

SCC Tees Off Its Centennial



Top Left: Karen Brown, President, AAUW-NJ, gives opening remarks.

Right: *The Road to Women's Suffrage: A Reader's Theater, presented by (left to right) Erna Hoover, Susan Kogan, Janice Harris Jackson, Shelly Ostrowski, and Hedy Tukey (narrator). Leslie Carson (narrator) not shown.*

Bottom Left: Baltusrol greenery

Middle: Hedy Tukey, President, SCC, honors Marie Simone, newly installed Lifetime Member, for her 50 years of SCC membership. SCC now boasts seven Lifetime Members.

Right: Hedy Tukey and Karen Brown

Photos by Jim Carson and Carol Castelluccio



Marketing SCC



Board Members **Anita Meritt, Leslie Carson** and **Hedy Tukey** greet guests at the Summit Farmers Market in early September.

Summit College Club will be back on the job at the market on October 13, promoting Club membership and our upcoming Work Smart salary negotiation workshop.

Photo by Karen Barnes Kaplan

Clara Maas, 1876-1901

Born in East Orange to German immigrant parents, Clara Maas was the eldest of nine children. Her family lived in grinding poverty, and she was several times sent away to work as a servant in other families. Still, she was intelligent and ambitious, and when the new Newark German Hospital (1870) advertised for would-be nurses, Clara, three years too young, applied and was accepted.

Meanwhile, the U.S. had occupied Cuba after the Spanish-American War. The U.S. had lost fewer than 1000 men in battle, but more than five times that number had died of the vicious and deadly yellow fever. One theory among many was that the disease was spread by

mosquitoes, and in 1901 Army Major Walter Reed set out to test that idea, offering \$100 to volunteers who agreed to be bitten by a mosquito.

Clara, already nursing in Manila, volunteered. Two others had died in the experiments. Clara came down with a mild case of the fever, and sent the \$100 home to her mother. But was she now immune? She agreed to be bitten again, and this time she grew very ill and died--the only nurse, the only woman, and the only American among 19 volunteer deaths. She was 25 years old, and Reed finally had the proof he needed.

Clara's body was returned and buried in Fairmount Cemetery, Newark; her mother



The gala to celebrate SCC's 100th year has been moved from February 25, 2020--as announced in the September *Bulletin*--to **April 5**.

The change was made in response to the likelihood of bad weather in February. So, in hopes that more members and guests would come out and join in the fun during the warmer weather of April, the Board changed the date.

The venue will be the Grand Summit Hotel, where we'll enjoy a handsome buffet midday (it's a Sunday) in a hotel ballroom. Lots of plans are afoot, but for now, **SAVE THE DATE!**

New Member!

Jee-Hoon Krska

Jee Hoon has a B.S. (1990), an MS (1994), and a PhD. (1997), all from M.I.T.

An electrical engineer and a concert pianist, Jae-Hoon currently heads up **Keys 2 Success**, in which Newark children are taught to play the piano and perform. The training adds music to their lives and strengthens their academic success. Welcome, **Jee-Hoon!**

was granted a military pension; Cuba issued a stamp in her honor; and in 1952, the huge Lutheran Memorial Hospital was renamed for her. But her real legacy, for which she gave her life, was the understanding of and resulting elimination of the scourge of the deadly yellow fever. --abstracted from Lynn Wenzel and Carol J. Binkowski, *New Jersey's Remarkable Women*.

October Program

October 18 -- 10 a.m.

Leslie Carson

With a sixty year career as a composer and pianist, Clara Schumann was one of the most distinguished musicians of the 19th century. Her reputation then equalled or eclipsed that of her husband, Robert Schumann.

Straddling the 19th and 20th centuries, Florence Price was the first African American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer and have her work played by major orchestras.

Twentieth century composer and singer Joan Baez is still active today in civil rights and social justice.

Such a trio! Dr. Robert Butts will illuminate all three history-making women composers when he discusses their careers on Friday, October 18, at 10:00 am in Lile Hall of Christ Church, 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit. Dr. Butts is the award winning Conductor of the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey. His talk is free to SCC members and the public.

Our November program will follow up: it is a concert by the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey that Dr. Butts will conduct, and it will include a Florence Price composition.

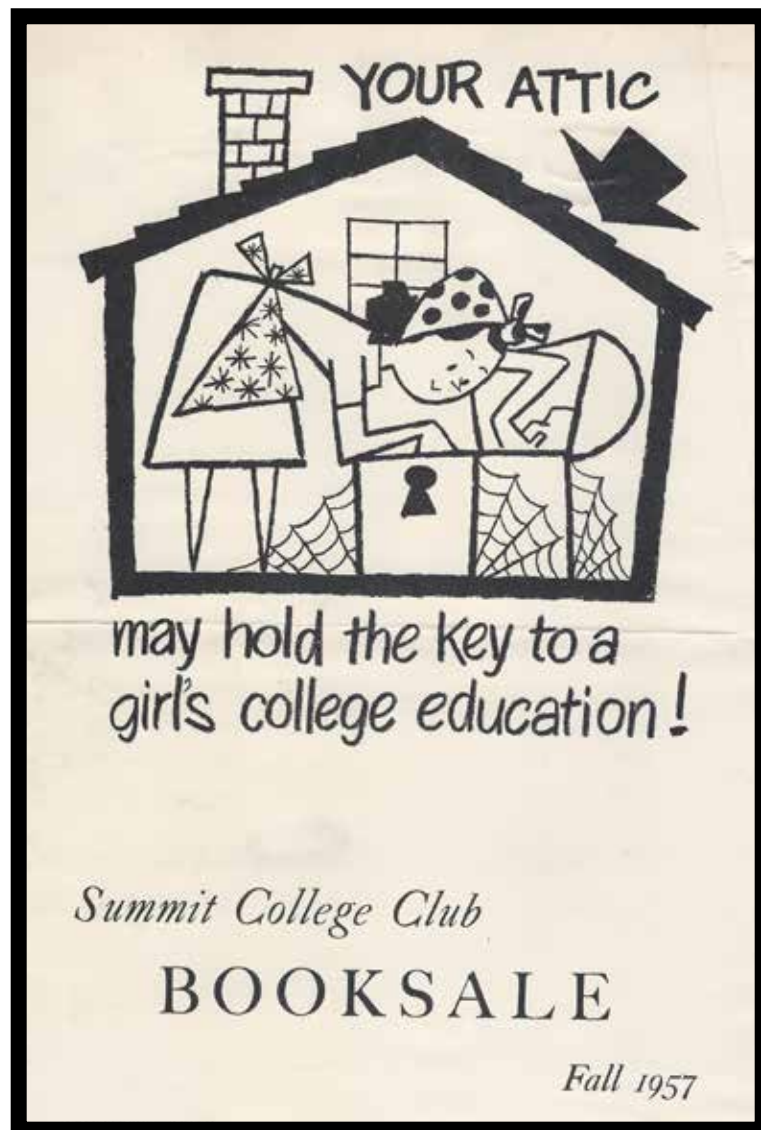
The concert will take place on Sunday afternoon, November 10; more information will be available in the November *Bulletin*. Meanwhile, please mark your calendar. An added bonus is that Dr. Butts is arranging for a Summit College Club/AAUW member discount for the concert.

Need a lift to or from the Dr. Butts's talk on October 18? Email **Marylou Motto** at mlmotto@outlook.com.

From the Archives

*We fill up rows of empty stacks
By sorting books and paperbacks.
Is it science, is it history,
Is it fiction, is it mystery?
Americana, verse or art,
That's the way we do our part.
For willing hands we never snub
in the Summit College Club.
The song that rises to our lips
Is always tuned to scholarships.*

*By **Pinky Leavens** and
Marcia Carson; in a
1968 SCC Bulletin*



2019-2020 SCC Calendar

OCTOBER

12 **Fall Focus. AAUW of NJ.**
8:30-2:30, Mt. Laurel.

13 **Summit Farmers Market. SCC Table.**

14 **Board Meeting.**
NP Library, 6:30

18 **Maestro Robert Butts, "Three Composers: Clara Schumann, Florence Price, Joan Baez."** 10 am, Christ Church, Summit.

NOVEMBER

10 **Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey**, conducted by Maestro Robert Butts, in a concert featuring composer Florence Price. 3 pm, College of St. Elizabeth. Discount for SCC members.

11 **Board Meeting.** NP Library.

18 **WORK SMART:** In partnership with Amazing Community, SCC runs an AAUW workshop in salary negotiation for working women and then a networking event. Mondo, 6 p.m.

DECEMBER

8 **Holly Berry Champagne Brunch.** Erna Hoover's home, 12:30 pm.

9 **Board Meeting.** NP Library

JANUARY 2020

13 **Board Meeting.**
NP Library. 6:30

20 **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Breakfast. Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver** has been invited to speak.

FEBRUARY

3 **Dr. Vivian Bull, former president Drew University, "The Changing Environment of High Education.** Madison Library, 7 pm.

10 **Board Meeting.** NP Library.

MARCH

9 **Board Meeting.** NP Library.

22 **Janet Mandel, "Georgia O'Keeffe."** 2 pm, Mondo.

APRIL

5 **SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB's 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA BRUNCH. 12 noon, Grand Summit Hotel.**

13 **Board Meeting.** NP Library

18 **AAUW of NJ Annual Meeting.** 8:30--2:30, The Rutgers Club, Piscataway.

**APRIL 17 - 23
BOOK COLLECTION
APRIL 28 - MAY 3
BOOK SALE**

MAY

11 **Board Meeting.** NP Library.

DAYTRIP: details TBA

JUNE

7 **SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION: details TBA**

8 **Board Meeting.**
NP Library, 6:30

Did You Know Tilla?

For an article later this year on **Tilla Thomas**, Summit College Club's founder, I'd be glad to talk to anyone who has memories or knowledge of her. Please email mlmotto@outlook.com.

--Marylou Motto

Work Smart Moves Forward

On November 18, Summit College Club will sponsor a Work Smart workshop. In salary negotiation for women. Participants will be led through the Work Smart online program on effective negotiation; a networking event with refreshments will follow the workshop.

Summit College Club is partnering with Amazing Community, an organization that helps women over 50 who are returning to the workforce, for this event. The committee is also talking to several other organizations about supporting the event, which will take place upstairs at Mondo during early evening hours. To learn more or to volunteer to help out, email Karen Kaplan at karenbarnes.kaplan@gmail.com.

