



FairViews

December 2023–January 2024

President's Message

Rosanne Kelley

My wish for all of us is to have a happy and healthy holiday season.

It can be hectic and stressful, so be sure to take time to relax, treat yourself to something special, or do something fun!

Once we all return in January, I look forward to our warming soup and chili night and hitting the ground running as we prepare for the wine tasting event.

Enjoy each moment and be safe!

Acting Treasurer's Report

Carrie Battiato

Balance in checking 09/30/23	\$5,460.34
Receipts:	0.00
Disbursements:	194.00
Balance in checking 10/31/23	\$5,266.34

Updated balances and activity will be available in the January general meeting agenda.

Holiday Party

Monday, December 11 • 6:30 p.m.

Rosanne's home

We hope to see you at the holiday get-together on December 11. Please RSVP to Rosanne.

December Break

There will be no board meeting or general meeting in December, and there is no Helping Hands collection.

Support Our Club & Community

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

Saturday, February 17

Gemini Center

Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile

Things are getting set for our annual wine tasting and silent auction event. We hope you've all made plans to attend "Sipping by the Shore" on Saturday, February 17. We'll have set up the evening before — our Gemini Center is generous to give us that night in addition to all day Saturday to prepare. Our caterer will be JJ's Pizza and Catering from Fairview Park, who will provide foods fitting our theme.

Ticket price will be \$48 per person, and we hope to have them in hand, ready for purchase, in the next few weeks. For *members only* who don't or can't drink wine, the price of the ticket will be \$28. This will allow you to eat, have nonalcoholic drinks, be present to bid on auction items, and purchase raffle tickets. We are offering this because we need everyone on hand to take the various shifts; more helpers mean shorter shifts. Please purchase these tickets only if you truly can't drink the wine, as our wineries expect to have 175–200 patrons there to sample and hopefully then purchase bottles of their wines. *These tickets will not be available to nonmembers.*

We still plan to have a work night as the program in January where we can make the centerpieces and any other items that we might need — nothing too difficult, so plan to join in and make it a fun and casual event following our soup and salad dinner and meeting.

We're still accepting any suggestions, ideas, props, etc. that we can use to "beach up" the place. Send along, text, call, drop off, any idea, photo, instructions, whatever; to paraphrase another quote: no idea is too stupid (or silly, etc.)! Let's have fun with this!

Finally, with upcoming holiday gatherings, please start to spread the word about this event! We'll have a flyer ready to share soon. Happy and healthy holidays and new year to all!

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. Donation letters have been sent.

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), ect. 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.

Lunch with Santa

Saturday, December 2

Bain Park Cabin

Sally Lisowski, Deb Renkel, & Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

Lunch with Santa was put on by a whole group of wonderful ladies (and one Santa) who brought smiles and happy memories to those in attendance. We won't know final numbers until mid-December, but will continue to work on finding ways to bring more attention to this fundraiser. More to discuss later. A huge thank you to Deb Renkel for taking and adjusting reservations as we got closer to the event. Thanks to all who volunteered to help before and during the Santa Lunch. And a small plug to our pizza shops — Romeo's (Westlake location), Hungry Howie's, JJ's Pizza & Catering, and Athens — who donated all of the pizzas. And of course to Dave George, who made a wonderful Santa and was loved by all who sat on his lap telling him their Christmas list.

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.

Cookbooks

Diane Faile & Barb Gillmore

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 at bdfaile@cox.net or Barb at brgillmore@yahoo.com.

Community Service

Adopt a Family

Theresa Zarnowski

I will be talking to Rosanna and giving out the gift cards: \$800 from the Youth Association, \$500 from our club, and \$20 from a member.

The cards will be shared with FHS (8) families, senior center, Hunger Center, and New Hope Church.

Favors on Trays

Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

The December favors are a wooden Santa paper tree ornament, a Santa decorated candy bag, 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.

We Do Care

Carrie Battiato and Betty Petitt

Please join us on Tuesday December 5 at 6:30 pm for our awards ceremony. The event will take place in City Council chambers with a dessert reception to follow downstairs in the Dunson Room.

Activities

Book Beat

Monday, February 26 • 7 pm

Ellen's home

Lori Paximadis

Our next book will be *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff. From the publisher: "A young Indian woman finds the false rumors that she killed her husband surprisingly useful—until other women in the village start asking for her help getting rid of their own husbands"

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 at 440-409-1992. We are all looking forward to a fun season and hope to meet some new members!

December Birthdays

7 : Meg Wright

27: Kathiann Kowalski

28: Theresa Zarnowski

31: Lori Paximadis

December Calendar of Events

All month

Honey Baked fundraiser continues

Wednesdays • 9 am

Ladies' Bowling League

Fairview Lanes

Contact Sharon for details

Saturday, December 2 • 11 am – 3 pm

Lunch with Santa

Bain Park Cabin

Tuesday, December 5 • 6:30 pm

We Do Care ceremony

Fairview Park City Hall

Monday, December 11 • 6:30 pm

Holiday Party

Rosanne'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 Chair: Kathy Yarian

Book Beat: Lori Paximadis & Nancy Shucofsky

Ladies' Bowling League: Sharon Bowles

Impromptu Activities: Kathy Yarian

Programs: Kathy Yarian

Community Service Chair: 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 Chair: vacant

Hospitality/Social: vacant