

SCC Hunkers Down

It is April 1st as I write, and NJ is “sheltering in place,” one of several new acronyms, words, and phrases we’ve learned in recent weeks.

In observance of the new rules for the Covid-19 health crisis, Summit College Club, under the able guidance of President **Hedy Tukey**, has postponed what was its most active Spring calendar in years.

THE MARCH 22 LECTURE: Janet Mandel has been postponed until fall on a date TBA.

THE APRIL 5th 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA BRUNCH has been postponed until November 8 in the same time slot and space, 12:30 to 3:00 at the Summit Grand Hotel. Tickets purchased for April 5 will be valid for the November 8 event, and we hope to see everyone then. (If you would like a refund, however, write to **hedy.tukey@gmail.com**, including the address to which the refund check should be sent.)

APRIL 13 BOARD MEETING will take place electronically on a platform yet TBA.

SPRING BOOK SALE has been cancelled for this Spring. The Book Sale’s next appearance is still under discussion. (Should we do it in the fall or go directly to next spring?) TBA

MAY 15th DAY TRIP TO ALICE PAUL INSTITUTE-- Cancelled for now and under discussion for next year. TBA

Scholarship Committee Forges Forward

All praise to this year’s Scholarship Committee, including co-chairs **Marilynn MacLean** and **Kathy Tatlow**, 2nd year member **Elie Redington**, and brand new members this year, **Barbara Sayers** and **Jee-Hoon Krska**. The committee has coped with the new world by developing a way to meet, interview the candidates chosen from the applications, and continue their highly collaborative, organized process of identifying this year’s scholarship winners.

According to Kathy, Jee-Hoon. “a treasure,” called her up to say that she had been “thinking about how they were going to proceed.” Since then, Jee Hoon has been teaching the other committee members, and they’ve begun having teleconference meetings on Zoom. Marilynn also praised Jee Hoon: “She is a beautiful person,” she said on the phone, “knowledgeable about technology and a gentle teacher.”

Each committee member has taken one school and is reaching out to both the guidance counselor and the chosen candidates from that school to set up interviews. Next

Monday, April 6, Kathy and Marilyn plan to do the first student interviews with the rest of the committee listening in. (The students, they expect, will be old hands at this.)

This year, for the first time, the students who were *not* chosen to be interviewed will receive an e-mail advising them of that and thanking them for their participation. About 20 students from 6 high schools will be interviewed. The schools are: Millburn, Kent Place, New Providence, Governor Livingston, Chatham and Summit.

Some of the questions all interviewees are asked are: What single individual has the most important influence on your life? What advice would you give to an incoming high school freshman? How important is today’s interview to you and why?”

Kathy says this last is her favorite question because she learns so much about the students from their answers. One student response she remembers: “It’s important to me because my parents have given me so much that I would like to do something for them.”

Save the Date for Baltusrol:
September 12, 2020

New Member!

A hearty welcome to Jamy Barton, Summit College Club's newest member:

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Jamy earned her BA in English at the University of Delaware in 1993. Since then, she has followed a career path mostly in online tech companies, working for United Healthcare, Yahoo, and Time, Inc. Currently she is with Amazon. Jamy also runs a non-profit: "28 Days Project--Period Poverty."

Equal Pay Day

With so many people--male and female--completely out of work, it seemed a time to put conversation about equal pay for women aside for the time. But then it occurred to me that the legions of women doctors, nurses, and health aides, for example, are being paid less than their male counterparts and are in crucial, risky positions--to say nothing of the inadequate pay for women staffing the grocery stores, etc. I remembered, too, that unemployment payouts are of course linked to salary.

The idea of Equal Pay Day is to illustrate dramatically the salary gap between men and women. This year, the average woman must work far into the new year--**until March 31**--to earn what the average man earns by December 31 of the previous year.

The collaborative organization, **Equal Pay Today**, breaks down the gap for particular groups within "all women," pinpointing the "catch up" equal pay dates of specific groups. Statistics include full-time, year-round workers. In each case (except the last) the named group is compared to "all men."

All women--March 31 (.82)

Asian-American women--Feb. 11 (.90)

Black women --Aug. 13 (.62)

Native American women--Oct. 1 (.57)

Latina women--Oct. 29 (.54)

Parents (all moms vs. all dads)-- June 4 (.70)

"Taxes"

Winning an election increases subsequent divorce rates for female candidates but not for men.

Winning the Best Actress Oscar portends a divorce, while winning the Best Actor award does not.

Men are no longer the sole bread winners, but apparently man should still win more bread. When that principle is violated—and the wife earns more than the husband—she is taxed in other ways. She spends more time on household chores, and, to add insult to injury, she is more likely to end up divorced.

S, Mullainathan, *The Hidden Taxes That Challenge Women*

In Memoriam

We report with sadness that Janet L. Brown died on December 16, 2019, in Exeter, NH. Past president and lifetime member of the Summit College Club, Jan is survived by her husband John Donahue, her daughter Karen, her children-in-law, Rob Mitrook and Laurie Brown, and many grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

"Jan was our President from 1980-1982. She was a friendly, no nonsense person who was capable of handling any situation. She joined the Navy in World War II. If I remember correctly, she lent her uniform to the American Legion (where we hold our Book Sales) for a Memorial Day exhibit some years ago. Also if I remember correctly I saw a photo of Jan and her husband in their uniforms. It might have been their wedding picture. I believe it was beside her uniform in the exhibit. I think I recall her telling me that she and her husband both went to college on the G.I Bill. I remember being impressed that women could take advantage of the G.I. Bill then. But Jan said "of course". She would not have expected anything less!"

--Leslie Carson

"I, too, remember Jan. She moved up to Exeter, NH, a number of years ago and then moved in with her son in Dover, NH, about three years ago. I spoke to her daughter-in-law at that time, and she told me that Jan definitely wanted to continue to receive mail from SCC. Jan was a 50-year Lifetime Member of SCC."

--Ann Soper

"I liked her a great deal; she was a nice person--she was also very casual and cool!"

--Anita Meritt