

FairViews

December 2020-January 2021

President's Message * Carrie Battiato

Happy holidays, everyone! Although it is no secret this year has been full of heartaches and disappointments, I hope you all are able to find enjoyment through the holiday season. For anyone with a friend or loved one suffering, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

A big thank-you to Deb Renkel and Sharon Bowles, who are helping those less fortunate in our community to enjoy Christmas through our Adopt-a-Family program. Please be sure to check their article and any emails to see how you can help.

And a super big thank-you to Sally Lisowski and Lynn Coletto for their exemplary passion and hard work to ensure that our Lunch with Santa kids get the Santa visit they deserve despite the terrible setbacks from the pandemic.

Stay safe and warm, ladies, and we will see you in 2021, hopefully with great things to come!

With Love, Carrie Battiato

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Recording Secretary * Carrie Sullivan

No report.

Historian * Carol McAlonis

Looking Back

This month, the May 1958 FairViews newsletter, vol. 2, no. 9, will be highlighted for your enjoyment.

May Program: Annual Installation Luncheon at Westwood Country Club at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 1958. The officers for 1958–1959 and Standing Committee Chairs are listed below. Congratulations to all!

President's Message: In summary — best wishes to the Board for their support, to everyone for their hard work the past year and thank you for reelecting her for a second term as President.

Civic Committee: The Committee is investigating the need for new lighting equipment at Bain Cabin.

West Side Hearing and Speech Center Committee: The Committee will meet with Dr. Earl Schubert of the Cleveland Hearing and Speech enter on May 12th to discuss extending the services of the West Side Center to two days a week. If you are interested in going, give Marion Cook a ring — they're leaving about 12:30 and plan to make a tour of the nursery at the East Side Center.

The George Fortune Memorial Fund is still receiving funds, and the balance now totals \$365.

Ways & **Means:** Work is still ongoing for the Fair 'n Share event on June 14th. How about "launching our rocket" just a little higher this year — last year we topped ticket sales among independent groups.

Welfare Committee: In an effort to choose a worthy group as a third welfare project next year, the Committee is investigating local agencies and hospitals serving children. A psychiatric social worker from Lakewood Hospital will present information to help in the selection at the joint social meeting of Metal Health and Mentally Retarded groups at Pat Ernst's house on May 6.

Norman Battes, the Welfare Chairman, tells us that Society for Crippled Children needs an interested group to take some of their nursery children to the zoo this summer. Please call Norma if you are interested.

Since the "Around the World in Forty Minute" revue at the April meeting was so well received, the girls from Mental Health put the show on the road to Cleveland Psychiatric Hospital. Twenty-five girls participated in delighting the audience.

The last visit of the year will be on May 26th, highlighting a wiener roast. Thank you to all committee members for making this a successful year.

May 10 is the date, so don't be late, for the last trip of the year to Apple Creek. A picnic and baseball game will be the order of the day and we think it will be fun for everyone. If you have missed going earlier this year, come along this time just to see what wonderful the girls do.

The Committee was advised that the need was greatest for sporting equipment. So with your help, the men will be given a new striking bag with platform, two pairs of boxing gloves, two croquet sets, horse shoe sets of four and one set of stakes, two bowling sets and a basketball.

Activities: The golf season gets under way June 12. Anyone who did not play last year must play 3 games at the North Olmsted course with a member and the scores must be given to Dee Vetrosky by June 1. All members will be contacted to come to the "kick-off" breakfast at the Shelter House on June 9.

Bridge winners and trophies will be awarded at the May Luncheon.

Reservations for the Bowlers Banquet may be had by calling Pat. Dinner will be at Stouffer's Westgate, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Fairnighters will be entertained with the "Around the World in Forty Minutes" revue at the dance, May 16. A cocktail table will be set from 10:30 to 12:30. Come in costume or not — whichever you prefer. Guest tickets are \$5.00 per couple. Call Gretchen for reservations.

Ginny's Jottings: Without apologies to Robert Browning, who didn't have a column deadline to meet!

Year's at the spring
Day's at the morn
Morning's at eleven
The beds not yet done.
Dishes in the sink
The washer's still goin'
God's in His Heaven
And I'm on the phone!

Anyone for a visit to the Brussels World Fair? The American building was designed by member Universe Krist's brother-in-law, Edward Stone. Mr. & Mrs. Stone were featured in Time Magazine's March 31st issue, and were also guests on the "Person to Person" show a while ago.

Donna and Dick Newman are planning an "overseas" trip to Canada's Pelee Island. Donna's only problem is packing the three children and all their gear into the car!

Barbara and Buzz Taylor are back from an April vacation in Georgia. They played lots of golf — and Barb says the sand traps there are more like sand dunes. Guess North Olmsted's wide-open fairways will look good to us all.

Prue and Don Ross are planning a trip back home to Whitman, Mass. — home of the Toll House, "where the Toll House cookies come from."

Baby congratulations to Helen and Mal Walker on the arrival of Nancy Ellen, their fourth child, and to Pat and Charles Seeger on the arrival of Mary Susan, their firstborn.

Kit Murray is recovering after a siege of bursitis.

Congratulations to Mildred Corbin, new president of Garnett PTA, to Marj Daganhardt, new Pre-School president, and Jean Spall, Pre-School's new Secretary.

Chatter and Tattle, by Universe Krist: A toast, girls, to another season gone, memories, and the friends we've made! It's been such a successful year, and so much fun that I hope you'll join with me while I look back

Who'll forget our jolly Smorgasbord with Harriet Kraemer and Algie Ness guiding us to good food and hit tune records?

Then there was that worrisome Rummage Sale which taught us another lesson in human nature and was handled so well by Midge Newman.

Our Lake Shore Hotel Dance was unforgettable, with all the gals looking so pretty in their Spring frocks.

Our Civic Committee led by our energetic leader, Marion Cook, was a tremendous success.

Pat Westfall so diplomatically handled the activities group and was always in the background with her worthwhile suggestions for bowling, bridge, Fairnighters and a great summer of golf coming up!

From the Editor's Copy Box: We hope this issue arrives at your home before the Luncheon - if it doesn't, please blame our new baby, Ricky - he never hears his sister and her pals screeching through the house, nor the doorbell chiming, or the telephone ringing, but the sound of the typewriter reduces him to angry tears.

Thanks to all who worked so hard on digging up the news and reporting all that happened — and never missing a deadline!

Please tear off the Dues Notice below and send your \$5.00 check or cash to our Treasurer. Note: Members whose dues are not paid by June 1 shall be notified by the Treasurer, and if not paid by June 15, shall be dropped from membership.

Black Book * Christy George

The 2020–2021 Black Book and the updated roster have been added to the Members Only Reports section of the website.

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Treasurer * Sally Lisowski

Balance in checking 9/30/20 \$10,846.37
Receipts: \$180.00
Disbursements: \$297.07
Balance in checking 10/31/20 \$10,729.30

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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

There will be no newsletter in January. The deadline for items for the February newsletter is January 25.

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

You will see the cancellation notice for the Lunch with Santa on the Home page in the "Next Upcoming Event" box. The November 30 date is shown, as that is the last day the notice will be shown. The explanation for the cancellation shows the correct December 5 date. On

December 1, the Dean's Holiday Plant Sale will be advertised, and it will run through the end of December.

Check out our Members Only page to get acquainted with our new members.

For those of you who may need the 501(c)(3) certification when requesting a permit, or for any other reasons, you can now find the paperwork in the Members Only section under Forms as "501(c)(3) documentation." The document includes the 2012 IRS issuance of our Employer Identification Number, and the State of Ohio's Certification of our name change in 2016.

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

Coupon Books

With the holiday coming up, don't forget about the coupon books. I have some in my office at the middle school. Fifty-one books have been taken, and there are 49 more books to sell! If you would like one (or two or three or more) dropped off, please email me with your address and how many books. You can write a check out to Fairview Park Women's Club (\$25 each) or pay me later.

Don't forget about our link that you can share with your family!!! When the link is used, we get 40% of the profit. This link is also for those out-of-town relatives and friends!! https://www.sapaynow.com/283362

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

Avoid the Christmas rush! Get that 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.

Seriously, have a wonderful holiday season, no matter when, where, with whom, or how you celebrate. Be safe, stay healthy, and see you in 2021!

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

As all should be aware, the Lunch with Santa was canceled due to concerns expressed at our general Zoom meeting as well as the limitations the governor put into place for the State of Ohio. Even though we won't have the smiling guests awaiting to see Santa, we are still making a little magic for those families that reserved a time slot prior to cancellations. Thanks to the huge help of Cathy Collings, Mary Jane, Lynn, and Barb Kadleck, Sally will dress as an elf (Barb's normal attire) and deliver goodie bags, crafts, reindeer food, and balloons to those families' front porch. Plans to return checks in exchange for letters to Santa will make it look real for the children (we are hoping). We even had one mom donating her check, knowing the philosophy of the club. And again, we want to thank all of those who graciously volunteered prior to the cancellation, and hoping next year we can resume the joy and smiles the Lunch with Santa brings.

Wine Tasting * Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile

Former wineries have been contacted to help us with an incentive fundraiser, and as of this report there has been no commitments yet. We will continue to follow up with them through the month of December. If there isn't a response, we have other ideas to pursue.

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

Our online auction starts on February 14. Every donation makes a difference, the more items we have, the more funds we can raise for disbursements at the end of the year. You can make something, put a package together, or solicit a business. Please check with us if you plan to solicit a business, so that we don't duplicate a request to them. Donations can be dropped off at Sharon's house or Barb's house. Barb has a cooler on her porch for gift cards, lottery tickets, bottles of wine, or other small items. If you place an item in the cooler, please text Barb at 440-759-5053 to let her know. If you need an item picked up, please let us know. Thank you to those of you who have already donated or solicited items. We are off to a great start.

A copy of the donation letter is attached to this newsletter.

Instructions for using the 32auctions.com site will be forwarded to members in January. Please contact us if you have any questions. With everyone's help, we can make this a successful online auction!!

Decorations * Amber Kaufman & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh No report.

Food Committee * Theresa Zarnoski

No report.

Plant Sale * Nancy Shucofsky & Ellen Papadimoulis

We will have a December fundraiser with Dean's with the same promotion -20% of the sales for the month of December will be donated to our Club. Time to stock up on poinsettias and handmade holiday wreaths! The flyer is attached. Thanks to Lori Paximadis for designing our flyer!

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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

No report.

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Activities * Lori Paximadis

Book Beat * Lori Paximadis

Book Beat met via Zoom on November 30. It was a great discussion of *Dreamland Burning* by Jennifer Latham, a dual narrative about the Tulsa race riots.

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

Bowling is subject to change based on the situation with COVID-19.

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.

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Community Service * Deb Renkel

No report.

Adopt-A-Family * Deb Renkel

This year, due to the pandemic, the decision was made to purchase gift cards rather than shop for gifts. Working with Carrie Sullivan through the Fairview schools, we were able to help twelve children and feed a family of 6–8 with gift cards to Bob Evans and Giant Eagle. We also adopted four seniors through the Senior Center. Each received gift cards to Giant Eagle or Gordon Food Service. The seniors also received a poinsettia. We would like to send a thank-you to the Fairview Park Youth Association for their contribution of three \$50 Giant Eagle cards. Lastly, a big thank-you to club members who came through with donations toward the end. Any leftover funds were used to purchase van tickets at the Senior Center, which will be given to those in need.

Community Council * Helen Davis

No report.

Fairview Assistance * Kathy Yarian & Carrie Sullivan

No report.

Favors on Trays * Leslie Rayle & Patty Beard

Our January favors will help our seniors with the cold, blustery winter. We are providing a deck of cards to help them "deal with winter," a bookmark that will say "I like you a hole punch" for their favorite book, and of course some delicious cookies to fill the bag.

God & Country Letter-Writing Contest * Carrie Battiato

No report.

Helping Hands * Jane Ball & Kathy Rosol

We want to thank everyone who dropped off Christmas cards to our homes for the veterans at the VA hospital and residents at O'Neill.

We will not be doing a collection for the month of December. We will have one for January but are not sure what it will be. Once we have decided, an email will be sent out in the beginning of January.

We hope everyone has a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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

At our November meeting we welcomed two new members, Marie Kay and Robin Munoz. Thank you, Robin, for listening in to our general meeting. I have information out to several other potential members who I will continue to follow up with. Ladies, as always, thank you for your help in getting the word out about our club.

Hospitality * (Kathy Rosol)

As the Hospitality chair this year, I am in charge of helping to provide meals to those members who have had major surgery or severe illness, or who have had a baby or a death in the family. Please let me know if any members of our Club need our assistance. Thank you!

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Happy Birthday

December 27 * Kathiann Kowalski
December 28 * Theresa Zarnoski
December 28 * Carrie Sullivan
December 31 * Lori Paximadis
January 4 * Susan Filipic
January 5 * Sally Lisowski
January 9 * Diane Faile
January 28 * Patty Beard

Calendar of Events

December 2, 9, 16; January 6, 13, 20, 27 • 9 a.m. Fairview Lanes

Ladies' Bowling

January 14 • 7:00 p.m. Zoom Board Meeting

January 18 • 7:030 p.m. Zoom General Meeting

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, many activities have been suspended.

Please continue to check your email.