



# FairViews

November 2023

## President's Message

*Rosanne Kelley*

We are having a beautiful fall so far. The colors are at their peak. I enjoyed decorating my porch with pumpkins and mums from Deans Greenhouse. I had a little frost on my lawn the other day, so my fig plants are now safe in the garage until Spring. This is a good time of year for some crisp walks around our beautiful city. Robin Munoz and I had a great time at the Gilles Sweet Trunk or Treat, despite a little periodic rain. I estimate we interacted with at least 400 children. Each costume was cuter than the next! I am sure we will see many of them at Lunch with Santa. Enjoy these days before the rush of the holidays begins.

## Treasurer's Report

*Carrie Battiato*

Balance in checking 08/31/23	\$10,443.88
Receipts:	3,698.41
<u>Disbursements:</u>	<u>8,306.00</u>
Balance in checking 9/31/23	\$ 5,836.29

Updated balances and activity will be available in the November General Meeting Agenda.

## General Meeting

Monday, November 20 • 7:00 pm  
Bain Park Cabin

The general meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m. We will be passing around sign-up sheets for member volunteers for Lunch with Santa.

Please feel free to bring a guest or two so they can see what our club is all about.

## Board Meeting

Thursday, November 16 • 7 pm  
Location TBD

If you have anything that you would like to bring before the Board, please contact Board Member at Large, Mary Jane Riddlebaugh.

## Support Our Club & Community

### Fall Plant Sale

**September 7–October 31**

*Ellen Papadimoulis & Nancy Shucofsky*

Our fundraiser at Dean's Greenhouse at 2984 Porter Road in Westlake is on! Dean's will donate 20% of our purchases from September 7 through October 31 to the club. It's a great time to get those fall plants, decorations, or any other item from their greenhouse. Go as often as you'd like! Tell them you are from the Fairview Park Women's Club before they ring up the sale. Thanks for helping us with this fundraiser.

### Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser

Lori Paximadis

Our Honey Baked Ham gift card fundraiser will start on November 1 and run through January 2. We will receive 20% of every gift card sold through our special link: <https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/FPWC23>

Gift cards can be used on anything Honey Baked sells, not just ham: turkey, pot roast, bacon, side dishes, desserts, lunches, catering, and more. Plan ahead for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, graduations, holiday parties, tailgating, department lunches, thank-yous, picnics, wedding and baby showers, meals for new parents or new neighbors...

Select the electronic gift card option for immediate delivery.

Please share the information far and wide with your networks — this is a fundraiser that has no local boundaries!

On November 1, the posts on our website and Facebook will go live; please share. A flyer is attached that you can print out and share with friends who don't have Facebook.

### Lunch with Santa

**Saturday, December 2**

**Bain Park Cabin**

*Sally Lisowski, Deb Renkel, & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh*

Can't believe that Christmas is truly just around the corner and our Lunch with Santa is about a month away. Would first like to thank everyone who signed up to help with the pre-Santa Lunch activities. Will buy the cookies, cucumbers, carrots the week prior and get those to the members who signed up. The flyer (which is included with this newsletter) will be in the Fairview Park Elementary School newsletter starting this week. It will also be distributed to the EEC and preschool PTAs as well as the library and Gemini Center. A thank you goes to Deb Renkel for taking those reservations! There will be a separate email to our members for sign up to help the day of the event. That email will be sent out early November, please don't hesitate to sign up. And again, if anyone has a connection with a pizza shop, please let Mary Jane or me know. We will do the contacting (or begging...lol). Looking forward to the start of a wonderful Christmas season with our new Santa: Dave George!!! 🎅

The Bain Cabin Christmas tree will be decorated on either the Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The Fairview Park Winterfest is scheduled for Sunday, November 26, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Bain Cabin.

## Save the Date for Our Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 17

Gemini Center

*Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile*

We have a name for our event on February 17! Save the date for ***“Sipping by the Sea,”*** our beach-themed wine tasting. Please share your decorating ideas and items we can use for the evening. Mary Jane could use some help crafting the favors and more; contact either Diane or Sally for more info.

Our caterer is not set, but we'll be meeting with one this week. We're trying to keep it simple and cost effective. Ticket prices will be confirmed once we know the catering cost.

Please support our silent auction co-chairs by reaching out to businesses and others who might donate for our cause. Be sure to let Lori know if you do so that we don't have multiple people reaching out to these people. You can let Barb and Lori know if you have an item to donate, but please hold on to it until after the new year.

## Silent Auction

*Barb Gilmore & Lori Paximadis*

It's time to start thinking about the Silent Auction. Every donation makes a difference. The more baskets that we can put together for the auction means we will have more money to disburse at the end of the year for our community. Please help us by donating a homemade item, a purchased item or a solicited item. Barb will be happy to receive items after December 17. If you have any organizations or places of business that you plan to solicit, please let us know so that we don't duplicate our requests. We plan to send out donation letters mid-November.

You can put a basket together or donate items for a basket. Some items that we could use for baskets are lottery tickets, gift cards, wine, wine accessories, jewelry, bath & body products, ladies' accessories, sports items (Guardians, Cavaliers, Browns, Monsters), small appliances, travel items, kitchen accessories, new or gently used books (for a reading basket), BBQ sauces, rubs, grilling accessories, food items (Italian, Mexican, crackers, chocolate), etc. These are just suggestions to help you out. Currently we do not need baskets but may ask for some closer to the event. The donation letter will be available at the November meeting.

## Cookbooks

*Diane Faile & Barb Gilmore*

Don't forget that we still have some of our cookbooks (\$6) and addenda (\$5) for sale. They're filled with a large variety of recipes from our current and previous members. Buy both for \$10! Contact Diane or Barb.

## Community Service

### Helping Hands

*Robin Munoz*

At our November meeting we will be collecting for Messiah Lutheran Church & School, Laundry Love. I asked Janice to tell us again all the outreach ways they serve the community. Below is a brief description of what they offer to our residents. It is heartwarming.

Laundry Love is a national program whose mission is Love. Dignity. Detergent. This is accomplished by washing the clothes and bedding of low/no-income families, children, and person(s). We started our chapter in Fairview Park in January 2017 as an outreach for Messiah Lutheran Church and School to serve our community and build relationships in a practical, meaningful way — because *everyone* deserves clean clothes. Currently, we are the only Laundry Love program in NE Ohio. Through local chapters like Messiah's, Laundry Love fosters community participation within a neighborhood through the many layers of connection it inspires, brightening the lives of people each month.

We benefit 500+ people annually by covering the cost of washing and drying on the last Thursday of the month at Leo's. We regularly serve 50 to 60 individuals while also catering a free monthly Community Meal in the laundromat.

Also, Janice wanted me to pass on her message to our Women's Club: "Rest assured that your thoughtfulness makes a difference by bringing hope to the laundromat in a world that many of our neighbors find dark and cold. We are thankful to you for regularly and meaningfully contributing to the world."

Items requested: donations of gift cards (Target, Giant Eagle, gas cards), RTA bus passes, warm hats, scarves, gloves, mittens (adult and children's sizes), and holiday food items (boxes of mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, canned vegetables.)

### Adopt a Family

*Theresa Zarnowski*

I reached out to Meghan at FHS. She will mail out letters to some families Oct 30th. The response is due back by November 11.

Spoke to Laura at Fairview Senior center, she requested Giant Eagle gift cards would be appreciated.

Spoke to Nancy Cause regarding the youth association and her husband will discuss it at their next meeting on Nov 9th.

Left a message at the hunger center (Julie) and will await her return call.

### Favors on Trays

*Mary Jane Riddlebaugh*

The November favors are planned to be delivered on Monday, November 6th. The December favors are a wooden Santa Paper tree ornament, a Santa decorated candy bag filled with candy, and a Christmas card from FPWC. The items this month are in a reusable plastic snowman gift bag. Any Halloween leftover candy you don't want could be donated to our Favors on Trays committee. We would be using it in 2024 for favors.

## Activities

### Book Beat

**Monday, November 27 • 7 pm**

**Home of Nancy Shucofsky**

*Lori Paximadis*

We will meet on Monday, November 27 at 7 p.m. at Nancy's home to discuss *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel.

From the publisher: "This is how a family keeps a secret...and how that secret ends up keeping them. This is how a family lives happily ever after...until happily ever after becomes complicated. This is how children change...and then change the world. This is Claude. He's five years old, the youngest of five brothers, and loves peanut butter sandwiches. He also loves wearing a dress, and dreams of being a princess. When he grows up, Claude says, he wants to be a girl. Rosie and Penn want Claude to be whoever Claude wants to be. They're just not sure they're ready to share that with the world. Soon the entire family is keeping Claude's secret. Until one day it explodes. Laurie Frankel's *This Is How It Always Is* is a novel about revelations, transformations, fairy tales, and family. And it's about the ways this is how it always is: Change is always hard and miraculous and hard again, parenting is always a leap into the unknown with crossed fingers and full hearts, children grow but not always according to plan. And families with secrets don't get to keep them forever."

### Ladies' Bowling League

**Wednesdays • 9 am**

**Fairview Lanes**

*Sharon Bowles*

The season is from September through April. Our league is non-sanctioned and you do not have to be a Club member to join. Anyone interested in more information, or in joining the league, may contact Sharon. We are all looking forward to a fun season and hope to meet some new members!

There will be no bowling on Wednesday November 22.

## General Information

### Community Council

*Rosanne Kelley*

The Fairview Library is holding tours of their new Innovation Center. It is open to all for use of the equipment for technology-related projects. This might be a great impromptu event! The library is also offering Homebound Help. It is a free delivery service of books and other items checked out from the library. If you are not homebound and would like something delivered, the cost is \$3.

The PTA is holding a Fall Table Resale on November 4 at Gilles Sweet Elementary

## From the Corresponding Secretary

*Marie Kay*

Received a thank-you note from Meals on Wheels for our donation in October.

## Birthdays

November 25: Marie Kay

November 26: Nancy Shucofsky

## November Calendar of Events

**Wednesdays • 9 am**

**Ladies' Bowling League**

*Fairview Lanes*

Contact Sharon for details

*No bowling November 22.*

**Wednesday, November 1**

**Honey Baked fundraiser begins**

**Thursday, November 16 • 7 pm**

**Board Meeting**

*location TBD*

**Monday, November 20 • 7:30 pm**

**General Membership Meeting**

*Bain Park Cabin*

**Monday, November 27 • 7 pm**

**Book Beat**

*Nancy's home*

## Officers and Committee Chairs

**President:** Rosanne Kelley

**Vice President:** Lori Paximadis

*Plant Sales:* Ellen Papadimoulis & Nancy Shucofsky

*Lunch with Santa:* Sally Lisowski, Deb Renkel, & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

*Wine Tasting:* Sally Lisowski, Diane Faile, & Carrie Battiato

*Silent Auction:* Barb Gillmore & Lori Paximadis

*Decorations:* Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

*Food:* Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile

*Cookbooks:* Barb Gillmore & Diane Faile

*Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser:* Lori Paximadis

*Swings & Things Fundraiser:* Sally Lisowski

**Acting Treasurer:** Carrie Battiato

**Recording Secretary:** Pam Beamer

*Historian:* Carol McAlonis

*Black Book:* Christy George

*Publicity:* Lori Paximadis

*Newsletter:* Pam Beamer

**Corresponding Secretary:** Marie Kay

**Board Member at Large:** Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

**Parliamentarian:** Carrie Battiato

**Activities:** Kathy Yarian

*Book Beat:* Lori Paximadis & Nancy Shucofsky

*Ladies' Bowling League:* Sharon Bowles

*Impromptu Activities:* Kathy Yarian

*Programs:* Kathy Yarian

**Community Service:** vacant

*Adopt a Family:* Theresa Zarnoski

*Community Council:* Rosanne Kelley

*Fairview Assistance:* Sharon Bowles and Barb Gillmore

*Rec/Youth Program Assistance:* Sally Lisowski

*Favors on Trays:* Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

*We Do Care:* Carrie Battiato & Betty Petitt

*Helping Hands:* Robin Munoz

*High School Scholarships:* Lori Paximadis

*Marion Cook Grant:* Barb Gillmore & Sharon Bowles

**Membership:** vacant

**Hospitality/Social:** vacant