



FairViews

March 2023

President's Message

Rosanne Kelley

It was like the two-year hiatus never happened. We picked up where we left off, tweaked a few things, blew out some cobwebs, and went to work. Final tallies are in progress, but there is no reason to expect anything but a rousing success. The dollar amount is not as important as the sense of community that permeated the event. I saw lots of smiles, and support from other community organizations was evident. Of course, we will review all aspects and make enhancements as necessary. We are already looking toward next year and will definitely need the help of the full membership to continue to grow and improve. Very soon we will award the funds to the community that we work so hard for all year.

Take Care!
Rosanne

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Shucofsky

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 9,358.96
Receipts	3,900.00
Disbursements	<u>1,109.67</u>
Balance as of 1/31/23	\$12,149.29

Thank you for continuing to submit your reimbursement requests with your receipts.

Helping Hands

Robin Munoz

Helping Hands will be collecting for **We Do Care** at our general meeting in March. Jared Gepperth's request list follows, as well as any addresses you may have for soldiers stateside or abroad.

- Beef jerky (probably their favorite thing to get and share with their fellow soldiers, any variety)
- Oreos, cookies, granola bars, energy bars, candy, (no chocolate, melts in shipping) trail mix
- Tuna or chicken salad, canned or bagged
- Long socks

If you have addresses of any soldiers you wish to send packages to, please write them down or email them to me and I'll happily add them to our list.

Thank you all who give so generously to Helping Hands!

Bain Park Cabin

The cabin is getting a face lift so our March meeting will be held in the Birch Room at the Gemini Center.

Board Member Nominations

Carrie Battiato

Our nominees for the 2023—2024 Club Board are:

President — Rosanne Kelley

Vice President — Lori Paximadis

Treasurer — Leslie Rayle

Recording Secretary — Pam Beamer

Corresponding Secretary — Marie Kay

We are still seeking nominees for the Board Member at Large. If you are interested in this very important and extremely rewarding position, please contact Carrie Battiato!

Marion Cook Grant

Barb Gillmore, and Sharon Bowles

It is time to spread the news about the club's Marion Cook Grant. Please pass along grant information and our website to your Fairview Park friends and neighbors who may be interested or who may know someone who could benefit from the grant. Copies of our flyer have been placed at the Fairview Park Library and the Gemini Center lobby. Lori, our chair of publicity, has updated the grant on the club's website and has requested that the grant be publicized in the local newspapers and on the Fairview Park City sign. She will also post information on Facebook. Please contact us if you have any questions.

High School Scholarships

Lori Paximadis

Scholarship applications are now available on the website. As discussed, the GPA requirement has been lowered to 3.0 and the essay and volunteer commitment will be given more weight. If you know a high school senior who lives in Fairview who qualifies, please encourage them to apply. The application deadline is April 15.

Materials will be ready for the committee to review on Monday, April 17, and the committee will meet on Monday, April 24, at 7 pm at Lori's house. If you would like to join the committee, please get in touch with Lori.

Favors on Trays:

Patty Beard, Leslie Rayle, and Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

Mary Jane will be calling Fairview Park Meals on Wheels to see if the client numbers changed beyond 38.

Favors for March will be delivered on March 6th. We are well supplied with candy and cocoa.

Book Beat

Lori Paximadis

Book Beat will meet Monday, March 27, at 7 pm at Diane Faile's home to discuss *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict. Please email Lori if you plan to attend at lori@loripax.com.

Community Council

Rosanne Kelley

The Citizen of the Year nominations are due to Dick and Nancy Cause no later than March 24, 2023. The Garden Club Petal Power Visa Card raffle will be held on April 11, 2023. Tickets can be obtained from Trudy Reeder. Tickets are \$25, and only 200 will be sold. Please see the flyer from your meeting documents for a summary of upcoming community events.

Please contact Rosanne if you have questions about any of the information. That should do it, unless I missed something! See you when I get back!

Historian

Carol McAlonis

I can use your wine tasting pictures for this year's scrapbook. I took some pictures on Saturday morning and several at the event, but would love to see yours; especially needed are pictures of the food tables and the dessert room. Any pictures of you and your guests would also be appreciated, particularly some at the photo op area. Please email them to me at cmcalonis@gmail.com

Support Our Club & Community

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!

HoneyBaked Ham

Leslie Rayle

FPWC will be partnering with HoneyBaked Ham for a spring fundraiser. The link is now active. As you know, HoneyBaked will donate 20% of our purchases to the FPWC. By clicking on https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/FPWC_Spring_Fundraiser you will be directed to our site to make your purchase. Gift cards have no expiration date and are transferable and make great gifts. It is recommended that you choose the electronic gift card option to ensure delivery. Thank you all for sharing this link with family and friends. We will be running the fundraiser through May 15, 2023.

Wine Tasting

Diane Faile, and Sally Lisowski

It is hard to believe that after three years of a hiatus from an in-person wine tasting event, "An Evening in Paris" has come and gone with many positive and gracious comments. We have even received an extra "bonus" donation from one of our guests. It was wonderful to mingle again with friends and enjoy the wines from the wineries. A true shout out to all of our co-chairs for the wonderful job and timeless hours that were put into this event. Thank you to all of our "supporting casts" who sold and, or purchased tickets, baked, signed up to work that evening as well as Friday night and Saturday, and stayed to help with clean-up. Numbers are not available as of this writing, but I will quote our wonderful president . . . "whatever the final total ends up being, the community interaction was worth it, lots of smiles and compliments."

As wonderful as the fundraiser was, we will be meeting to discuss some changes that need to be put into place for next year's event. We got some suggestions prior to and during our general meeting. Anyone that would like to contribute to that discussion, please email us. We are once again looking to have our next Wine Tasting close to the same time as this year's, February 17, 2024. We will check the dates with the Gemini Center to confirm. With much gratitude, Sally and Diane.

Wine Tasting Ticket Raffle

Lori Paximadis

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle, helped track down outside donations, helped with setup, and jumped in at the event to help. It was a new process; we learned a lot and made plenty of notes for improvement next time.

We sold 144 raffle sheets (25 tickets each) for a total of \$2,880. Expenses were about 10% of that, but the majority of the expenses are for items that can be reused in the future (sign holders, raffle boxes) and we have plenty of tickets left over. We'll be diving deeper into the numbers over the next few weeks, but here are some preliminary statistics for your information:

- 104 people bought at least one raffle sheet. Many of those who didn't buy were half of a couple and the other person did buy.
- 74 people bought one sheet.
- 26 people bought two sheets.
- 4 people bought three sheets.
- 1 person bought six sheets.

Overall, we heard good feedback. People were happy they didn't have to keep hovering over the items they wanted to win and could drop their tickets and go enjoy the wine.

There were a few bumps along the way (long lines to buy tickets at the beginning; the time it took to get the names on the board), but we already have ideas for ways to address those.

If you have any feedback to share, please let Lori know.

More Wine Tasting at Jilbert Winery

Diane Faile, and Sally Lisowski

Jilbert Winery has once again agreed to host our club's members, friends and family on the weekend of April 1--2. For a purchase of wine consumed onsite or bottles to go, Jilbert will give us a percent of the sales, at least 15%. In the past, Dave Jilbert has been very generous with his donations to us. The winery also sells beer.

Jilbert is located at 1496 Columbia Road in Valley City, about 30 minutes from Fairview Park. We can hope for a nice spring day to enjoy their outdoor area, or sit by the fire if there's still a chill in the air. Plan to get some people together and have a relaxing visit. More details to come!

Cookbooks

Barb Gillmore, and Diane Faile

Our cookbooks make a great gift for a bridal shower or housewarming. They have over 400 recipes from past and current members for only \$6.00. Soon we will be sold out, so buy yours today!

Birthdays

No March Birthdays

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Calendar of Events

March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 29 • 9 am

Ladies' Bowling League

Fairview Lanes

Contact Jane for details

Thursday, March 16 • 7 pm

Board Meeting

Carrie B's home

Monday, March 20 • 7:30 pm

General Membership Meeting

Birch Room – Gemini Center

Location change

Monday, March 27 • 7 pm

Book Beat

Diane's home

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie, by Marie Benedict

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