



FairViews

February 2021

President's Message * Carrie Battiato

Happy New Year, everyone! I'm wishing you and yours health and happiness (and hopefully a return to normalcy!) in 2021. Although this past year has not been expected or ideal, we have still managed to keep this Club running smoothly, so thank you all for that. We introduced a few new fundraisers that proved to be very successful, and I'm eager to see how our online auction turns out. Please check your email regularly for updates on how you can help!

Again, thank you all for all you do for the Club, and let's keep moving forward into this new year.

With Love,
Carrie Battiato

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Recording Secretary * Carrie Sullivan

No report.

Historian * Carol McAlonis

Looking Back

This month, the September 1958 *FairViews* newsletter, vol. 3, no. 2, will be highlighted for your enjoyment.

Historian's Note: A Special Edition Fair-Views was sent out in late August to welcome all new members. The President, Virginia Mayberry, led with a welcoming message. A recap of all the Committees and Activities was presented, with the name of each Chair. The edition ended with a short "interest sheet", asking each new member to indicate which Committee(s) they were interested in joining.

September Program: Come to our Kick-Off meeting at Bain Cabin on September 15th at 8:00 p.m. Meet new members and exchange summer notes with the “old” ones. Let’s get the Club year off to a winning start and help out the treasury with a gaily wrapped “Pig-In-The-Poke” (see details in the Ways & Means Committee write-up).

Looking ahead to programs for the coming year, we will have a hat style show; presentation by Robert Dietsch, World News Editor of the Press; a program by Paige Palmer; a Creative Arts and Interests show displaying the talents of our own members; Christmas Decorating and Flower arranging demonstrations; and many others.

Activities planned for the year are the Fall Dinner Dance (see details in the Ways & Means Committee write-up); an evening card party; the annual February Dessert Bridge; the first Club Talent Show to be held at Fairview High School; and the May luncheon. Surprises are in store for all!

President’s Message: It is time to start once again another FPJWC season. We’ll be officially opening the year with our kick-off meeting at the Cabin on September 15.

Welcome to the 39 new members who are joining us this year. The enthusiasm of many of you whom I met at the tea was wonderful. Remember that we are always open to any new ideas or suggestions you may bring us.

Thanks to Pat Westfall who has consented to fill the office of Vice President vacated by Millie Matilo, who is moving to Chicago soon. Thanks, Millie, for the many fine ways you have served the Juniors during the past three years; and best wishes, Pat, for a successful term as V.P.

Ways & Means: We have everything set now for a “Pig in the Poke” table at the first regular meeting so please bring anything — it must have a value and be gift wrapped. The selling price will be 25 cents.

Our first big project is a Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, September 27 at the new and very lovely UAW Social Hall on Brookpark Road. [Historian Note: Now we know how old that building is! Over the years, I’ve been there for a couple of showers.] Dinner will be served from 7 to 8 o’clock, followed by dancing to the music of the “Mellow Notes”. Ticket Chairman Ann Willard will be notifying all members of further details.

Universe Krist, Ways & Means Chair, reminds us that this is our first charitable endeavor of the year and that her committee is hoping for a crowd of more than 400 people.

“We need more CIVIC COMMITTEE members.” This is the plea made by the committee’s chair, Mary Everett. If you’re interested in helping this committee promote further its work in the West Side

Hearing and Speech Center, plan the new lighting system for Bain Cabin, investigate opportunities for volunteer work, and participate in the many creative civic projects, please call Mary.

Welfare Committees: *Harriet Kraemer, Chair of these groups, prepared this article that we may become better acquainted with the Welfare Committee.*

May we encourage everyone in the club to try to participate at least once in a phase of our work.

A large part of the Club's budget is set aside for this worthwhile activity, but the personal touch – YOU participating – is what really makes it successful.

We have two groups within our committee — one visits the mentally retarded at Apple Creek State Hospital and the other plans monthly parties for a ward at Cleveland Psychiatric Institute.

Our next general welfare meeting will be on Monday, September 29th. If you can't go with us, would you bake for us — or make phone calls?

We hope to have extra activities planned during the Club year for those of you who are looking for your "niche" in the welfare program.

Virginia Brevoort, Chair of the Mental Health Group, announces that the first ward party of the Mental Health Group will be on October 6. This year, the parties will be held on the First Monday of each month.

The Committee has also come across many opportunities where the need for an INDIVIDUAL volunteer was great. An individual volunteer is a need prevalent in many hospitals, institutions and childcare agencies.

The Welfare Committee, however, cannot run an individual placement bureau, but they feel that there may be some girls with free time each week — or every other week — who may be looking for just such an opportunity to serve. If you have the time and would like to volunteer in any way, these agencies could use individual volunteers. Children's Society — anyone with teaching experience or musical training especially. Society for Crippled Children — many home-bound children need to be read to. Fairview Park Hospital — Playladies to work with children in the Pediatrics ward is being established. A training period will be necessary. Contact Harriet Kraemer for more information.

Activities: *Dee Vetrosky, Activities chair, announced a full schedule and invites you all to sign up for your favorite activities at the September meeting, or call the chairs if you are unable to sign up then.*

The Bridge groups are forming. Call Jay Hamilton, who is on deck as chair if you'd like to join.

Bowling begins on September 17 and subsequent Wednesday afternoons at 1:15 at the Olympic alleys. Chair Helen Packal urges you to sign up for regular bowling of occasional “subbing”.

Other sports to be offered at a later date include ice skating and indoor swimming.

Fairnighters, our dance club within the club, opens the season at Olmsted Lodge on October 24. Pat Pensiero is chair and advises that September 15 is the deadline for joining the dance group. Please send your \$15 dues to Helen Walker.

Dee and her chairmen are all ready, willing and anxious to help us enjoy an active club year.

Meet the Champs: *Thirty-eight golfers celebrated the end of a colorful season with a Trophy Luncheon at the Buckeye House. Flight winners and Runners-up in each of the A, B and C classes were announced. Incidentally, Isabel and Lucy started the season as mere beginners, and ended up trophy winners in their Class!*

SUMMER’S END (Betty Lou Marek is now the Poet Laureate of the Fair-Views)

*My sink is free of dishes,
The house is tidy, too.
I think I’ll read a magazine
There’s nothing left to do!*

*The toys are neatly in their place,
My pie will make him drool.
Don’t think I’ve flipped ‘till I explain —
THE KIDS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL!*

Pitter-Patt—er, by Patt Mitchell: *Various vacations I wish I had been on —*

Members returned rested and tanned after vacationing on the beaches of various oceans and lakes in New Jersey, Florida, Canada, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New Hampshire and Nova Scotia.

Kitty Pennell had a good rest in the hospital and returned home with a new baby girl. Several members vacationed at the golf courses in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Kay Leimkuehler distinguished herself by winning a trophy for swimming and one for golf!

Moving Days— Elaine Kelty, Millie Matilo, Mary Jane Hoskins and Dotty Scheer are leaving us and relocating to other cities. They are some of our best workers and we hate to see them go — but wish them all the best of luck!

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

Thank you to Ellen Papadimoulis and Nancy Shucofsky for planning such successful fall and December Plant Sales! Thank you to Lori Paximadis for designing such great flyers! Thank you to Sally Lisowski, Lynn Coletto, and Mary Jane Riddlebaugh for planning a safe alternative way to bring smiles to children when our in-person Lunch with Santa event was canceled due to the pandemic. Thank you to Carrie Sullivan for planning and chairing our successful coupon book fundraiser! All of you ladies went above and beyond in these uncertain times to keep everyone safe while continuing to fundraise for our charitable causes. Your time, planning, and caring is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!!

Coupon Books * Carrie Sullivan

The sales deadline was extended to February 1.

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

Get your Women's Club cookbook before we run out! Only \$6.00! Get the addendum too, just \$5.00. Or get them both for \$10.00.

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

We would once again like to thank those who helped us pull off an abbreviated version of Lunch with Santa — it was appreciated by all. Huge thanks to Cathy Collings for putting all the fun stuff in the craft bags, Mary Jane for once again supplying the Santa ornaments, Lynn for getting the reindeer food prepared (lots of kids were looking for them), and Leslie for getting supplies to make two fabulous baskets that made children in two families very happy 😊. We were also able, through donations from parents that were part of the “take back your check” run, to donate a gift card from Five Below in the amount of \$80 to the Pediatric Unit at Fairview Hospital. And hopefully we will be able to continue the tradition next December!

Wine Tasting * Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile

Even though this year's wine tasting will have a different feel to it, this is still one of our major fundraiser, and as always, we can't do this without all of you. Our tri-chairs for the silent auction have been hard at work getting everything up to speed for a fun-filled week of

bidding. Carol has worked feverishly to set up the online auction with PayPal and Barb and Sharon organized those beautiful donated baskets. But we can never have enough items to bid on. Please check out their report to see where the need is.

The F6 permit has been submitted to the Ohio Liquor Dept. Diane has also had one response from the many sent to get wineries on board for an incentive program where a percentage of wine purchased/dining would be donated to the club. Todd from Wolf Creek/Troutman is taking a look at participating. We will certainly let our members know if he agrees and the parameters involved. If anyone has questions, you can always call or email us.

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

Thank you to all who have donated or solicited items for this year's online auction. It has been a challenge, but we have received a good number of donations. We have a variety of wonderful items but can always use more. Several members have donated lottery tickets or money to purchase lottery tickets. We are well on our way to creating two lottery ticket items for the auction, but we can still use more tickets. Denominations of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, or any amount will be appreciated. Money to purchase tickets is also appreciated...every dollar helps!

If possible, we would love to have your donations by February 7. Donations can be dropped off at Barb's house, or call Barb or Sharon to arrange for a pickup. Thank you for all your support!

The auction site has been set up and items are being added each day. We think you'll find it's easy to use and we hope you like it. The instructions are attached with this newsletter and cover most things you'll need to know. You can take a look at the site without obligation to bid, but you have to open an account if you wish to bid on any items. Steps to follow are included in the instructions.

Decorations * Amber Kaufman & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

No report.

Food Committee * Theresa Zarnoski

No report.

Plant Sale * Nancy Shucofsky & Ellen Papadimoulis

The Board decided we could go ahead with the online fundraiser again this year with in-person pickup. I have sent a request to Dean's and to the City of Fairview Park for Saturday, May 8 for the pickup. Dean's is no longer using TeamWorks for their online ordering, but a company called Farmraiser. Hopefully, I will know more next month! It's nice to think about planting flowers though!

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Parliamentarian * Kathi Kowalski

Thanks to those who volunteered to be members and alternates for the 2021 nominating committee. We will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in running for any officer position, please let me know. It will make our job on the committee much easier.

Alternatively, if I or one of the other committee members cars to ask if you will accept a nomination, please consider the request carefully, and please say yes. Those of us who have served in different positions over the years can answer any questions for you. And please be assured that none of the positions is too unwieldy. Our club is a great organization, and members are always willing to lend a hand when need be.

If any member would like to propose a bylaw amendment for consideration, it is due to me before our February board meeting. If you have any questions, give me a call.

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Board Member-at-Large * Leslie Rayle

No report.

Telephone Committee * Nancy Cause

No report.

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Activities * Lori Paximadis

Book Beat * Lori Paximadis

Our next Book Beat will be February 22, and the book is *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman. From the publisher: “*Beartown* explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain. In this story of a small forest town, Fredrik Backman has found the entire world.”

If you’d like to join the discussion, just let Lori know. Everyone is welcome to join!

Impromptu Activities * (vacant)

Because of COVID-19, we are taking a hiatus from impromptu activities.

Ladies' Bowling League * Nora Dulay, Secretary; Linda Hamaoui, Nancy Cause, & Jane Ball, Treasurers
 No report.

Fun Bridge * Linda Hamaoui
 Fun bridge is on hiatus for the 2020–2021 club year.

Programs * Kathy Yarian
 No report.

Social * Lynn LaMore & Julie Waddell
 No report.



Community Service * Deb Renkel
 No report.

Adopt-A-Family * Deb Renkel
 No report.

Community Council * Helen Davis
 No report.

Fairview Assistance * Kathy Yarian & Carrie Sullivan
 No report.

Favors on Trays * Leslie Rayle & Patty Beard
 The February favors will be dropped off on February 8, just in time for Valentine’s Day. We used the Valentine theme with red and white coffee cups, beautiful hand-quilted heart-shaped coasters, and hot chocolate with marshmallows. What will March bring? Perhaps some luck of the Irish and some favors that will welcome the Easter Bunny.

God & Country Letter-Writing Contest * Carrie Battiato
 Unfortunately, due to pandemic-related complications for students, teachers, and our local and national politicians, our annual patriotic letter writing contest has been canceled for this year. We will plan to go forward with this important community function in the fall, and I will be looking for a co-chair. Thank you!

Helping Hands * Jane Ball & Kathy Rosol

A collection was taken up for the FP Hunger Center for January. Once we know the final total collected, we will send out an email. Thanks to everyone who donated.

High School Scholarships * Lori Paximadis

I am working on this year’s application based on feedback from last year’s committee members and applicants. The plan is to make the application live sometime the first week of February.

If you’re interested in serving on the Scholarship Committee this year, please let me know. The commitment involves a few hours to read essays, look over applications, and score applicants on your own according to a provided scoring system, and then a Zoom meeting with the rest of the committee to compare rankings and determine the recipients in late April/early May. The only restriction is that we ask you to not sit on the committee if you personally know a student who is applying or is likely to apply this year.

Marion Cook Education Grant * Deb Renkel & Ellen Papadimoulis

No report.

Youth Program Assistance * Kathy Yarian & Carrie Sullivan

No report.

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Membership * Leslie Rayle

I am continuing to prospect for new members. If there is anyone you would like me to reach out to, please let me know.

Hospitality * (Kathy Rosol)

Thank you to everyone who donated money for gift cards for Sally L and Christy G. Sally’s dad and Christy’s mother-in-law passed away recently. They each received Grubhub gift cards and an Olive Garden/Longhorn and other restaurants gift card. Your generosity was wonderful.

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Happy Birthday

February 7 * Nicolina Dzurnak
 February 11 * Amber Kaufmann

Calendar of Events

February 3, 10, 17, 24 • 9 a.m.

Fairview Lanes

Ladies' Bowling

February 11 • 7:00 p.m.

Zoom

Board Meeting

February 15 • 7:30 p.m.

Zoom

General Meeting

February 22 • 7 p.m.

Zoom

Book Beat

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