Thursday, September 11, 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: Picnic in Vermilion

Hostess: Barb Leszynski

Thursday, October 9, 2025.....12 Noon

Theme: Pasta Party

Hostess: Paula Deal

@NIGHT

Co-Chair: Rebecca (Becky) Sofka

Co-Chair: Barbara Knipple

We have nothing planned at the present time, please call Becky if you have any suggestions for meetings.

BOOK REVIEW

Chair: Carol Sturrett.....
Co-Chair: Gerry Knapp
Time: Second Monday of the month.....**12:00 pm**
Place: Claudette's Restaurant,
26485 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake
Sept. 2025.....No Meeting
Monday, Oct. 13, 202512:00 pm
Presenter: Carol Sturrett, Anna Held and the Birth of
Ziegfeld's Broadway by Eve Golden
Monday, Nov. 10, 2025.....12:00 pm
Presenter: Rachel Abernethy, The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon

BOWLING

Chair: Linda Beebe
Co-chair: Angie Holmes
Thursdays.....League begins at 9:30 am
Place: Rollhouse, 24488 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted
Beginning September 4, we bowl three games every
Thursday through April, 2026. We will be off
Thanksgiving Day and two weeks over Christmas.
Regulars, subs, and new bowlers are welcome. If you
haven't bowled in some time you are the perfect person
to come and have some fun. Please call Linda Beebe or
Angie Holmes if you want to check it out!
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.....216-375-8929
Help. We are in desperate need of one new full time
bridge player starting in September. If you are a bridge
player, please, please think about joining our group. We
are not cut-throat like many other duplicate groups and
are willing to teach you the ins and outs of playing
duplicate bridge. If you don't want to commit to playing
every month, then think about becoming 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 sign up or have any questions, please contact
Group chair Jane.

CREATIVE WRITING

Chair: Mary Jane Riddlebaugh
First Thursday ...1:00 to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, August 6, 2025.....Time: 12:00 noon
If it should be raining meeting is Thursday August 7th.
Place: The home of Nina Waitzman's son,
32541 Detroit Rd., Avon.

No writing topic for this meeting. Bring a salad or dessert
to serve 10 people. RSVP to Mary Jane.

Thursday, September 4, 2025
Place: Houlihan's restaurant in Westlake.
Time: 11:00 am - **Note earlier meeting time.**
Topic: The fruits of our labor RSVP to Mary Jane
Thursday, October 2, 2025
Place: Hostess: Mary Jane Riddlebaugh's jp,e
Topic: Equal and fair RSVP to Mary Jane

EXPLORERS

Chair: Cynthia Rodusky.....
Place / Time: Westlake Public Library on the fourth
Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025.....1:30 pm
Underground Railroad - Joanelen Hurley
Thursday, October 23, 20251:30 pm
Blue Zone - Regions where people live longer and
healthier - Lia Staaf

FAIR WEATHER WALKING

Chair: Paula Deal,
Friday, Sept. 26..... 4:00 pm
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 to Paula by text or email by September 21.
Friday, October 24..... 4:00 pm
Place: Rocky River Nature Center Fall Foliage Walk,
24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted. Meet in the
parking lot. Happy Hour at Burntwood Tavern, 5600
Great Northern Blvd. RSVP to Paula by October 20.

FRENCH

Chair: Judy Bates
Friday, Sept. 12.....10:00 am
Place: home of Judy Bates
Friday, Sept. 26, 2025.....10:00 am
Place: home of Jean Seasholtz
Friday, Oct. 10, 2025.....10:00 am
Place: home of Dianne O'Malia
Friday, Oct. 2, 2025.....10:00 am
Place: Home of Kathleen Maciuszko
Program: Continue reading stories in "13 à table" and
prepare a petite histoire.

GAMES AND SUCH

Chair: Jackie Gramlich.....

Co-Chair: Pat Foell

Monday, September 8, 2025.....12:30 - 3:00 pm

Featured games: Taboo and Balderdash

Monday, October 13, 2025.....12:30-3:00 pm

Featured games: Sequence and Blokus

Place: Westlake United Methodist Church

27650 Center Ridge Road, Westlake

Park and enter at the back of the church. We do not serve refreshments, so bring a snack if you wish.

GOLF-NINE HOLE LEAGUE

Co-Chair: Linda Beebe

Co-Chair: Kathy McAndrew

Mondays.....8:00 am

Place: Mastick Woods

Play will resume again in May 2026.

HAPPY HOUR

Chair: Jan Brundage

Co-Chair: Joanna Clancy

THIRD & FIFTH Tuesday, arrive about 4 pm

No reservations needed. Open to all.

Sept. 16: Arrabiata, 600 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

Sept. 30: Macaroni Grill, 25001 Country Club Blvd.,
North Olmsted

Oct. 21: Houlihan's 25651 Detroit, Rd., Westlake

HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Chair: Ann Adams

Co-chair: Helen Bibbee

Monday, Sept. 1, 2025.....Time: TBD

Labor Day Potluck.....at Jan Brundage's condo.

RSVP to Ann or Helen by Saturday, Aug. 30.

Please tell us what you will bring.

INVESTMENT - OPTIMIST

Presiding Partner: Kathy McAndrew

Monthly meetings: Held on the **3rd Friday** of the month except in August

Place: Rocky River Library.....**10 am**

Hands on experience learning and practicing sound investment techniques. Come make some money with us! New members welcome, but please contact presiding partner before attending your first meeting for additional information.

LEND A HAND

Chair: Diane Schlegel Co-chair: Jan Brundage

September: We will be working at the Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed building day at Lowe's Rocky River. Those volunteering will need to wear sturdy shoes and dress to work outside. The day and time have yet to be announced. Details as they become available.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Place: Diane Schlegel's.

We will address cards for members of CCW who are housebound. Those participating are asked to bring thinking of you cards and a few postage stamps to the meeting. Let Diane or Jan know if planning to attend.

LITERATAE

Chair: Jean Seasholtz.....

Tuesday, Sept.9, 2025.....10 am

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Leader: Mary Ann Deibel Hostess: Janet Eyman

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025.....10 am

All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker

Leader: Claire Chase Hostess: Mary Ann Deibel

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025.....10 am

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Leader: Elizabeth Claypool Hostess: Gerry Knapp

LIVE TO EAT

Chair: Jackie Gramlich

Thursday, September 11, 2025.....12:30 pm

Hostess: Ann Beyer

Theme: Red, white, and blue foods RSVP to Ann.

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

Hostess: Pat Yoder

Theme: Tomato surprise! 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!

August 26, 2025 - Forage Public House, (Lakewood Center North), 14600 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025 - Aviator Pub and Restaurant, 20920 Brook Park Rd., Cleveland

Tuesday Oct. 28, 2025 - Mateo's Italian Restaurant, 8072 Columbia Rd., Olmsted Falls

MAH JONG

Chair: Carleen Kruger.....
Thursday September 4, 2025.....6:45 pm
Hostess Laura Sutera.....RSVP 216.215.4580
Wed. September 24, 2025.....1 - 4 pm
Fairview Senior Center.....RSVP Carleen Kruger
Thursday October 2, 2025.....6:45 pm
Hostess Laura Sutera.....RSVP 216.215.4580
Wed. October 22, 2025.....1 pm
Fairview Senior Center.....RSVP Carleen Kruger

MONDAY MATINEES

Chair: Karen Farmer.....
Co-chair: Marilyn Sledz.....
Monday, Sept. 8, 2025.....Time and Theater TBD
Karen will email the name of the film, theater, and matinee time on Friday, Sept. 5.
Monday, Oct. 6, 2025.....Time and Theater TBD
Karen will email the name of the film, theater, and matinee time by Friday, Oct. 3.

MURDER, SHE READ

Chair: Patt Kelly.....
Date/Place: Rocky River Library, 3rd Thurs..... **1:00 pm**
Walk-ins always welcome. Books to be read:
July : Good Girls Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
August: Crime and Poetry by A Flowers
Sept: The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz
Oct: The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods

NEEDLEWORK

Chair: Mary Kay McLean
Co-Chair: Janet Eyman
Tuesday September 16, 2025.....1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Tuesday October 21, 2025.....1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
On Tuesday, Sept. 16, the Needlework Group will be meeting at Mary Kay McLean's house from 1:00 to 3:00. The address is 324 Breezewood Dr., Bay Village. Meeting locations for the rest of the year will be chosen at that time. We work on all kinds of needlework and meet at each other's homes. New members are always welcome. You can reach Mary Kay.

NEW MEMBER MEET UP

Chair: Delia Costin Co-Chair: Judi Norton
Wed. Oct. 8 and Wed. Oct. 29.....Time: 12 noon
Place: Panera Bread, 26086 Brookpark Rd., North Olmsted. No set agenda - just discussion of all things CCW. Please RSVP to Delia. Anyone who is new to CCW (past two to three years) is encouraged to join us!

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

Chair: Marijane Kubach
Co- Chair: Marjory Heyd
Place: Westlake Porter Library
Time.: 11:00 am- 1:00 pm
No meeting in Sept. **Regular meetings 3rd Thursday**
Thur., Oct 16, 2025: The Mind Diet
presented by Katherine Geraldts

OUT TO DINNER

Co-Chair: Susan Kirst.....
Co-Chair:Jan Kapur.....
Tuesday, September 9, 2025.....Time: 5:00 pm
Place: TGIFridays, 10320 Cascade Crossings, off Tiedeman Road and 480, Brooklyn, OH
Tuesday, October 14, 2025.....Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Triv's, 17100 Royalton Road, Strongsville
All are welcome.

PAGE TURNERS

Chair: Karen Farmer.....Co-Chair: Sarida Volante.
Place: Rocky River Library
Wednesday, September 10, 2025.....2:00 pm
Program: The Secret Lives of Booksellers & Librarians
by Matt Eversmann & James Patterson
Discussion Leader: Diane Diekroger
Wednesday, October 8, 2025.....2:00 pm
Program: Plain Truth by Jodi Picoult
Discussion Leader: Cindy Strieter

QUILTING

Co-Chair: Marilyn SledzCo-chair: Pat Schreiber
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025.....1 pm – 3 pm
Place: North Olmsted Library. Sign up at Sept. CCW meeting. All are welcome. Our meetings are the **3rd Thursday** of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Please call one of the co-chairs for more details.

SPANISH

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

TECH CONNECT

Chair: Paula Deal.....
Friday, Oct. 17, 2025.....10:00 am
Place: North Olmsted Library, Small Meeting Room, 27403 Lorain Rd, N. Olmsted
Program: Tech Round Robin. Share your favorite tech or ask a question of the group. Bring your own devices. RSVP by Oct. 13. Text or email to Paula Deal.

CCW BUDGET & PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

<u>Committee</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Proposed 2025 - 2026</u>
Treasurer	\$ 1400	\$ 1400
Groups	\$ 40	\$ 40
Hospitality	\$ 600	\$ 600
Membership	\$ 125	\$ 125
House	\$ 100	\$ 1000
Miscellaneous Board (coffee, creamers)	\$ 0	\$ 20
Nominating	\$ 25	\$ 25
President Elect/Groups	\$ 100	\$ 75
President	\$ 150	\$ 200
Press Historian/Publicity	\$ 100	\$ 100
Publications/Directory	\$1200	\$ 1200
Recording/Corresponding Secretary	\$ 150	\$ 150
Scholarship	\$ 40	\$ 50
Special Events/Prgms (includes Scholarship Recipients meals) (2)	\$ 3000	\$ 3300
Webmaster	\$ 300	\$ 300
Wbmstr Technology	\$ 550	\$ 550
TOTAL	\$8880.00	\$9135.00

CCW SCHOLARSHIPS

Donations: Although CCW's main scholarship drive is in November, donations are encouraged at any time and are tax deductible. The donated amount varies from year to year and the College Club West Scholarship Foundation, Inc., through investment earnings and bequests as well as donations, continues to grow every year. Our Scholarship Treasurer, Pat Schreiber, is responsible for receiving, recording, and depositing donations. Mail your check, payable to College Club West Foundation, Inc. to Pat.

Presentations: The eight 2025 awardees were introduced at the Scholarship Luncheon held at Cleveland Yacht Club. The deserving women were Rachel Chapman, pursuing PhD – Urban Education, Ashland Univ., Katherine (Katie) Barber, pursuing Masters – Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Cleveland State Univ., Anna Coulter, pursuing MLIS, Kent State Univ., Tonya Everette, pursuing MSW, Case Western Reserve Univ., Allyce Rusniak, pursuing Masters of Information Science in UX Design and Research, Kent State Univ., Samantha Stombaugh, pursuing PhD in Psychology, Claremont Graduate Univ., Elena Vairaktarakis, pursuing BSN, Univ. of Akron, and Holly Wright-Fletcher, pursuing Masters of Fine Arts/Media Design, Savannah School of Art and Design. The women received a total of \$14,000 in scholarships.

Jenny Dieringer and Linda Beebe, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, thanked CCW members for their sustained support and generous donations that helped the women continue their education. Many may not have been able to attend college without some financial assistance. The co-chairs congratulated the winners who expressed gratitude for help advancing their education.

2025-2026 DIRECTORY

The new directory will be distributed at the September *Register and Reconnect* meeting. It will include a list of the new officers, committee chairs, the interest group calendar, and an updated roster. Please review your personal information and if any additions or corrections are required, notify Membership Chair Delia Costin.

As was the practice last year,
only those without email will be eligible to receive
a printed mailed newsletter.