

***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE FAIRVIEW PARK WOMEN'S CLUB (FPWC)***

1. What is the Fairview Park Women's Club?

We are a philanthropic organization of women 21 years and older who come together to improve our community. Formerly known as the Fairview Park Junior Women's Club (1954-2016), we changed our name to the Fairview Park Women's Club (FPWC) to reflect our membership and current times.

2. Why should I consider joining?

You will contribute to Fairview Park while having a great time with a wonderful group of women. You will make new friends while feeling part of an important mission. We know that volunteerism promotes well-being, and it is just plain old fun as well!

3. Who makes up the membership?

We are a group of friendly women who value diversity. Many are professionals, working in fields such as business, law, education, and health care while others are enjoying retirement or raising their families.

4. How often do you have meetings?

We have only eight general meetings a year from September through May; in December, we have a holiday get together. Our general meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at Bain Park Cabin. There are also monthly meetings for board members.

5. How do you help the community?

We use fundraiser proceeds for college scholarships and grants for organizations in Fairview and surrounding communities. This past club year, we awarded college scholarships to eight Fairview Park residents. We donated grants to the Fairview Park Meals on Wheels, Hunger Center, Fine Arts and Theater, Education Foundation, Connecting for Kids, House of Champions, and Adopt-a-Tombstone. We helped the Fairview Park Fire Department purchase rescue line kits for water rescue and provided emergency assistance to individuals and families in need.

6. What are your fundraisers?

Our recent annual fundraisers have included Lunch with Santa, Wine Tasting with a silent auction, and a spring flower/herb sale. We sometimes do smaller fundraisers as well.

7. What is my time commitment if I decide to join?

We know you are busy with work, school, home and other demands on your time. The club's programs let us volunteer time and talents in ways that fit busy schedules. You sign up for activities based on your choice and time availability. And we understand if you are not able to make many of the club meetings.

8. What does it cost to join this organization?

The annual dues are set by the board, but have been \$30 each year for quite a while. This helps with administrative expenses.

9. What guides the FPWC?

We are a non-profit 501(c) (3) charitable, educational and philanthropic organization that became incorporated in January of 2010. We are registered with the Secretary of the State of Ohio and our financial records are formally audited yearly. We follow Roberts Rules for meetings and our club bylaws for policy and procedures.

10. How do you foster comradery among members?

Long time members have developed close friendships, as will you. Working together on projects, such as setting up Bain Park Cabin for Lunch with Santa or assembling appetizers for the Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, promotes comradery. Moreover, when we have our potluck dinner in September, holiday party in December, chili and soup night in January and installation dinner in May, we become closer through these relaxed, casual times.

11. How large is the FPWC? Do you want new members?

We currently have about 25 members. We always are interested in having new members to support our missions and to become part of our family. Think "The more the merrier" as well as TEAM ("Together Everyone Accomplishes More") for our club. It takes many hands to work at our fundraising events and each person's contributions are important.

12. Are there other activities you sponsor as a club?

We have a Book Beat for book reviews, a monthly Fun Bridge, impromptu get-togethers, bowling league and programs at meetings. We also have a website (www.fairviewparkwomensclub.org), a monthly newsletter, and cookbook. Furthermore, we are open to your new ideas!

13. How do I join?

Mail the application to FPWC, P.O. Box 26283, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126, contact us through our website or come to one of our meetings for more information. You may also call our Membership Chairman, Ellen Papadimoulis, at 440 333 2937.