



# FairViews

March 2025

## President's Message

*Rosanne Kelley*

Congratulations to everyone on a successful Carnival Uncorked wine tasting! What a well-oiled machine. Set up went so smoothly, and the room was transformed into New Orleans before noon on Saturday! The decorations were beautiful. I heard comments as to how well displayed the auction items were. Everyone I spoke with loved the food. Of course, the desserts were delicious! The quality of the wineries was excellent. We will have final totals by the March meeting, but all the indications are it was very profitable even with a lower attendance than last year. Thank you to all the co-chairs for their exceptional leadership.

## Treasurer's Report

*Carrie Battiato*

Balance in checking 1/31/25	\$10,992.82
Receipts:	0.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Balance in checking 01/31/25	\$10,792.82

Updated balances and activity will be available on the March general meeting agenda.

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday, March 13 • 7 pm**

**Board Meeting**

*Pam's home*

**Monday, March 17 • 7:30 pm**

**General Membership Meeting**

*Bain Park Cabin*

**Monday, March 24 • 7 pm**

**Book Beat**

*Ellen's home*

## Board Member at Large

*Mary Jane Riddlebaugh*

The letters were mailed on February 14 to the nonprofit organizations we have helped in the past two years. We are just waiting to hear from them when they mail back their applications for funds with information about their projects and plans for this coming year. We also had small articles in the *Sun Herald* and *West Life* newspapers notifying other nonprofit organizations to contact us for applications and to supply information about their organizations and plans for donated funds. Our deadline mentioned in the letters is April 12.

## Support Our Club & Community

### Seasonal Plant Sale

*Ellen Papadimoulis & Nancy Shucofsky*

It's still cold, but warm weather is coming! We're partnering again with Dean's Greenhouse (2984 Porter Road in Westlake) for a walk-in spring plant fundraiser. FPWC will receive a 20% refund for *any Dean's purchases* from May 1 through June 30. Before you check out, just ask them to credit FPWC for the sale. Go as often as you'd like. Thank you for helping us fund scholarships and community needs with your purchase!

### Wine Tasting Event

**Saturday, February 22**

*Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile*

Congratulations on a wonderful wine tasting and silent auction! We couldn't let an entire month go by without letting you know some of the results of our evening and mention a few things.

A few more expenses are to be submitted, but it looks like we will have made around \$7,000 in profit from our efforts. Not bad, not bad, indeed. So pat yourselves on the back and take a rest now. This couldn't have been done without the myriad ways you all pitched in before and at the event, as well as the donations and requests for donations made by many of you. Every little bit truly does help.

### Silent Auction

*Lori Paximadis, Pam Beamer, Carol McAlonis, & Barb Gillmore*

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and dropped off requests, as well as those who helped set up Friday and Saturday and finish everything out at the end of the event. Despite lower event attendance overall and fewer auction items, we still had a successful evening, bringing in right around \$4,500 from the silent auction.

### Decorations

*Mary Jane Riddlebaugh*

Thank you to everyone who helped get the decorations out of the cars on Friday night, put decorations around the Gemini Center, and carry the decorations back into cars on Saturday night after the Wine Tasting. Your help was much appreciated.

## Community Service

### Helping Hands

*Robin Munoz*

The March Helping Hands collection will be for the **Fairview Park High School Care Closet**. Under the direction of Meghan Peters, this “closet” has hygiene items for students in need of them. The requested items are deodorant, bar soap, period pads, shampoo, and conditioner. No cash or checks are accepted currently (if you prefer to give me cash at the meeting I will go out and purchase items on this list and deliver them to Meghann). Thank you everyone for your generosity to these worthy causes!

### Favors on Trays

*Mary Jane Riddlebaugh*

The March favor for Favors on Trays will be delivered on Monday, March 3. It is a polyester blue rectangular scrubby with a green shamrock design attached to one side. Other goodies included are an envelope of Swiss Miss cocoa and some candy. The count in February was up to 40 people (a new record for us?) signed up for Meals on Wheels. We are prepared with more than 40 favors if the number increases this month.

### Marion Cook Education Grant

*Barb Gillmore & Ellen Papadimoulis*

The flyers have been distributed to all the schools in Fairview Park and Polaris. We have also put 12 applications at the library and at the Gemini Center. The application has been updated on our website, and Lori will get the information to the newspapers and city hall. If you know of anyone that qualifies for the grant, please have them send in an application.

### High School Scholarships

*Lori Paximadis*

Scholarship applications are live on our website, and information has been sent to the relevant schools. If you would like to serve on the Scholarship Committee, please let Lori know.

## Activities

### Book Beat

**March 24 • 7 pm**

**Ellen's home**

*Lori Paximadis*

Our next book is *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang: <https://tinyurl.com/y76fmwcf>. **Please note the change of location from what is listed in the Black Book** — Ellen will be hosting.

## General Information

### Parliamentarian

*Kathi Kowalski*

Thank you to all who served on the Nominating Committee. We met at my home and are pleased to announce the following nominations for the 2025–2026 club year:

Lori Paximadis, President

Pam Beamer, First Vice President

Marie Kay, Second Vice President

Treasurer, Carrie Battiato

Corresponding Secretary, Anne Durno

The position of Recording Secretary remains open, and we will open this for nominations from the floor at the February 17 general meeting.

The general meeting is also the deadline for providing notice of any requests for bylaws amendments. I've received two such requests, addressing potential directors' liability and whether the newsletter should be required. Proposed amendments will be drafted and presented to the membership by the March general meeting.

### Community Council

*Rosanne Kelley*

Nomination forms for Citizen of the Year are available on the City of Fairview Park website at <https://www.fairviewpark.org/civicalerts.aspx?aid=81>. Available at this link is a Google Form for online completion and submissions. Nominations can also be mailed using paper fill-in forms which are available at Fairview Park City Hall, the Gemini Center, the Senior Center, the Fairview Park Library, and PJ's Day Spa. Mail-in nomination forms must be postmarked by March 28, 2025, and the online form must be submitted by the end of the day on March 28, 2025.

Information regarding the 2025 COTY was listed in the February issue of the City of Fairview Park newsletter. More information on costs will be available soon.

The Youth Association is having their Night at the Races Event on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great impromptu for anyone wishing to attend or sponsor a horse!

### Corresponding Secretary

*Marie Kay*

A thank-you note was sent to Diane Faile's friend Heidi, thanking her for her generous donation to our wine tasting fundraiser.

## 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

*Silent Auction:* Lori Paximadis, Pam Beamer, Carol McAlonis, & Barb Gillmore

*Decorations:* Mary Jane Riddlebaugh

*Food:* Theresa Zarnoski, Barb Gillmore, & Christy George

*50/50 Boards:* Kathy Yarian

*Partnership Fundraising :* Lori Paximadis & Kathy Yarian

**Treasurer:** Carrie Battiato

**Recording Secretary:** Pam Beamer

*Historian:* Carol McAlonis

*Black Book:* Christy George & Meg Wright

*Publicity:* Lori Paximadis

*Newsletter:* Pam Beamer & Lori Paximadis

**Corresponding Secretary:** Marie Kay

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

**Parliamentarian:** Kathi Kowalski

**Activities:** Kathy Yarian

*Book Beat:* Lori Paximadis & Nancy Shucofsky

*Impromptu Activities:* Kathy Yarian

*Programs:* Kathy Yarian

**Community Service:** vacant

*Adopt a Family:* Theresa Zarnoski

*Community Council:* Rosanne Kelley

*Fairview Assistance:* Patti Smith & Diane Ward

*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 & Ellen Papadimoulis

**Membership:** vacant

**Hospitality/Social:** vacant