

# Notes on historical FPWC newsletters from Carol McAlonis, club historian (2020)

## January 1958

This month, the January 1958 FairViews newsletter, vol. 2., no. 5, is highlighted for your enjoyment.

**January Program:** Mr. Walter Whitlatch, Director of Legal Services of Juvenile Court, will speak on “Juvenile Delinquency-Whose Responsibility?” He will also present statistics on delinquency in Fairview Park.

**President’s Message:** In accordance with our By-Laws, selection of the Nominating Committee must take place in January. The chair and one other committee member will be elected at the January Board meeting, while three members must be elected by the general membership. Please think about your choices for the January meeting. A second committee to review the By-Laws will also be chosen at the general meeting.

**Mental Health Committee:** A greeting was received from the men at the State Receiving Hospital: “We, the fellows on Ward 7, wish the ladies of Fairview Park Junior Women’s Club the best of holiday seasons and a New Year which fulfills all hopes and aspirations.” The girls from the Committee had sent each of the twenty-six men in the ward individual Christmas cards in addition to the other gifts previously reported. “Do you know what we really want?,” one of the men asked during our recent visit, “more ladies to come and visit us!” Members are always welcome to accompany the eight or nine Committee members on the monthly visits. A Monte Carlo party is planned for January 27th, so please contact Elaine if you’d like to go along.

**Committee for the Mentally Retarded:** The next trip to Apple Creek will be in February. The Committee meeting later this month will decide on the program.

### January Activities:

If you feel like cutting a few figure eights – or figure ones – with other ice skating clubbers – just call Kay if you are interested in attending.

Bowling, Bridge and Canasta scores were reported.

The Fairnighter’s next dance is January 17th. Music will be by the Ohioan’s. Potato Chips will be furnished – bring your own cheese dip if you’d like to. Contact Gretchen for tickets.

### **Ginny’s Jottings:**

Many members welcomed family and friends over the Christmas holiday. Jay’s parents arrived from Minnesota; Becky & Bill entertained her mother and brother from New Jersey, while Carolyn & Frank enjoyed visits from their families from Detroit. June welcomed the clan from Michigan and southern Ohio, while Erma’s guests hailed from Pittsburgh and Detroit.

For some of us, the cold winter days mean ice skating! Jean, Perle and June all enjoy their own backyard skating rinks. Helen and her family like to combine skating with feeding the ducks at Clague Park. Once Mary's sons recuperate from the mumps, the family will head for their Northern Michigan cabin for ice fishing and winter sports at Silver Valley.

True winter sports enthusiasts are four couples who are also active in the Cleveland Ski Club. They are heading to Lake Placid on February 8th for two weeks at the Mirror Lake Inn. They are all contributing to the "kitty" for a fabulous ski trip to Switzerland two years from now.

New arrivals were welcomed by Barbara & Buzz (a boy) and Kitty & her husband (a girl). Then there's Perle, who has two new arrivals at her home - - new carpeting and a collie puppy. Nice timing!

**Civic Committee:** Plans are underway which will make Speech and Hearing therapy available to those living on the West side of the Greater Cleveland area. Through the efforts of the committee, they have obtained a room at the Fairview Park hospital to be staffed one day a week by a therapist provided by the Cleveland Speech and Hearing Center. The big project for the Committee is to procure \$500 to purchase the necessary equipment for the room. They propose to solicit by letter, donations from all service organizations on the West side.

**Ways & Means:** The Dessert Card Party will be held February 25th at Rocky River Memorial Hall. The party features Helene St. Andrews with her style show from Higbee's, and of course the Fur Raffle. Contact Ann for details.

The Rummage Sale is scheduled for March 11 and 12. Hold on to your items, as Midge will announce "pick up stations" soon.

Mark your calendars for the Spring Dance on April 12th at the Lake Shore Hotel. Tickets will be limited, so reserve them early.

A new "Card Bank" is being set up. Donations of playing cards will be accepted at the registration desk during the January and February meetings.

#### **Chatter & Tattle:**

Santa was generous to many members. Dishwashers were delivered to Ginny and Marion (who also received a disposal). Charlotte received a new HiFi set. She and her three girls put on leotards and take ballet lessons in their family room.

Kay received a brand new item now being sold on the market – an electric can opener – fun to watch and no effort used!

Virginia received a beautiful silver Lazy Susan. Muriel received a new bowling ball from her husband. Sue got a new Dodge, but spent a lot of time over the holiday battling her children's mumps, flu, hives and colds. Jean received her third set of washer-dryer combinations. Could it be the laundry for five children daily?

Nothing to do on January 18th ? Then go downtown to Linz Bowling Lanes and cheer Jan and Marion to victory in the Women's Congress Bowling Tournament. This sounds like a feather in their bonnets, so call them for the time and spur them on to strikes and spares!

## **February 1958**

This month, the February 1958 FairViews newsletter vol. 2. no. 6, is highlighted for your enjoyment. I think the bowlers in our Club will enjoy the "Chatter and Tattle" at the end!

February Program: Guest Night – We will be hostessing officers of some of our sister organizations, sharing ideas with them about our Clubs. Please feel free to bring a guest of your own who might be interested in joining. Florence Laganke, Food and Equipment Editor of The Cleveland Press will speak on "Entertaining Can Be Fun—Or Can It?" Besides the program, it is also time to celebrate our Club's fourth birthday. Our Social Committee will serve birthday cake to all.

President's Message: Congratulations to the Civic Committee for the splendid work they have done in arranging for the Hearing and Speech Therapy Center at Fairview Park Hospital! Our thanks go to the Lakewood Rotary for their generous gift to underwrite the initial cost of equipment for the center, and to all others who have helped us financially and otherwise in this endeavor.

February Ways & Means: Hurry and get your tickets for the annual Dessert Card Party on February 25th at Rocky River Memorial Hall. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Price is \$1.25. Remember, the final date for returning Fur Raffle Tickets is February 17th. And another reminder to please bring playing cards for the Card Bank. Drop them off at the registration desk.

Don't forget the upcoming Rummage Sale on March 11th. Dates and member's addresses for delivery are listed at the end of this Newsletter. When you deliver your items, please bring them in boxes or bags and try to leave things on hangers if possible. Items needed are: Men's suits, overcoats, shirts and slacks; children's clothing of all kinds; dishes, toys and children's books; lamps and lamp shades, costume jewelry; old dress patterns; bedspreads, curtains and draperies; bath mats and shower curtains; records, shoes, hats, purses and stockings; old small appliances such as irons, toasters, etc. Contact Midge with any questions.

February Civic Committee: We are very proud to say that February 7th was the opening date for the new West Side Hearing and Speech Center at the Fairview Park Hospital. The early opening has been made possible because the Lakewood Rotary Club furnished \$500 for the initial equipment costs. Robert A. Valyo Jr., associated with John Carroll University, is the therapist in charge. Future contributions will be placed in the West Side George Fortune Memorial Fund, and will be used to extend the services of the Center.

February Mental Health Committee: A Square Dance and Pizza Party is scheduled for February 24th at the State Receiving Hospital. We need at least 15 members to help make this a success. The men enjoyed the January Monte Carlo party. Jigsaw puzzles and cigarettes were the prizes, and pie and ice cream were served.

February Committee for the Mentally Retarded: The next trip to Apple Creek will be a Valentine's Party to be held February 8th or 15th. Each of the 100 men will receive a small gift. Since a new cottage is being built, a larger gift in the way of cottage furnishings, will be donated later this year. The men still need old records, used caps, gloves, and coats or suits.

#### February Activities:

A reservation form is attached for the Fairnighter's Star Dust Gambol dance, scheduled for April 12th at the Lake Shore Hotel. Hal Brinkley's Orchestra will perform. Tickets are limited to 140 couples, and the deadline is March 15th. They will be sold to members only, but if tickets remain, they will then be sold as guest tickets.

#### Ginny's Jottings:

Kay A is a gal with true community spirit. Besides being a member of the Committee for the Mentally Retarded, she also participates in many other Club committees. She recently started out for a Mentally Retarded Committee meeting, but was having trouble finding a house. She saw many cars parked on the street, and followed some of the women in. Everyone was carrying little foil plates and scissors and thought "Oh, we're going to make Valentine favors for Apple Creek. Guess they forgot to tell me." She proceeded to follow the ladies and started cutting and folding, when she realized several Committee members were missing and that she actually was at the Spring Dance Committee meeting! She quickly left and went down the street to the correct meeting.

Our ladies are busy in many areas. The Women's Gym Class at Garnett on Thursday evenings is taught by Isabelle, with help from Charlotte, Universe and Norma. Patt and Ginny were two of the instructors for Pre-School babysitting classes held for seventh graders. Daughters of several members completed the class. A babysitter list will be available soon.

Happy new daughter baby wishes to Dorothy & Wesley and Marian & Charles.

#### Chatter and Tattle:

On Wednesdays, some of us bowl. If I bowled better and speculated less, I wouldn't have noticed the reactions our bowlers give after launching the ball down the lane. Elaine makes a dainty pirouette when she has strikes or spares...and she's always strikin' and sparin'. Muriel, after a bad ball, walks back quizzically as if to say "What did I do?" Dorothy leaps into the air and this is frequent, since she's the top bowler! Pat, after either a good or bad ball, sometimes reminds me of a shotput or discus thrower. Sue walks back as though what she's done cannot be true. Mary just gives a big grin! Shirley bounces back in triple time and sits so proud or downcast. Lorraine kind of whispers under her breath on a poor ball, but you ought to see the Polly Bergen smile when she's splattered them! And Helen suffers much anguish when her shots are off, but sighs with gratitude with those good ones.

#### In the Spotlight:

Donna N is a smiling-eyed brunette, born in Bucyrus, Ohio, attended Bay Village High, married her high-school sweetheart, Dick, and is now Membership Chair of the Club. She plays bridge and golf with our groups, and would love to bowl, but can't squeeze it in since the arrival of

Robby, six-months-old. At Christmas, Ricky 5 and Janet Lee 3, wanted to help put Glass Wax designs on the window. Mother said no, for obvious reasons. Guess who spilled Glass Wax on the new drapes?

Wanted to Buy:

Child's Phonograph. Prefer 3-speed record player. Call Margaret.