

# University Cottage Club

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#### Community Involvement

- Cottage maintains its community service chair position, and has placed a more important emphasis on the credentials required for fulfilling this role. Cottage Club has two community service chairs, which has proved to be successful in making the club more community service oriented.
- Cottage members have volunteered to serve as volunteer coaches for the Dillon Youth Basketball League.
- Cottage members continue to invite professors and preceptors to dine with us at our meals.
- Cottage members are helping organize TruckFest, happening this coming Spring. We have members on the TruckFest committee and also the TruckFest Co-Chair.

#### Sustainability Efforts

- Cottage continues its use of biodegradable “to-go” boxes at lunch. The staff regulates the number of these boxes used to make sure that they are not used in place of reusable plates and utensils.
- Similarly, Cottage staff is encouraging members to take our glassware instead of our to-go boxes when planning on eating outside when the weather is nice out, as is custom.
- Cottage continues to provide bigger, biodegradable “to-go” cups to encourage members to use fewer cups.
- Cottage only uses energy-efficient helium bulbs.

#### Campus Life

- Cottage members are very active in a number of groups on campus including the following:
  - **PACT** (Princeton Against Cancer Together): the past four Presidents have been Cottage members and members remain active on its Executive Board
  - **Circle of Women**: a non-profit group devoted to building schools in developing countries for girls – a large part of the executive committee is comprised of Cottage members
  - **SHARE**: a group dedicated to sexual harassment awareness and advising
  - **Athletes in Action**
  - **Princeton Wellness Leadership Institute**
  - **Princeton Faith in Action**
  - **Pace Council for Civic Values**
  - **Business Today**
- We recently chose a “SHARE Chair” to make sure that everything is going smoothly during social events, especially during our bicker process, and that no guests or members are ever meant to feel uncomfortable in our club. The SHARE chair reports anything amiss to the officers, who would then handle the situation.

- Starting in Fall 2012, Cottage and PFA have worked together to hold a weekly Bible Study for both male and female members.
  - There are now female and male meetings held weekly and led by current PFA members.
- Cottage members also belong to a variety of Varsity sports teams including Field Hockey, Football, Sprint Football, Soccer, Lacrosse, Basketball, Swimming and Diving, Crew, Tennis, Baseball, Track and Field, Cross Country, Water polo, Ice Hockey, Golf and Squash.
- We got some new outdoor furniture, and members have been eating outside and doing schoolwork outside at the tables when the weather permits.
- We have been increasing our members only nights in the club to promote club unity, which have been really successful.

Possible Future Pursuits for consideration by the Princeton Prospect Foundation:

- Cottage is continuing to look for a community partner through which it can engage in regular community service events throughout the year.
- Personal Finance Education: invite Princeton professors, as well as alumni, to instruct Cottage members regarding personal finance (everything from tax forms to investing in the stock market to managing personal accounts).
- Cottage Blog: A monthly blog with fun facts about cottage and an “Alumni of the Month” piece featuring a special Cottage Alumni to educate our membership about the club’s history. This will happen in collaboration with Cottage’s Grad Board members.