



THE COLLEGE CLUB OF BOSTON NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

MEMBER NOTE

Dear Members,

As the year 2020 comes to its end, it seems there is a light ahead. The Club's most recent Newsletter brought home to me how resilient this wonderful place is. Under Angie's guidance its Directors and Committees have coped with new regulations and restrictions so smoothly that the events and programs carried on with what appeared to someone whose participation in the past few years has been rare. To our newest members I say "Look around you here in 44 Commonwealth Avenue -- this is the College Club spirit!"

To President Angie, the Board and committees and the support of the Club staff I say Very Well Done!

Jean M. Kennett



Club General Manager Edith Toth is sporting her new mask featuring a photo of the College Club of Boston on the front. Doesn't she look splendid?!

NEW VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES



Cynthia Fenneman, CEO, *American Public Television*

Tuesday, January 19 @ 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join us for a discussion with College Club of Boston Member Cynthia Fenneman, President and CEO of American Public Television (APT), the leading syndicator of high-quality, viewer-favorite programs to U.S. public television's 340+ stations. With more than 35 years of broadcasting and production experience, she brings invaluable knowledge of the media industry to her post.

During her tenure, she has led the company in new strategic and creative directions – from the 2006 launch of Create TV, the dynamic 24/7 lifestyle channel, to the 2010 distribution of WORLD, the nonfiction news and documentary channel. She has been honored with more than 40 international, national and regional awards, including 12 Emmys® and a Peabody, and is a frequent juror for the International Emmys, Banff World Television Festival, duPont-Columbia Awards, Realscreen, and other content review panels.

In a one-hour discussion, Cynthia will talk to us about her job, the role of public television today, and will take some of your questions.

Please RSVP by Friday, January 15th.

RSVP

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Members,

As we enter 2021, I want to thank everyone who has helped keep The College Club of Boston thriving during this pandemic. 2020 was a very different year for everyone, but one thing remained the same: the Club continued to be about friendship. Our members have helped to keep the Club spirit active by participating in virtual programming and buying meals prepared in-house by our chef. Better times are on the horizon, and I see spectacular celebrations in our future.



Meanwhile, January 19, you'll want to tune in to hear member Cynthia Fenneman share her experience heading American Public Television (APT) and her career leading to this point. Having known Cynthia for years, I can vouch for her captivating stories and engaging presentations. For fans of Doc Martin, America's Test Kitchen, and Rick Steves' Europe, APT distributes these shows and many others, and Cynthia knows the celebrities! One advantage of this pandemic is that Cynthia is working from home – in a normal year, she could be anywhere in the world.

Warmest New Year wishes, Angie

HOLIDAY CAROLING

College Club caroling was a bit different this year. Nevertheless, on December 22, Jayne Young led us in song over Zoom from her home piano to keep the tradition.

Santa even made a brief visit. By next December, fingers crossed we'll all be back in the Percy Dauber Drawing Room for these festivities.





Hello to all and Happy New Year!

So, we have made it through 2020. This has been such a trying time. We have all experienced isolation and loss along with a complete

upending of our routines. I have taken solace in my work here at the Club and I want to thank all of you. I hope Rigo and my cooking has brought a little bit of cheer into your days! Food, as always is the thread that binds us together.

As we move forward to 2021 there is a lot to look forward to. We will be continuing the meals program and hope to reopen the in-person dining as soon as restrictions are lifted. We have expanded the meals pick up to include non-members so if you know of any friends or family that would

like to participate please feel free to forward the pick menus to them. We certainly could use the business!

As you may have heard the College Club received approval for a cordials license so look for some ToGo cocktails on pick-up days. We may be isolated but we don't have to stay sober!! Just kidding, folks. I will also be expanding the wine program to go to give you all more choices.

As we rebuild our function business moving into the early summer and autumn, I would like to ask all of you to help by thinking of the Club for any function needs you may have. Weddings, showers, birthdays, either in-house or drop off catering are all available as well. I am very flexible on pricing. If you know of any family or friends that might need catering of any kind please send them our way.

Thank you and once again Happy New Year

Chef Chris

TRIP ADVISOR REVIEW

Charming, Peaceful, Great View!

Just loved the convenience of staying at this historic, charming property! The College Club of Boston represents the best of some of Boston's finest women, who for over more than 100 years dedicated their lives to research and pressing social causes that removed barriers for women. The Foundation continues to inspire the initial quest of the Founders by supporting ongoing educational programs and scholarship opportunities for women.

With expansive hardwood floors and ceilings that will arch your neck to fully view the multi layered moldings and plasterwork, there is plenty of space to stretch out or sit by the fireplace for a late in-room supper. Cozy up on the window seat (or pull up a comfortably upholstered wing chair) to enjoy the stunning vistas of historic Comm Ave ... all gloriously lit up for Christmas.

Everything you will need is provided for an easy stay: a comfortable, warm bed; lots of towels; and the usual hand and hair products/dryer to keep your suitcase lighter.

As for welcoming, you could not get more personal, without being intrusive. Donald, the resident "caretaker", checks in with you every step of the way - from your on-line reservation through texting up to arrival. You'll feel connected as Donald ensures your easeful and safe arrival.

Edith greets you in the morning with warmth and efficiency. You'll read about her long history with the Club in a commemorative book about The College Club of Boston (look for the mini library found in each room). Remember to purchase the two books relating the history of the Club. Reading about each of the more notable members over the years gives one a sense of what was happening at several points in history, and their contributions to our greater society, not just the locals. Truly amazing individuals!

With COVID protocols adhered to, it was easy to feel that every precaution was completed for my safety, and that of other guests. This includes not being able to dine for breakfast in the beautiful Windsor chairs at hardwood tavern feel tables. However the "to go" bag of mini goodies - including juice and an apple - was a thoughtful offering.

If you are someone who prefers the feeling of real wood furniture, and unique accents in a room to generic hotel rooms that could be anywhere, then you will enjoy this respite after a day walking around town. No tv's keep the property quiet so you can decompress each evening.

Thank you so much Edith and Donald for all you do to take care of every guest!

Donald received good news from our B&B booking platform provider, London-based Eviivo Ltd. To help the independent hospitality sector that their software supports, they are using money they would have spent for a staff Christmas party to instead match one night for every booking their staff makes at a B&B, independent hotel, or inn of holiday rental for 2021. One of their staff members chose The College Club as a #staylocal2021 property, and we will welcome them here in October 2021.

****** Consider purchasing College Club gift certificates good toward overnight accommodations. Purchases can be made by email/phone, charged to one's house account, and mailed in a College Club commemorative card.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

DIANA COLEMAN

MEMBER SINCE NOVEMBER 2019

Diana attended Russell Sage College in Troy, NY. During her junior year, she spent a fascinating semester in England, much of it aboard canal boats used for both classes and field trips. Given that she was a skier, gymnast, and swimmer, Diana thought she would major in physical education – but lacking team sports experience, decided to change course. She graduated with a B.A. in sociology and did a Master’s in Education and Business Administration at American University in DC.

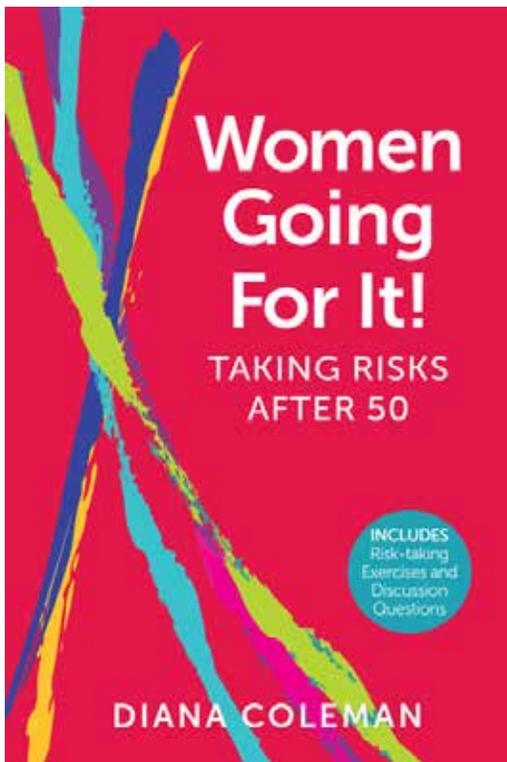
Diana then embarked on her next adventure, boarding a bus and heading to San Francisco, where she ultimately spent 30 years. After a few survival jobs, she landed a job at U.C. Berkeley, launching her long career in fundraising and capital campaigns. She met a myriad of “movers and shakers”, and experienced great satisfaction raising funds for causes and organizations in which she believes. The list of Diana’s accomplishments is long. Highlights include Director of Development for the Business School at Berkeley; Director of Development for Project Open Hand; leading a capital campaign to renovate the California Academy of Sciences; and serving as Director of Save the Children’s western-based Principal Partners (\$100,000+ donors).

Ten years ago, Diana started a new chapter of life in Maine that included continuing her interest in how “older” women perceive their lives. This led to her website WomenGoingForIt.com and her fascinating book, *Women Going For It! Taking Risks After 50*. When I asked why she decided to focus on this age group, she explained that this halfway mark to a century is often a transitional period – empty-nest syndrome; professional dissatisfactions or winding down careers; relationship changes; aging parents; health challenges. It’s a time when many people take stock and think about how much time they have left. Her book profiles 26 every-day women who are doing “cool” things, sometimes against great odds – demonstrating that the latter phase of life can be a period of flowering rather than fading.

Diana loves to travel and has already journeyed extensively in Europe, Asia, Central America, and Africa. In Kenya, she supports and served on the Board of Mpanzi, a group dedicated to the education, economic empowerment and social development of women and girls.

I closed the interview by posing a couple of questions that Diana asks others. The risk she took that she was happy she did? Doing the challenging Alcatraz-San Francisco swim! A risk she’d still love to take? Living abroad, perhaps in Vietnam, teaching English. Diana particularly enjoys leading discussions and hearing people’s stories, enthusiastically believing that we can all benefit by learning from one another.

-Robin Swett





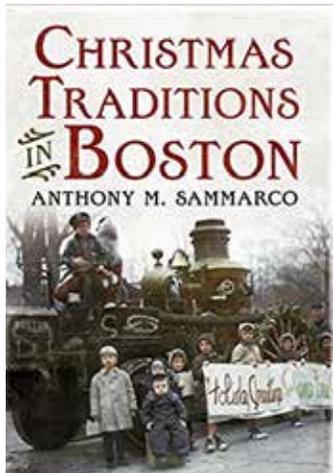
NICHOLS HOUSE MUSEUM TALK

On December 1, Laura Cunningham, Curator of Collections and Education at the Nichols House Museum, regaled us with the Nichols sisters' stories, including the part they played in furthering the suffrage movement. If you wish to watch the Zoom talk on the College Club YouTube channel: [Link to YouTube talk](#)



DINNER & DISCUSSION ON DECEMBER 10

was all on Zoom. Pam Doyle led a lively discussion of *Lady in Waiting: My Extraordinary Life in the Shadow of the Crown* by Anne Glenconner.



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN BOSTON

Preceding the December 16 Welcome Wednesday, many members enjoyed a virtual talk on *Christmas Traditions in Boston* by Club favorite Anthony Sammarco.

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) sponsored this hour-long presentation.

COLLEGE CLUB KITCHEN ANNOUNCES WINTER SOUP PROGRAM



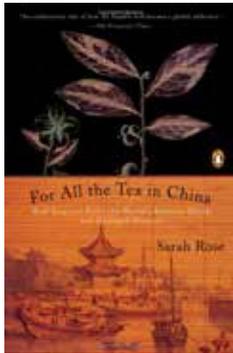
We here in the College Club Kitchen are going to start a Winter Soup Program beginning January 29th.

There will be a selection of freshly-made soups, from 1-3 types available by the quart or pint (32 / 16 oz). Freshly made, then frozen. They can be purchased by pre-order on the Friday pick-up or picked up in person at the Club during the hours of 9-2, Monday-Saturday. They will be added to your account.

Details will be on the weekly Dinners-To-Go email.

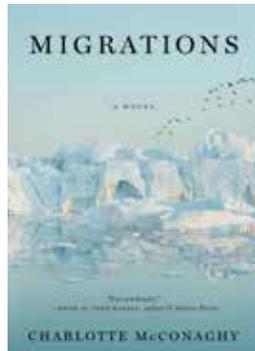
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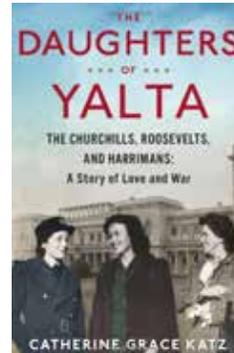
[For All the Tea in China:](#)
*How England Stole the World's
Favorite Drink and Changed*
by Sarah Rose

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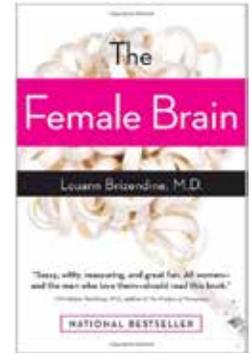
[Migrations: A Novel](#)
by Charlotte McConaghy

April 8, 2021



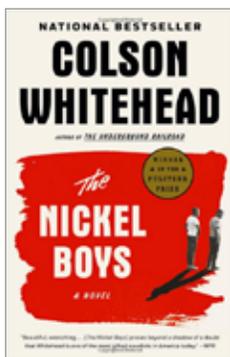
[The Daughters of Yalta](#)
by Catherine Grace Katz

May 13, 2021



[The Female Brain](#)
by Louann Brizendine

June 10, 2021



[The Nickel Boys: A Novel](#)
by Colson Whitehead

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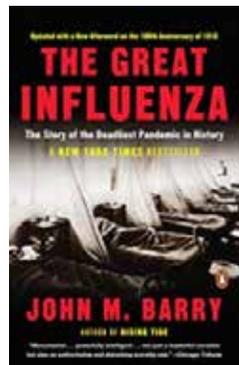
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1836-1939: The Story of the
Rise and Destruction
of the Jewish Fashion
Industry](#)
by Uwe Westphal

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[The Great Influenza:](#)
*The Story of the Greatest
Pandemic in History*
by John M. Barry

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[The Library Book](#)
by Susan Orlean

April 20, 2021



[Enchanted April](#)
by Elizabeth Von Arnim

May 18, 2021



[First: Sandra Day O'Connor](#)
by Evan Thomas

COVID-19 INFORMATION AND PROTOCOLS FOR MEMBERS

The health and safety of members, staff, and guests are of paramount importance. In that regard, we need all parties to follow a variety of measures that meet Massachusetts, Boston, and CDC guidelines. These rules could change based on future State and City mandates, which the Club will meet and could exceed.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT OUR STAFF IS ADHERING TO THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS AND PRACTICES:

- All staff must wear face coverings and have received training about social distancing and hygiene protocols.
- Staff are also required to do temperature checks before coming to work, and no one with any signs of illness is allowed to work.
- We've modified office and other spaces to comply with social distancing parameters.
- Hand washing and sanitizing locations are available to staff on each floor.
- We have established thorough cleaning and disinfecting protocols for the entire building, and staff members sanitize high-touch areas regularly.
- Kitchen staff continue to meet the highest standards of cleanliness and to comply with all COVID-19 safety requirements.

WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO FOLLOW SIMILAR PROTOCOLS:

- If you have recently been exposed to COVID-19 or have any symptoms of illness (even minor), we ask that you refrain from coming to the Club.
- Face coverings are required at all times unless seated and eating at your table.
- Please adhere to appropriate social distancing.
- All visits to the Club require a reservation. Call or email the front desk to make arrangements.
- If bringing guests, please communicate Club guidelines to them before arrival.
- If we learn that a member, employee, or guest has tested positive for COVID-19 after having been to a Club activity, we will contact all members who made reservations and were present for that activity. This requires that we have accurate phone numbers (please update yours if there have been any changes).
- If you learn that someone in your party has tested positive for COVID-19 after having been at the Club, please notify the General Manager so appropriate contact tracing can be implemented.
- Hand washing is strongly encouraged, and please use our sanitizing stations when hand washing isn't possible.
- Masks, gloves, and wipes are available on the console table for those who need them.
- Please don't share the elevator with anyone other than the people in your party.
- The coat room is not currently available.

COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDELINES FOR CLUB EVENTS

- Clients are asked to provide the College Club with contact information, (Names, phone number and valid email) of all guests attending event. This information is for contact tracing should any guest or staff contract Covid-19. This information will be held confidentially for 120 days then destroyed.
- Clients and their guests consent to a temperature check prior to entering the College Club premises. Any person registering a temperature of 100.3 or higher will not be allowed on the premises.
- Clients, guests and staff are asked to self-monitor. If anyone in their household or they themselves display symptoms or come in contact with anyone who has contracted the virus or displays symptoms we respectfully ask you follow State and Local guidelines and not attend the event. Please contact local health authorities for advice in this case.
- The College Club requires that all guests wear a mask when on the premises, to prevent the spread of the virus, at all times when not eating. These masks will be provided or clients and guests may use their own.
- Seated guests should keep their masks on until food is served. A small bag will be provided to hold your mask when in while not in use, please do not put masks directly on the table.
- For guests attending meetings or discussion groups masks are required at all times when not eating, please help us minimize the amount of time we expose each other to potential infection.
- Please be aware of proper mask usage, please avoid touching the front and outside of the mask, use the straps to take off and put on.
- Clients and guests agree to adhere to all City and State guidelines regarding hand sanitation and social distancing. The Club will provide hand sanitizer stations and access to hand washing facilities.
- The College Club will make every attempt to keep clients, guests and staff safe by adhering to all State and Local Covid-19 Guidelines. (See above)
- The Club retains the right at all times to deny access to Club premises, or to ask clients, guests or staff to leave the premises if Club management feels protocols are not being adequately respected.
- We hope our valued guests and clients understand these actions are undertaken to preserve the health and well-being of all who visit and work in our Club. Please help us achieve these goals by observing the principles above. Thank you.

The College Club of Boston is not responsible for any injuries or illness resulting from your participation in Club events.