



FairViews

March 2021

President's Message * Carrie Battiato

Happy March, ladies! Spring is just around the corner, and I for one am looking forward to days full of warm sunshine and fresh air. Here we are one year into the COVID-19 pandemic, and I know we are all feeling the drag. It's been hard to stay positive at times, but I am grateful for this Club to help give me purpose through it all. We've continued to work hard (and have gotten creative), and I am so proud of the fact that we will have a substantial amount to give to the community at the end of our Club year, despite all the setbacks. Stay tuned for details about the May disbursement meeting so you can see just how much good our efforts can do.

Thank you for all who attended our virtual January meeting. For those who missed it, our program for the evening featured a visit from our new(ish) mayor, Patrick Cooney. He shared some exciting news for the future, including more details about the old NASA buildings project, which is moving full steam ahead, as well as plans for a more walkable Lorain Avenue. What I really want to pass on is that twice during his presentation he mentioned how well-respected and admired our Club is in the community. Not that we do any of what we do for the accolades, but it was very nice to hear all the same.

I hope you all can join us for our March meeting, when our wonderful and hardworking silent auction co-chairs can reveal how successful our first ever online auction was.

See you soon,
Carrie Battiato

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Recording Secretary * Carrie Sullivan

No report.

Historian * Carol McAlonis

Beginning this month, the Looking Back review of the Club's past newsletters will be an attachment rather than a summary. I think you'll like seeing them in their entirety, and you

can watch them evolve over the years. You may see some names you are familiar with, and realize, as I did, that the mother of someone you know belonged to FPJWC many years ago. New member Magdalene Acklin’s name caught my eye, so I forwarded the poem about her to a middle school through high school friend who married one of the Acklin boys. Her husband forwarded the poem to his brothers and sister, and they were all thrilled to see this little insight into their mother. I learned that Maggie was a loving and flamboyant woman, and I hope to find out more about her in future editions.

This month, we will look back to October 1958.

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Black Book * Christy George

No report.

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Treasurer * Sally Lisowski

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| Balance in checking 12/31/20 | \$11,044.17 |
| Receipts: | \$952.88 |
| Disbursements: | \$290.08 |
| Balance in checking 1/31/20 | \$11,706.97 |

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Corresponding Secretary * Stephanie Sandle

Please let me know if a card needs to be sent to any member of our Club (sympathy, get well, thinking of you). Please don’t hesitate to let me know if you need any stamps or stationery for your committee.

Publicity * Carrie Battiato

If you need publicity for the Club’s fundraisers, announcements of the meetings, membership, or any Club projects, please let me know. I will submit them to the newspapers and the City Hall marquee.

Publications * Lori Paximadis

The deadline for items for the April newsletter is March 29.

Facebook Page * Carol McAlonis & Lori Paximadis

If you are on Facebook, be sure to like and share posts about our club. The more likes and shares we get, the more visible our posts are. Visibility helps with our fundraising and

membership efforts, and it lets the community know about all the things we do. Feel free to post pictures and comments there, or send them to Lori, and she will post them. If you belong to other community FB groups, please share news and fundraising information on those group pages as well.

Website * Carol McAlonis & Lori Paximadis

No report.

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Ways & Means * Sharon Bowles and Rosanne Kelley, Co-Vice Presidents

Coupon Books * Carrie Sullivan

We sold 52 books, making \$650 for the club! We have eight books from the company to use as we want. We will give to the top sellers and use the rest as raffle prizes at the general meeting.

Amazon Smile * Barb Kadleck

If you are an Amazon Prime member, we are able to get 0.5% back from Amazon for your purchases. Just go to **smile.amazon.com** instead of Amazon.com and select Fairview Park Women's Club for the charitable organization. They will remember our organization for any other purchases you make again. We will receive a check for all of the purchases quarterly. So, ask everyone you know who has Amazon Prime to use smile.amazon.com and donate to our great organization without it costing them anything!

Cookbooks/Addendum * Diane Faile

As you probably are aware, we were able to sell some cookbooks and an addendum at our Silent Auction this past week. But we still have a couple of each left, so let me know if you'd like to purchase any: Cookbook is \$6.00, Addendum is \$5.00, or \$10.00 for the set.

Lunch with Santa * Lynn Coletto, Sally Lisowski, & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

No report.

Wine Tasting * Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile

What a great auction!! Kudos to the silent auction team of Barb Gillmore, Carol McAlonis, and Sharon Bowles!! A tremendous amount of research on how and what to do went into its planning, then following through on that, obtaining and documenting donations, taking photos, writing the item scripts, manning the auction site, distributing the items, and more. There were members who helped them along the way as well, with designing the flyer

(thanks, Lori), publicity on several sites (a couple of you), delivery to the winning bidders (several of you). Thanks to all who donated and solicited donations, and let your friends and family know about it. The total earned isn't known at this writing, but it's over our goal, so that's wonderful.

We have had four wineries express an interest in our incentive program, and we're close to finalizing with one right now. If that works out, keep March 27–28 open for visiting a nearby establishment for a tasting and purchasing some wine for your Easter/Passover/Hey It's Spring dinner! We'll get a percentage of sale if you do! Meanwhile, we'll keep trying to secure another winery or two to agree as well, and perhaps we'll have more to cheer about in April!

Here's hoping that we can build on this and do more a year from now.

Silent Auction * Barb Gillmore, Carol McAlonis, & Sharon Bowles

Thank you again to everyone for your generous donations and solicitations. As you saw, we had a wide variety of items, something for everyone in many price ranges. We had 76 packages and made a total of \$4,487.00 before expenses. Much appreciation to those of you who made donations or rounded up your payments. Every dollar will help us at our May disbursement meeting. We should know our final figure by the next meeting.

We didn't know what to expect this year, but the online auction turned out to be a great success. Your opinions about what was good and what wasn't that great about this platform would be good to know, so that if we do this again in the future, we can make it more enjoyable for everyone.

Decorations * Amber Kaufman & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

No report.

Food Committee * Theresa Zarnoski

No report.

Plant Sale * Nancy Shucofsky & Ellen Papadimoulis

Spring is almost here — and so is our annual plant sale from Dean's! Please check out the attached flyer, where you will find a link to the platform website. Ordering begins on March 1, and you may place your orders until April 19. Plant sale pickup will once again be at the Bain Park Gazebo on Saturday, May 8 (get that plant in time for Mother's Day). It will be nice to do something normal again!

Remember that if you're not sure what you want to order, there are gift certificates are also available in \$50, \$25, or \$10 increments.

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Parliamentarian * Kathi Kowalski

Nominating Committee

Thanks so much to Deb Renkel, Lori Paximadis, Betty Pettit, Sally Lisowski, and Carrie Battiato for serving as members or alternates

And a huge thank you to the following candidates who have graciously accepted the committee's nomination for the following offices for the 2021–2022 club year:

President: Rosanne Kelley

Co-Vice Presidents: Sharon Bowles and Lori Paximadis

Treasurer: Sally Lisowski

Recording Secretary: Pam Beamer

Corresponding Secretary: Leslie Rayle

Additional nominations and elections: Per our Bylaws, additional nominations will be accepted at both the March and April general meetings. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Actual voting will take place at our April general meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Proposed amendment to state a clear policy for diversity, equity and inclusion

The Club has a strong tradition of being welcoming to all. Yet it has not had an express policy stated in its bylaws. Such policies have become more and more common among nonprofit organizations and might protect those organizations if a controversy at some point arises. More importantly, many people in a variety of situations may consider the presence of such policies as a statement that they are, in fact, welcome, while the absence may leave them wondering whether they would be accepted. With this in mind, I'm proposing the following Bylaw Amendment:

ADD the following sections to Article III on Membership:

Section 4: The Corporation welcomes as members all women who meet the membership requirements set forth in Section 1 and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, marital status, sexual preference, or military status. The Corporation is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all and expects members to comport themselves in ways consistent with that goal.

Section 5: Members may terminate membership voluntarily at any time or by not renewing their membership by payment of dues. The Board of Directors, after an appropriate hearing, may by a

majority vote of those present at any regular or special board meeting, terminate the membership of any member for cause, including failure to pay dues or conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Corporation. Conduct prejudicial to the Corporation would include, but isn't limited to, harassment or discriminatory conduct inconsistent with the Corporation's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Any other proposed bylaw amendments must be presented to Kathi Kowalski in writing by or before the February general meeting. Passage of any proposed bylaw amendment requires a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at the April meeting.

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Board Member-at-Large * Leslie Rayle

The letters to various charitable organizations were mailed on February 17. These groups can request funds from FPWC, and each May the board meets to review these applications to decide who can be assisted. Donations generally range from \$50 to \$300, depending upon the year's fundraising income and the organization's community service budget. All members of the club are welcome to attend the meeting and see where our funds will be put to work.

Telephone Committee * Nancy Cause

No report.

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Activities * Lori Paximadis

Book Beat * Lori Paximadis

We had a great discussion of *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman at our February 22 meeting.

Our next discussion will be April 26 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The book is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. It is a novel made up of a series of interrelated short stories, and it won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2009. From the publisher: "Olive Kitteridge is a complex woman. Described by some as indomitable and by others as compassionate, she herself has always been certain that she is absolutely right about everything. A retired schoolteacher in a small coastal town in Maine, as she grows older she struggles to make sense of the changes in her life. Through different narratives, telling the triumphs and tragedies of those around her, and spanning years, Olive's story emerges. We meet her stoic husband, bound to her in a marriage both broken and strong, and a young man pained by loss – whom Olive comforts by her mere presence, while her own son feels overwhelmed by her sensitivities."

Calendar of Events

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 9 a.m.

Fairview Lanes

Ladies' Bowling

March 11 • 7:00 p.m.

Zoom

Board Meeting

March 15 • 7:30 p.m.

Zoom

General Meeting

**Due to the current situation with COVID-19,
many activities have been suspended.
Please continue to check your email.**