



# FairViews

September 2020

## **President's Message** \* Carrie Battiato

Welcome to another Club year, everyone!! Unfortunately, 2020 is still right where we left off and we are still unable to meet in person due to the pandemic. I for one am disappointed, and I know a lot of other members are as well, that we won't get to meet for our annual potluck with the opportunity to catch up. Hopefully if everyone remains vigilant and our community continues to flatten the curve, perhaps we'll be together for the soup and chili night in January, which is also a Club favorite.

Going forward, please keep a lookout for Zoom links and other important announcements as a lot of our fundraiser efforts are up in the air in this time of uncertainty.

We still need chairs for the Impromptu, Hospitality, and Social Committees, and we could use a co-chair for Adopt-a-Family and God and Country (which has been postponed until the spring). Please let me know if you are interested in any of these positions.

Finally, if you have not completed your report for your committee/event(s) for the 2019–2020 Club year, please get it in ASAP so that the new chair(s) can benefit from the information.

Looking forward to “seeing” everyone virtually on Monday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Stay well,  
Carrie B.

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## **Recording Secretary** \* Carrie Sullivan

No report.

## **Historian** \* Carol McAlonis

I will continue recapping the happenings from the Club's earlier years, taken from their newsletters dating back to October 1956. Many of you let me know last year how much you

enjoyed reading about Club history and how much we have remained the same, yet how we have also changed.

## Looking Back

This month, the February 1958 *FairViews* newsletter vol. 2, no. 6, is highlighted for your enjoyment. I think the bowlers in our Club will enjoy the “Chatter and Tattle” at the end!

**February Program:** *Guest Night—We will be hostessing officers of some of our sister organizations, sharing ideas with them about our Clubs. Please feel free to bring a guest of your own who might be interested in joining. Florence Laganke, Food and Equipment Editor of The Cleveland Press, will speak on “Entertaining Can Be Fun—Or Can It?” Besides the program, it is also time to celebrate our Club’s fourth birthday. Our Social Committee will serve birthday cake to all.*

**President’s Message:** *Congratulations to the Civic Committee for the splendid work they have done in arranging for the Hearing and Speech Therapy Center at Fairview Park Hospital! Our thanks go to the Lakewood Rotary for their generous gift to underwrite the initial cost of equipment for the center, and to all others who have helped us financially and otherwise in this endeavor.*

**February Ways & Means:** *Hurry and get your tickets for the annual Dessert Card Party on February 25th at Rocky River Memorial Hall. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Price is \$1.25. Remember, the final date for returning Fur Raffle Tickets is February 17th. And another reminder to please bring playing cards for the Card Bank. Drop them off at the registration desk.*

*Don’t forget the upcoming Rummage Sale on March 11th. Dates and member’s addresses for delivery are listed at the end of this Newsletter. When you deliver your items, please bring them in boxes or bags and try to leave things on hangers if possible. Items needed are: Men’s suits, overcoats, shirts and slacks; children’s clothing of all kinds; dishes, toys and children’s books; lamps and lamp shades, costume jewelry; old dress patterns; bedspreads, curtains and draperies; bath mats and shower curtains; records, shoes, hats, purses and stockings; old small appliances such as irons, toasters, etc. Contact Midge with any questions.*

**February Civic Committee:** *We are very proud to say that February 7th was the opening date for the new West Side Hearing and Speech Center at the Fairview Park Hospital. The early opening has been made possible because the Lakewood Rotary Club furnished \$500 for the initial equipment costs. Robert A. Valyo Jr., associated with John Carroll University, is the therapist in charge. Future contributions will be placed in the West Side George Fortune Memorial Fund, and will be used to extend the services of the Center.*

**February Mental Health Committee:** *A Square Dance and Pizza Party is scheduled for February 24th at the State Receiving Hospital. We need at least 15 members to help make this a success. The*

men enjoyed the January Monte Carlo party. Jigsaw puzzles and cigarettes were the prizes, and pie and ice cream were served.

**February Committee for the Mentally Retarded:** The next trip to Apple Creek will be a Valentine's Party to be held February 8th or 15th. Each of the 100 men will receive a small gift. Since a new cottage is being built, a larger gift in the way of cottage furnishings, will be donated later this year. The men still need old records, used caps, gloves, and coats or suits.

**February Activities:** A reservation form is attached for the Fairnighter's Star Dust Gambol dance, scheduled for April 12th at the Lake Shore Hotel. Hal Brinkley's Orchestra will perform. Tickets are limited to 140 couples, and the deadline is March 15th. They will be sold to members only, but if tickets remain, they will then be sold as guest tickets.

**Ginny's Jottings:** Kay A is a gal with true community spirit. Besides being a member of the Committee for the Mentally Retarded, she also participates in many other Club committees. She recently started out for a Mentally Retarded Committee meeting, but was having trouble finding a house. She saw many cars parked on the street, and followed some of the women in. Everyone was carrying little foil plates and scissors and thought "Oh, we're going to make Valentine favors for Apple Creek. Guess they forgot to tell me." She proceeded to follow the ladies and started cutting and folding, when she realized several Committee members were missing and that she actually at the Spring Dance Committee meeting! She quickly left and went down the street to the correct meeting.

Our ladies are busy in many areas. The Women's Gym Class at Garnett on Thursday evenings is taught by Isabelle, with help from Charlotte, Universe and Norma. Patt and Ginny were two of the instructors for Pre-School babysitting classes held for seventh graders. Daughters of several members completed the class. A babysitter list will be available soon.

Happy new daughter baby wishes to Dorothy & Wesley and Marian & Charles.

**Chatter and Tattle:** On Wednesdays, some of us bowl. If I bowled better and speculated less, I wouldn't have noticed the reactions our bowlers give after launching the ball down the lane. Elaine makes a dainty pirouette when she has strikes or spares...and she's always strikin' and sparin'. Muriel, after a bad ball, walks back quizzically as if to say "What did I do?" Dorothy leaps into the air and this is frequent, since she's the top bowler! Pat, after either a good or bad ball, sometimes reminds me of a shotput or discus thrower. Sue walks back as though what she's done cannot be true. Mary just gives a big grin! Shirley bounces back in triple time and sits so proud or downcast. Lorraine kind of whispers under her breath on a poor ball, but you ought to see the Polly Bergen smile when she's splattered them! And Helen suffers much anguish when her shots are off, but sighs with gratitude with those good ones.

*In the Spotlight: Donna N is a smiling-eyed brunette, born in Bucyrus, Ohio, attended Bay Village High, married her high-school sweetheart, Dick, and is now Membership Chair of the Club. She plays bridge and golf with our groups, and would love to bowl, but can't squeeze it in since the arrival of Robby, six-months-old. At Christmas, Ricky 5 and Janet Lee 3, wanted to help put Glass Wax designs on the window. Mother said no, for obvious reasons. Guess who spilled Glass Wax on the new drapes?*

*Wanted to Buy: Child's phonograph. Prefer 3-speed record player. Call Margaret.*

## **Black Book \* Christy George**

No report.

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## **Treasurer \* Sally Lisowski**

Balance in checking 5/31/20	\$14,653.31
Receipts:	\$863.06
Disbursements:	\$4,480.00
Balance in checking 8/31/20	\$11,036.37

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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 October newsletter items is **Monday, September 28.**

## **Facebook Page \* Carol McAlonis & Lori Paximadis**

If you are on Facebook, be sure to like and share posts about our club. 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. The more people see our name, the more community involvement we will have.

**Website** \* Carol McAlonis & Lori Paximadis

As soon as the information is received, the Calendar will be updated with any known dates for the upcoming Club year.

Members, please take a look at your bio in the Members Only section of the website, and let Carol know if any updates need to be made.

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

With social distancing, and events canceled, we're still stocked with cookbooks and addenda, if anyone needs them!

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

No report.

**Wine Tasting** \* Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Have you been drinking more wine lately? Do you need to stock up? Ha-ha!

Our 2021 French-themed wine tasting is scheduled for February. At this time, we of course don't know what form our annual event will take, but we are looking into several options. We are still planning on SOMETHING for February! We hope to have an auction of many items regardless, so we still could use your donations, whether handmade, obtained from a business, or otherwise. Because it may be online, we might have to be more creative in how they are displayed in order to get a good bid, so keep that in mind. Either way, we appreciate whatever help our members and the community can give us.

We'll keep you posted as we know more. Be well!

**Silent Auction \* Barb Gillmore**

The silent auction will happen in 2021; it just may look different if we are still dealing with COVID-19. The alternative plan is an online auction. A few of our members have found sites that are user-friendly for the bidders and the fees are minimal. If any members have any helpful information about an online auction, please let me know.

Also, the success of the silent auction in the past was possible because there was a committee of two or more members. Committee members are needed. There are many components to a successful silent auction. The pandemic has changed my status on the committee. My family needs more of my time. I will be spending a lot more time in Pennsylvania and Columbus, so I may not be able to chair the committee. Please consider becoming a part of the silent auction team.

**Decorations \* Amber Kaufman & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh**

No report.

**Food Committee \* Theresa Zarnoski**

No report.

**Plant Sale \* Nancy Shucofsky & Ellen Papadimoulis**

We are kicking off the 2020–2021 club year with a plant fundraiser. Dean’s Greenhouse at 2984 Porter Road in Westlake will donate 20% of any purchase there in September to the Fairview Park Women’s Club. Take a copy of the flyer (attached but also on our website and Facebook) for a discount on mums, kale, pansies, straw bales, cornstalks, and more. (Thanks to Lori Paximadis for designing our flyer!) If you have any questions, please email or call Ellen at 440-333-2937.

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**Parliamentarian \* Kathi Kowalski**

No report.

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**Board Member-at-Large \* Leslie Rayle**

I am honored to serve as Board Member-at-Large this year for FPWC. This position serves a liaison to the Board from/to the general membership. In attending the last two Board meetings (via Zoom), I have certainly learned a great deal and have come away with a deeper understanding of how the organization functions. We truly are a very committed group of women, to each other, to our city and all the organizations we assist. If there are any questions or concerns you would like brought before the Board, please contact me.



**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

We are so excited to once again be able to provide favors on trays to the Fairview Park Meals on Wheels participants. Our committee met in July to come up with what we think are some great favors for the rest of the year. We've gotten a head start on purchasing supplies and creating items for our October goodie bag. Included this month will be gourmet cookies from Confection Perfection, jack-o-lanterns created from clay flowerpots, and a plastic glove filled with Halloween candy and decorated with spider rings and witches. We think these favors will bring some smiles.

**God & Country Letter-Writing Contest** \* Carrie Battiato

We are looking for chairs for this wonderful committee. We have reports with a ton of information, just about everything you need to get this going. The contest and presentation will be held in the spring. Let Carrie B. know if you would like to chair this very rewarding program.

**Helping Hands** \* Jane Ball & Kathy Rosol

Happy September, everyone! What a crazy time this has been. We hope everyone is doing well and coping as best as you can.

We will be doing a MONEY ONLY collection for the FP Hunger Center this month. Our virtual (Zoom) meeting will be on September 21. You can drop off your contribution to either Jane or Kathy by the end of the week of the monthly meeting (September 25). Addresses are in the Black Book. We decided not to do a food collection at this time with the virus still hanging around.



## High School Scholarships \* Lori Paximadis

No report.

## 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

In preparing to chair this committee, I took time to read through the notes of my predecessors Ellen Papadimoulis and Diane Faile. What a great job these two ladies have done in increasing our membership base. Ellen and her committee helped by spearheading the name change and rebranding of the group. Diane served last year, increasing membership again. In the last few years our membership has doubled. I know this year is going to be challenging in recruiting new members. One of our strong points is the welcoming atmosphere our membership provides, and that is not quite the same over Zoom. However, it is important to keep our name out there and to reach out to as many women as we can, stressing the fact that we are *all inclusive*.

While new members are really important to our growth, so is maintaining our existing membership base during these difficult times. At the end of last year, Diane suggested that we take the time to reach out to one another. What a great idea, and I plan to do that this year.

Ladies, if you know of anyone with an interest in our Club, feel free to forward their name to me, and I'll be happy to contact them and answer any questions they might have.

## Hospitality \* (vacant)

No report.

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## Happy Birthday

September 12 \* Carol McAlonis  
September 15 \* Mary Jane Riddlebaugh  
September 22 \* Nancy Cause  
September 27 \* Rosanne Papadimoulis  
September 28 \* Linda Hamaoui  
September 30 \* Julie Waddell

## Calendar of Events

September 17 • 7:30 p.m.  
**Board Meeting**  
via Zoom

September 21 • 7:30 p.m.  
**General Meeting**  
via Zoom

September 28 • 7 p.m.  
**Book Beat**  
via Zoom

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