

# FairViews

October 2020

## President's Message \* Carrie Battiato

Happy October, ladies!! Such a beautiful season, and it was so nice seeing so many beautiful faces at our September general meeting via Zoom. I'm so glad you all could join us, and I hope everyone can join us once again on Zoom in October as we plan to meet virtually for the time being.

Thank you to everyone who participated in, helped spread the word, and/or shopped at Dean's Greenhouse for our first fall fundraiser. And special thanks to Ellen Papadimoulis for spearheading the effort! Well done, all! Be on the lookout for emails about any future nocontact fundraisers as we continue to navigate our philanthropic efforts through uncharted waters.

Our next traditional fundraiser is our Lunch with Santa. Be sure to check out that article and stay tuned for any updates via email. We truly hope we can host something that captures the spirit of the season and the spirit of our lunches past. The event has become a community treasure, and we can only hope to have the opportunity to spread the joy once again.

Thank you all for your continued efforts and suggestions for moving forward!

Carrie B.

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

No report.

#### **Historian** \* Carol McAlonis

#### **Looking Back**

This month, the March 1958 *FairViews* newsletter, vol. 2, no. 7, is highlighted for your enjoyment.

*March Program:* Come wear your shamrock or something green on St. Pat's Day. Hear Jack Endress of Hi-Way Nursery give valuable tips on gardening and landscaping.

*March President's Message:* Congratulations to the Ways & Means Committee and to all of you who helped make the dessert bridge and fur raffle such a success – both socially and financially.

Attached to this Newsletter is our Interest Sheet. Please complete the information, as it is extremely valuable to the new officers in selecting committee chairs for the coming year.

The Nominating Committee report will be made at the March meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the March and April meetings, and election of officers will take place in April. Proposed By-Law changes will be presented in March and will be voted on in April.

*March Ways & Means:* Don't forget the upcoming Rummage Sale on March 11th. Dates and member's addresses for delivery are listed. Contact Midge with any questions.

March Mental Health Committee: No raccoon coats but plenty of Charleston dance steps will enliven the card party which the girls from Mental Health plan for the men at State Receiving Hospital on March 24th. They are fortunate to have Paulette Harwood, former dance instructor, as a member of their group. She will teach the men the Charleston.

When asked for suggestions for the party, the men voted for apple pie and more volunteers. The pie will soon be ordered – but can any of you help with the volunteers? Chair Elaine hopes more girls will join the group, and wants to assure any new members that the visits are perfectly safe.

March Committee for the Mentally Retarded: Lack of drivers and inclement weather delayed the Valentine's party originally scheduled for February 15th by a week. The Committee will meet in April to plan the next visit and discuss the gift for the new cottage being built at Apple Creek.

Firm believers that "all work and no play makes Jill a dull girl," we were able to schedule a brief stop at Mrs. Whittmore's Antique Shop on the return trip. Some lovely treasures were discovered. And the purple band-aid of valor goes to Betty, who suffered a semi-sprained hand and skinned knee when she slipped TWICE on the ice while loading the car.

Civic Committee: Ever had that secret desire to be an actress? The opportunity is knocking right now!!! The Fairview Players have offered to give a benefit performance – the proceeds going to the George Fortune Memorial Fund for the Westside Speech and Hearing Center which, as you know, is one of the Civic Committee's projects.

Civic Committee members are busily engaged in completing a survey of the members of FPJWC concerning their thoughts and willingness to work on a combined health fund drive in Fairview Park.

Since the Committee is working with this drive, we are proud of the three girls in our club who have been appointed to the Board of Citizens for this drive - - Marion Cook, Millie Matilo and Pat McAula.

#### March Activities:

Hurry and reserve your tickets 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 at \$4 per couple. Any remaining tickets after March 15th will be sold as guest tickets.

Scores for February were announced for bowling, bridge and canasta. Rules for the upcoming Bridge Tournament are listed in the Newsletter.

The Fairview Park Women's Club is sponsoring the lecture "How to Stay Alive All Your Life" by Norman Vincent Peal. It will be held at 8:00 p.m. at Lakewood Civic Auditorium. Tickets are \$2.20.

#### Ginny's Jottings:

Spring must be lurking somewhere – maybe beyond those gray clouds. Last winter Cleveland reported only nine days of full sun between November 1st and April 1st. This year there have been twelve sunny days already. At this rate, the climate should approximate Tucson's in about 2724 A.D.

Four members welcomed new babies last month. Congratulations to all!

Did you see Paulette's photo-story in the Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine? We'll have to try that crepe suzette recipe, Paulette.

The new wing of the Cleveland Museum of Art is opening the week of March 1st, and an invitation has been extended to West Side clubs to inspect the addition on March 14th. A chartered bus will leave Westgate at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria located in the new wing. Please contact Mrs. C.F. Bruggemeier to make reservations.

The Fairview Park Women's Club Citizenship Committee is sponsoring a 15 to 18-hour course in parliamentary law, and will be held in March. Sessions will be 2-1/2 to 3 hours in length, twice a week for three weeks, and will be held in the study room of the Fairview Library. Fees and exact dates will be set once it is determined that there is enough interest. Please contact Mrs. Robert Hallein for further information.

#### Chatter and Tattle:

Merry, merry, was our card party and successful. Any lovely adjective one knows you could apply to this party from the standpoint of workers, desserts, prizes, decorations, style show, and all the lovely-attired gals who played cards.

We were happy our June Schatz won the leopard belt and collar set, and Betty Grandy sold the winning ticket to neighbor Ann Meng on the fur stole. Betty's thrill of the year was presenting it to Ann, who even at this date has not recuperated from shock!

Edie Lace's dad, Mr. DeMand, was certainly a "fairy godfather" for donating those lovely plastic coat hangers to every girl there. A thunderous applause for your dad, Edie.

The style show made some of us chemise minded, and lovely the models were. Seems to me Julie Bell could have been in that style show with her smart black and white tweedish chemise attire, as well as June Flynn with her smart black straw chapeau. And how about Helen Ashton in her all blue from tip to toe? Helen Packal, too, cutting a trim figure in her black and white dress and hat. Edna D'Amato, also, wearing a stunning white straw hat with a multi-colored organza band drape.

Were you pleased with Rocky River Memorial Hall? Your committee didn't quite realize how fortunate we were to have Mrs. Decks, who operates the hall, working with us in the kitchen until things became rushed and with her calm, witty sense of humor, we all pulled through masterfully. And Midge Strong and Marion Cook, FPJWC past presidents, helped lend a decorative touch to our serving table by pouring, didn't they?

Keep in mind March 21st. Dress up, or be comfortable in warm sports clothes, or wear your new chemise—but do come to our Fairnighters Dance—Come Early!!

*In the Spotlight:* With apologies to Humpty Dumpty, Little Bo Peep, Mistress Mary, and Old King Cole, to say nothing of Mary Lou, Mary Margaret and the two Pats.

Mary Lou Jordan
Has a great joy.
Mary Lou Jordan
Has a small boy
Pam is thrilled too.
And so, Mary Lou,
Congratulations to you

Mary Lampe moved to River Moved to a house of gray. With built-in range and doorway bell, From Fairview she's moved away.

Little Pat Koss
Is the golfers' boss
She tallies the birdies and pars.
Give her a club
And she'll prove she's no dub,
Wagging her score card behind her.

Pat Pensiero is a merry old soul, And the bowlers' belle is she. She calls for the subs, And she calls for the wins, And she calls all her girls thirty-three.

Wanted to Buy: Boy's 20" bicycle. Contact Yvonne.

#### **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

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of our 2020–2021 budget, which was approved at our board meeting in June. Please check your committee's allocated amount and keep track of your expenses. I have copies of the tax exempt certificates available for use when making purchases for the Club. I also have reimbursement forms that need to be submitted with receipts for reimbursement from the Club.

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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 November newsletter items is **Monday**, **October 26**.

# 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

The Calendar has been updated, and will continue to be updated as further dates are known.

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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

Our cookbook and the addendum to it are still available. You know the drill: \$6 + \$5 = \$10 (not a typo!). Give me a call or email if you need either or both.

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

Saturday, December 5

Ho, ho, ho! It is getting close to that time of the year, and even though our daily routines have been changed, we are still going forth with our December fundraiser, Lunch with Santa. First, we want to thank Lori for composing the survey sent out to all of our members in late September. And a huge thank you to our members for responding with your honest input.

We plan on taking every precaution to secure the safety of our members who offered to volunteer and our guests. Masks, social distancing, taking temperatures, and hand sanitizing are just a few of the ways we will be handling COVID-19 safeguards. We will take forty guests per session, and right now we plan on having only two sessions. If the need arises, we could possibly have a third.

Food plates will be prepared in the kitchen and taken out. Preassembled crafts will be set at each table for children to work on until their meal is served. We have eliminated extra tables so we can spread everyone out even more. We would like to incorporate a "fun mask" contest for each session, and we will ask our expert designers to come up with a fun prize for the winner at each session.

Of course, our last and most important individual—Santa—has to be contacted, but we wanted to wait until we saw the results of the survey before doing that. I have three names, and am hoping one of those gentlemen is willing to be that masked, bearded man.

It's a lot of information to take in. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn or Sally. Thanks for all of your support and help.

# Wine Tasting \* Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile

Saturday, February 20, 2021

We have been exploring alternatives to an in-person event for our major fundraiser. For legal reasons, we can't sell or deliver wine. But we can ask wineries to incentivize purchases with a portion of the sales going to the club—similar to what we do with restaurants and the plant sale. We'll keep you posted as we know more.

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

It's time once again to start thinking about the silent auction. For those of you who would like to help us, homemade, solicited, or purchased items are always welcome, and we can always use lottery tickets. The three of us are happy to receive any donations you may have. If you have any organizations or places of business that you plan to solicit, please let us know the contact information so that we don't duplicate our requests. We plan to send the donation letters out by mid-November. Currently, we do not need baskets, but may ask for some as we get nearer to the wine tasting date.

If you'd like to see the many items we had in our last two silent auctions, go to the Scrapbook Directory under the Members Only section of the website. Pictures of the items and a copy of our program are available in the two scrapbooks.

We will start accepting donations at our homes after Thanksgiving. The donation letter will be available in the November newsletter.

#### **Decorations** ★ Amber Kaufman & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

No report.

#### Food Committee \* Theresa Zarnoski

No report.

# Plant Sale \* Nancy Shucofsky & Ellen Papadimoulis

Thanks to everyone who supported our fall plant sale fundraiser at Dean's. We'll have a report on the amount raised later in October.

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#### Parliamentarian \* Kathi Kowalski

No report.

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

No report.

#### **Telephone Committee \*** Nancy Cause

If you do not have access to a computer and wish to get a phone call when information comes out besides the newsletters, please let me know.

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#### **Activities** \* Lori Paximadis

#### **Book Beat** \* Lori Paximadis

Our first meeting of the Club year was held September 28, and we had a lively discussion of Naomi Alderman's *The Power* and a world where women are in charge.

At that meeting, we set the dates and books for the rest of the Club year:

November 30: Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham

February 22: *Bear Town* by Fredrik Backman April 26: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

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

After much discussion among our bowlers and Fairview Lanes, we will begin our bowling league again on Wednesday, October 7, at 9 a.m. If anyone is interested in joining the league, please let Nora know. We bowl three games every Wednesday. Due to the pandemic, masks must be worn unless eating or drinking. Should the pandemic get worse and Fairview Lanes need to close, the treasurers don't want to have to handle much of the money, so we will not be collecting prize money this year, we will only pay the lane cost, and we will be paying by

the week and not by the month as most like to do. Feel free to look up their website to see what precautions they are taking to make it safe for all.

#### Fun Bridge \* Linda Hamaoui

Fun bridge is on hiatus for the 2020–2021 club year.

#### **Programs** \* Kathy Yarian

No report.

#### **Social** \* (vacant)

No report.

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#### 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 will celebrate the Thanksgiving season in November by providing Meals on Wheels with some holiday treats. The goodie bags will have whisks filled with Hershey Kisses, with a note saying "Whisking you a Happy Thanksgiving," pilgrim hats made from cookies and Reese's peanut butter cups, and of course a turkey decoration for good measure.

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

I am still looking for a Co-Chair if anyone is interested in helping to lead this event to honor our military and inspire veteran pride in our community youth.

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

We want to thank everyone who so generously donated money to the FP Hunger Center. Your generosity, as always, is so appreciated! We will report the final total donated next week.

## **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

Even though our meetings are presently virtual, we are continuing our work in the Fairview community, planning activities and events for the coming year. Please continue to put the word out there, and if you know of anyone who has an interest in our organization, let me know, and I will reach out to them.

#### **Hospitality** \* (vacant)

No report.

# Happy Birthday

October 10 \* Kathy Rosol
October 16 \* Nora Dulay
October 25 \* Sharon Bowles

# Calendar of Events

October 7, 14, 21, 28 • 9 a.m. Fairview Lanes

Ladies' Bowling

October 15 • 7:00 p.m.
Zoom
Board Meeting

October 19 • 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.