

# University Cottage Club

## *Report for Princeton Prospect Foundation*

### *Spring 2014*

#### 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 participated in a Holiday Gift Drive for children's toys over the Christmas season.
- Cottage members have volunteered to serve as volunteer coaches for the Dillon Youth Basketball League.
- Cottage members participated and will participate in the Fashion Speaks: Service In Style Fashion Show for the Eden Institute, taking on leadership roles in the overall production of the show.
- Cottage is currently collecting donations to give to a local clothing drive.
- The Cottage Grad board has implemented an internship program for our juniors. They offered 6 paid internship opportunities that many of the juniors applied to across the U.S., with housing and transportation fees provided.
- Cottage has begun a renewed effort into inviting professors to dine with us at our meals. So far this year we have had many professors visit and hope to see more this spring. We hope to have these lunches turn into more formal seminars at a later point in the semester.

#### Sustainability Efforts

- Cottage revamped its sustainability chair, a position started in 2010 and updated most recently in 2012. We are planning on having our first "green" tap night, where students are encouraged to only use and reuse the one cup they receive
- 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**
- 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.

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).
- Additionally, the board is working towards getting some new outdoor furniture for the spring so that the members can have meals outside.