

# **FairViews**

February 2022

## **President's Message**

This time of year can be a time of reflection and renewal. We survived the holidays, and we just recently survived two record setting snowstorms. The last one was a mini lockdown for me.

However, I have been using these past few weeks to be as productive as possible in my home. Cleaning closets and drawers, organizing, and some donations to charitable organizations who need my stuff much more than I do. It has been very cleansing. I highly recommend it.

Our organization is certainly busy at this time of year with our virtual auction just around the corner. Some folks have been working very hard to make sure we have quality items to offer. Their hardest work is yet to come. Thank you to everyone who has donated to help make our event a success.

I continue to marvel at the creativity and ingenuity that has arisen from our group to survive and thrive during these continued difficult times. You should all be proud to be part of this strong group of women.

Take care, Rosanne

#### Silent Auction February 12–18

The online silent auction is live and ready to take bids!

#### 32auctions.com/FPWC2022

If you're on Facebook, please go to our Club page and share the post from there to your own news feed. Here's how:

- 1. Find the auction post pinned to the top at <u>facebook.com/FairviewParkWomensClub</u>.
- 2. Click the Share button below the picture.
- 3. Choose Share to News Feed.
- Take the time to write a few lines about supporting the auction before clicking Post. If you share without writing anything, Facebook doesn't show it to as many people.
- When people comment on your post, take the time to like their comment and reply. This helps with interest ranking and helps get our post seen by more people.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Balance in checking 10/31/21	\$11,424.65
Receipts:	1492.14
Disbursements:	686.95
Balance in checking 12/31/21	\$12,229.84

# Wine Tasting

Letters have been sent out to those wineries that were going to participate in hopes that we can work out an agreement on possible in house wine sampling/wine purchases as was done with Jilbert last year. Follow-ups are being done, but as of this writing, nothing has been confirmed.

# **Scholarships**

Applications for high school scholarships and the Marion Cook Education Grant will be available on the website the week of February 14.

# **Book Beat**

#### Monday, February 28 • 7 pm • Paula's Home

Join us for a discussion of Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. From the publisher: "One of Oprah's Best Books of the Year and a PEN/Hemingway award winner, Homegoing follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Yaa Gyasi's extraordinary novel illuminates slavery's troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed — and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation." You must be fully vaccinated to attend.

# **Board Member at Large**

The letters to various charitable organizations were mailed on February 6. 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 May meeting and see where our funds will be put to work.

# **Bylaw Changes**

If you have any suggestions for bylaw changes, please get them to Carrie B. ASAP. Any proposed changes will be voted on at our April meeting.

# Lunch with Santa

Save the date! Lunch with Santa will take place on December 10 this year. (Note that this is a change from an earlier announcement.)

# Programs

Our March 21 general meeting will feature a speaker from the Master Gardener program of the Ohio State University Extension Cuyahoga County. Christine Harris will speak to us on the topic "Waking the Garden in Spring." Hope to see you there!

#### Support Our Club & Community This Month

#### **Helping Hands**

Helping Hands will be collecting nonperishables and monetary donations at our February meeting. The Fairview Park Hunger Center is currently in need of deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dish detergent, and boxes of mac-n-cheese. Thank you all for helping Fairview Park friends and neighbors when they are in need.

#### **Amazon Smile**

We receive 0.5% back for purchases made by Amazon Prime members who sign up for the Amazon Smile program. Go to

#### smile.amazon.com

and select Fairview Park Women's Club as the charitable organization — you only need to do this once. Bookmark smile.amazon.com and use that link to do your Amazon shopping, and our club will receive a donation from Amazon at no cost to you. Ask your friends and family who shop on Amazon to do the same to increase the impact.

#### Cookbooks

We are hoping to sell several sets of cookbooks and addenda in our online auction. However, we still have several more of each. Wedding shower season is coming, new people moving in, many reasons to purchase a copy! Give Diane or Barb a call or email.

#### February Calendar of Events

February 2, 9, 16, & 23 • 9 a.m. Ladies' Bowling League

Fairview Lanes Contact Nancy Cause for details

#### February 12–18 Online Silent Auction

Visit <u>32auctions.com/FPWC2022</u> to view and bid on items

February 17 • 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting Warrior Room at Fairview High School February 21 • 7:30 p.m. General Meeting Bain Park Cabin Masks are required

February 28 • 7 p.m. Book Beat

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi Paula's home You must be vaccinated to attend

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, many activities are on hiatus. Please continue to check your email.

## **Officers and Committee Chairs**

**President:** Rosanne Kelley Co-Vice Presidents: Sharon Bowles & Lori Paximadis Plant Sales: Ellen Papadimoulis & Nancy Shucofsky Lunch with Santa: Sally Lisowski & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh Wine Tasting: Sally Lisowski & Carrie Battiato Silent Auction: Barb Gillmore, Carol McAlonis, & Sharon Bowles Decorations: Mary Jane Riddlebaugh Food: vacant Cookbooks: Barb Gillmore & Diane Faile Coupon Books: Carrie Sullivan Treasurer: Sally Lisowski Recording Secretary: Pam Beamer Historian: Carol McAlonis Black Book: Christy George Corresponding Secretary: Leslie Rayle Publicity & Publications: Lori Paximadis & Carol McAlonis Corresponding Secretary: Leslie Rayle Board Member at Large: Leslie Rayle Parliamentarian: Carrie Battiato Activities: Deb Renkel Book Beat: Lori Paximadis Bowling: Nancy Cause, Jane Ball, Linda Hamaoui, & Nora Dulay Fun Bridge: on hiatus Impromptu Activities: on hiatus Programs: Kathy Yarian **Community Service:** Carrie Sullivan Adopt a Family: Carrie Sullivan Community Council: Helen Davis Fairview Assistance/Youth Program Assistance: Carrie Sullivan Favors on Trays: Patty Beard, Leslie Rayle, & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh God & Country Letter-Writing Contest: Carrie Battiato & Betty Petitt Helping Hands: Robin Munoz High School Scholarships: Lori Paximadis Marion Cook Grant: Deb Renkel Membership: vacant Hospitality/Social: vacant