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RWC Newsletter

Presidents' Message

Thank you to all members that attended the Sept. Business meeting. I am so proud of our club as we move forward into this strange new existence. Check out all of the happenings and information in this newsletter. Thank you, again, to all our members for all you do for us. Now is a great time to check out the workings of the other levels of our local, state, and national organization. Answer the call to the De Anza District Conference Sept. 21. Contact Margaret V. if you didn't receive the information. Please contact Tinka F. to be added to the Women's History program email list to continue receiving great information about our history programs for this upcoming year. Contact Teri L. about training and leadership opportunities. We are looking forward to an exciting year, even in light of our new challenges.

Marti and Erin



Editors' Message

Some of you have asked why the last names in the newsletters are shortened to last initial and why personal emails have been deleted. This is a decision made by your editors to ensure the security of your identity. The program Stephanie uses is an online platform. She has made every effort to keep the newsletter unlisted and private. However, with any online program, there is always a small risk of hacking. Since we do have a contact list that is updated regularly, that would be the best place to find email info for people mentioned here.

The Latest Buzz!

We have lead bees!

Hive 01 - Peggy F.

Hive 03 - Katherine W.
(Combined with zip 05)

Hive 04 - Paige P.

Hive MVCoSB - Kimberly G.
(Combined hive)

Hive 06 - Chris S. and
Michaelle L.

Hive 07 - Cindy T.

Hive 08 - Christine B.

Hive RCYLTE R and D
Reedus

Marie A. (Yorba Linda)

Loretta G. (Rancho
Cucamonga)

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Edited by Judith G. and Stephanie P.

Clubhouse Safety

As most of you know, Robbie is 3rd VP. This position takes care of the clubhouse. We have been having homeless people camp out on the porch, in the bushes, and behind our building. Robbie elicited the aid of 1st VP Nancy L. since she has a contact on the RPD force. Steve G. RPD reviewed our "house" and made the following recommendations:

Cut back the hedges and the surrounding foliage to decrease places for the homeless to hide.

Improve the lighting around the building with LED lights in existing fixtures and put solar lighting in the alley.

Solar lighting on the 10th street side high on the fascia boards out of reach.

A motion-activated camera on the 10th St. side inside the window above the door to alert when there is activity.

A motion-activated camera on the Brockton St. side in the alcove to alert when there is activity.

Install a shut-off valve inside for the water spigot in the alley to prevent the use of water for the homeless.

Install permanent fencing on the 10th St. side and the Brockton St. side to keep out the homeless.

Hopefully, some of these can be accomplished. Officers will conduct directed enforcement patrols as time permits.

Along with the above, Officer Steve recommended we all know the RPD non-emergency phone number: 951-354-2007 to report any disturbance.

Pink on Parade by Lois B.

Normally, Pink on Parade is a walk in a local park to raise money for The Pink Ribbon Place. It is held in mid-October to support their work to help individuals with cancer in our community. However, this year is different, due to the pandemic. They are holding virtual contests to bring awareness to cancer and raise money. Club members can come up with ideas for a t-shirt design, paint pictures, write stories, create decorations separately or by working together.

I will have signed up as team captain and will have more details after the team meeting but here is what I know so far:

T-SHIRT CONTEST: Pink On Parade Tee: Create the next Pink on Parade t-shirt design!

ART CONTEST: Pink Up a Picture: Create a piece of art in any medium of your choice!

DECOR CONTEST: Paint the Town Pink: Decorate your home or business in pink!
KEY DATES

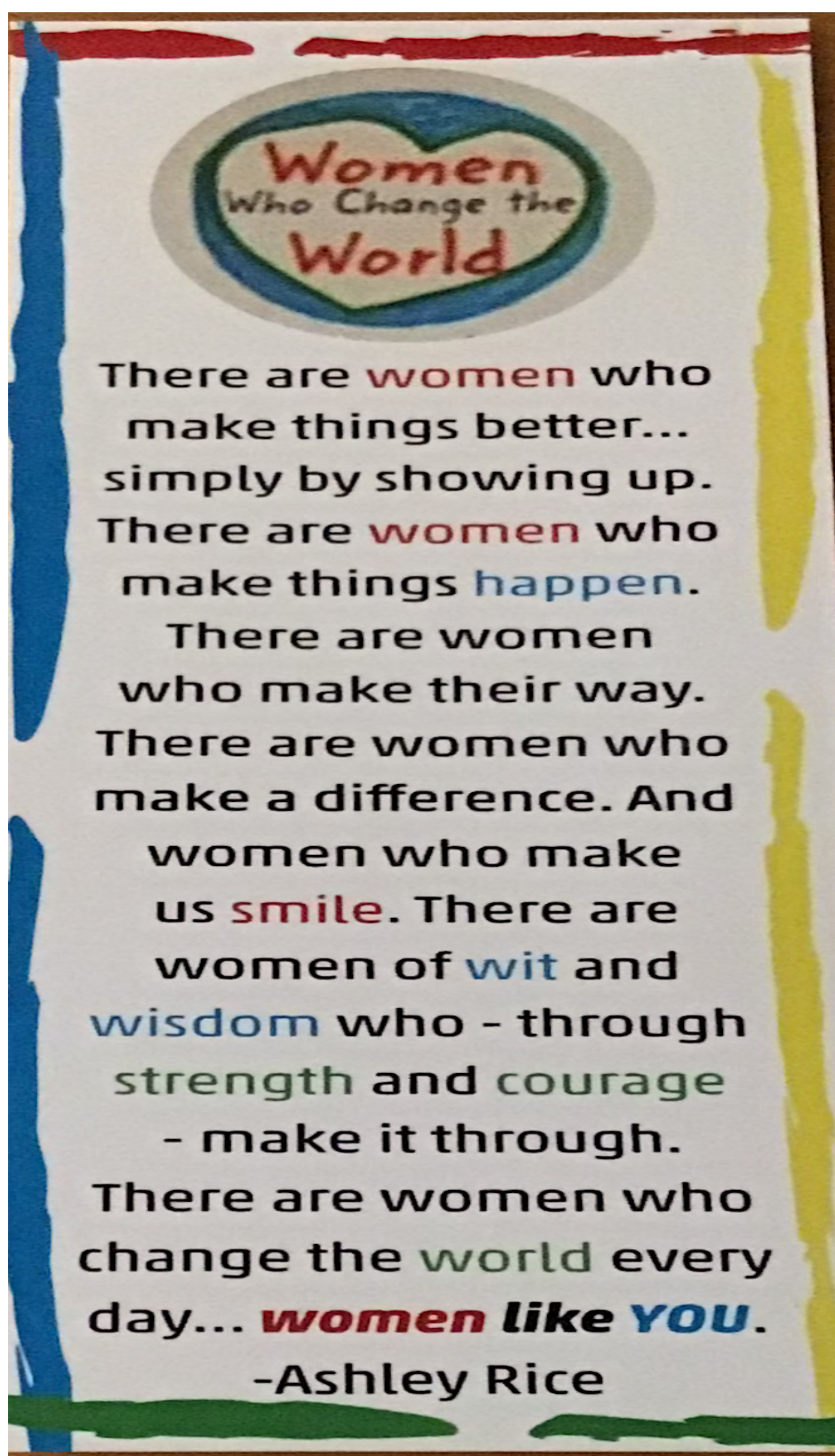
September 7 - Contests Open

October 9 - Submission Deadlines

October 12-26 - Community Voting Opens

October 30 - Winners Are Announced





Gowns, Gowns, Gowns by Katherine W.

The Riverside Woman's Club has only two women who sew little patient gowns, Katherine W. And Judith G. One of them used social media to recruit sewers from the community. The result - twelve women joined them to help sew a total of 434 gowns for Operation Smile. The fabric for the gowns was donated by club members and community women. Eight club members helped cut out the gowns during a cutting party held at the club. The shipping cost was paid by a generous business owner. This is a favorite project for the club and it will be continued.

In Memorium

Recently, our club lost a dedicated member, Janet Gilmore. Condolences go to Jana A. for the loss of her mother and Tinka F. for the loss of her sister, Our thoughts are with you, Jana and Tinka.

Newsletter Contributions

The newsletter editing team, Stephanie P. and Judith G., would love to publish your articles, announcements, and project information. All submissions should be sent to Judith or Stephanie by the 26th of each month titled "Newsletter [Month]" and note if it is time sensitive. The editors will make every effort to publish your submission in the next newsletter edition. However, if it is not time-sensitive, it may be published in a future edition due to space limitations. Please be aware that Stephanie and Judith may make changes to the wording of your article/announcement or shorten it to make grammatical corrections and to ensure succinctness.

LEGACY OF SUFFRAGE

100 Years Later, These Activists Continue Their Ancestors' Work

by Elizabeth Williamson and Haruka Sakaguchi
(New York Times, Aug. 7, 2020)

Michelle Duster marvels at how her great-grandmother did it all, juggling research and writing, teaching, and speaking. An educator turned journalist, Wells-Barnett's illustrated accounts of lynchings as an instrument of terror jolted the nation and endangered her life. She was also a founder of the N.A.A.C.P. and a suffragist who demanded voting rights be inseparable from civil rights. Wells-Barnett refused to comply with Alice Paul's segregation of the 8,000-strong Woman Suffrage Procession in Washington on March 3, 1913, edging into the Illinois contingent as it moved past and marching as the only Black woman in the state delegation. This year Wells-Barnett, who died in 1931, was awarded a posthumous Pulitzer Prize.

"She lived her life on her own terms," Ms. Duster said.

Born into slavery, Wells-Barnett "could go to the White House and talk to two different presidents," Ms. Duster said. "But at the same time, she took in people who were practically homeless."

IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT

After college, Ms. Duster immersed herself in Wells-Barnett's life. "I got very interested in the impact of images on people's worldview," she said. "I felt like I was experiencing the results of that level of intentional misinformation. That has been the driving force of my whole career — how can I dismantle these false narratives of exactly who African-Americans are?"

Ms. Duster lives in Chicago, where Wells-Barnett settled after a white mob destroyed her Tennessee newspaper office. She teaches writing at Columbia College Chicago and tutors at Wilbur Wright College.

Ms. Duster speaks widely about her great-grandmother's legacy, a theme explored in her book "Ida B. the Queen: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells." She is creating an initiative "to educate people about the involvement of Black women in the suffrage movement, and how it ties into today," she said. Ms. Duster has seen social media posts invoking Wells-Barnett, and an article crediting her with creating a blueprint for opposing police violence. "They're giving her credit for paving the way, expressing inspiration for how outspoken she was, and willingly and knowingly putting her life in danger," Ms. Duster said. In addition to exposing lynchings as state-sanctioned murder, "she was encouraging Black people to exercise the power that they did have," organizing boycotts of white-owned businesses and streetcars and a mass exodus of Black residents from Memphis. "That's why they wanted to kill her."

Leadership Lounge

by Terri L., Club Trainer and Leadership Program Lead

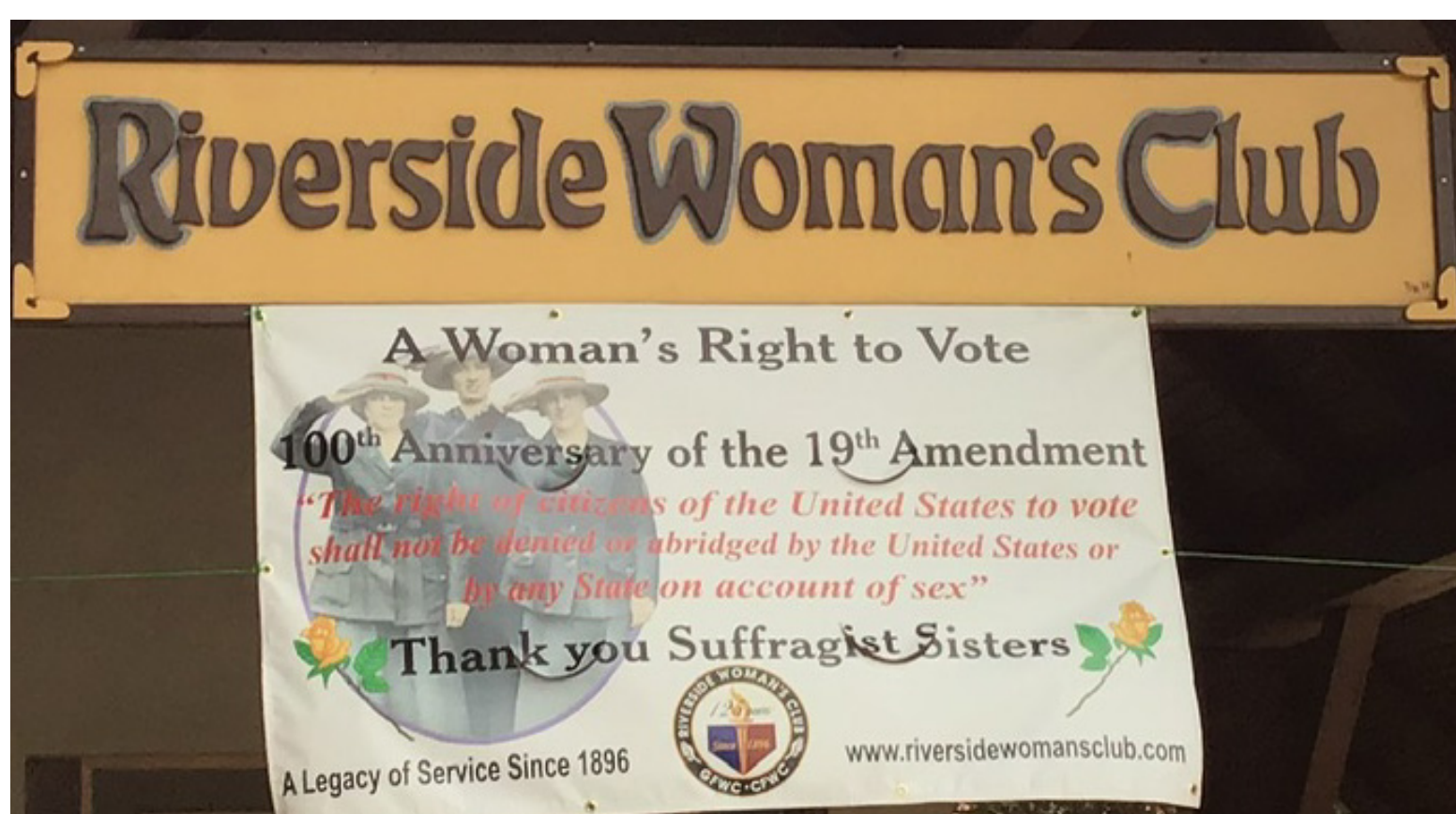
Every month, there will be a Leadership column in the newsletter. Unlock your personal potential and leadership abilities by being proactive about your personal wellness. Think about the areas of your life that you need to focus on to make yourself healthy, resilient, and happy. For the next few months, I will present four key principles for improving our personal well-being. You can choose one or more of these areas to take a 21-day challenge

Principle #1: Own Your Day

1. Schedule your priorities and prioritize your schedule
2. Prioritize high quality, deep sleep
3. Set personal, specific, actionable goals and work on them every day
4. Digital Detox (less time on our electronics)

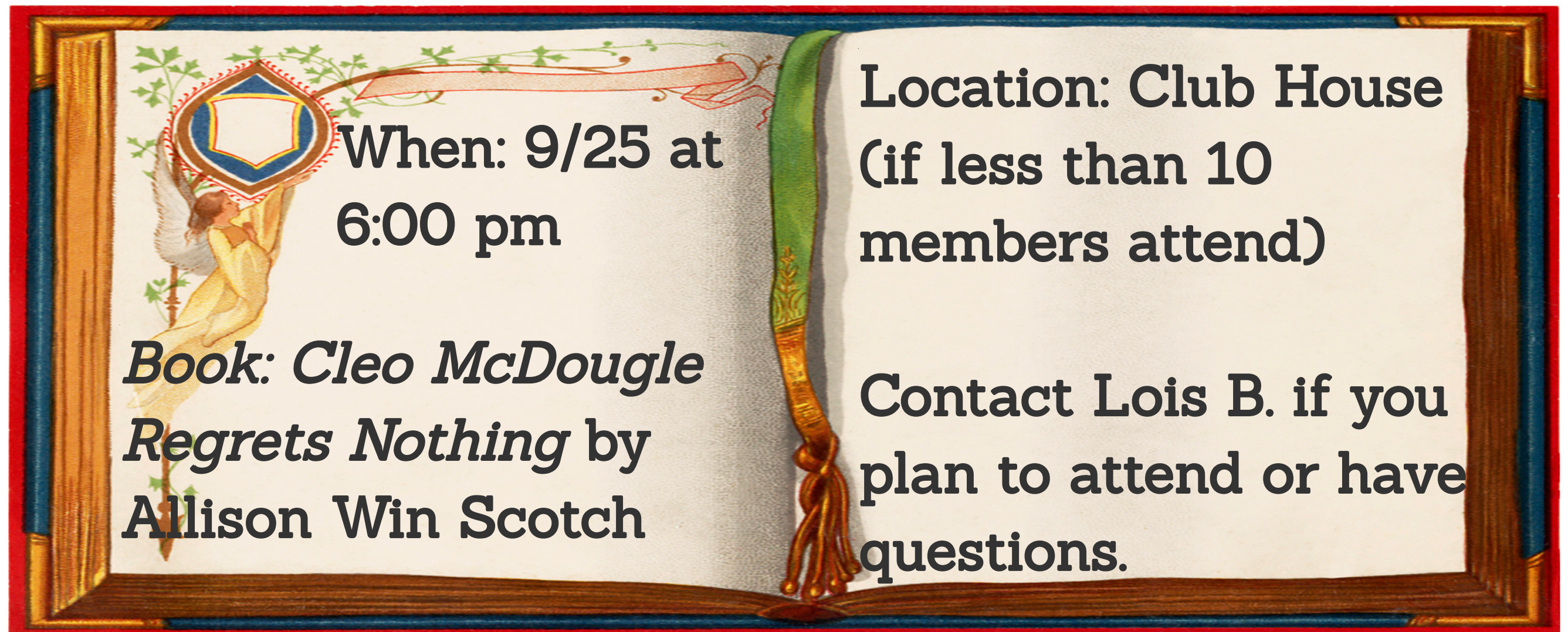
Think Twice Before Hitting Reply All

When an email is sent to you from the club, all 72 members receive it. If a response is expected or not, you have the choice of “Reply” or “Reply All” before you hit the button, stop and think if you want All 72 people to, not only see your answer but receive another email? If all 72 of us hit the “Reply All” button are you aware that you will receive 72 additional emails? Most of the time these Reply all responses are simply a yes or no. Now you get to keep deleting them, which is annoying, time-consuming, and clutters up your email. No one wants to read one-word replies from maybe 20+ different people that have nothing to do with them. By choosing the “Reply” button, your response only goes back to the sender. The “Reply” button should always be your first choice unless you think everyone in the club needs to see your input. The bottom line, think twice before you hit the Reply All.



In celebration of the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, this banner now hangs from the clubhouse on the 10th street side.

Book Club Corner



HIVE ACTIVITY

Hive 03 has taken the Cards 4 Kids project to heart. Members, parents, and grandkids are all involved in making and decorating cards.

Hive 03 has also initiated a Getting to Know You activity through email to help connect the hive.

Hive 06 provided one of its Sister Bees meals for 2 weeks while she was recovering from surgery.

All hives are collecting bras for Free the Girls. Penny R. is the program lead for this project.