



FairViews

February 2023

President's Message

Rosanne Kelley

The new year brings a fresh start and a definite excitement! The energy from our group as we work on the return of the Wine Tasting is palpable. As long as I have been a member of this club, the Wine Tasting was always the pinnacle of our year. The event is well known in the community and provides important funds to help with our mission to help those in need. This is the most positive sign that our world is healing. I look forward to being with all of you enjoying an evening with friends and neighbors. A very happy and prosperous 2023 to everyone.

Take Care!

Rosanne

Save the Date!

February 13, 2023 • Work night, Diane Faile's home – 7 pm

February 17, 2023 • Wine Tasting set up
Gemini – 6:30 pm

February 18, 2023 • Wine Tasting
9:00 am set up

6:00 pm final set up, doors open 7:00 pm

Helping Hands

Robin Munoz

Helping Hands will be collecting for Hugs & Hope for our February 20 meeting. Attached to the newsletter is a list of requested items. Thank you, members, for your generous support of organizations that help so many. It's an honor to be associated with so many kindhearted women.

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Shucofsky

Balance as of 10/31/22	\$ 9,188.34
Receipts	1,258.30
Disbursements	<u>1087.68</u>
Balance as of 10/31/22	\$9,358.96

Rosanne, Leslie and I met before our January board meeting to review the budget and to determine if any adjustments were necessary. It was determined that the budget would remain as is for the rest of the year. Thank you for continuing to submit your reimbursement requests with your receipts.

Nominating Committee

Carrie Battiato

HELP NEEDED!! We are still in need of two volunteers and one alternate to form our committee to nominate members for board positions for next year. Note that committing to the nominating committee is NOT a commitment to serve on the board, but just to help think of members who would be good for the positions. The committee will be meeting sometime in the next couple of weeks. Please let Carrie Battiato know if you are available for this important function.

Fairview Assistance

Barb Gillmore, and Sharon Bowles

In December, we received an email from a Fairview High School counselor regarding a family in need. The counselor stated that the family is struggling to pay bills and rent. The father had lost his job and was unable to help with the bills. We contacted the family to see how we could help. They had been notified by the Illuminating Company that their power would be turned off the following Monday without a payment of approximately \$199.00. We proposed that the amount of \$200.00 be paid directly to the Illuminating Company. It was approved and our treasurer made the payment directly to the family's account.

The FP Youth Association also contacted our Club and asked if we had any families that would benefit from some gift cards for the holidays. We requested two \$50 gift cards from Marc's to provide a holiday dinner for the family and any other items they might need. We delivered the gift cards in person and the family was very surprised and grateful.

Favors on Trays

Patty Beard, Leslie Rayle, and Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

For our March favors Mary Jane crocheted leprechaun coasters backed with cork and Patty made a St. Patrick's theme refrigerator magnet. We always include some sweet treats which are cocoa and candy this month.

Book Beat

Lori Paximadis

Book Beat will meet at 7 pm on Monday, March 27, at Lori's home to discuss *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, by Marie Benedict. From the publisher: "In December 1926, Agatha Christie goes missing. Investigators find her empty car on the edge of a deep, gloomy pond, the only clues some tire tracks nearby and a fur coat left in the car—strange for a frigid night. Her World War I veteran husband and her daughter have no knowledge of her whereabouts, and England unleashes an unprecedented manhunt to find the up-and-coming mystery author. Eleven days later, she reappears, just as mysteriously as she disappeared, claiming amnesia and providing no explanations for her time away. The puzzle of those missing eleven days has persisted. With her trademark historical fiction exploration into the shadows of the past, acclaimed author Marie Benedict brings us into the world of Agatha Christie, imagining why such a brilliant woman would find herself at the center of such murky historical mysteries. What is real, and what is mystery? What role did her unfaithful husband play, and what was he not telling investigators? Agatha Christie novels have withstood the test of

time, due in no small part to Christie's masterful storytelling and clever mind that may never be matched, but Agatha Christie's untold history offers perhaps her greatest mystery of all."

Support Our Club & Community

Lunch with Santa

Sally Lisowski, and Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

We would once again like to whole heartily thank our members for their time, energy and support during our December fundraiser "Lunch with Santa". This has always been a wonderful way to start the Christmas season. We were able to raise a few pennies over \$801 that will be added to our disbursement funds for May. Save the date, December 2, 2023, for our "Lunch with Santa" next year— it will be here before you know it! A special thanks to Nancy for getting me the final numbers.

Spring Plant Fundraiser

Nancy Shucofsky, and Ellen Papadimoulis

Once again, we are partnering with Dean's Greenhouse (2984 Porter Road in Westlake) for a walk-in Spring Plant Fundraiser from May 1 through June 15. FPWC will receive 30% from our purchases on anything in their greenhouse – from plants, soil, and pottery to spring décor. Just tell the cashier that you are with the Fairview Park Women's Club before your check-out or show them the flyer. Go as often as you'd like. Thank you for helping us fund scholarships and community needs with your purchase!

Wine Tasting

Carrie Battiato, Diane Faile, and Sally Lisowski

Thanks for the quick responses to our latest email! We think we have enough water pitchers for now; to those who offered, hang onto them for now. We also had some replies to other requests. Keep 'em coming, we'd rather have too many offers than not enough.

VERY IMPORTANT: Ticket sales are lagging, don't stop spreading the word and filling a table if possible. Hopefully, recent publicity will also help.

Help us with a blue wine bottle or two to reach our goal.

We **MUST** fill some worker slots for during the event, for instance, selling tickets for the wine baskets, as well as some more bakers and/or donations for the dessert room. For those that wanted to make extra desserts, there are four recipes that will be attached to the newsletter. The raspberry streusel seems popular, so if others could go with the chewy coconut or fudge, that would be great.

Get your raffle items to Lori.

Our Work Night will be on Monday, February 13, 7:00, at Diane's home, 4670 West Park Drive. We'll stuff the bags with the wine glass, "passport" favor (created by Sharon Bowles and Barb Gillmore) with tickets,

and fold and stuff the program. Nothing too difficult! And if we don't have enough blue bottles, come prepared to drink some Riesling!

Since this is the last newsletter prior to the event, we will cover other details now, as a reminder and especially for those who couldn't attend the last meeting.

If you have any appropriate items for the photo-op corner or decorations in general, now is the time to get them to us. We could also use a portable CD player -- anyone?

Many thanks to Carol McAlonis for creating our nametags for the evening! We decided our attire should be nice/business casual, and if you'd like to add your own creative flair, add a beret, a scarf, or whatever Parisienne theme you'd like! Remember, we want to have fun with this too!

We will start set-up at the Gemini on Friday evening, 6:30--9:00. Then we return in the morning at 9:00 am until done. We'll have lunch for those working. Please return at 6:00 for final set-up (the things that can't be done before then, like filling the water pitchers, etc.). We'll have to-do lists ready for you! Doors open to guests at 6:30, and that's when we can start selling 50/50's and raffle tickets. We hope to start as soon after 7 p.m. as possible, beginning with a few quick introductions and each winery representative gets to say a few words. But the wineries can start pours at 7:00, even prior to the introductions.

Please park at the library so that our guests can use the Gemini Lot.

There will be signs on the back of the kitchen doors with the sign-ups of who is to work when, and the to-do lists. And we hope everyone will stay to help clean up; we also need to get certain things off the tables before they are stripped down (that list will be posted as well), and the wine glasses not taken home by guests will get a quick wash and dry and packed up.

Sally (440-666-4207) and Diane (216-548-2521). Diane will be away January 30--February 9.

Wine Tasting Raffle

Lori Paximadis

WINE TASTING TICKET RAFFLE

Donations are coming in, but we still need your help. Here are some things you can do:

- Donate scratch-off lottery tickets (or money to buy the same). Drop off tickets/cash to Lori's house, or send her money via Zelle (lori@loripax.com), Venmo (@LoriPaximadis), or PayPal (lori@virtuallori.com) to buy them on your behalf. These will be used to create a couple of boards full of lottery tickets for the ticket raffle. These are always *hugely* popular prizes, so the more the merrier to entice raffle ticket sales.
- Donate items for the raffle, either individual items or a theme basket you put together. Depending on what we receive, we may combine items to create larger baskets/packages. Please let Lori know by email what you are donating and fill out the form (attached to the donation letter) for our records.
- Ask the places you frequent for donations and/or adopt a place (or five) from the wishlist to approach. Consult the donor spreadsheet (<https://tinyurl.com/mw7s7mn5>) and put your name next

to the place(s) you are approaching; if they're not already listed there, please add them. This helps prevent duplication of effort and the possibility of annoying potential donors by asking them multiple times. Print out the donation letter and take it with you. Enter the donation on the spreadsheet (or note that they declined) and email Lori to let her know exactly what you got so she can plan.

Cookbooks

Barb Gillmore, and Diane Faile

We still have 8 cookbooks and 1 addendum. Cookbooks make a great gift for bridal showers or a house warming present. Contact Diane or Barb if you would like to purchase one.

Amazon Smile

The Amazon Smile program is ending February 20. Amazon, at some point, will be making a donation to participating groups equal to three months of 2022 earnings. Please continue using the smile.amazon.com site until February 20 so we can maximize our earnings.

Birthdays

No February Birthdays

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Calendar of Events

February 1, 8, 15, & 22 • 9 am

Ladies' Bowling League

Fairview Lanes

Contact Jane for details

Thursday, February 16 • 7 pm

Board Meeting

Leslie's Home

Saturday, February 18 • 7 pm

(Members asked to arrive at 6 pm)

Wine Tasting

Gemini Center

Monday, February 20 • 7:30 pm

General Membership Meeting

Bain Park Cabin

Officers and Committee Chairs**President:** Rosanne Kelley**Vice President:** Lori Paximadis*Plant Sales:* Ellen Papadimoulis, & Nancy Shucofsky*Lunch with Santa:* Sally Lisowski, & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh*Wine Tasting:* Sally Lisowski, Diane Faile, & Carrie Battiato*Silent Auction:* exploring different options*Decorations:* Mary Jane Riddlebaugh*Food:* catered*Cookbooks:* Barb Gillmore, & Diane Faile*Swings-N-Things Fundraiser:* Sally Lisowski**Treasurer:** Nancy Shucofsky**Recording Secretary:** Pam Beamer*Historian:* Carol McAlonis*Black Book:* Christy George*Facebook, Publicity & Publications:* Lori Paximadis, & Carol McAlonis*Newsletter:* Leslie Rayle**Corresponding Secretary:** Leslie Rayle**Board Member at Large:** Robin Munoz*Telephone Committee:* Robin Munoz**Parliamentarian:** Carrie Battiato**Activities:** open*Book Beat:* Lori Paximadis*Bowling:* Jane Ball*Fun Bridge:* Kathi Kowalski, & Linda Hamaoui*Impromptu Activities:* Kathy Yarian*Programs:* Kathy Yarian**Community Service:** Marie Kay*Adopt a Family:* Theresa Zarnoski*Community Council:* Rosanne Kelley*Fairview Assistance:* Sharon Bowles, & Barb Gillmore*Youth Program Assistance:* Sally Lisowski*Favors on Trays:* Patty Beard, Leslie Rayle, & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh*God & Country Letter-Writing Contest:* Carrie Battiato*Helping Hands:* Robin Munoz*High School Scholarships:* Lori Paximadis*Marion Cook Grant:* Barb Gillmore, & Sharon Bowles**Membership:** vacant – Robin Munoz, & Paula Deal trying new ideas to attract members*Hospitality/Social:* vacant – Rosanne Kelley will ensure refreshments are scheduled