

# Canton College Club Chatter

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"The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them."

~George Bernard Shaw

2022 - 2023 CCC  
 Membership Total  
 187

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## Presidential Perspective . . .

**My May/June Presidential Perspective** reflected on the past. Today I am looking forward.

**I am looking forward** to reading this *Chatter*. Even though I write the cover page, I do not know the content Standbys are info about Sections, Yearbook Updates and sometimes an In Memoriam. The CCC "Jewels" a few years ago introduced us to long time members where we also learned much about the history of the club. We shared how we passed our time during the pandemic. Last year I enjoyed **Anne Dugger's** Crossword Speakers Puzzle. Creative Director **Gloria Ecenbarger's** visual skills are evident throughout the publication. I very much appreciate Co~Editors **Mary Ann Cook** and **Margaret Riffle** for keeping me on schedule to get my letter to them on time. Surely I am not the only one they need to remind!



**Chatter provides** a history of and tangible connection to the club. We enjoy social times in sections, general meetings and luncheons. We learn and laugh with our program speakers. Scholarships are awarded. But *Chatter* is something we can pick up, hold in our hands and read now and later. So let's give three cheers to all who have contributed to this issue as well as past and future issues!

**I am looking forward** to our programs. The CAK program will have happened when you read this. I surely hope you didn't miss it. Nov. 19th Genealogy Tips might inspire us to learn more of our own history or share it with younger family members. Talk about history! I want to hear Joe Hannibal's Stories Told by Fossils on Jan. 21st. Some of my favorite programs have been re~enactors, and it sounds like Feb. 18th's Meet Edgar Allen Poe will be right up there on my list. The Program Committee was hesitant when Forestry was first suggested. But as we talked, we realized how timely this subject is with devastating fires and loss of Ash and now Beech trees in our own woods. As we look forward to spring and trees budding, we will hear from Jim Gresh about European and American Forestry Styles on Mar. 18th. Our author program this year is D.M. Pulley on Apr. 22nd. She will have just published her fifth mystery by then. Plan to stock up on your mystery summer reading at her table.

**Finally, I look forward** to seeing you at sections, general meetings and luncheons where we socialize, get entertained, feast, meet scholarship and grant awardees while reflecting on another great year with The College Club of Canton. Hope to see you often!


~ Betsy Cornell



**DID YOU KNOW?** Mr. Rogers was a vegetarian who told people, "I don't want to eat anything that has a mother." For most of his adult life, he weighed 143 pounds which he adored for its numerical equivalent ~ I (1) Love (4) You (3).

**Won't you be my neighbor?**

## Sections Stimulate . . .

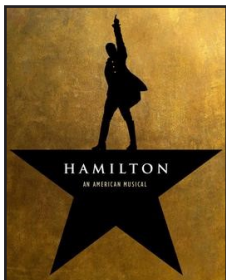
 "October is the treasure of the year,  
And all the months pay bounty to her store . . ."

~ Paul Laurence Dunbar

As the quote states, this is the new beginning of a beautiful year. Let's include being part of a CCC Section to enjoy this year. All Sections are found in our directory on page 8, and I know you will enjoy whichever one or many you select. Happy Fall!

~Lewistine Holloway Moore

### Theater Section Chairperson



**Kathy Dieringer** reports tickets are available for "HAMILTON" at Cleveland Playhouse Square. They are located on the first floor

Orchestra area ~ Wednesday, December 21, 2022 ~ 1:30 pm matinee. Cost for the bus and seat is \$147.50. If you would like to attend, contact **Kathy** at 330.265.3876.

### SECTION TRIVIA:

Longest running sections through the years:

- Bridge
- Book Review

Focus on food ~

- Gourmet
- Smorgasbord
- Lunch Bunch
- Dinner Club

Fun Stuff ~

- A Morning with Crafts
- Quilting and Stitchery
- Paper Crafting
- Game Night
- Theater

The Dinner Section meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 at a local restaurant. To make things more interesting, the invitations have been a little "different" the last few months. Here is a recent one:

In order to figure out where we are going this month, you will have to solve this "Where Am I?" puzzle:

~I am defined by a "court" and a "market."

~I have a sister in Wooster.

~You may call me "BAB", if you like.

~I used to be Hug Drugs once upon a time.

~Please don't sit on my elephants; they don't like it, and you will look a little silly.

Did you guess Basil Asian Bistro in downtown Canton?

Dinner Section is open to new members, so please contact **Susan Henry** if you have any questions ~ 330.477.3272.



**Bev Riske, Rita Graham and Trudie Novak** were among the group who found their way to Basil's. Those in attendance had a very enjoyable meal and a great time together!



Sections Connect!



### Book Review III

meets for lunch at designated restaurants on the Second Wednesday at 12 noon.

### UP-COMING PROGRAMS:

**November 9th** ~ Share good reads

**December 14th** ~ Christmas sharing

**March 8th** ~ Books featuring a Food Theme AND Delectable Chocolates!

**April 12th** ~ Sharing a selected book with activities

**May 10th** ~ "Books Under Fire" ~ Censorship/Banning

If you are interested, for further information contact : **Mary Ann Cook ~ 330.499.4488 OR Susan Henry ~ 330.477.3272.**

### Techniques to Try to Recruit New Members

- ♦ Invite to a Section
  - ♦ Bring to a meeting that might interest them
  - ♦ Sit, sip and share at a coffee house
  - ♦ Talk to your neighbors
  - ♦ Advocate for the work of CCC
  - ♦ Appeal to them for ideas that take us into our 200th year
  - ♦ Brainstorm with young professional women who are leaders in the area over lunch or dinner
- PERSEVERE!

## Invest in the Future . . .

**CCC always appreciates** hearing from former Scholarship Loan and Grant recipients. Following are two pieces of such correspondence:

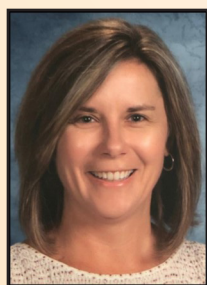
Dear College Club of Canton Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me your scholarship. I am beyond grateful and honored to have been chosen.

Jamie Rine



Dear Members of The College Club of Canton,



I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you for choosing me to be a recipient of the Ruth Wolter Tuition Grant. I am excited to begin my studies this June (2022). I am hopeful that within a year, I will be able to obtain my principal's license and begin work at one of the schools in Stark County.

Your generosity is truly appreciated.  
Thank you.

Anna Stangelo

**Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.**

~Nelson Mandela

## Check it Out! . . . ✓

### "Christmas in the Country"

November 8th ~ December 17th

The Amish Country Theater

4365 State Route 39

Berlin OH

This show has comedy and Christmas colliding in a most entertaining production. It is billed as something for everyone.

For more information/tickets:

[amishcountrytheater.com](http://amishcountrytheater.com)

888.988.7469

### "Deck the Hall: Gracious Gathering"

SELECT EVENINGS ONLY ~

November 25th ~ December 30th

Stan Hywet Hall

714 North Portage Path

Akron OH

**ALL TICKETS ARE PRE~SALE ONLY**

For more information/tickets:

[stanhywet.org.events](http://stanhywet.org.events)

888.836.5533



## Did You Know? . . .



**"The story of the Hillsboro OH Lincoln School Marchers** is an important one in America's fight for racial justice. For years, it went largely untold. Ohio Humanities is proud to share this story in myriad ways, including helping fund 'The Lincoln School Story,' a 20~minute documentary film. Ohio Humanities has also created a discussion guide for book clubs, film clubs, community groups, nonprofits and families to prompt learning and thoughtful discussion. Access the documentary film discussion guide and more by visiting [ohiohumanities.org](http://ohiohumanities.org)"

**FACTOID:** Italy's Credem Bank gives loans to local Parmesan producers in exchange for cheese. This helps cheesemakers in times of crisis by letting them use wheels of Parmesan as collateral to put money into their businesses while the cheese sits on the shelf during the aging process.





## Pillow Shawl Talk ~ Member Focus ~ College Club Style ...



Connie Gasper



Rug/Strip Cutter



Seasonal Designs



As one enters the Gasper home, crafting beauty meets the eye everywhere, displaying Connie's skills in so many art forms. Mrs. Gasper is a woman of many talents, some of which have evolved over time. Many years ago, Connie's grandmother shared her love and skill with a variety of crafts including crocheting and rug hooking. For over thirty years, Connie has created many beautiful seasonal mats, rugs, pillows and runners in spare moments. Recently with the 'aide' of You Tube, Connie refreshed her knowledge of the blanket stitch as she searched for a way to appliqué the simple designs for which her pillow shawls are known.

How did the pillow shawl come to be? Interestingly it was in determining a special thank you gift for a friend. The gift could not be a hooked creation, because Connie's friend was an expert in the art of hooked rugs. With time passing and while away on vacation, Connie saw a pillow which had a Velcro band around it. An idea began to percolate...quality black wool, seasonal appliques (blanket stitched), ties formed from wool using her rug cutter. The idea for a pillow shawl took form. Connie's friend, an artisan herself, was so pleased, she showed Connie's pillow shawl to her employer, Gary Chapman, co-owner of The Pine Cone Gift Shoppe in North Canton which specializes in primitive, colonial and farmhouse décor. A simple idea, a labor of gratitude has indeed blessed Connie's life, who is now an artisan in her own right. In one-and one-half years, 471 pillow shawls have been completed. Inspiration is abundant...seasons, primitive sheep, holidays, patriotic themes and more. The most popular designs are the black face sheep and the holly berries and holly. Now, Connie purchases quality wool by the bolt. She has found doing so with her friend is much more cost effective when compared with early purchases of wool from Amish country which ran to \$40 a YARD. A Cricut machine assures pattern uniformity. Much time and thought has gone into the production of Mrs. Gasper's designs. Over time Connie has developed a rhythm and system of work. Once an idea takes form, one shawl requires anywhere from two to three hours to complete. Connie's skills have taken her on a new path as a recognized artisan who now finds joy working part time on Thursdays at The Pine Cone Gift Shoppe. She has a contract with Mr. Chapman to make the shawls exclusively for his business. The personalized labels on the shawls rightly recognize a woman of many talents! The College Club of Canton is pleased to recognize Connie Gasper, artisan, AND Treasurer for our organization.



Hooked Pillow



Penny Mat on Pillow



Popular Sheep Below: Showing Ties on Back



## Membership News . . .

This year, membership is being handled by three women: Ginny Ellis, MaryAnn Sherer and Judy Simonson.

As you may have noted on p18 of the yearbook, 15 members passed away this past year. That is a significant number for an organization the size of The College Club of Canton. Other former members were affected by illness; some moved out of the area while still others declined to rejoin. Thus, growing our membership has become the **most critical** goal for this year.

To assure continuation into the future, it is **imperative** we direct our efforts toward recruiting younger members. Is CCC relevant to them? What do they want in an organization? How do their methods of communication interface with CCC's methods? They are tech savvy in everything they do. How are we playing into that while still communicating with less tech savvy members? Would an easier application process be appreciated? How would networking be of benefit to the youth factor? Do our outreach strategies grab their attention?



**EVERY CCC MEMBER IS NEEDED  
TO HELP US GROW!  
THE TIME IS NOW!!!**

## Yearbook Updates . . .

P 9 ~ CHANGE the Card Making Section to the second Thursday @ 2:00 PM.

P 21 ~ Clark Linda M ~ CHANGE email to: [lmclark829@gmail.com](mailto:lmclark829@gmail.com)

P 22 ~ Dessauer Linda Jean ~ CHANGE address to: The Inn at Whitewood. 3146 Whitewood St NW, Room 104, North Canton OH 44720  
DELETE landline.

P 28 ~ Lehmillier Susan S ~ DELETE phone listed; ADD cell phone: 330.309.0922

**NOTE!!!** Marilyn Welcsh states the CCC Calling Committee will call to remind members of regular meetings. If you want to be called, contact either Marilyn at 330.492.2939 or Linda Dessauer at 330.685.2773.

Evites are also sent as a reminder. Contact Marilyn if you WANT an Evite and are NOT receiving this email.

## In Memoriam . . .



**Shirley L. Apple**  
Member from 1975 ~ 2022



**Mary Louise Marable**  
Member at varying intervals  
from 1949 ~ 2022



**Catherine C. Papas**  
Member from 1980 ~ 1992  
Past President from 2005 ~ 2006



**Margaret A. Queen**  
Member from 1982 ~ 2021  
Past President 2002 ~ 2003



**Martha V. Stalica**  
Member from 1964 ~ 2022



**Gloria Talarico**  
Member from 2010 ~ 2022



## Past Presidents' Luncheon . . .

**Judy Simonson** arranged for CCC's Past Presidents to gather at Burntwood Tavern on July 30, 2022 to dine and socialize. Much reminiscing about the club's past and speculating about its future were heard in conversations. The highlight was when current President Betsy Cornell gave the attendees advance notice of the programs planned for the 2022-2023 general meetings.



**Clockwise: Judy Simonson ~ 2020-2021,  
Inez Sanders ~ 2004-2005,  
Dottie Kandel ~ 1969-1971,  
Betsy Cornell ~ 2019-2020 and 2021-2022,  
Pat Stayer ~ 2007-2008**



**Left to right: Judy Edwards ~ 2003-2004,  
Karen Moriarty ~ 1990-1991,  
Wanda Young ~ 2017-2019**



**Left to right: Anne Dugger ~ 1996-1997,  
Mary Ann Cook ~ 1994-1995,  
Gloria Ecenbarger ~ 1993-1994**

## Fall Fête . . .

Were you a part of the CCC contingent who enjoyed an evening at the Palace Theatre? Those present had an opportunity to enjoy the lilting music provided by Jay Spencer prior to a silent movie which featured some of the special sound effects featured on the Kilgen Organ. Mr. Spencer and Executive Director Georgia Paxos shared historical facts about the building of the Palace. Attention was called to the two giraffe plaques located above the proscenium arch paying tribute to Harry Harper Ink whose bequest enabled the building of The Canton Palace Theatre. Ink was owner of Tonsiline Company, makers of a cough syrup marketed in giraffe-shaped bottles!



Ms. Paxos called attention to the auditorium area which re-creates a Spanish courtyard on a midsummer night. "Its ceiling, a starry night with wisps of clouds, creates a dream effect. The Palace still has the original cloud machine that makes the clouds march continuously across the sky."

**Interesting Facts:** The Palace's screen remains the largest movie screen in Canton at 21' x 46'.

One of the most famous attractions of the Palace Theatre is the Kilgen Pipe Organ. It is one of only a few left in the country and the only one left that remains in its original home.

**BELOW: Dottie Kandel and President, Betsy Cornell**





## Kudos . . .

**Main Street Boutique** hosted the **Fashion Fundraiser** on September 16th. \$500.00 was raised for the Ruth Wolter Tuition Grant Fund.

**Anonymous donor** provided funds for concessions at Fall Fête. Thank you!

**New Board Members are: Pat Milam, Joan Parsons and Sara Strattan.** Your service is appreciated!

**New location for Board Meetings** is Michael D's, 1411 Whipple Ave NW, Canton. This venue is conducive to meeting and discussing items of importance to CCC.



**N E W Beginnings!**

## Birthdays . . .

### DECEMBER

Carolyn Adelman ~ 1st  
 Connie Gasper ~ 1st  
 Pat Stayer ~ 1st  
 Dottie Kandel ~ 3rd  
 Pat Novak ~ 3rd  
 Jennifer Gowins ~ 4th  
 Karen Kurtz ~ 4th  
 Sheila Farmer ~ 5th  
 Karen Moriarty ~ 7th  
 Lucy DeComo ~ 12th  
 Laura Otte ~ 12th  
 Patricia Linz ~ 19th  
 Joelle McIlroy ~ 20th  
 Elaine Albaugh ~ 27th  
 Brenda Hawkins ~ 28th  
 Susan Grady ~ 29th  
 Millie Snyder ~ 29th  
 Jan Shafer ~ 31st

### JANUARY

Barb Ewing ~ 1st  
 Sara Strattan ~ 3rd  
 Peggy Fitzmaurice ~ 4th  
 Kathi Walz ~ 6th  
 Roberta Hare ~ 8th  
 Lois Lehner ~ 11th  
 Patricia Matz ~ 12th  
 Julie Filliez Werren ~ 18th  
 Donna Middaugh ~ 20th  
 Rebecca Weiford ~ 20th  
 Bev Riske ~ 22nd  
 Judith Nusbaum ~ 24th  
 Marion Mazzarella ~ 29th

**REMEMBER! Reservations for the December Luncheon are due by December 3rd! REMEMBER!**

### FEBRUARY

Andrea Kleptach ~ 2nd  
 Louise Sherban ~ 2nd  
 Judy Simonson ~ 2nd  
 Marilyn Welcsh ~ 4th  
 Rosemary Dean ~ 6th  
 Nancy Shanklin ~ 6th  
 Carol Chance ~ 7th  
 Deb Lea ~ 9th  
 Judith Ford ~ 11th  
 Marjorie Burkhart ~ 13th  
 Inez Sanders ~ 18th  
 Libby Hendler ~ 19th  
 Barb Kroft ~ 20th  
 Jodie Hawkins ~ 24th  
 Miriam Hall ~ 25th  
 Michelle Gaffney ~ 26th  
 Dorris Hawkins ~ 26th  
 Jayne Kidder ~ 28th  
 Sandy Abbonizio ~ 29th

### MARCH

Gretchen Patterson ~ 2nd  
 Sandy Hartsel ~ 3rd  
 Elizabeth Wilson ~ 5th  
 Sara Frato ~ 6th  
 Deb Shriver ~ 7th  
 Pat Brandau ~ 13th  
 Joan Parsons ~ 17th  
 Sarah Syrstad ~ 18th  
 Lewistine Holloway~Moore ~ 20th  
 Carol Simon ~ 23rd  
 Marsha Manfred ~ 26th  
 Susan Little ~ 28th  
 Susan Tissot ~ 30th  
 Anita Scherpenisse ~ 31st



**Quirky!** William Kamkwamba had to quit school at fourteen because his family couldn't afford it. However, he educated himself at a local library, built a wind turbine out of junk, brought electricity to his Malawi village for the first time, gained worldwide fame, earned scholarships, attended and graduated from Dartmouth College, gave a TED Talk and had a movie made about his life called *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*.



**MOVING?** Contact the Mailing Co~Chairperson **Carol Rhodes** ~ 330.477.7182 or email crhds01@aol.com so your information can be updated. **REMEMBER!**



**Well Now!** The official inventor of the fire hydrant is unknown as the original patent was burned in a fire!

