

# The Contemporary Club of Ho-ho-kus Newsletter

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## A Message from Our President Jodi Thompson

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a great summer and y'all are ready for another fun-filled year with the CC of HHK. We have a lot of fun events/things lined up for this year so get excited and get involved whenever/wherever you can ☺

First of all, thanks to everyone who attended the Garden Party / Fall Kick-Off on Sept 8. It was a huge success thanks to our wonderful Hostess, Patricia Vega. Your house is beautiful and it was the perfect setting for our luncheon. We couldn't have asked for better weather either! A great big THANKS to the committee – Caren Van Geyzel, Julia Rosenfeld, and Jen Angeli.

Secondly, as I mentioned at the luncheon, we have a lot of great events coming up in October so mark your calendars NOW and RSVP to the Evites if you haven't already. The first is our General Meeting, which will be held at The Ho-Ho-Kus Inn on Oct 1, at 7:30pm. Our second event is one of the club's favorite - the Progressive Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, Oct 19 starting at 6:30pm. Look for more information/details as the date gets closer. Lastly, is our Halloween Parade for our beautiful children, scheduled for Saturday, Oct 26.

Thirdly, I wanted to give a shout-out to Lisa Pisano and Febbie Staniar who have been working very hard over the summer. Lisa has been doing an incredible job getting our \*new\* website ready to "Go Live", and Febbie has been working hard on selling our HHK totes and hats. As a reminder, there are just a few adult hats left so get yours today if you haven't already! All HHK totes and children's hats are sold out. You're hard work does not go unnoticed so thank you ladies!

Lastly, we ended the 2012-13 year with a bang at our Dessert & Wine Silent Auction event. It was a huge success, and our new members did an amazing job pulling everything together. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! I know that it isn't easy and takes a lot of time and effort to plan; so, your hard work and dedication are much appreciated. Let's continue that success, motivation and enthusiasm into the 2013-2014 club year. I have no doubt that this year will be another fun and exciting year for all of us so grab on and get ready for a fun ride! See y'all on Oct 1st!

Jodi Thompson

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## Save the Date!

Fall is officially here –  
be sure to mark your  
calendar for:

**General Meeting/Wine  
and Cheese Tasting:**  
Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

**Richard's Run:**  
Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Progressive Dinner:**  
Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween Parade:**  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

# The New Website is Now Available!

*Lisa Pisano: Communications*

I'm thrilled to officially unveil our new Contemporary Club of Ho-Ho-Kus website:

<http://www.ccofhk.com>

At first glance, you'll see that the site has changed drastically, with a focus on rich content, photos, event information and our commitment to our community.

As you dig a little deeper, you'll find helpful resources like an updated membership directory, SEARCH capability, a Blog and an updated calendar of events.

We'll have the ability to directly comment on blog posts, ask questions of one another and will hopefully have the functionality to utilize PayPal for certain events later in the year.

The bulk of the website pages are public-facing, but there are areas that require log-in. **I'm going to ask that you please hang tight for an email coming from me soon with your user ID and password to be able to log in and access the Membership Directory, Photo Gallery and discussion board section called "The Wall."**

It's also very important that you attend the October 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting if at all possible, where an in-depth tutorial of the site's functionalities will be explored. (You'll have your user ID and password before then but it may be helpful to have a hands-on demo.)

Like all new sites fresh from a facelift, there may be a little bug here or there. Please be in touch with me via email at [Ldpcomm@yahoo.com](mailto:Ldpcomm@yahoo.com) should you encounter any, and I'll be sure to investigate.

Thank you, again, for your patience regarding the log-in information – I will have it to you very soon!

-Lisa Pisano

## YAC is looking for a Pre-School Coordinator of Programs

Looking for a way to get more involved in the HHK community? Consider volunteering to help run the YAC Pre-School Program. Whether it's a park meet up or a hayride at Abma's – it's totally up to you and what your schedule will permit! The YAC Pre-School program offers meet ups and events for kids (ages 1-5) and their caregivers. Please contact Lisa Pisano or Jules Hughes if you are interested in learning more.

## New Babies

Febbie and Guy Staniar welcomed a baby boy on Monday, September 9. Lane Burton Staniar was born at 7:39am weighing 10 lb 5 oz. Febbie and Guy also have a 21 month old boy, Alden.

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

### Monica Ashley



Visit the Blog section of our website to learn more about Monica: <http://ccofhkh.com/category/blog/>

### Scholarship Winner Update:

Thanks to our fundraising efforts, we awarded a \$2000 scholarship to a Ho-Ho-Kus resident and senior at Bergen County Academies, Michelle Guo. She will be attending Harvard University starting this fall. Besides her outstanding academic achievement, she had a long list of exceptional extracurricular activities, showing dedication to science, the arts, and her community. (To name a few, she co-founded the "Do Something" club at her school which promotes teen leadership and community service, organized the first annual county-wide middle school science fair, and conducted internationally recognized research on Alzheimer's Disease.)

## Social Services

To kick off the 2013-14 Club year, the first donation drive that Social Services will be holding is a **Halloween Costume Drive** for the organization Jersey Cares.

If you have any new or gently used costumes you would like to contribute, please drop off to Febbie Staniar (216 Elmwood Ave) or Monica Ashley (253 Blauvelt Ave) by **October 20th**.

Please visit our website to find out more details as to what is accepted and not accepted as part of the drive:

<http://ccofhkh.com/2013/09/09/social-services-costume-drive-taking-place-thru-1020/>

Febbie and Monica

## BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club will meet on Wednesday, 9/18 at 7:30pm at Fran McCaffrey's home (92 Sheridan Avenue) to discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. Email [franceshkh@gmail.com](mailto:franceshkh@gmail.com) for more information.

Visit the Book Club section of our website for further details on the titles that will be read this year:

<http://ccofhkh.com/newsevents/book-club/>

*A note from Kristin Gildea Fox, our First Vice President:*

We've got a great group of women new to town this year, and I'm so happy to have met so many of you already!

So far, the Board hosted a Summer Social for perspective members with about 14 new women in attendance. We also had a last minute social night out for cocktails and apps where about 7 of us met up at the HHK Inn. I hope to be able to organize a few more casual get togethers for perspective new members as well - whether its' last minute play dates or meeting at the HHK Inn for a drink.

So if you, or someone else you know, is new to town and would like to learn more about the club- please have them contact me at [kristingildeafox@gmail.com](mailto:kristingildeafox@gmail.com) or 201 819-4575. I'd be happy to tell you more about the club and let you know how you can join! Welcome to Ho Ho Kus!

*A note from Sheri Ash, our Second Vice President:*

**COMMITTEES:** I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and that you are ready to jump back into a fun-filled year with The Contemporary Club. We have a great group of women in the club this year, and I'm really looking forward to working with each and every one of you as we move through the 2013-2014 Contemporary Club calendar year on the various committees.

Now that our club website is live, you will be able to see the list of committee members and volunteers for each event under Members>Committees/Volunteers. You will also be able to access the club's calendar (News/Events>Calendar> in case you need to check the date of an event. Please remember that if you signed up for an event, you must be available on that date. If you have any questions, please contact me at [snastasi23@yahoo.com](mailto:snastasi23@yahoo.com).

**WAYS & MEANS:** We raised approximately \$15,000 at The Contemporary Club's spring fundraiser. This money will be distributed to our beneficiaries: YAC, Scholarship Fund, HHK Senior Citizens, The Angel Fund and The Contemporary Club of HHK. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make the spring fundraiser such a success!



### *Websites Worth Checking Out:*

So many great blogs and websites out there. Here are a few worth checking out this month...

Playground Talk: <http://www.playgroundtalk.com>

Created by a Bergen County Mom FOR Bergen County Moms...get the scoop on local happenings, events, the best area playgrounds, day trips and more.

ThredUp: <http://www.thredup.com>

Are your closets overflowing with clothes you or your family have outgrown? Request a FREE bag from ThredUp, send in your clothes, get cash or site credit in return. Womens, childrens and baby clothes accepted. See site for more details.

FramedCooks: <http://www.framedcooks.com>

For those who love to cook, follow Upper Saddle River resident – and frequent contributor to *The Record* – Kate Morgan Jackson as she develops original recipes and photographs them beautifully from her home kitchen. Ranked by *Saveur* magazine as a “Site We Love.” (She’s legit!)