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The Club at Briarcliff Manor Sponsoring Complimentary Lecture and Discussion on Re-Emergence of American Author Kate Chopin

Event to Be Held December 9th at Westchester Community College Is Part of The Club's "Ageless at The Club" Program for Seniors

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, NY (November 2010) -- Kate Chopin, an American author of short stories and novels who is considered by some to have been a forerunner of feminist authors of the 20th century, will be the topic of a complimentary seminar to be held **Thursday, December 9th at Westchester Community College**. Copies of two short stories by Kate Chopin will be distributed to attendees prior to the event.

The Club at Briarcliff Manor, the region's premier senior living community under development in Briarcliff Manor, is sponsoring the event as part of its new program for seniors called *Ageless at The Club*.

The seminar will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Foundation Board Room at the Westchester Community College Library at WCC's Valhalla campus. Seating is limited and reservations are suggested. To register, call Shelley Lotter at (914) 923-4050 or sign up on The Club's website www.TheClubBCM.com.

Dr. Heather Ostman, Assistant Professor and Assistant Chair of the English Department at Westchester Community College, will give a lecture and lead a discussion about the author whose work is enjoying a renaissance in recent years. Dr. Ostman is President and co-founder of the Kate Chopin International Society, an author society dedicated to the study of Chopin's work and the preservation of her legacy and contribution to the American literary canon.

Kate Chopin (1850–1904) wrote two published novels (*At Fault* and *The Awakening*) and about a hundred short stories in the 1890s. Most of her fiction is set in Louisiana and most of her best-known work focuses on the lives of sensitive, intelligent women. Her short stories were well received in her own time and were published by some of America's most prestigious magazines, including *Vogue* and the *Atlantic Monthly*.

Located on the former site of King's College, which was originally home to the historic Briarcliff Lodge, The Club at Briarcliff Manor is a fee-for-service continuing care retirement community under development featuring 325 spacious townhomes, villas and apartments with best-in-class services and amenities. Entrance fees for residences, which are 90% refundable, will begin at \$599,900.

The Club at Briarcliff Manor recently launched *Ageless at The Club*, a unique multi-faceted program to introduce seniors to the lifestyle to be offered at The Club at Briarcliff Manor. The new program features a wide range of fitness, educational and cultural programming.

The Club at Briarcliff is being developed by Integrated Development Group in partnership with the National Electrical Benefit Fund, a Washington DC.-based pension fund with more than \$10 billion in assets. For more information, visit The Club's website www.TheClubBCM.com or schedule a tour of the new Information & Design Center with furnished models in Briarcliff by calling (914) 923-4050.