

Canton College Club Chatter

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REMEMBER! Reservations for the December Luncheon are due by December 2nd! **REMEMBER!**

"Learning never exhausts the mind."
 ~Leonardo DaVinci

2023 - 2024 CCC
 Membership Total
 182

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Presidential Perspective . . .



In the last issue I began my letter with, "Once in a while something comes along that just naturally makes you feel a little bit happier, a little more alive, a little more involved." With that in mind, I believe we are off to a good start.

- ◆ **Fall Fête** was attended by 60 people with 16 of those as guests/prospective members which I hope will join CCC.
- ◆ **Cathy Sherman** sent a message to the **Glorious Girls of Golf** (a section that meets at Meadowlake Golf Course once a month for lessons and a 9-hole round), Cathy shared, "It was a beautiful day to play this challenging game capped off by a wonderful Fall Fête at Varian Orchards. . . a great evening of fun and fellowship."
- ◆ The following Wednesday, **Lunch Bunch** met at Bugsy's Restaurant on Hills and Dales Road.
- ◆ Friday, September 22, was our **Main Stream Boutique Fundraiser** with several members manning the CCC information table.
- ◆ On Monday, September 25th, **Game Night** met at Michael D's on Whipple for games, food, and most importantly laughter.
- ◆ The first Tuesday in October, **Dinner Club** met at 91 Wood Fired Oven in Lake Cable.
- ◆ That same evening, several members set up a table at GlenOak HS for the **NE Stark County College Fair** to present our scholarship and grant opportunities as well as introduce ourselves to their mothers as prospective members.

Our General Meetings are open to the public, so please bring prospective members. The Program Committee has lined up educational, interesting and fun speakers this year. My goal is to bring back coffee and homemade snacks to our General Meetings ~ it's just more welcoming.

As you can see, CCC offers many opportunities for fun and fellowship with many members who attend multiple events in a month. So pick a Section or a General Meeting, check the Yearbook for the listing, call or email the section leader if you want more information, and talk to other members. I would love for more members to take advantage of all that CCC has to offer.

I hope to see you soon!

~ Sandy Abbonizio

DID YOU KNOW? There are five gigantic, cylindrical shafts under Tokyo that fill with water to protect the city from being destroyed if there's ever a flood.



Sections Stimulate ...

Mary Ann Cook reports that Book Review III meets October thru December and March thru May on the second Wednesday of the month at noon.



For their October meeting at the Canton Woman's Club, members and their guests welcomed back Richard Haldi. His program was "Canton's Million Dollar Palace ~ The History of Mr. H.H. Ink's Beloved Palace Theatre." Mr. Haldi's presentation offered insights into the history of Canton lore surrounding Mr. Ink and Canton's iconic treasure, the Palace Theatre.

November's meeting took place at La Pizzaria. Members were asked to share female heroines from their reading of fiction or non-fiction books.

Book Review III members enjoy the opportunity to hear of 'new' books which have been suggested by fellow readers!



Euchre Section winners Susan Tissot, Marylin Hlass and Jeannie Winberry enjoy their winnings after a delicious lunch at Bravo!

Jeannie Winberry LOVES CCC Sections! She chairs Euchre, Lunch Bunch and Philanthropic! Contact her at 330-265-3705 if you are interested in any of these sections.



THE CHER SHOW, the Tony Award winning Broadway Musical based on the life of

CHER!

EJ THOMAS PERFORMING ARTS HALL

The University of Akron – Wed., Jan 31, 2024



6 decades, 35 hits, a Grammy, an Oscar, and an Emmy plus dazzling gowns.

COST: \$118

Cost Includes: CHER, bus, tip, dinner at

D'Agnes's at White Pond

For reservations call:

Kathy Dieringer at 330-265-3876

DEADLINE:

December 11, 2023

Checks payable to:

SILVERLINERS

Payment due with reservation

Bus departs St. Haralambos rear lot at 4:30 pm

Returns approximately 10:45 pm

To JOIN a section, contact any Section Chairperson on page 8 of your yearbook.

To START a section, contact **Lewistine Holloway Moore**, Sections Chairperson, at 330-936-4431.



Members of the Philanthropic Section meet to sew, create, socialize and even go out at times!

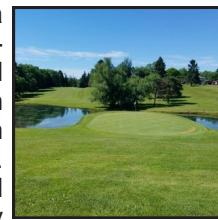
Below, members **Jeannie Winberry, Marilyn Welcsh, Chris Sbaraglia and Michele Knis** spent a recent afternoon making blankets for children in local hospitals.



The Glorious Golfing Girls

had a simply "glorious" time this past Spring, Summer and Fall at Meadowlake Golf and Swim Club. **Sandy Abbonizio, Connie Gasper, Sue Grady, Karen Evans, Sue Henry, Judy Simonson, Cathy Sherman, Beth Sovacool and Susan Tissot** were regulars.

Betsy Cornell, due to work obligations, was a member in absentia and played with members on the weekends. We alternated nines as they are totally different. The front is flat and the fairways are parallel. The back nine is hilly with a treacherous pond that comes into play on numbers 10, 17 and 18.



Our last scheduled round was Monday, October 16th.

Plans are in the works to play the third Monday of the month at the indoor facility "XGolf" on Whipple behind the emergency vet clinic. That way we don't have to kick off the rust from our games when good weather returns.

Free group lessons will resume in April for anyone who would like to join us. The more the merrier!

Invest in the Future . . .

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

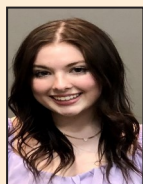
Dear Julie,

Thank you for awarding me the incredible scholarship! I recently attended freshman orientation for Ohio University where I planned my classes for the fall, which are shown in my attached fall schedule document. While at orientation, I reflected on how fortunate I am to attend such a school which aligns with my values, contains a supportive and diverse community, and offers a rigorous academic program set to challenge and prepare me for my future career as a mechanical engineer. Through the generous scholarship I received from The College Club of Canton, the financial burden of attending Ohio University has been eased. I am so grateful to be supported by an organization of such bright and hardworking women who value education and growth.

Once again, thank you for The College Club of Canton's support and belief in my future at Ohio University.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Perry ~ Massillon Washington High School



Dear College Club of Canton,

I wanted to sincerely thank you for awarding me a scholarship. As I prepare myself for my first year at Denison University, I will put your contribution to good use. I am so honored to be recognized by such a wonderful and educated group of women.

Thank you.

Alexis Spangler ~ Hoover High School

Awarding scholarships and grants to deserving women is a primary objective of The College Club of Canton. At the May 2023 Scholarship Luncheon a total of \$8000 in scholarship grants was awarded to eight Stark County High School Seniors. (See p 15 of your current CCC yearbook.)

In addition, a Ruth Wolter Tuition Grant of \$3000 was awarded to Samantha Jose to attend the University of Akron. She expects to complete her Bachelors Degree in Behavioral Health as an RN in 2024.



2022 Ruth Wolter Tuition Grant winner Anna Stangelo wanted to achieve her MS in Educational Leadership and become a school principal. She has been hired by the North Canton City Schools to serve as Intermediate School Assistant Principal for the 2023~2024 school year. Congratulations, Anna!

CORRECTION: Our apologies to Scholarship Recipient Kate Weisbrod whose high school was listed incorrectly in both the May newsletter and the yearbook. Kate was a 2023 graduate of GlenOak High School and is attending George Washington University with plans to major in Global International Politics and French.

Best wishes to Kate as she pursues her dreams!

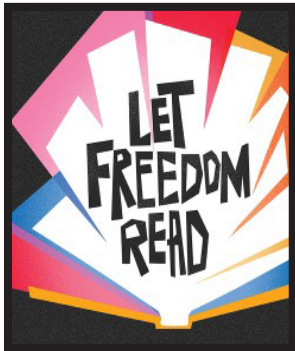


Our annual Mainstream Boutique North Canton fashion fundraiser was once again a great success! Special thanks to owner Rebecca Paliswat and the stylists for their continued support of nonprofit organizations, and to everyone who came and shopped. We hope to see you sporting your new styles at upcoming CCC events! In addition, we met several potential new members! With all of this generous support we were able to add \$300 to our Scholarship Grant Fund.

A Hot Topic ...

CENSORSHIP/BOOK BANNING

At the May 10, 2023, meeting of Book Review III, members and guests focused on the topic: "Books Under Fire," presented by Jessica Watkins, former Adult Services Reference Librarian at the Massillon Public Library. Jessica's presentation included this slide information:



There Is Nothing New Under the Sun

We think of this as something relatively new, but people have been trying to censor written records for as long as written records have existed!

Motivations vary, but are usually tied to political, religious or philosophical goals. This has always been the case.

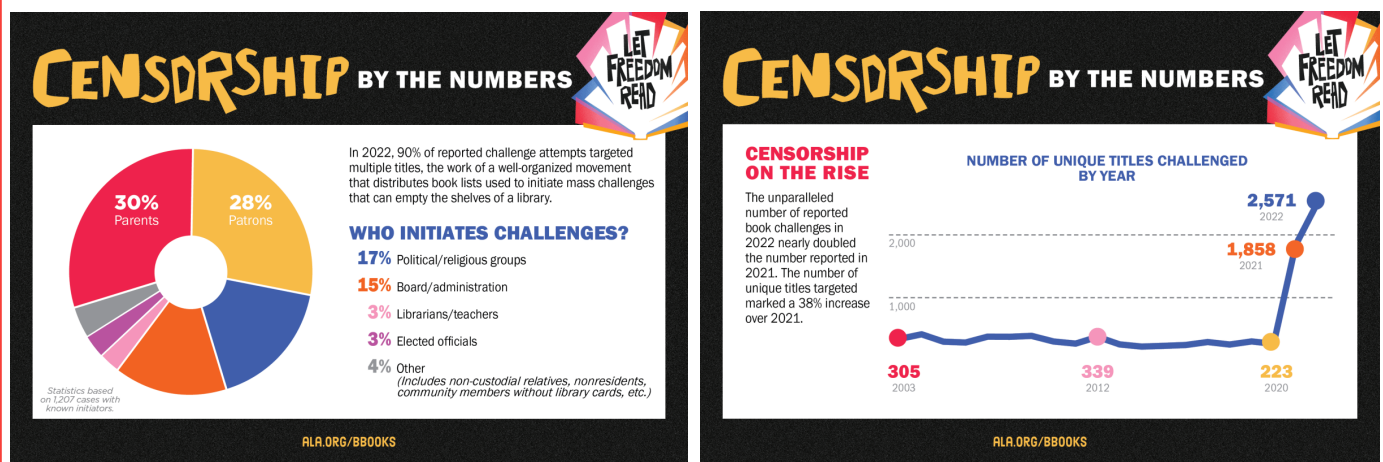
Books targeted for censorship often deal with issues of race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, sexual orientation and politics.

The *Chatter* staff attended the presentation and subsequently determined the topic of censorship/banning books merited inclusion in *Chatter* this CCC year. In our series, we will provide recent findings published by The American Library Association (ALA) as well as share thoughts on these topics from our members who have served in the field of Library Sciences. Historically in 1953 the ALA issued the Freedom to Read Statement "a declaration in support of freedom to think or believe as one chooses, the freedom to express one's thoughts and beliefs without fear or retaliation, and the right to access." Fittingly as this issue of *Chatter* goes to press, the annual ALA event celebrating the freedom to read, i.e. Banned Books Week is set for the week of October 1-7, 2023, emphasizing the theme "Let Freedom Read." Banned Books Week was launched in 1982. According to ALA "it highlights the value of free and open access to information." The resources listed below provide a website of the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom. Among the topics available are: The Top 13 Most Challenged Books for 2022, Censorship by the Numbers, and Banned Books Research Inquiries.

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned-books-qa>

The American Library Association "compiles data on book challenges from reports filed by library professionals in the field and from news stories published throughout the United States. Because many book challenges are not reported to the ALA or covered by the press, the 2022 data compiled by ALA represents a snapshot of book censorship throughout 2022. A challenge to a book may be resolved in favor of retaining the book in the collection, or it can result in a book being restricted or withdrawn from the library."

The graphic charts provided as a download by www.ala.org summarizes many of today's concerns.



Membership News ...

Membership Chairperson Judy Simonson is pleased to report we have four new members.



Rebecca L. Beans
University of Akron

Katherine A. Michel
Notre Dame College

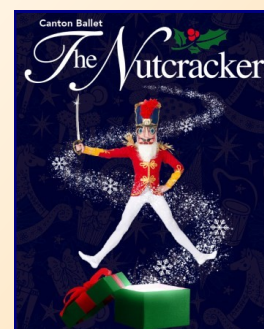
Carol Ann Shearer
Walsh University

Anna M. Stangelo
College of Wooster

A **Membership Application** is on page 51 of your yearbook. Feel free to tear it out, make copies and mail them to the address listed at the top of the page.

Check it Out ... ✓

"The Nutcracker"
Presented by the Canton Ballet
Canton Palace Theater
December 8 ~ 10, 2023
For more information,
check their website:
www.cantonballet.com



"Holiday Pops"
Presented by the Canton
Symphony Orchestra
Zimmerman Symphony Center
2331 17th St NW Canton
December 17, 2023
3:00 pm
For more information, check their website:
www.cantonsymphony.org

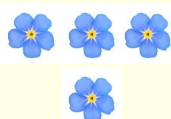
In Memoriam ...



Linda J. Dessauer
Member from
2011 ~ 2023



Anice Jane McFadden
Member from
2017 ~ 2023



Judith Nussbaum
Member from
1954 ~ 1958
1984 ~ 2023



Rebecca J. Weiford
Member from
1974 ~ 2023

The **Stark County Hunger Task Force Pantry** was established in 1981 to serve the hungry. With November being a time of gratitude, this is just a reminder to consider supporting this worthy cause if you can. In 2022, 34,000 people in the county were served monthly. That number has undoubtedly risen this year. Every dollar raised provides 7 pounds of food to those dealing with hunger.

"Be remembered for things that matter." ~ Frank Sommenberg

May Luncheon . . .

The May Luncheon was held on May 20, 2023 in the First Christian Church Heritage Hall. Scholarship grant and Ruth Wolter Tuition Grant recipients were recognized. A choice of chicken or lasagna with sides and pies for dessert were enjoyed. **Chris Sbaraglia** and **Sandy Abbonizio** served as luncheon chairpersons.



Sandy Abbonizio assumed her role as incoming president as **Betsy Cornell** passed her the CCC gavel.

Yellow and white daisies graced the tables. The coordinating green pockets held an assortment of delicious chocolates. The flowers represented our desire for CCC to bloom with new members.



The College Club of Canton Executive Board for 2023-2024



Betsy Cornell, was presented with a CCC windchime in appreciation for her service to the club as outgoing president.



Front row: Betsy Cornell, Paula Yost and Julie Werren

Back row: Sandy Abbonizio, Rojean Cole, Pat Milam, Beth Sovacool, Connie Gasper, Linda Bayda, Marilyn Welcsh, Carol Rhodes, Sandy Lang and Chris Sbaraglia

Absent: Bonnie McDowell, Margaret Riffle and Peggy Yoos

Fall Fête ...

On September 18, 2023, over 60 members and guests traveled to Varian Orchards.

The crisp cool air and beautiful countryside was the perfect setting as the CCC year got underway with Fall Fête. Reed Varian gave a presentation on apples. Those in attendance learned about apple varieties and their suggested uses. For example: Jonathan apples are the best for cider and Yellow Transparent are the best for sauce. After a trolley ride through the orchards, everyone enjoyed fresh apple cider with their meal and delicious apple crisp for dessert.



CCC President, **Sandy Abbonizio** did an excellent job planning, sponsoring and orchestrating the fun evening. Member **Linda Bayda** commented, "I thought the evening was very enjoyable and the food was great."

As the evening drew to a close, **Nancy Varian** presented door prizes of cider, apples and several copies of the Varian Orchards Cookbook. The cookbook was first assembled with family recipes in 1997 as a tribute to Ken and Virginia Varian after their 50th wedding anniversary.

(Photos thanks to Bonnie McDowell and Betsy Cornell)



APPLE CRISP

6 apples, peeled & sliced
 ½ c. sugar
 1 T cinnamon

1 c. flour
 1 c. brown sugar
 ½ c. margarine or butter

Slice apples into a 9 x 13 inch cake pan sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with white sugar and cinnamon. Topping: Cover with a topping made of flour, brown sugar, and margarine. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

Virginia (Dean) Varian

Kudos . . .

Sandy Abbonizio continually exhibits exhaustive efforts in moving the club forward and organizing activities.

Diane Chenevey, Heritage Hall Director at First Christian Church, readily shares her expertise going above and beyond expectations in planning and preparation for CCC events.

Julie Werren organized the Fall Fashion Fundraiser at Mainstream Boutique North Canton. Thanks to all who supported and volunteered for this event. That event resulted in \$300.00 for the CCC Scholarship Fund as well as potential **NEW** members.

Jeannie Winberry regularly sends updates and pictures from the three sections she chairs: Euchre, Lunch Bunch and Philanthropic. Her positive attitude is contagious!



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
 Brenda Hawkins ~ 28th
 Susan Grady ~ 29th
 Millie Snyder ~ 29th
 Jan Shafer ~ 31st

JANUARY

Barb Cockroft ~ 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
 Bev Riske ~ 22nd
 Marion Mazzarella ~ 29th

FACTOID: Lake Hillier is known as the pink lake of Australia. Its pink color is believed to be due to the presence of an organism *Dunaliella salina*.

FEBRUARY

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



When you attend the December Luncheon, let your "Glitz and Glitter" shine!

REMEMBER! Luncheon reservations due by December 2nd! REMEMBER!

HELP OUR LEGACY TO ENDURE!

Should you no longer be able to attend CCC functions, remember that your dues continue to support the club's objectives, specifically to promote education through programs and scholarships. Will your legacy live on to inspire future generations?

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



DO YOU KNOW?

What is the origin of white pepper?

