

May

2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 12:30 PM Program Luncheon May Birthday Celebration | 2 | 3 10:45 AM Party Bridge | 4 6:30 PM Read Between the Wines | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 10:30 AM Board Meeting 12:30 PM Program luncheon | 9 | 10 10:45 AM Duplicate Bridge | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 12:00 PM Bridge Luncheon | 16 | 17 5:15 PM— Wine and Hors d'oeuvres; 6:00 pm Dinner and program | 18 | 19 9:30 AM Breakfast by the Book | 20 |
| 21 | 22 12:30 PM Program Luncheon | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Memorial Day Club closed today | 30 | 31 Kitchen Bridge | | | |



Happy Birthday!

May 4th
 May 14th

Rosina Alaimo
 Marcia Bergmann



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The College Club of Buffalo is a community of women who promote the advancement of education through programming, scholarship endowment, charitable activities and social interaction.

May Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

I hope that you are enjoying this lovely weather. We are anticipating a very busy spring at the College Club. Work is being done on the foundation of the porch, a sprinkler system is being installed, and we purchased a shed for garden equipment. Also, I am excited to announce that Carolann has generously donated a new walkway for the side of the house.

However, amidst all of these wonderful happenings comes sadness. Our dear friend, Clare, is relinquishing her duties as House Agent to live closer to her sister. We are in the process of working to hire her replacement. It is a very daunting task, as Clare's responsibilities are very wide-ranging. Hopefully, she will continue to be part of us.

Nancy Davidson and Pat Krims always welcome help with weeding the garden. Please consider donating some of your time.

Fondly,

Beverly



Membership News

Our membership numbers stand at 50. As wonderful as this is, we can use more members. It's up to all of us to reach out and encourage a friend, family member, or an acquaintance to join our group. Let's raise the bar; let's get that number to 60!

**Reminder: If you have chosen to pay your membership dues in two installments, installment #2 is due by July 1st !



Monthly Club Bridge Activities

Party Bridge: May 3rd

Please sign up for this event with Judy Danforth (886-6838). Play begins at 11:00 AM, so please plan to arrive by 10:45. Bring your smile, your quarter and your lunch. Goodies will be provided.

Hostesses: Nancy Thomas and Betty Loucks. Many thanks to Dorothy Medler and Jackie Trace for the lemon squares and brownies last month! (If you need info about hostess responsibilities, just ask Judy.)

April winners:

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| Nancy Davidson | 2790 | Cleo Alexander | 2030 |
| Dorothy Medler | 2160 | Peg Scott | 1730 |

Judy asks that you call her ASAP if you are **not** able to play. Telephone message is best! (886-6838). We need to make sure we have tables of 4 @ 11 am!

Duplicate: May 10th

Please contact Clare Schultz (884-6642) to sign up for duplicate bridge. All players should be seated and ready to play by 10:45 AM so playing can begin promptly at 11:00 AM. You will need to bring a lunch. Goodies will be provided.

April winners:

Possible score was 46

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| 1st | Betty Loucks and Clare Schultz | 21.5 |
| | Camille Beecher and Judy Danforth | 21.5 |
| 2nd | Hallie Howell and Jackie Trace | 20.5 |
| 3rd | Dorinne Ebel and Dorothy Medley | 19.5 |

Bridge Luncheon: May 15th

Lunch is served at 12:00. Sign-up sheet is available at the Club. Please reserve your seat at a table. This is important both for an accurate lunch count and to insure that we have 4 players per table. Lunch will provided by Carla Bernhardt and the cost is \$15.00. If you need to cancel, call Dorinne Ebel at 838-4418.

KitchenBridge

Kitchen Bridge met as planned on March 22nd. There was an issue about the meeting day, but we settled the issue by agreeing to set the Kitchen Bridge play day to the last Wednesday of the month. 16 people signed up to play so we had 4 tables. And Nancy Davidson's delicious cookies were a perfect complement. The March winners were: Bonnie Botsford, 3630; Linda Franchell, 3380; and Dorothy Medler 2810. Our next date is May 31st. If you'd like to play and have not yet signed up, call Hallie Howell at 885-4190, or you can e-mail Hallie at

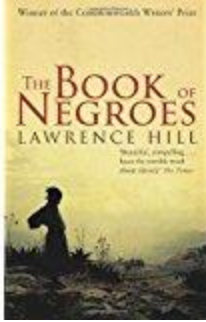
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Other Club Activities

Reading between the Wines: May 4th

6:30 pm; Discussion leader—Gloria

The book we will be discussing this month is *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill.



This is the story of an 11-year-old child who is abducted from her village in West Africa and forced to walk for months to the sea in a coffle—a string of slaves. Aminata Diallo is sent to live as a slave in South Carolina. But years later, she forges her way to freedom, serving the British in the Revolutionary War and registering her name in the historic “Book of Negroes.” This book, an actual document, provides a short but immensely revealing record of freed Loyalist slaves who requested permission to leave the US for resettlement in Nova Scotia, only to find that the haven they sought was steeped in

an oppression all of its own.

Aminata’s eventual return to Sierra Leone—passing ships carrying thousands of slaves bound for America—is an engrossing account of an obscure but important chapter in history that saw 1,200 former slaves embark on a harrowing back-to-Africa odyssey. *The Book of Negroes* introduces one of the strongest female characters in recent Canadian fiction.

Breakfast by the Book: May 19th

The book to be discussed this morning remains a mystery and will be announced soon! Please join the Book Club group and prepare to be surprised.

Bridge Jokes to make you smile.....

Some people are so busy learning the various conventions and gadgets of the game; they never fully enjoy the game.

How many Bridge players do you need to change a light bulb?

Four. One to change the bulb and 3 to tell him how he could have done it better.

There once was a lady named Bess,
Who found a new way to finesse.

 She made up excuses
 To lead up to deuces,
And loses without having to guess!

John: Reverend, is it a sin to play Bridge on Sunday?

Minister: John, the way you bid, it’s a sin to play any day of the week!

Program luncheons are scheduled on Mondays with the exception of the 3rd Monday which is reserved for the Bridge Luncheon. Lunch is served at 12:30 pm. Catering is provided by Applewood's Café. Cost per person is \$17.00. For reservations contact **Carolann Besch**, by phone at **883-4482** by 3:00 PM on the Friday before the luncheon.

If your name is on the permanent luncheon list, you do not need to call. **But** if you need to cancel your reservation, you must contact Carolann.

If you reserve a seat but do not attend, you will be billed for your lunch.

Program Luncheons

Monday, May 1st

Lunch will be served at 12:30

Cost is \$17.00

Today, our speaker is Maria White Small, an author. We will also be celebrating our "May birthdays."

See sidebar to the left for additional information.

Monday, May 8th

Lunch will be served at 12:30

Cost is \$17.00.

Today our speaker is Lindy Korn.

Her topic is: *Gender Bias: Alive and Well in 2017*

Lindy Korn is the sole partner/owner of The Law Office of Lindy Korn PLLC, which was founded in 2002. She is a holistic lawyer who represents only Plaintiff's in

matters of discrimination in the workplace. She is a Federal Court Certified mediator who tries to carve out customized resolutions for her clients and litigates as well.



Monday, May 22nd

Lunch will be served at 12:30

Cost is \$17.00.

Guest speaker: Delores Sapienza

Delores Sapienza is a local collector of Vintage Hats. She brings her treasure trove to various sites and presents them to her audiences. She will be bringing about 70 hats dating from the cloches of the 1920's to the fascinators of the 2000's. She also ran USO programs for the servicemen and women in Germany. Delores will be using our own Club members as models.

Program dinners are scheduled on the
 3rd Wednesday of the month. They are
 catered by Applewood's Café. Cost
 per person is \$20.00—payable by
 check or cash to The College Club.
 5:15 PM—Wine and Hors d'oeuvres;
 6:00—Dinner followed by our
 program

To reserve a seat at the table, call
Carolann Besch, by phone at **883-**
4482 by 12 Noon on the Monday
 before the dinner. If you are on the
 permanent dinner list, you need not
 call, **but you must** call Carolann if you
 need to cancel.

If you reserve a seat but do not attend,
 you will be billed for your dinner.

Program Dinner—May 17

Dinner: Wed., May 19, 2017

Performer: Kerry Kate Able-Smith

Brava!! She's back for an encore performance, **KERRY KATE ABLE-SMITH** and her accompanist will entertain us with an evening of music!

We loved her as "Sophie Tucker" and she will surprise us tonight

One night only! Be sure not to miss this one!

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2-cents worth from the editor.....

Friends, an organization is only as effective as its leaders. And the leaders of any organization volunteer their time and energy to make the organization a success. Our organization is a small one. But not only do we have a club but we also have a clubhouse to support. A few dedicated people are not enough to do the tasks that need to be done. We need everyone to lend a hand. We need worker bees and we need leader bees. The nominating committee is, as we speak, busy creating a slate of officers who will lead us into 2018. You will be called, and I hope, when asked to serve, you will say YES. But before you say YES, be sure that you have the time and the commitment to fulfill your obligations. As a Board member, according to our bylaws, you must attend Board meetings. We all have good intentions but there are times when life intervenes and we cannot make it to a meeting. We understand that. But consistent absences from Board meetings prevent Club business from going forward. Every Board meeting needs a quorum to conduct business. Lacking a quorum, no votes can be taken and essentially we can only discuss issues. So, please be aware of this before you say YES.