



20th Century Club of Park Ridge

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Highlights

October 2021

Mark Your Calendar

- **Tuesday, October 26**
1:30 PM General Meeting
Voting on ByLaw Changes Proposed
Yearbook to be distributed
- **Tuesday, November 16**
1:30 PM General Meeting
- **Tuesday, December 7** – Christmas Luncheon at the Park Ridge Country Club
- **Saturday, April 23, 2022** – 11 AM Benefit Luncheon at the Park Ridge Country Club

The Club's **November 16th Meeting** will feature a conversation with Artist Rex Parker whose topic will be:

Frederic & Bertha Goudy: A Letterpress Love Story

Mr. Parker will present an original, illustrated program on the life and work of Frederic Goudy, and his wife, Bertha, the "first lady" of printing.

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President's Message

I do love Fall -- pumpkins, rustling leaves and cooler weather. But the best part of this Fall is that we are back on track for in-person general meetings at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, so long as Covid restrictions remain as they are today. We hope members who attend are vaccinated. Masks will be required. Our format remains the same: business meeting, program, and dessert and coffee/tea.

Last year, your Board put together wonderful programs which were streamed over Zoom. They met the challenges of Covid and new Zoom technology with gusto! This year will be just as great. Our October meeting was rescheduled to October 26th, the 4th Tuesday of the month, due to a scheduling conflict with the church. We have some business matters held over from the February 2020 meeting to discuss and vote on (as detailed in this issue). The new yearbooks will be distributed at this meeting. Dessert will be provided by Lillian Peska's daughters, in memory of their mother. This time will allow us to get reacquainted with each other, as we, too, remember Lillian.

Three of this year's meetings will include programs by local organizations. Betsey Means and Martina Mathisen will be returning this year as well. Our social and philanthropic missions will continue including Thanksgiving gift certificates and Maine Township Food Pantry donations. Christmas will be celebrated again at the Country Club on December 7th, and our Annual Benefit chair, Janelle Marcuccilli, and her committee are planning a fun-filled event at the Country Club on April 23, 2022!

Last year was a difficult year. We lost good friends and heard of many others' suffering and loss. Today, Covid continues and could bring additional restrictions this winter. But, as we know from last year, we do not give up. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful community of women -- the 20th Century Club of Park Ridge.

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The lecture explores the birth of the legendary Village Press at the turn of the century in the Park Ridge Art Colony. The talk will be your Time Machine to the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition, the St. Louis World's Fair and the glory days of Chicago's Printers Row. We will be introduced to a collection of timeless tales of well-known key figures of the era.

Rex Parker is an American artist, designer and illustrator. He created the graphically bold "Games On!" poster series for Chicago's Olympic bid, thirty iconic posters for The Frederic Goudy: The Titan of Type" exhibition, and two decades of work for the John Deere Classic, a legendary PGA tournament.

His newest poster series and book, co-authored with Mary Wynn Ryan, "**H. G. Wells: A Time Traveler's Life,**" celebrates the 125th anniversary of H. G. Wells's classic sci-fi adventure novel, **The Time Machine.**

Rex's work is available for public viewing in a variety of Galleries, Museums, Universities, and other permanent collections throughout the United States and abroad: including the The Rare Book & Manuscript Library at the University of Illinois, Chicago Design Archive, The Rochester Institute of Technology-Cary Graphic Arts Collection in Rochester, NY, F. Scott Fitzgerald Museum in Montgomery, Alabama, The Grolier Club in New York, NY, and the William Morris Society Museum at Kelmscott House in London, England.

See: Instagram: @rexparkerdesign and Website: www.rexparkerdesign.com

You won't want to miss this special presentation at the 20th Century Club's November General Meeting!



THE 20TH CENTURY CLUB

Presents a conversation with Artist Rex Parker

Tuesday • November 16, 2021 • 1:30 PM

Park Ridge Presbyterian Church • 1300 West Crescent Avenue

SPRING BENEFIT LUNCHEON

THEME: GET IT TOGETHER

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

Proceeds to fund Scholarships and help support other Community needs

20th Century Club's LITERATURE Committee is considering starting another Book Club. Please email Carla Bush at bushcarla@hotmail.com if YOU are interested.



PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

The Board of Directors met over the summer to discuss some possible changes to our bylaws. We debated the pros and cons at length, and voted, not always unanimously, to present them to the general membership for more discussion and voting to accept or reject these changes. We are following the procedures set forth in our bylaws (Article IX) which state that "A two thirds vote of those present and voting is required for the passage of any amendment". None of these changes will be made until that vote is taken and approval is given by members at our next meeting. Pages listed refer to page numbers in our 2020-2021 handbook given to members last year.

Opening membership to those not residing in Park Ridge

Comments from board members and others: opening membership could increase our membership and revenue; would allow more members from different backgrounds to join and widen our experiences and bring different skill sets; would change the character of our club; would eliminate the local feel and closeness of our membership; questions about philanthropic donations and scholarships to those outside Park Ridge might need to be addressed.

Parts of the bylaws proposed for change:

P. 43, Article 1 Section 1: Entire section deleted

P. 43, Article 1 Section 2(b) Members in good standing changing their residence may retain their active or emeritus standing, and must report their change of address and contact information to the Financial Secretary

Eliminating the requirement for proposers & endorsers for membership

Comments: simplifies the application process; may encourage new members to join; no one, to my knowledge, has been denied membership in over 25 years; reduces paperwork and saves trees

P. 44, Article 1 Section 3: Change to: Application for membership shall be made in writing using the form provided by the club, and sent to the Membership Chair along with the initiation fee. The Membership Chair shall report all new applications for membership to the Board and then to the general membership.

P. 44, Article 1 Section 4: Would be eliminated if the membership votes in the affirmative to Article 1 Section 3 change

P. 44, Article 1 Section 5: All resignations shall be in writing addressed to the Financial Secretary *eliminate "and shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting"*. A member resigning in good standing may be reinstated upon written request to the Financial Secretary accompanied by the current year's dues. A member delinquent in her dues shall forfeit her membership after July 31st, but may be reinstated upon a written request sent to the Financial Secretary and payment of the current year's dues.

P. 49, Article IV Section 6: change to: Once a prospective member has turned in her application and initial fee, she may attend all club meetings.

Emeritus Membership

Comment: clarification of wording only.

P. 44, Article 1 Section 2(c): Emeritus membership...shall be conferred at the beginning of the club year in which a member completes 35 years of membership

Board Membership

Comments: We haven't encountered any problems in this regard, but this addition is suggested to clarify any possible future considerations. If approved by membership vote, it would be added at the end of section 2

P. 45, Article II Section 2 All members of the Board of Directors, elected or appointed, must be members in good standing of the 20th Century Club