

2021 - 2022

2021–2022 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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HISTORIAN YEAR-END REPORT – 2021-2022

Carol McAlonis, Historian

Another year with COVID, which just kept slowing us down FPWC is the best – we all came around Masked up at the beginning, partially at the end We raised lots of money, on us you can depend

Our goal is to help the community - and others all around If there's a way to do it, you can be sure - we women will astound We provide scholarships, grants, financial assistance, & support too Our members and committees are always ready to help you

SaveAround Coupon Books, Lunch with Santa, you see
Dean's Plant Fundraisers – not one but three
No in-person wine tasting and silent auction this year
But an online auction and two winery visits brought us a little cheer

Adopt-A-Family, Helping Hands, We Do Care, Favors-on-Trays Our Club helps out the best we can - in so, so many ways We continue to open our hearts, and our wallets when asked If you need some help, you can be sure, we will rise to the task

Book Beat and Bowling continued on this year
Fun Bridge and Impromptus will wait another year
So COVID: Please go away – we are very tired of you
We hope for a "normal" next year - - we have lots of things to do

So thank you to our Board, Committees and all for a successful year And Welcome our new Board, all members, and everyone here 2022-2023 holds promise, and hope that we can embrace We'll begin anew and continue on - our philanthropic pace



Fairview Park Women's Club 2021-22 Calendar

Dates, times and places will continue to be updated as details are known. Please also refer to the latest *FairViews Newsletter* for updates and the latest details.

Summer 2021

July 30th: Several members marched in the SummerFest parade from Gilles-Sweet to Bohlken Park. Members also worked at the Youth Association tents over the week-end.

August 9th: We held a Swings-N-Things fundraiser event with prizes for lowest score, highest score, and most holes in one. Many members and their families and friends enjoyed the afternoon or evening at Swings-N-Things. Those who purchased tickets but couldn't attend that day are able to use them throughout the rest of the 2021 season.

September, 2021

Wednesdays (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th), 9:00 a.m.: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

Dean's Greenhouse Fall Plant Fundraiser, through the entire month of September

16th: Executive Board Meeting, 7:30pm, host: Rosanne

20th: General Meeting, 7:30pm, Bain Park Cabin, wear your mask!

27th: Book Club, 7:00 p.m. Discuss Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaasen

Fun Bridge is on hiatus for the year due to COVID restrictions

October, 2021

Wednesdays (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th), 9am: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

13th: Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, host: Leslie

18th: General Meeting, 7:30pm, Gemini Center Maple Room - wear your mask!

 $18 th: Save Around\ Coupon\ Books\ go\ on\ sale.\ Purchase\ through\ December\ 20 th.\ Chair:\ Carrie\ S$

25th: Book Club, 7:00 p.m., Discuss Band of Sisters by Lauren Willig, host: Nancy S

Fun Bridge is on hiatus for the year due to COVID restrictions

November, 2021

Wednesdays (3rd, 10th, 17th), 9am: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

11th: Executive Board Meeting, 7:30pm, hostess: Sally

15th: General Meeting, 7:30 p.m, Dunson Room at City Hall. Wear your masks!

Fun Bridge is on hiatus for the year due to COVID restrictions

December, 2021

Wednesdays (1st, 8th, 15th), 9am: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

11th: Lunch With Santa, Bain Park Cabin.

20th: SaveAround Coupon Book fundraiser ends.

Fun Bridge is on hiatus for the year due to COVID restrictions

January, 2022

Wednesdays (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th), 9am: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

13th: Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

17th: General Meeting, 7:30pm, Bain Park Cabin

Fun Bridge is on hiatus for the year due to COVID restrictions

February, 2022

Wednesdays (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd), 9am: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

17th: Executive Board Meeting

19th: Wine Tasting, Gemini Center

21st: General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bain Park Cabin

28th: Book Club, 7:00 p.m. Discuss Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Fun Bridge is on hiatus for the year due to COVID restrictions

March, 2022

Wednesdays (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th). 9am: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

17th: Executive Board Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

21st: General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bain Park Cabin

Fun Bridge is on hiatus for the year due to COVID restrictions

<u>April, 2022</u>

Wednesdays (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) 9am: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

14th: Executive Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

18th: General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Bain Park Cabin

25th: Book Club, 7:00 p.m. Discuss Still Life by Louise Penney

Fun Bridge is on hiatus for the year due to COVID restrictions

May, 2022

Wednesdays (4th, 11th) 9am: Ladies Bowling, Fairview Lanes

12th: Executive Board Meeting & Disbursement of Funds, hostess: Leslie

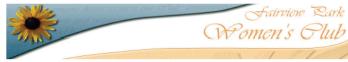
16th: Appreciation and Installation Dinner, TBD.

Fun Bridge is on hiatus this year due to COVID restrictions

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Our fundraising began on August 9th, when a family night was held at Swings-N-Things. Tickets sold allowed "tee times" to start at Noon, ending at 8:00 p.m. Prizes were awarded for lowest score, highest score and most holes in ones. Ticket holders who couldn't make the date could use their tickets for the remainder of the 2021 Swings-N-Things season. Sharon and Lori were co-chairs.



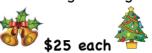
Fundraiser for the Fairview Park Women's Club

http://fairviewparkwomensclub.org/

The Fairview Park Women's Club was organized in 1954 to promote a sense of responsibility among women toward creative interest in civic, social and welfare betterment of the community. We raise money to help give back to our community – including giving scholarships to our seniors for college!



We are selling SaveAround Coupon Books!! Great Christmas gift ideas that will give your loved one savings throughout the year!!



October 18 - December 20

- 3 ways to get a coupon book -
- 1) Ask a member
- Use the online link Great for sending to those out of the area/state (it will be shipped to them) https://www.sapaynow.com/283362
- Email Carrie Sullivan <u>csullivan@fairview.k12.oh.us</u>She will contact you and make sure you get all the books you want

Carrie S. chaired the SaveAround Coupon book sale.







annuals • vegetables • herbs • ferns • hanging baskets

Spring is in the air! Beautify your landscape with plants and decor from Dean's and help fund scholarships and community needs at the same time.

Dean's will donate **30% of your purchases** from May 1 through June 15 to the Fairview Park Women's Club, including plants, potting soil, containers, and more — everything except gift certificates. You can shop for our benefit multiple times.

You must let them know that you want the sale to be credited to FPWC **before** they start to ring your purchases and either give them a copy of this flyer or show it to them on your phone.



We had three Dean's Greenhouse Plant Fundraisers this year. Thanks to co-chairs Ellen and Nancy S., all were successful and helped add to our fundraising final amount.

Fairview Park Women's Club presents

Lunch with Santa

Saturday, December 11, 2021

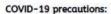
Historic Bain Park Cabin

Enjoy a serving of pizza, fruit cocktail, carrot sticks, bottled water, and a mini cupcake. Children will make a holiday craft at their table, and there will be a prize for the best mask at each session. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making a special appearance, so be sure to BRING YOUR CAMERA to capture this memorable photo opportunity.

Lunch with Santa is BY RESERVATION ONLY and seating is on a first come, first served basis. Payment must accompany your reservation. Please clip and return the completed reservation form with payment by Friday, December 3, to Deb Renkel, 21459 Hillsdale Ave., Fairview Park, OH 44126. Questions? Call 440-669-2995.

There are two seatings: 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. Please arrive 15 minutes before your seating time.

We will confirm your reservation time soon after your order is received.



- If you are unvaccinated, we request that you wear a mask except when actively eating.
- Seating will be assigned.
- · Food will be served to each table.
- Family groups will visit Santa one at a time.





Proceeds from ticket sales go to the betterment of our community. Visit www.FairviewParkWomensClub.com for more information.

Women's Cash donations to benefit the Fairview Hospital Pediatric Ward Club will be collected the day of the event.

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Name Phone _	=======================================
# of adults (\$8): # of children 2+ (\$8): # of children	en 1 and under (free):
Total enclosed:	Rank seating preference:
Make checks payable to FPWC. Reservations and payment must be received by December 3.	11 a.mnoon
Please note any food allergies.	1-2 p.m.

If you'd like to be seated with another group submitting a separate form,

be sure you both specify who you'd like to sit with below.

Santa and Mrs. Claus, with assistance from Barb the Reindeer, were the hit of this year's Lunch with Santa. Many members volunteered to help prior to, during, and after the event. To comply with COVID restrictions, masks and social distancing were in place, seats were assigned and the lunches delivered to each family at their tables. The kids had crafts to do at their seats, and all were able to visit with Santa to give him their special requests.







The members are ready, the food is prepared, tables are set, the fire is on, and Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Reindeer have a cozy place to meet with the children. Open the doors!! Thank you to Betty's grandson Ayden and neighbor Sheri Toutin for also pitching in to help.

Co-chairs Sally and Mary Jane did a wonderful job this year.









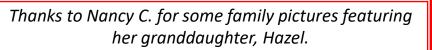






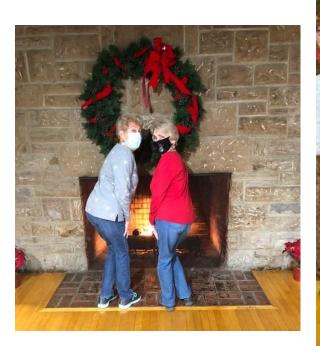


















Online Silent Auction

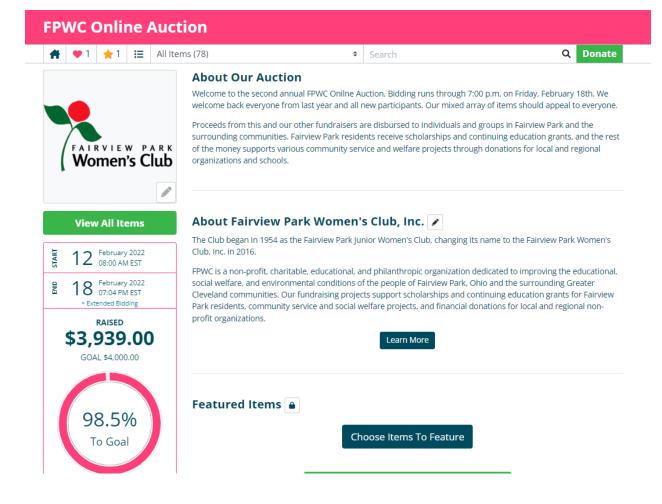
February 12-18, 2022

Something for everyone!

All proceeds benefit our philanthropic efforts, including community assistance and scholarships.

Thank you for your support!

Visit 32auctions.com/FPWC2022



Due to on-going Covid restrictions, we held our second on-line Silent Auction this year on the 32auctions.com platform. We didn't quite reach our goal through the auction, but several cookbook purchases and donations immediately afterward, along with the money raised in the two wine events from Jilbert Winery and Debonné Vineyards, took us over the \$4,000 goal mark. Barb, Sharon and Carol co-chaired the online auction, while Sally and Carrie B co-chaired the Jilbert and Debonné fundraisers.

See the following pages highlighting the items we offered online this year, along with some pictures from the Jilbert and Debonné fundraisers.



101 DRINK OHIO

101

\$62.00

value: \$70.00 bids: 14



102 IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CAKE

102

\$52.00

value: \$72.00 bids: 15



103 YOU'RE WORTH IT

103

\$75.00

value: \$120.00 bids: 18

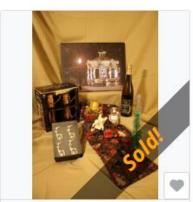


104 IT'S A SLAM DUNK

104

\$44.00

value: \$75.00 bids: 12



105 LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAYS

105

\$32.00

value: \$80.00 bids: 10



106 CUT & STYLE

106

\$70.00

value: \$75.00 bids: 4



107 ITALIAN TONIGHT?

107

\$46.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 14



108 WORK IT OUT

108

\$38.00

value: \$50.00 bids: 14



109 BE CREATIVE

109

\$76.00

value: \$110.00 bids: 20



110 I LOVE ROCK AND ROLL

110

\$50.00

value: \$75.00 bids: 14



111 WINE TIME

111

\$44.00

value: \$80.00 bids: 13



112 LOVE IS IN THE HAIR

112

\$37.00

value: \$130.00 bids: 10



113 CAPE MAY

113

\$15.00

value: \$70.00 bids: 6

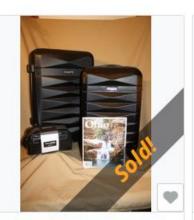


114 ROCK-A-BYE BABY

114

\$50.00

value: Priceless bids: 12



115 ON THE ROAD AGAIN

115

\$60.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 12



116 BUBBLEGUM & BUCKEYES

116

\$90.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 24



117 A WALK IN THE PARK

117

\$65.00

value: \$185.00 bids: 12



118 A TASTE OF ITALY

118

\$62.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 11



119 PLAY TIME

119

\$65.00

value: \$99.00 bids: 8



120 THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

120

\$77.00

value: \$130.00 bids: 19



121 WINE WITH FRIENDS

121

\$32.00

value: \$65.00 bids: 8



122 STEP OUT IN STYLE

122

\$37.00

value: \$148.00 bids: 6



123 LUCKY YOU

123

\$205.00

value: \$232.00 bids: 25



124 NATURE IS CALLING

124

\$65.00

value: \$130.00 bids: 14



125 CHRISTMAS . . . ONLY 315 DAYS AWAY

125

\$20.00

value: \$50.00 bids: 5



126 AIR'S COOKING

126

\$64.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 21



127 PACK YOUR BAGS

127

\$32.00

value: \$90.00 bids: 3



128 FAMILY GAME NIGHT

128

\$57.00

value: \$70.00 bids: 13



129 COFFEE BY DAY, WINE BY NIGHT, PUZZLE...

129

\$30.00

value: \$50.00 bids: 6



130 TEATIME AT THE INN

130

\$44.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 10



131 SWINGS-N-THINGS

131

\$80.00

value: \$159.96 bids: 6



132 CINCO DE MAYO

132

\$45.00

value: \$80.00 bids: 14

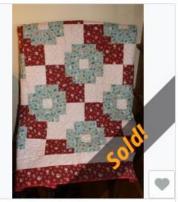


133 FIRE UP THE GRILL

133

\$55.00

value: \$150.00 bids: 5



134 CUDDLE UP

134

\$70.00

value: \$150.00 bids: 7



135 ENTERTAIN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

135

\$56.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 11



136 SIP AND TWEET

136

\$32.00

value: \$38.00 bids: 12



137 I'M SO PRETTY

137

\$42.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 10

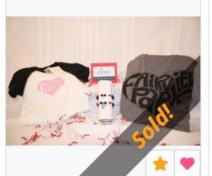


138 LET'S WINE

138

\$30.00

value: \$64.00 bids: 6



139 LOOKING BEAUTIFUL IN FAIRVIEW PARK

139

\$45.00

value: \$150.00 bids: 7



140 BASEBALL COLLECTOR

140

\$85.00

value: \$200.00 bids: 9

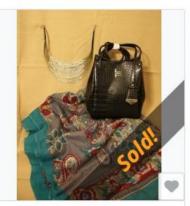


141 THINK SPRING

141

\$47.00

value: \$77.00 bids: 14



142 ACCESSORIZE

142

\$27.00

value: \$80.00 bids: 4



143 DINNER WITH MICKEY

143

\$70.00

value: \$92.00 bids: 18



144 A NIGHT OUT - OR A NIGHT IN?

144

\$40.00

value: \$75.00 bids: 12



145 BEER CHEER

145

\$56.00

value: \$80.00 bids: 15



146 WEEK-END GETAWAY

146

\$100.00

value: \$180.00 bids: 1



147 IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

147

\$66.00

value: \$60.00 bids: 12



148 CALICO CRITTERS & ICE CREAM

148

\$70.00

value: \$90.00 bids: 14

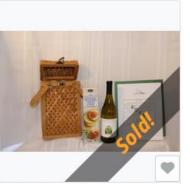


149 O-H-I-O

149

\$68.00

value: \$110.00 bids: 23



150 BIRD WALK & PICNIC

150

\$105.00

value: \$325.00 bids: 6

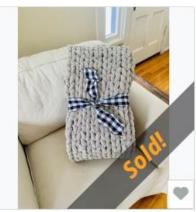


151 ENJOY!

151

\$48.00

value: \$85.00 bids: 11



152 COZY UP TO FALL

152

\$52.00

value: \$90.00 bids: 11



153 CLEVELAND SPORTS FAN

153

\$62.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 17



154 I CAN USE THAT!

154

\$60.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 13



155 JUST ADD . . . ROMANCE

155

\$60.00

value: \$95.00 bids: 15

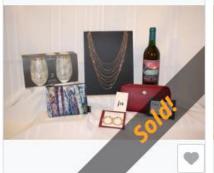


156 DINNER AND A MOVIE

156

\$56.00

value: \$80.00 bids: 17



157 FASHION FORWARD

157

\$40.00

value: \$140.00 bids: 11



158 TEA FOR TWO

158

\$27.00

value: \$90.00 bids: 8



159 PACKING FOR A TRIP

159

\$30.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 9

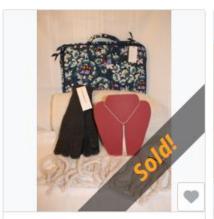


160 FOR DOG LOVERS

160

\$62.00

value: \$125.00 bids: 16



161 GO TO WORK IN STYLE

161

\$55.00

value: \$165.00 bids: 6



162 FORE THE GAME

162

\$23.00

value: \$75.00 bids: 8



163 DESIGNED TO LOOK BEAUTIFUL

163

\$42.00

value: \$50.00 bids: 12

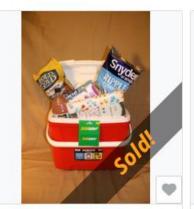


164 BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE A PARTY

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\$41.00

value: \$170.00 bids: 7

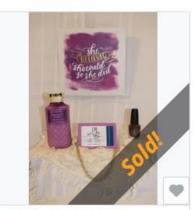


165 PICNIC IN THE PARK

165

\$37.00

value: \$62.00 bids: 6



166 YOU ARE SPECIAL

166

\$21.00

value: \$55.00 bids: 9



167 SUMMERTIME

167

\$80.00

value: \$135.00 bids: 18



168 FRIDAY NIGHT!!

168

\$42.00

value: \$60.00 bids: 13



169 ENTERTAIN THE KIDS

169

\$50.00

value: \$110.00 bids: 11



170 WINE IS THE ANSWER

170

\$54.00

value: \$100.00 bids: 13



171 FPWC Cookbook

171

Buy Now: \$6.00

value: \$6.00 bids: 1



172 FPWC Cookbook

172

Buy Now: \$6.00

value: \$6.00 bids: 1



173 FPWC COOKBOOK

173

Buy Now: \$6.00

value: \$6.00 bids: 0



174 FPWC COOKBOOK

174

Buy Now: \$6.00

value: \$6.00 bids: 0



175 FPWC COOKBOOK

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Buy Now: \$6.00

value: \$6.00 bids: 0



176 FPWC COOKBOOK & ADDENDUM

176

Buy Now: \$10.00

value: \$10.00 bids: 0



177 FPWC COOKBOOK & ADDENDUM

177

Buy Now: \$10.00

value: \$10.00 bids: 0



178 FPWC COOKBOOK & ADDENDUM

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Buy Now: \$10.00

value: \$10.00 bids: 0









Reilly's Irish Bakery















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Cleveland Monsters	Nancy Shucofsky		
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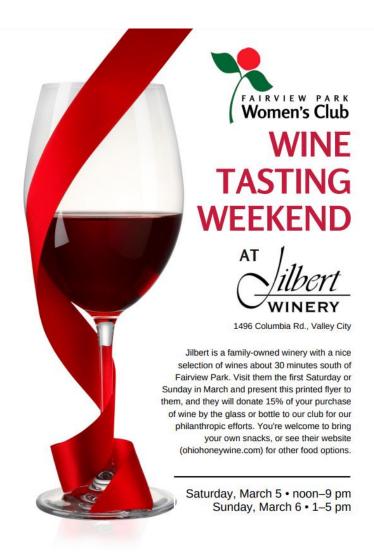












Members enjoyed the cool, dry weather and came with friends and family to eat and drink inside or outside at Jilbert Winery. Chairs Sally and Carrie B arranged this in lieu of an in-person wine tasting event.

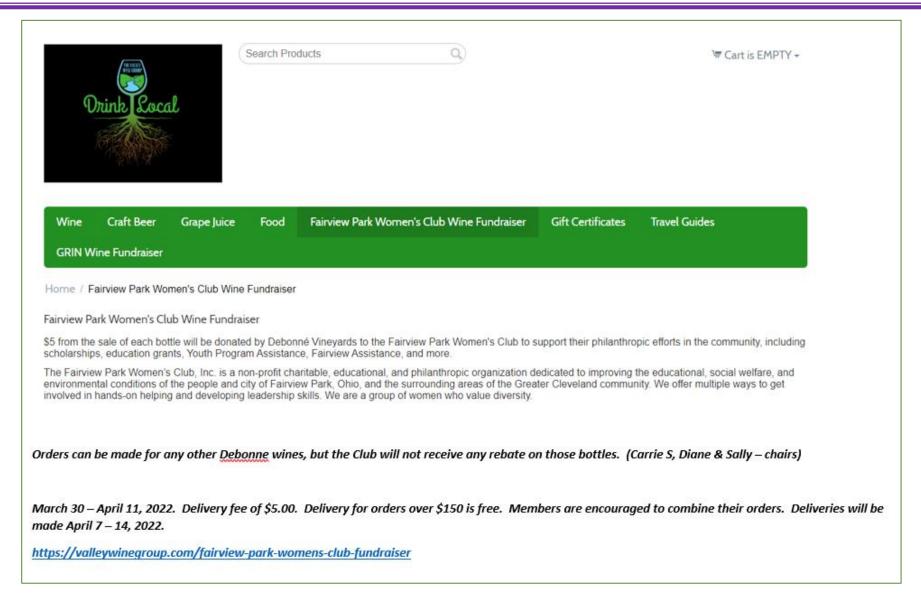








We sponsored a wine sale through Debonné Vineyards from March 30 to April 11, 2022. Online orders could be made during that time, and deliveries were made directly to members' homes from April 7 to 14th. The club made \$5 per bottle sold, from the seven wines Debonné offered. A cute thank-you label with our club logo was on each wine bottle! Sally and Carrie B also arranged this event in lieu of an in-person event.





Fairview Park Women's Club - Unoaked Chardonnay / 750mL

From \$12.99 (\$13.93 inc tax)



Fairview Park Women's Club - Cab/Cab / 750mL \$14.99 (\$16.08 inc tax)



Fairview Park Women's Club - Pinot Noir / 750mL \$16.99 (\$18.22 inc tax)



Fairview Park Women's Club - Pinot Grigio / 750mL

\$12.99 (\$13.93 inc tax)



Fairview Park Women's Club - River Rouge / 750mL

\$10.99 (\$11.79 inc tax)



Fairview Park Women's Club - Riesling Reserve / 750mL

\$12.99 (\$13.93 inc tax)



Fairview Park Women's Club - Rosé of Pinot Noir / 750mL

\$12.99 (\$13.93 inc tax)







PROGRAMS

Our November program featured Louanne Vyhnalek from Wild Birds Unlimited in North Olmsted, who spoke about the migrating birds arriving into the area this Spring, and which birdseed to use to attract each of the various birds. After the program she drew names, and several members won bird seed, a bird house or a bird feeder.



Our March 21st general meeting featured a speaker from the Master Gardener Program of The Ohio State University Extension, Cuyahoga County. Christine Harris spoke to us on the topic "Waking the Garden in the Spring".







INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, MAY 16, 2022

Our last meeting of the year was held on Monday, May 16th at Houlihan's, our first in-person Appreciation and Installation meeting in two years. The 2022-2023 Board was installed.



Rosanne Kelley <u>President</u>



Lori Paximadis
Vice President



Nancy Shucofsky <u>Treasurer</u>



Pam Beamer Corresponding Secretary



Leslie Rayle Recording Secretary



Robin Munoz Board Member-at-Large

WELCOME TO HOULIHAN'S

DINNER SELECTIONS

TONIGHT'S ENTREES WILL BE SERVED WITH OUR BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE OR CAESAR SALAD

ROSEMARY CHICKEN
BONELESS, MARINATED CHICKEN BREAST, CHAR-GRILLED WITH FRESH
ROSEMARY. SERVED WITH MASHED POTATOES AND FRESH
VEGETABLES

ATLANTIC SALMON
ATLANTIC SALMON FILET LIGHTLY SEASONED AND GRILLED SERVED
WITH MASHED POTATOES AND FRESH VEGETABLES

5OZ CABERNET SIRLOIN

USDA PRIME SIRLOIN CHAR-GRILLEO, TOPPED WITH CABERNET

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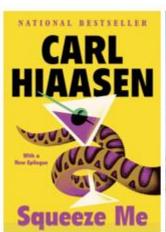


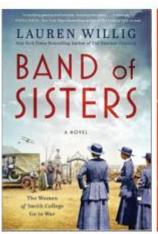


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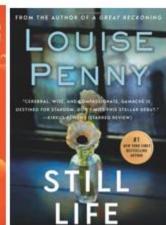


The Bowling League played a full season this year, although they were masked for Covid precautions.









Book Beat was able to meet in person this year, and discussed these books in September, October, February and April.

Bridge Club and Impromptu Affairs took a second year hiatus and hope to resume in 2022-2023.

COMMUNITY

Several women marched in the Summerfest Parade, and/or worked at the Youth Association booths.











FWC had a table at the State of the Community event held at the Gemini Center on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Lori and Pam represented the club.

Mayor Patrick Cooney and School Superintendent Keith Ahearn presented the past, present and future of the City and Schools. The Scholar's Reception was held at Fairview High School on Wednesday, May 11th. Rosanne and Lori attended, with Lori presenting scholarships to the three Fairview High School seniors, Becca Morrison, Alyssa Wiemels and Olivia Broadbent. She separately presented a fourth scholarship to St. Joseph Academy senior Molly Hanna.

Four scholarships totaling \$6,000 were awarded as follows:

Two \$2,000 scholarships One \$1,250 scholarship One \$750 scholarship



The God & Country letter writing competition awards ceremony took place at City Hall in November. Winners from Lewis F. Mayer Middle School, Messiah Lutheran School, and St. Angela Merici read their essays prior to a Council Meeting. Afterwards, everyone met in the We Do Care Memorial room, where Harriet Beekman's daughter, Florence Gepperth, and grandchildren Jason and Jared Gepperth, spoke about Harriet. A plaque, donated by the Youth Association, will be hung in the room in Harriet's memory, and was presented to Mayor Patrick Cooney. Nan Baker, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council, also attended. We were unable to offer refreshments this year because of Covid. Carrie B and Betty co-chaired this event.

















FAIRVIEW PARK

Harriett Beekman, devoted supporter of troops, veterans, dies at 101

John Benson Special to Sun News

Longtime Fairview Park resident Harriett Beekman, 101, a devoted supporter of troops and veterans, died from respiratory failure Sept. 23.

"My mother was always active," said Beekman's daughter, Flo Gepperth, a North Royalton resident. "She lived in her own house until she was 101. She's just always doing stuff.

"She believed in supporting the people in the armed forces and respecting veterans for their sacrifice. She just really believed that there should be wider support and admiration for soldiers and veterans."

The Fairview Park-born Beekman will be remembered by many as the founder of the "We Do Care" program, which was created to extend love and moral support to troops serving in Vietnam by sending care packages and letters.

The half-century effort resulted in tens of thousands of care packages and letters being shipped to members of the armed services serving overseas.

In 1970, Beekman, when she wasn't working as a Higbee's telephone operator at Westgate or leading a local Girl Scout troop, established the nation's first Vietnam War Memorial in the fover of Fairview Park City Hall.

She also initiated the "God and Country" letter-writing campaign for local eighth-graders to demonstrate their patriotism and support of America's troops.

Gepperth said her mother's passion for soldiers and veterans began in the late 1960s when a family friend died in Viet-

It was through the "We Do Care" program that Berea native and Army Vietnam veteran Cliff Krasnosky first came in contact with Beekman.

a real patriot," Krasnosky said. "I met commitment," Krasnosky said. "I called fact she'd come up and do that. her initially when she sent me a package her mom. She was like our mother to the In 1968 in Vietnam. There were crackers, military. some cookies, candy, a toothbrush and package from home."

The lifelong friendship continued right pledge for us.



Due to the pandemic, Harriet Beekman's family in 2020 celebrated her 100th birthday with a drive-by parade in Fairview Park. Jared Gepperth

"From a veteran's standpoint, she was ing toward veterans and that kind of a was an honor for her. We appreciated the

"She was a very patriotic person. We the country." toothpaste. It was the idea that you got a respected that. If we had a function at the legion, I'd have her come up and do the Ernest, she is survived by four grandchil-

"She did the last pledge in June. Even "Very few people would have that feel- at 101 years old, she enjoyed doing it. It

> "We just saw her as a true friend of the military, of the veterans and, of course, of

In addition to her children, Flo and dren and six great-grandchildren.

IN THE NEWS

Although FPWC wasn't mentioned in this article, the November 4, 2021 article in the Sun Post-Herald is included for historical purposes. Harriet will always be remembered as a Fairview Park treasure. She passed away on September 23, 2022 at age 101.

Harriet began the We Do Care program during the Viet Nam War, and the God and Country letter writing contest for 7th and 8th graders in 1976. Students from Lewis F. Mayer Middle School, St. Angela Merici School, and Messiah Lutheran School compete in this contest, writing why they think "God, Country, and the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces are important to our country's freedom." FPWC assisted with the essay judging in 2015 and 2016, and assumed handling of the contest in 2017.

Stop in at City Hall sometime to see the beautiful We Do Care Memorial, which was updated this year with a plague from FPWC and the Youth Association.

OLMSTED FALLS

Baby on board — safely



Rosanne Kelley, a technician for University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital at St. John Medical Center, demonstrates how to properly position the strap on an infant car seat for Olmsted Falls resident Judy Hartwig at a Community Fitting Station held last Thursday at the Olmsted Falls fire station. The hospital is offering parents and other caregivers a check of their car seats as well as instruction in installation at the fitting stations it is sponsoring at suburban fire stations. To learn more, see the Olmsted Dates and Data column on Page A4. Journe Berger Dublished

President Rosanne Kelley was featured in pictures in the Sun article about infant safety.

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SUN POST HERALD

Service ensures car seat is installed right



Joanne Berger DuMound Special to Sun News

Judy Hartwig wants her baby, due next month, to be safe in the family car.

"I'm pregnant with our first child," said or if it was in a crash." the Olmsted Falls resident. "We purchased a new car and a new child car seat to keep fits your infant/child's weight and height to correctly put the seat in our car."

Hospitals Rainbow Bables & Children's car. They may be too high, wide or small." Hospital at St. John Medical Center now ban fire stations

because they are very well trained and it is the straps are designed for adults. much more cost-effective."

Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospi- tinyurl.com/2p9y3neh. The list includes: tal's Child Passenger Safety technicians > Check the label to ensure it is approcome into play. These nationally certified experts receive special training and help parents, grandparents or caregiv- > Keep children riding in the back seat ers in selecting a car seat appropriate for a child's age/weight and check for proper seat installation.

Technicians now will be scheduled at some area fire stations each month. A list appears below.

Take a look at the child car seat market and, well, your head will spin. Styles, sizes, colors - and prices - vary. However, you need to ensure the car seat complies with federal safety standards. Look for the var- > Once the seat is installed, shake it to ious labels on the seat that state it is U.S. approved. There are counterfeit car seats - ones that do not meet U.S. federal safety > Make sure the harness is tightly buckled

Heidi Dolan, child passenger safety program coordinator with Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, said of car seats lacking federal approval: "They will not hold up in a crash and not protect a child."

there are more than a dozen manufactur- suits in their car seats. If they do, they are ers that produce over 60 models of safety at risk of coming loose from their car seat. be nothing in, around or attached to the Judy was impressed with the training.

Heidi also said always buy new.

"Check the seat to see when they were made and when they expire. They are usu-She pulled into the Olimsted Falls fire ally dated to last six to iO years. Materials station bay last Thursday to learn the do deteriorate over time," she said. "Buy proper way to install her infant/child car new. You do not know how it was cared for, if harsh cleaning products were used on it

She also said make sure the car seat our baby safe. I want to be sure I know how as well as the model of your car. "A child should fit properly in the seat," she said. Certified technicians with University "... Some styles will not fit properly in your

Heidi said parents, grandparents and offer this free service - Community Fit- other caregivers make common mistakes ting Stations - at various west-side subur- with children's car seats. They include: the seat, once installed, moves more than Olmsted Falls firefighter-paramedic Ty one inch in any direction; the chest clip Bromund said residents look to the depart- is either too high or too low; the harness ment for this type of service. "We get about is too loose; youngsters are removed too one or two calls a week," he said. "You early from their rear-facing position to a really need someone who is certified to front-facing one; and parents place their install them properly. We use this service children too early in a booster seat where

Heidi provided a car seat checklist, That is where University Hospitals which is available on the hospital's website priate for your child's age, weight and

- until they are 13.
- > Children should remain facing the rear until they reach the highest height or weight the manufacturer states. Many are 2 or older when that occurs. Once they are in a front-facing carseat, adjust the harness straps and attach the top tether after you tighten and lock the car seat or lower attachments after making the change
- ensure it doesn't move more than an
- and coming from the correct slots. With the chest clip placed at armpit level pinch the straps at your child's shoul der. If you can pinch material there, the straps are too loose. Tighten them.

Three other tips - children and infants According to the hospital's website, should not wear their winter coats/snow



Mom-to-be Judy Hartwig tightens the straps as she learns how to properly install the new child car seat at a Olmsted Falls fire station fitting session presented by University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital offers. Photos by Joanne Berger DoMesand, special to Sun News



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FAIRVIEW PARK

Westlife Dec. 22, 2021

School district adopts 15 families for the holidays

By MADISON MacARTHUR

Mittens and wrapped presents are waiting for Fairview Park families to pick them up at Fairview Park High School, thanks to Carrie Sullivan's efforts.

The district's family and community engagement coordinator worked with community organizations such as the Fairview Park Women's Club and school organizations such as the Mosaic Club, Key Club and cheerleaders to sponsor the families.

"We all work together collectively because sometimes we have kids here and some at the elementary," Sullivan said. "We coordinate with each other and the families to make sure that we're helping everybody and getting our things straight."

Sullivan said the families will send requests for certain items that she passes on to the sponsors into different categories of needs, wants and fun items for children up to the age of 18 who live in the home. Families also have the option of requesting a meal.

"This year is the most we've had at 15," Sullivan said.

She added the sponsors begin reaching out in the fall to begin buying for the families and it continues to grow each year. "My form fills up within a day of posting."

"This year has been a difficult year with COVID and different things happening where I actually had two families ask if we could help with a Christmas tree for the first time," Sullivan said. "The assistant principal at Gilles-Sweet Elementary was at Home Depot and purchased the trees we were able to donate to them."

Sullivan said the best part of it all is the messages and looks on the families' faces



Senior Madison Hout and her mother Teresa Hout reached out in October to see what items were needed and organized with Madison's high school cheerleading team to purchase items. The two are continuing Madison's father Michael's legacy of helping families during the holidays. Michael passed away earlier this year in February.

when they come to pick up the gifts.

Dan Rajkovich, communications and marketing coordinator for the district, said that in districts where he worked previously, these types of projects were mostly individual efforts.

"It's nice that the kids get involved in something like this," Rajkovich said. "Especially with the cheerleaders and Key Club and Mosaic Club and Student Council who get together to make this positive change."

Contact this reporter at mmacarthur@westlifenews.com or 440-871-5797. Historical tidbit: Since International Women's Day was observed on March 8, it seems appropriate to borrow this bit of local history, courtesy of local historian Chris Gerrett, author of "Tracing Fairview Park History."

Gerrett said that 73 years ago, a small group of ladies started inquiring how many women would be interested in forming a women's club.

"An overwhelming response in favor was received. Soon after, a women's club planning committee was formed. They held their first committee meeting in September 1948, quickly followed by their first executive meeting," Gerrett said. And that was just the beginning, she added.

The Fairview Park Women's Club had its first meeting in December 1948 in the Community Cabin (now known as Bain Cabin). There were more than 300 members, Gerrett reported. The club established various departments such as the Citizenship Department, which focused on current events, national, state, and city projects, and discussion groups; the Educational Department, which focused on embracing literature, scholarship, nature study, conservation, world affairs, radio, and motion pictures; the Fine Arts Department, which provided an outlet for music, art, drama, and handicraft; and the Welfare Department, which devoted its efforts to community service, volunteer work and a hospital board.

"A special bond was shared among the members. The founders believed Fairview Park Women's Club would play a vital role in developing and strengthening the community. They were right," Gerrett said.

The club is still going strong. Those interested in learning more or joining the Fairview Park Women's Club should email FairviewParkWG@gmail.com.

The club annually awards college scholarships to high school seniors who live in Fairview Park and the Marion Cook Education Grants to women age 21 or older who live in Fairview to assist them with vocational or college studies.

Deadline for this year's awards and scholarships is April 15. Visit fairviewparkwomensclub.org or email FPWCScholarship@gmail.com for more information or an application.

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