



2024 – 2025

Fairview Park Women's Club

2024 – 2025 Year-in-Review

Carol McAlonis, Historian

This report and the accompanying scrapbook highlight our accomplishments throughout the past year, through which we were able to serve many in our great city of Fairview Park, and several other community groups in the Greater Cleveland area. Our chairs and co-chairs led our committees and events, giving us another very satisfying year. Thank you to all of them and to all members who volunteered when needed.

Our ten new members were welcomed and immediately became part of the club. Welcome to Marie, Anne, Maria, Nancee, Pat, Lynda, Michelle, Terri, Hilary, and Kim. You all stepped right in to help us have a successful year and we hope to work with you again in the next club year.

As you'll see in this scrapbook, we had fun at our meetings, events, and impromptu gatherings, all in the spirit of raising money to distribute to the community. Our two plant sales at Deans were successful. Santa stopped by for two seatings at our Lunch with Santa in December. Our 15th annual wine tasting and silent auction was celebrated as "Carnival Uncorked" in February. Thanks to Pam Beamer, a \$5,000 grant was again given to us from Flagstar; through Maria Estes we received a \$375 donation from the Community West Foundation; and our impromptu at Jilbert Winery brought in \$129.04. Our hard work at these events paid off, and at our disbursement meeting in May, we were able to disburse \$11,921.74! Scholarships totaling \$6,000 were provided to four Fairview High School seniors and one Messiah Lutheran senior; the Marion Cook Education Grant in the amount of \$814 was given to a woman to use in her pursuit of a Licensed Practical Nursing certificate; and \$4,307.74 was distributed to fifteen organizations to cover their requested needs.

Our various assistance programs provided tremendous help to many families. Through the Recreation Youth Program Assistance committee, we were able to provide assistance to several students by paying fees for them to participate in a travel soccer league, the Jr. Cavs Basketball program, and the Rookie Coach Pitch program, along with paying for a Gemini membership for one young man. The Fairview Assistance committee assisted a family with its utility bill. Our Adopt-A-Family committee partnered with the Youth Association, and together was able to provide some Christmas cheer to local families by delivering \$1,100 in gift cards to local families to. Helping Hands donations from members provided cash and/or needed items to Hugs & Hope, Messiah Lutheran Laundry Love, the Hunger Center, Metro Hospital Mothers & Infants, Meals on Wheels, and the Fairview High School Care Closet.

Favors on Trays provided cute favors and snacks to clients of Meals on Wheels. The clients enjoyed and looked forward to their treat every month. The Book Club had several members meeting four times throughout the year to discuss some excellent books.

Thank you to all members who sent pictures to me from our club events and impromptu events. Please continue to send me your pictures next year. It's fun to look back at everything we did.

Again, thank you to each and every one of you for making this a great club year. Thank you to our outgoing 2024-2025 Board of Rosanne, Lori, Carrie, Pam, Marie Kay, and Mary Jane. Welcome and good luck to the 2025-2026 Board of Lori, Marie Kay, Carrie, Pam, Anne, and Marie Chambers. We look forward to our next club year.

2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**33 members**

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| Carrie Battiato <i>Treasurer</i> | Marie Kay <i>Corresponding Secretary</i> | Betty Petitt |
| Pam Beamer <i>Recording Secretary</i> | Rosanne Kelley <i>President</i> | Debra Renkel |
| Mary Jo Campbell | Lynda Kovach | Mary Jane Riddlebaugh <i>Board Member-At-Large</i> |
| Marie Chambers | Kathiann Kowalski | Nancy Schucofsky |
| Anne Durno | Michelle Kramer | Hilary Schuerger |
| Maria Estes | Sally Lisowski | Patti Smith |
| Diane Faile | Carol McAlonis | Diane Ward |
| Christy George | Robin Munoz | Meg Wright |
| Barb Gillmore | Terri Ohler | Kathy Yarian |
| Nancee Herwerden | Ellen Papadimoulis | Kim Yurko |
| Pat Irvine | Lori Paximadis <i>Vice President</i> | Theresa Zarnoski |

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



WINE TASTING WEEKEND

AT
Jilbert
WINERY

1496 Columbia Rd., Valley City

Jilbert is a family-owned winery with a nice selection of wines about 30 minutes south of Fairview Park. Visit them on the 2nd or 3rd of November, present this printed flyer to them, and they will donate 15% of your purchase of wine by the glass or bottle to our club for our philanthropic efforts. You're welcome to bring your own snacks, or see their website (ohiohoneywine.com) for other food options.

Saturday, November 2 • noon–8 pm
Sunday, November 3 • 1–5 pm



Plant Sales — 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 to the club from September 1 through October 15. 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.



Plant Sale Fundraiser

May 1 – June 30
Dean's Greenhouse



Fairview Park Women's Club presents

Lunch with Santa

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Historic Bain Park Cabin

Enjoy a serving of pizza, fruit cocktail, carrot sticks, cucumber slices, lemonade, and a mini cupcake. Children will make a holiday craft. **Santa 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, November 29, to Sally Lisowski, 4759 W. 227th St., Fairview Park, OH 44126. We will confirm your reservation time soon after your order is received.

Questions? Call 440-779-1417.



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

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



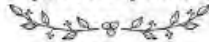
There are three seatings:

11 a.m.-noon

12:30-1:30 p.m.

2-3 p.m.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your seating time.



A8 West Life, November 13, 2024

Around Town

FAIRVIEW PARK

The Fairview Park Women's Club Lunch with Santa is Dec. 7. Cost is \$8 for adults and children 2+, and three seatings are available. Visit <https://fairviewparkwomensclub.org/> for more details and links to reserve and pay. Reservation deadline is Nov. 29..



Name _____ Phone _____

of adults (\$8): _____ # of children 2+ (\$8): _____ # of children 1 and under (free): _____

Total enclosed: _____
Make checks payable to **FPWC**.
Reservations and payment
must be received by **November 29**.

Please note any food allergies.

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.

Rank seating preference:
_____ 11 am-noon
_____ 12:30-1:30 pm
_____ 2-3 pm

Want to pay by card?
Scan this code:



<https://forms.gle/F86qVATv6QYmWze8A>



Members of FHS Key Club and National Honor Society helped with the craft table. Mary Jane added her personal touch to this activity.





Dave George was wonderful as Santa, and Aiden Petitt enjoyed being Santa's elf.



Sally and grandson, Joey, age 5 months



The Purcell family

Betty & grandson Aiden



First Seating group picture

Second Seating group picture





Carnival Uncorked

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

50/50 boards • wine raffle

Saturday, February 22, 2025

7-10 pm

doors open at 6:30 pm

at the

Gemini Center

21225 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park

wine tasting provided by

Crooked River Wines

Das Weinhaus

Melted Wings Winery

Vermilion Valley Vineyards

catering by

Amy's Arbors



\$48 per person

21+ only

For tickets:

contact Sally Lisowski

440-779-1417



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Silent Auction Bidding Rules

The Fairview Park Women's Club (FPWC) thanks you for coming to our wine tasting event and silent auction. Your participation helps fund our community service and philanthropic projects.

1. All silent auction items will be on display and available for bidding at the beginning of the evening.
2. The number on the back of your ticket is your bidder number.
3. Each item has a bidding sheet located nearby. Place your bidder number and amount of your bid on the next available line in the booklet. Bids must be at whole dollar increments. FPWC may reject any bid that does not comply with any minimum bid or minimum incremental bid stated on the bidding sheet. Under no circumstances may the bidding sheets be removed from the table.
4. Once you write any silent auction bid, it is a binding offer by you to purchase the applicable item(s) for the price stated if it is the high bid at the end of the bidding period.
5. All items are offered as-is, subject to any stated conditions on gift certificates or coupons, and with no returns or exchanges from FPWC or item donors. FPWC has used good-faith efforts to prepare this program and to describe items and conditions of auction items accurately. FPWC accepts no liability for any discrepancy or otherwise.
6. **Bidding for silent auction items will end at 9:30 pm. No late bids will be accepted.** In fairness to the club and other bidders, please don't attempt to make any bids after bidding ends.
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8. Silent auction winners can pay for their items after the winners are posted. Winning bidders must pay for their items by check (preferred), cash, PayPal, or credit card. (A \$50 fee will be imposed for any bad checks to cover costs.)
9. Please pay on the evening of the event. Winning bidders must also accept such items at time of payment and arrange for the transportation from the event.

Please bid early and often! The higher your bids, the more good we can do in the community. THANK YOU!

All items must be removed from the building tonight.

West Life

FAIRVIEW PARK: Laissez les bons temps rouler at Women's Club annual event

By BRIAN LOVE Jan 29, 2025

It's called Carnival Uncorked, but don't expect to get elephant ears at the Fairview Park Women's Club fundraiser.

The annual event, scheduled for Feb. 22, is based on the worldwide celebration that begins before Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 5. In New Orleans, they say, "laissez les bons moments rouler."

"We've had a couple of choices in French," Co-chair Sally Lisowski said, "I've never taken French, so I couldn't pronounce them anyway. But everybody seemed to like them. The membership seemed to like it, but they seemed to enjoy that title. So, it's a Mardi Gras theme."

It's a wine tasting event, but it's also known for the dessert room.

Although it is a Mardi Gras theme, don't expect to find jambalaya, crawfish pie and file gumbo.

"No, but there will be plenty of purple and yellow sprinkles on the desserts," Lisowski said. "The desserts will be geared toward that, things like pistachio cookies."

Carnival Uncorked will run from 7-10 p.m. with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m.



The wine, however, is the showcase. Wines from Crooked River Wine, Das Weinhaus, Melted Wings Winery and Vermilion Valley Vineyards will be served, along with appetizers.

Interestingly, the price has not increased from last year's \$48.

"People were not happy with the \$48 price last year and complained," Lisowski said. They'll say, 'It used to be \$35.' Yeah, but that was seven years ago. There's a lot of fun and entertainment. Everyone gets 12 tickets for the wine tasting to sample from whatever winery they want."

Other highlights of the event are silent auctions and a 50/50 raffle. The items for the auction come from a wide variety of sources, including places such as the Cleveland Orchestra.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 16 and can be purchased online or by contacting Lisowski at 440-779-1417. Online purchases can be made at <https://tinyurl.com/FPWCwine25>. Business wanting to contribute items for the auctions can contact Lisowski.

The Fairview Park Women's Club provides various scholarships. Scholarships for students will be available, along with scholarships for women who want to return to school for additional education.

Contact this reporter at blove@westlifeneews.com or 440-871-5797.

A nice article in the West Life on January 29, 2025, along with numerous reminders in the City section, helped us attract several attendees.

Pictures from the Friday & Saturday set-ups



A big thanks to the husbands, and grandson, who helped with set-up. We couldn't do this without you.



Silent Auction Chairs



Wine Tasting Chairs



Dessert Room Chairs



Assembling the decorations a couple of weeks prior, at Sally's house.





Even the bathrooms were decorated!

THE WINERIES



Melted Wings Winery

We had only three wineries this year. Due to an illness, Crooked River Wines was not able to attend.



Das Weinhaus

Vermilion Valley Vineyards



Amy's Arbor catered the event, providing us with delicious choices

Our Dessert Room was, as always, a big hit with everyone, thanks to contributions from many of our members.





Our check-in table





Table decorations



Kathy with Pam & Nancy at the 50/50 board



The Raffle table



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Our Auction Booklet, with item descriptions (pictures added)

101: Try It & Report Back

2 whole-bottle wineglasses & 2 bottles of California Roots
Chardonnay – Value: \$30

DONORS: Kathy Rosol & Lori Paximadis



102: Dinner & a Movie

2 ticket vouchers for Cleveland Cinemas (expires 12/31/2025) &
2 \$25 gift cards for Pita Way – Value: \$74

DONORS: Cleveland Cinemas & Pita Way

103: Let's Go, Cavs!

Small Cavs pennant autographed by Max Strus (small forward / shooting guard) with certificate of authenticity, tote bag, black T-shirt (L), ball cap, pen, pencil, stress ball, keychain, & sticker – Value: \$60

105: Pumpkin Patch

"Harvest" pillow, spiced pumpkin candle, 2 garden flags, "Hello Fall" wooden sign, hand wash dispenser with orange blossom & clove soap, 3 ceramic pumpkins, 3 kitchen towels, \$30 Olive Garden gift card – Value: \$97

DONOR: Barb Gillmore



104: Crayola Experience Road Trip

Gift certificate for 2 admission tickets to the Crayola Experience (expire 7/31/2026) + a \$25 Cracker Barrel gift card – Value: \$60

DONORS: Crayola Experience & Lori Paximadis

106: Music Box Supper Club

Up to 6 tickets or \$100 value for Music Box Supper Club (expires 1/26/2026) – Value: \$100

DONOR: Music Box Supper Club



107: Squishmallow Zoo

6 cute squishy animal friends – Value: \$100

DONOR: Pam Beamer

108: Margarita Time!

Tequila, margarita mix, margarita salt, 2 margarita glasses – Value: \$60

DONOR: Diane Faile

109: Trivia Night

3 special edition Trivial Pursuit games (The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, & Team) & a \$25 gift card from Dewey's Pizza – Value: \$120

DONORS: Dewey's Pizza & Betty Petitt





110: Get Your Six On #1

1 month of unlimited yoga (must be redeemed by 3/31/2025) –
Value: \$145

DONOR: Yoga Six

111: Spa Day at Home

Lowery almond milk & honey spa basket: bubble bath, shower gel,
body scrub, bath oil, 2 bath bombs, bath salts, steamer tablet,
washcloth – Value: \$40

DONOR: Fairview Park Civic Beautification



112: Great Lakes Science Center

4 tickets to Great Lakes Science Center (expires 2/2026) –
Value: \$80

DONOR: Great Lakes Science Center



113: Cozy Christmas

Pioneer Woman holiday pillow, Cuddl Duds 50x60" throw, 2 mugs, 3 St. Nicholas dip bowls, Silly Cow hot chocolate mix, Stonewall Kitchen red raspberry jam, Anna's Ginger Thins, \$10 Starbucks gift card, \$20 Crumbl gift card – Value: \$132

DONOR: Barb Gillmore



114: Have a Rosé Day

Chateau Ste. Michelle rosé, vase, 2 wineglasses – Value: \$35

DONOR: Betty Pettitt



115: Try the Sandweech

2 \$25 gift cards for Pita Way Rocky River – Value: \$50

DONOR: Pita Way Rocky River



116: Vera Bradley Weekender

Vera Bradley weekender travel bag, Manna Harper stainless steel tumbler, Olivia chocolates – Value: \$162

DONOR: Barb Gillmore



117: Sunrise, Sunset

Winan's Snickerdoodle whole bean flavored coffee, M&H Beans Gold Chocolate coffee, Maize Valley vanilla bean syrup, 2 coffee mugs, Rain Cloud 2023 red wine, 2 wineglasses, bottle cooler, wine bottle collar, Pirouline crème-filled wafers – Value: \$71

DONORS: Fairview Park Civic Beautification, Barb Gillmore, & Ellen Papadimoulis



118: Hot Off the Cast Iron Griddle

Hamilton Beach Professional Cast Iron Electric Grill with Removable Cooktop, cast iron scrubber brush & scraper, 3-piece spatula set for cast iron – Value: \$165

DONOR: Nancee Herwerden, Weston Brands



119: Shop Till You Drop

Pacsafe anti-theft crossbody bag with cut-resistant fabric and lockable zippers, silver drop earrings, "Faith" bracelet, Nine West hat & scarf set, \$25 TJMaxx gift card – Value: \$180

DONORS: Ellen Papadimoulis, Hilary Schuerger, & Barb Gillmore



120: Akron Rubber Ducks

Voucher for 4 tickets to any regular season 2025 game from April 8 through September 7, 2025 – Value: \$64

DONOR: Akron Rubber Ducks

121: Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner

Raising Cane's cooler basket with bottle opener, 2 T-shirts (L), hat, stuffed animal, lip balm, sticky notes, 2 magnets, 8 gift cards (3 The Box Combo, 3 22 oz lemonade, 2 Kids' Combo) – Value: \$100

DONOR: Raising Cane's



122: Bird Walk

Personalized half-day bird walk for up to 14 people. Jim McCarty will take the group on a hike through the Lakefront Nature Reserve at an arranged time from May through October. (Expires 10/31/2025; MINIMUM BID \$25) – Value: \$300

DONOR: Jim McCarty



123: Wine Time

2020 Horse Heaven Hills H3 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vinturi wine aerator, wine rack, wicker wine holder, Mikasa wine stopper, 4 wooden wine tags – Value: \$114

DONORS: Minotti's Wine & Spirits, Lori Paximadis, & Kathy Rosol

124: Love Your Beautiful Face

Gift card for a Signature Facial; Lexli skin care products: AloeGlyC, Tone & Balance, Simply Hydrating, Revital-Eyes; Noelle necklace & bracelet; Roshnee candle; wine bottle corkscrew – Value: \$200

DONOR: Options Salon & Spa





125: Try Your Luck

\$140 in scratch-off lottery tickets + a \$20 bill – Value: \$160

DONORS: Friends of FPWC

126: Relax with a Cup of Tea

3 homemade preserves from Kim Yurko (strawberry, seedless black raspberry, seedless red raspberry), scone mix, assortment of teas, Ohio mug, Latico Leathers card case, journal, mini fineliners, pen, leather pen stand, Citrus Harmony candle, 50×60" microfiber throw – Value: \$160

DONORS: Lori Paximadis & Kim Yurko



127: Princess Play Day

Play tote, baby blanket, 2 Little Tykes stuffed animals, 4 board books, 1 princess Look & Find book, Minnie Mouse toiletry set, Fingerlings baby sloth toy – Value: \$100

DONORS: Sally Lisowski & Diane Faile



128: Drink Local

13×16" framed "Live Laugh Love Ohio" print, Ferrante Off-Dry Red Blend, Grand River Semisweet 2022 Riesling, Chalet Debonne Semisweet River Rouge, Laurello Off-Dry Riesling, red pashmina, & silk scarf – Value: \$115

DONOR: Barb Gillmore

129: Local Breakfast

1 \$20 gift certificate & 1 \$10 gift card for Gina's Place – Value: \$30

DONOR: Gina's Place



130: Drive in Style

3-month unlimited car wash pass from Sgt. Clean, air freshener, microfiber cloth, 2 Coral Color gel dust cleaner, glove box organizer, headrest purse hook, magnetic visor sunglasses holder, Armor All wipes, cupholder Kleenex, mini trash bag – Value: \$126

DONOR: Sgt. Clean Car Wash & Lori Paximadis



131: Wine & Cheese Party

Cheese board w/knife, brioche toast, Villa Borghetti Pinot Grigio, \$15 Marc's gift card, milk chocolate caramel truffles, "This Wine Is Making Me Awesome" pot holder and towels, wine cooler bag, 2 wineglasses – Value: \$75

DONORS: Barb Gillmore & Diane Faile

132: Quesopitas for the Whole Family

2 \$25 gift cards for Pita Way Rocky River – Value: \$50

DONOR: Pita Way Rocky River



133: Spring Is Coming

Garden tools, watering can, metal bee garden decor, wood & metal crate, kneeling pad, garden gloves, thermometer, "Welcome to Our Garden" plaque, \$25 Pettiti Garden Center gift card – Value: \$120

DONORS: Marie Kay & Pettiti Garden Center

134: Wake Up!

1 lb Siren's Blend coffee beans, Via instant iced coffee, keychain, cold beverage cup, hot beverage cup – Value: \$45

DONOR: Cornerstone Starbucks (Lorain & Clague)



135: 'Tis the Season

Elementalist 2021 Pinot Grigio, Trader Joe's Coastal Cabernet Sauvignon, Squishmallow, wine gift box, sweater and hat for wine bottle, 6 holiday wine gift bags, 3-pack Christmas socks, Bath & Body Works hand soaps (Tree Farm & Making Spirits Bright), wooden ornament, 2 snowman hand towels, 2 holiday potholders, "Tis the Season" wall hanging, ceramic Christmas tree dish, Stonewall Kitchen red pepper jelly, holiday candle, 10×14" plastic container – Value: \$147

DONORS: Friends of FPWC

136: Cleveland Monsters

Gift certificate for 2 lower bowl seats for the remainder of the 2024–2025 regular season (last home game is April 12) or the 2025–2026 regular season – Value: \$32

DONOR: Cleveland Monsters



137: Coffee Plans

Spoon rest, coffee scoop, 2 glass coffee mugs, ½ lb Troubador coffee, Bailey's Irish Cream, 2025 weekly/monthly planner, planner stickers, planner pens, & highlighters – Value: \$75

DONOR: Carrie Battiato



138: '70s Throwback Game Night

The Brady Bunch Party Game, Battleship, 2 Slinkys, 2 Chuckles, Lemonheads, Good & Plenty – Value: \$58

DONORS: Betty Petitt & Lori Paximadis



139: Margaritas under the Mistletoe

Rockwell Spirits Mistletoe Margarita infusion, 2 margarita glasses, strainer, mosaic Christmas tree tray – Value: \$60

DONOR: Kathy Yarian



140: Fall into Fall

Crocheted pumpkin wall hanging, reversable table runner (Halloween/Thanksgiving), framed cross-stitch "Boo" picture, 3-pumpkin serving dish, pumpkin notepad, 3 pillows (Fall, Friends, & Family), laundry basket, Umbra leather photo frame, \$20 Target gift card – Value: \$120

DONORS: Mary Jane Riddlebaugh, Barb Gillmore, Kathy Rosol, & Christy George



141: Mission BBQ

\$30 Mission BBQ gift card – Value: \$30

DONOR: Carol McAlonis



142: Luck of the Irish

6-pack of Great Lakes Conway Irish Ale, 2 beer glasses, 60×11" shamrock scarf, "Luck o' the Irish" table sign, men's shamrock socks, shamrock napkins, 6 St. Patrick's Day pins, 5 "Luck of the Irish" lottery tickets, Moser Roth Mint/Dark Chocolate candy bar, \$40 Joe's Deli gift card, \$25 Reilly's Irish Bakery gift certificate – Value: \$115

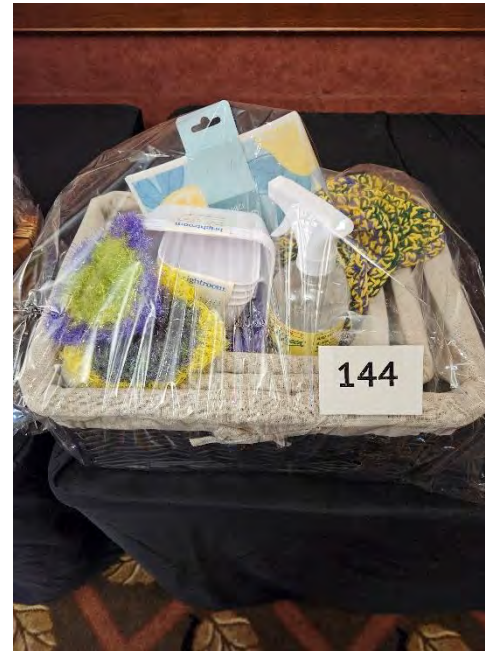
DONORS: Reilly's Irish Bakery, Christy George, & Diane Faile



143: Squishmallow Party

7 cute squishy friends – Value: \$100

DONOR: Pam Beamer



144: Clean & Organize

Cloth-lined wicker basket set (3), 6 crocheted scrubbies, 4 crocheted coasters, 7 Brightroom drawer organizers, 3 Swedish dish cloths, Rebel Green peppermint & lemon all-purpose spray – Value: \$32

DONORS: Kathy Rosol, Mary Jane Riddlebaugh, & Lori Paximadis



145: Get Lucky

\$180 in scratch-off lottery tickets + a \$20 bill – Value: \$200

DONORS: Friends of FPWC



146: Entertain Like a Pro

Wine cooler cover, corkscrew, drip ring, stoppers, foil cutter, thermometer – Value: \$50

DONOR: Kathy Rosol



147: Take a Hike

Marmot backpack, 2 Tupperware Aquasafe water bottles – Value: \$80

DONOR: Ellen Papadimoulis



148: Taste of Italy

1 bottle of homemade limoncello, Montepulciano wine, 2 wineglasses, 4 liquor glasses, 2 lemon tumblers, FPWC candy dish, limoncello candy, lemon licorice, milk chocolate truffles, La Florentine Torrance nougat candy, Jim Beam bourbon vanilla coffee, Italian ice sticks, Cento tomato sauce, Diamond pasta, lemon decorative bowl, Italian Chef kitchen towel – Value: \$100

DONOR: Rosanne Kelley



149: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

2 tickets to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame – Value: \$70

DONOR: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame



150: Tea Party

Vintage ducklings & chicks teacups and saucers (6 of each) with gold trim (from Japan) – Value: \$120

DONOR: Ellen Papadimoulis



151: Dine in Style

Simply Vera vegan leather handbag, Anne Klein floral scarf, Liz Claiborne silver necklace & earrings, \$25 Longhorn gift card – Value: \$108

DONOR: Christy George



152: Get Your Six On #2

1 month of unlimited yoga (must be redeemed by 3/31/2025) –
Value: \$145

DONOR: Yoga Six



153: A Cozy Winter Evening at Home

Cabernet Sauvignon, 2 wineglasses, \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card,
warm winter throw, mystery jigsaw puzzle, Malley's Chocolates,
candle – Value: \$130

DONOR: Susan Love, Howard Hanna Lakewood



154: Dinner & a Play at Beck

2 ticket vouchers for Beck Center for the Arts professional or youth
theater production + 2 \$25 gift cards for Pita Way – Value: \$132

DONORS: Beck Center for the Arts & Pita Way



155: Cookies & Ice Cream

4 Home & Hearth dessert bowls, \$25 gift card for Crumbl, & \$20 gift card for Mitchell's – Value: \$60

DONORS: Mitchell's Ice Cream, Sally Lisowski, & Lori Paximadis



156: Weekend Getaway

Vera Bradley quilted travel tote, Simply Vera earrings, 3 1.9-oz soaps (Cucumber Olive Oil, Ocean Pur, Lavender Birch), 72x20" Steve Madden black and red shawl, milk chocolate truffles, Ipsy pink makeup bag filled with name brand samples, Primula 20 oz hot or cold thermal tumbler – Value: \$254

DONORS: Pam Beamer, Diane Faile, Carol McAlonis, Barb Gillmore, & Hilary Schuerger

158: Have a Bowl (or Three)

2 \$25 gift cards for Pita Way Rocky River – Value: \$50

DONOR: Pita Way Rocky River



157: Wine with Friends

Chalet Debonne River Red wine, wine collar, wine cooler bag, glass cheese board, two wineglasses – Value: \$45

DONORS: Friends of FPWC



159: Smokin' Hot

Weston 6-quart 2-in-1 Indoor Smoker Slow Cooker, 4 pack of flavored wood chips, smoker cookbook – Value: \$170

DONOR: Nancee Herwerden, Weston Brands

160: Great Lakes Theater

2 tickets to one of Great Lakes Theater's remaining 2024-2025 season shows: *Twelfth Night* (March 21-April 6) or *Noises Off* (April 25-May 18). Voucher must be mailed in at least 2 weeks prior to desired show date, so redeem this one quickly! – Value: \$178

DONOR: Great Lakes Theater



161: Holden Forests & Gardens

4 tickets for Holden Forests & Gardens: Cleveland Botanical Garden or Holden Arboretum (expires 2/28/2026) – Value: \$80

DONOR: Holden Forests & Gardens



162: Looking Good

3 pairs of semiprecious stone earrings handmade by Kathi Kowalski, 2 pairs of lightweight earrings, blue bead necklace, butterfly pin, Scentsy Maple Rum Cake Fragrance Flower, Nodpod weighted eye mask, Carter Everywhere Mug, 3 small notebooks, cosmetics case with high end samples, \$27 gift card for Exotic Nails (expires 11/26/2025) – Value: \$239

DONORS: Exotic Nails, Hilary Schuerger, & Kathi Kowalski

166: Family Fun in July

4 tickets to the FPFATA Summer Musical (*Shrek*) July 17-19, 2025 (must call ahead to reserve) + a \$20 East Coast Custard gift card – Value: \$92

DONORS: Fairview Park Fine Arts & Theatre Association & East Coast Custard



163: Dinner & a Play at Clague

\$75 gift certificate to The Woods & 4 ticket vouchers for Clague Playhouse (expires 2/28/2026) – Value: \$155

DONORS: The Woods & Clague Playhouse



164: Summer Picnic

60×80" waterproof picnic mat, Fresh & Seal rotating tray, 2 potholders, 3 kitchen towels, 4 cloth napkins, 25 palm leaf plates, patriotic tumblers, stainless steel spatula set, Fairview Park sign – Value: \$114

DONORS: Lori Paximadis, Barb Gillmore, Betty Petitt, Carol McAlonis

167: Relax

1-hour Relaxation massage at Ginger Care Massotherapy (expires 12/31/2025) – Value: \$85

DONOR: Ginger Care Massotherapy

165: Mani-Pedi Time

Gift certificate for a regular manicure & pedicure with Kate Dyke (expires 5/30/2025, blackout dates 4/14–19/2025) – Value: \$100

DONOR: Charles Scott Salon & Spa Rocky River



168: Five Guys

2 \$10 gift cards for Five Guys (expires 12/31/2026) – Value: \$20

DONOR: Five Guys



169: Take the Kids to Columbus

2 tickets to COSI (expires 7/25/2025) – Value: \$74

DONOR: COSI



170: The Hash Browns Will Change Your Life

1 \$20 gift certificate for Gina's Place – Value: \$20

DONOR: Gina's Place



171: Famous Dave's

4 \$5 gift certificates for Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que North Olmsted – Value: \$20

DONOR: Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que North Olmsted

172: Try It All

2 \$25 gift cards for Pita Way Rocky River – Value: \$50

DONOR: Pita Way Rocky River



173: Fly Away

3-piece luggage set – Value: \$250

DONOR: Pam Beamer



PROGRAMS



Henry Chaski, Executive Assistant to Mayor Bill Schneider, spoke at our October meeting. He let us know what has happened and what will be happening within the city in the next year. Afterwards, Henry opened the presentation to our questions and concerns – and we had many. He graciously took them all.





Brigid McNeeley, Adult Services Supervisor for the Fairview Park Library was our guest speaker at the November meeting. She explained all the various services available through the library's Innovation Center. The names of all members who brought their library card to the meeting was recorded, and was added to the library's list of those who can use the Innovation Center, as this was considered our "orientation".

For those who were not at the meeting, her handout highlighted all the machines available for use by any library member; however, not all machines are available at the Fairview Park Library. Stop in at your convenience to see what is available.



Computers & Software

- PC and Mac machines available for use.
- Software available includes: Adobe Creative Suite, Roland Cut Studio, VCarve Pro, Corel Draw, and more.
- Wacom drawing tablets available for checkout for design use.
- Computers vary by location.



3D Printing

- Customers submit .STL files through library website.
- Print in PLA filament.
- Turnaround time typically 7 days.
- See library website for full details including machine specifications, cost, and available colors.
- Prints can be picked up at Memory Lab and all Innovation Center locations.



Cricut

- Cut, score, and write on a wide variety of materials. Commonly used as crafting machine.
- Toolkit available for checkout.



Available at Memory Lab and all Innovation Center locations.

Heat Press & Mug Press

Apply heat transfers to items including: Heat transfer vinyl, sublimation, and inkjet prints.

- Heat Press has heated bed 18" x 20"
- Mug Press accommodates both 11 oz mug and 15 oz mug sizes.

Available at Memory Lab and all Innovation Center locations.



Since 3D printing takes time, you will submit your design to them. They will print it (usually within 7 days) and let you know when it's finished. There is a charge for filaments used.

InkJet Printing

- Print, scan, and copy in color on sizes up to 11" x 17"
- Inkjet allows you to print on media such as photo paper, sticker paper, printable heat transfer and printable vinyl.
- Users are encouraged to bring their own paper.
- Cost of color/B&W printing is \$0.35 per page.



Available at Memory Lab and all Innovation Center locations.

Direct to Garment Printing

- Print directly onto cotton t-shirts, apparel, tote bags and other products.
- Users must bring their own items.
- Cost is \$1.00 per print.

Available at Memory Lab and all Innovation Center locations.



Sublimation Printing

- Sublimation process transfers ink onto polyester fabrics or polyester-coated objects.
- Material cost: \$1 per sheet (must be purchased from the library)

Available at Memory Lab and all Innovation Center locations.



Singer Sewing Machine

- Users will need to bring their own thread for this machine.
- 32 different stitches.

Available at all Innovation Center locations.



HP Large Format Printing

- Prints documents 2 feet wide by however long you need.
- PDF and JPEG files.
- Prints on provided heavy stock paper.
- \$0.50 per linear inch, both black and white and color.

Available at Mayfield and Parma-Snow Innovation Center locations.



Roland TruViz Vinyl Printer/Cutter

- Print high resolution graphics and cut banners, stickers, wall graphics, and stickers on a variety of provided materials.
- Can print up to 34" wide on certain materials.
- See resource guide for machine specifications, materials available, and cost.
- Grammet's and plotmat press are available for punching holes in materials.

Available at Bay Village and Brooklyn Innovation Center locations.



Mat Cutter

- Cut mats for frames on thick cardstock and other materials.
- Customers must bring their own materials.

Available at Parma-Snow Innovation Center location.



Vinyl Cutter

- Cut large format signs, labels, and stickers with sticker or heat transfer vinyl up to 24" wide.
- Users must bring their own materials.

Available at Garfield Heights and Parma-Snow Innovation Center locations.



ShopBot CNC Desktop Router

- Computer controlled cutting machine used for cutting hard materials such as wood and acrylic.
- Required drill and router bits available for checkout at Reference Desk.

Available at Parma-Snow Innovation Center location.

Attendance at an CNC Basics Class is required before independent use at all locations.



UV Printing

- Print with UV ink onto a variety of substrates including: glass, metals, PVC, acrylic, leather, and plastics.

Available at Fairview Park Innovation Center location.



Waterjet Cutter

- Cut shapes out of materials including glass, ceramic, metals, and composites using high pressure water mixed with abrasive materials.

Available at Brooklyn Innovation Center location.



Specialty Sewing

- Coverlock Machine: creates professional stitches for all garment including knitwear, activewear, and home decor projects.
- Serging Sewing Machine: finish a raw edge of fabric, stitches seams, trims excess, seam allowances for garment construction.

Available at Warrensville Heights Innovation Center location.



Laser Engraving & Cutting

- Cut and engrave a variety of materials including wood, acrylic, cardboard, glass and more.
- See resource guide for machine specifications and sizes at your local location.
- Users must bring their own materials and have them approved by library staff.

Available at Bay Village, Brooklyn, Fairview Park, Garfield Heights, and Mayfield Innovation Center locations.

Attendance at a Laser Basics Class is required before independent use at all locations.



Long Arm Quilting

- Produce accurate, precise stitching at any speed while quilting.
- Sets on a 10' frame.
- Dimension: 10 x 3.5 feet

Available at Warrensville Heights Innovation Center locations.

Attendance at a Long Arm Quilting Basics Class is required before independent use at all locations.



Embroidery Machine

- 10-thread embroidery machine with pre-loaded designs.
- Embroidery hoops and tool kit available for checkout.
- Material cost: \$0.10 per 1,000 stitches (\$1.00 minimum)
- See resource guide for available colors.

Available at Bay Village, Brooklyn, Fairview Park, Garfield Heights, Mayfield & Warrensville Heights Innovation Center locations.

Attendance at an Embroidery Basics Class is required before independent use at all locations.



Imaging Formats

Digitize the following image media formats:

- Slides
- Negatives
- Film
- Documents



Available at Fairview Park Innovation Center and South Euclid-Lyndhurst Memory Lab.

Video Formats

Digitize the following video media into digital files:

- VHS
- VHS-C
- Super 8mm Film
- 8mm Film

Available at Fairview Park Innovation Center and South Euclid-Lyndhurst Memory Lab.



Audio Formats

Digitize the following audio media into digital files:

- 33 and 45 vinyl records
- Audio Cassette Tapes

Available at South Euclid-Lyndhurst Memory Lab.



Materials for Purchase

Users are encouraged to bring their own approved materials for use for most machines.

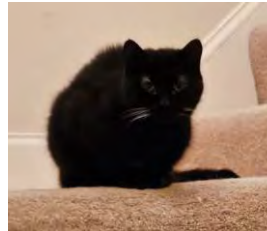
Some materials are available for purchase, including:

- Sticker and Heat Transfer vinyl
- Embroidery thread
- Sublimation paper
- Wood
- Printing
- Gram mats

For a full list, please go to euclidlibrary.org



Lori hosted the Christmas Get-Together on Monday, December 16th. Everyone brought desserts or hors d'oeuvres to share. Even Sparks, Lori's cat, couldn't help but notice the fun – but from a very safe distance on the stairs, of course.



WE DO CARE LETTER WRITING COMPETITION

This year's We Do Care Letter Writing Competition was held on December 3, 2024 at City Hall. After the Color Guard presentation by American Legion Post 738, Carrie Battiato opened the ceremony with a recap of the history of the event and recognized and thanked the Youth Association for purchasing the plaques. Mayor Bill Schneider then spoke, and the winners came up to present their letters. Before concluding, Cliff Krasnosky from Post 738 gave a heart-warming speech. Afterwards, we adjourned to Dunson Hall for refreshments.



Mayor Bill Schneider with St. Angela's winners Garrett Neura and Eleni Loizos, and Mayer Middle School winners Rosalie Jones and Helena Goodall





St. Angela's winners with their teachers



Mayer Middle School winners with their teachers

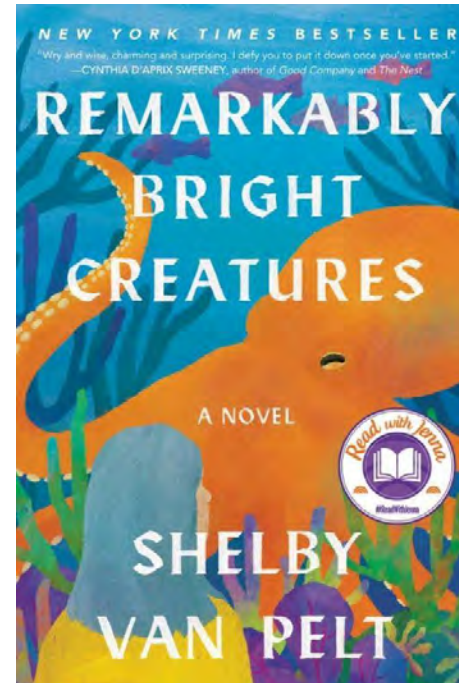
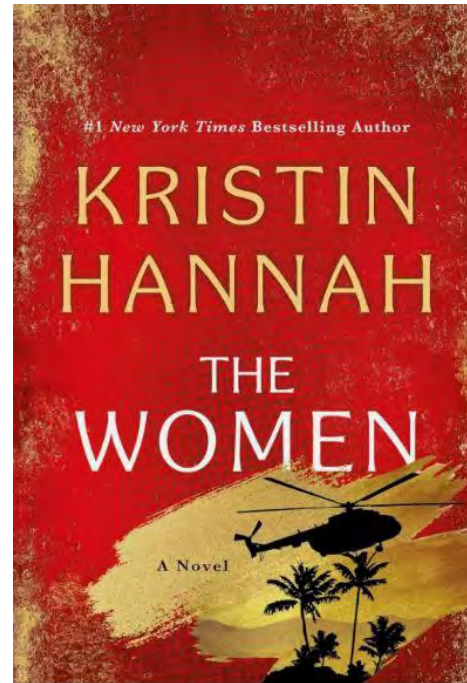
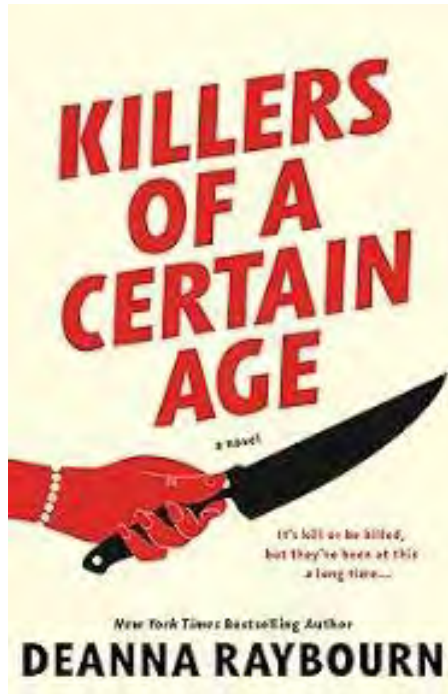


American Legion Post
738 Color Guard



Cliff Krasnosky

BOOK CLUB



We enjoyed reading and discussion each of these books in September, November, January and March.

Lori Paximadis and several FPWC members attended the annual Fairview High School Scholarship Awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 14th. Lori presented \$5,000 in FPWC scholarships to four FHS seniors. Overall, almost \$185,000 was awarded to the 2025 FHS seniors.



Fairview High School Seniors after receiving their FPWC scholarships:

Grace Bostwick (\$1,000), Nicole Giang (\$1,500), Maxwell Edwards (\$1,500), and Chloe O'Neil (\$1,000).

Brandon Schneider of Lutheran West was awarded his \$1,000 scholarship separately.

IMPROMPTU GATHERINGS

Baseball was the main theme for this past year's impromptu events.

Kathi, Ellen & Carol enjoyed the Cleveland Orchestra's MLK concert and program.



It was a very cold April evening, but Kathi, Ellen, Carol & Rosanne watched the Guardians beat Kansas City 7-0. The guy in front of us was a constant and polite heckler, which added to the flavor of the game.



Sally and Diane had an "impromptu" event while they were both in Temecula, California in early April (also there to see the Guardians play). They were "looking" for wineries to book for next year's wine tasting. Looks like they found one!




It was a nice day in May when Rosanne, Nancee, Nancy & Diane watched the Guardians beat the Twins 2-1, with a walk-off home run in the 9th. And the Slider golf club covers were a nice bonus.

We were happy to disburse \$4,407.74 to the following groups. We also awarded a Marian Cook Education Grant of \$1,514 to one applicant, current a Nursing Aide, who will attend the Polaris Career Center Practical Nursing Program to assist in attaining her goal of becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse. Scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 were awarded to four FHS students and one Lutheran West student.


| 2025 DISBURSEMENTS – a total of \$11,921.74 | | | | | |
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| Organization | Purpose | Amount Awarded | Organization | Purpose | Amount Awarded |
| Adopt-A-Tombstone c/o Chris Gerrett | Restoration of historical headstones, monuments & markers. Only need \$75 this year because other equipment was purchased last year. | \$75 | Gilles-Sweet PTA Food Pantry c/o Shannon Wahl | Food & toiletries provided to school families every two weeks or as needed, for families that are food insecure. We do all shopping & packing of holiday meals during holiday breaks. Students help with the packing. | \$350 |
| Blessing House c/o Donna Humphrey | For purchase of medical supplies for children up to 12 yrs. old while supplying residential care during family emergencies. (first aid supplies, over the counter medicines, etc.) | \$200 | Honey from the Rock c/o Kathy DiVincenzo | Money will be used for educational toys in the childcare space of our foster care resource center. We began in January 2025 to provide childcare for foster caregivers attend monthly support groups. | \$300 |
| Fairview Park Fine Arts & Theatre c/o David Klopp | Shrek the Musical will be presented on July 17, 18 & 19 at the FHS auditorium. \$750 is needed for a choreographer. Celebrating 15 years of producing musicals and other stage productions. | \$300 | House of Champions c/o Sr. Mary Kay Conkey | Money will provide an end-of-year picnic at Edgewater Park for children in grades 2-4 who have been recommended by their teachers to attend HOC's after-school program. | \$400 |
| Fairview Park Fire Department c/o Captain Tim Draves | For purchase of educational fire prevention costume of Sparky the Fire Safety Dog, and other materials to be used during fire safety talks. | \$275 | Hugs & Hope Foundation c/o Cindy Schumacker | Money will go for goodie bags given to lung or liver cancer patients at the Moll Center. Items include notions, and a \$100 gift card for gas or groceries. | \$100 |
| Fairview Park High School & Mayer Middle School c/o Key Club Advisor | \$300 requested for Care Closet restocking of personal hygiene products, laundry detergent & school supplies. They also coordinate with Gilles-Sweet students and families. | \$350 | Laundry Love: Messiah Fairview Park c/o Janice Snyder | A service outreach program at Leo's Laundromat provides fees to wash clothes & provide detergent and personal hygiene kits & winter hats/gloves to those in need. | \$300 |
| Fairview Park Hunger Center c/o Sara Schlegel | To help supply the food pantry and feed the hungry in Fairview Park. | \$507.74 | Metrohealth Friends of Mothers & Infants c/o Maureen Powers | Donations help Friends of M&I provide portable cribs, strollers, diapers and clothing to infants and children in need. | \$300 |
| Fairview Park Meals on Wheels c/o Chris Polomsky | To provide lunch, dinner, dessert & a beverage for \$7/day (last year's figure). Also has a program for those on SNAP/Medicaid at the price of \$3/day. | \$400 | Senior Council Inc. (Senior Center) c/o Laura Brondos | Donation will be used for decorations and prizes for the Senior Prom at the FP Senior Center. FHS National Honor Society students assist at the prom. | \$200 |
| Fairview Park Police Department c/o Chief Paul Shepard | To purchase promotional items with department logo geared towards children for community engagement & positive first encounters with children. | \$250 | Fairview High School Scholarship winners: \$1,500 to Nicole Giang & Maxwell Edwards \$1,000 to Grace Bostwick and Chloe O'Neil Lutheran West scholarship winner: \$1,000 to Brandon Schneider Marian Cook Education Grant winner: \$814 to Jada Witnik, a Nursing Aide in pursuit of an LPN license from Polaris | | |

Kathy Yarian, 2025 Fairview Park Citizen of the Year

PROGRAM
70th Annual
Citizen of the Year Dinner
HONORING
Kathy Yarian
Citizen of the Year 2025



Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Social @ 6:30 PM
Program: @ 7:00 PM
Fairview Park Senior Center
Sponsored by:
Fairview Park Community Council



Denise Devine

April 24 at 12:32 PM · 🌐

FACEBOOK POST

The Fairview Park Community Council is pleased to announce Kathy Yarian as the 2025 Citizen of the Year. Kathy embodies the definition of a Citizen of the Year and is an example to our residents of the kind of person this community holds dear.

Join us in honoring Kathy Yarian and congratulating her and her family at the Citizen of the Year dinner on Wednesday, May 7th, at the Fairview Park Senior Center. The reception will commence at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. Afterward, we will hold a recognition ceremony and award presentation. Once again, we will collect non-perishable food items for the Fairview Park Hunger Center. The cost of dinner is \$42.00, catered by Italian Creations. Tickets will be available beginning April 18th at City Hall, the Senior Center, P.J.'s Spa, or by calling Denise Devine at 440-343-5389. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and seating is limited. Please remember that the ticket deadline is April 30th.

We are also accepting donations for our raffle fundraiser at the dinner. We would be grateful if you could consider donating. Please feel free to give me a call by April 30th to let me know about your donation and whether you'd like me to pick it up. The funds from this fundraiser help us make a positive impact in our community, especially during our end-of-the-year spending. Your contributions mean a lot to us!

Make sure to congratulate Kathy as you see her around the community!! We hope to see everyone at the dinner!



Several members attended Kathy's COTY ceremony at the Senior Center on May 7th , and proudly watched her accept recognition of her deep commitment to Fairview Park.

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FAIRVIEW PARK

Yarian named Citizen of the Year

By **BRIAN LOVE**

Summerfest is one of the biggest events of the year for the city, and for the past eight years, Kathy Yarian has been responsible for the fun and games (literally) as the chairman of the festival.

Summerfest has grown and evolved and as its chairman, lots of the changes have been the result of Yarian's hard work. As recognition of all her efforts, Yarian has been named Fairview Park Citizen of the Year by the Fairview Park Community Council.

"I was surprised and humbled," she said.

"There's been a lot of emotions, that's for sure."

Summerfest isn't the only thing that has Yarian's blessing. For the past 25 years, she's been involved with PTA, being the president for Garnett, Gilles Sweet and the middle school/high school PTAs.

She brought to the schools activities such as the Father/Daughter Dance, the Mother/Son Event, Battle of the Bands and the Middle School/High School Basketball Concession Fundraiser.

All of her children went to Fairview High School, including sons Tyler, 33; Nathan, 31;

and Evan, 27.

But it's Summerfest that she's enjoying lately. To keep herself even busier, Yarian decided to help with Summerfest while her children were in school. Then, about eight years ago, Summerfest President Bill Minek needed someone to replace Katie Davis as the chairperson.

"Bill approached me about being the chairperson," Yarian said. "I had been in charge of many groups through PTA, and I felt very comfortable with that. I already knew everyone, and I really enjoyed it. So I took over."

Since then, Yarian has worked with the city and others to turn Summerfest into one of the largest festivals in Northeast Ohio.

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But it hasn't always been easy. When the pandemic hit in 2020, the event was cancelled. In 2021, there was a possibility Summerfest would not return that year, but Yarian worked with the Health Department to ensure public safety.

"Even though we are an outdoor festival, it was really difficult," Yarian said. "But we worked really hard. We put booths far apart. We didn't offer a lot of the close-up activities. We knew people still needed a reason to celebrate. We want to have fireworks. We wanted to have the rides. So we talked with fireworks people and the rides people and figured a good way we could do that safely.

"We ran it by the Board of Health, and they felt it was fine with the way we were dealing with that. We had hand sanitizer everywhere, picnic tables spread out. So they gave us the approval for it."

Along with Summerfest, Yarian has volunteered with the Fairview Park Women's Club, as well as the Fairview Park Chamber of Commerce. She also is the vice president of the Fairview Park Municipal Foundation.

By being so involved with the community, she was honored by the Fairview Park Youth Association as the Youth Association and Community Service Volunteer Award in 2022.

Add to that, she runs her own travel agency, Prestige Travel, which she started 35 years ago when she and husband, Jeff, moved to Fairview Park. A result of that is writing a quarterly column for Northeast Ohio Thrive After 55! .

While she's busy, Fairview Park's Citizen of the Year is having fun, especially with Summerfest. She has no plans on slowing down in the near future.

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"I have great people in charge of the committees," she said. "That makes it easier. My goal is to throw a big party every year. That's how I look at it. Once it starts becoming more of a headache, then it'll be time to change."

The Citizen of the Year dinner is Wednesday, May 7 at the Fairview Park Senior Center. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by Italian Creations dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$42, and can be purchased at the Senior Center or by calling Denise Devine at 440-343-5389. Seating is limited. Ticket deadline is April 30.

FAIRVIEW PARK

Kathy Yarian is Citizen of the Year

John Benson *Special to Sun News*

The Fairview Park Community Council recently selected Kathy Yarian as its 2025 Citizen of the Year.

“Oh, boy, I truly love making a difference in this town,” said Yarian, a 1985 Highland High School graduate.

“My family’s always been very big into volunteering, so it really meant a lot to me all these years just being recognized. So many other people do it too. It was nice that they felt that I deserved it.”

The Fairview Park Citizen of the Year initiative, which recognizes either long-term community service or significant community-wide efforts that rise above and beyond the call of duty, dates back to 1954. Criteria for eligibility include Fairview Park residency and unpaid volunteer service to the people and community.

The nominee doesn’t have to belong to a civic/service organization.

Chosen by a panel of the five most recent Citizen of the Year recipients, the winner is not determined by the number of nominations received for an individual, but instead for the amount of involvement and service by the nominee.

As for learning of the honor, Yarian said it came at the end of a long day when, well ... she’ll explain.

“Oh my gosh, this actually is a funny story,” she said. “I got into my pajamas for the evening when I get a call from (2018 Citizen of the Year) Sally (Lisowski).

“She had a question about Women’s Club and asked to come over.

“So I’m out on my front porch in my pajamas, in my bathrobe that doesn’t match my slippers, when she pulls in the driveway.”

There were also four other cars that pulled up in front of her home.

“I’m like, oh, no,” she laughed. “I recognize them as being past (Citizen of the Year) recipients, because I’m friends with them all.

“Fairview is a small town. I was so embarrassed. That’s how I found out.”

A Fairview Park resident with her husband, Jeff, for 35 years, the couple raised sons Tyler, Nathan and Evan, who all graduated from Fairview High School.

During her sons’ time in school, Yarian was heavily involved in the PTA, as well as chairing numerous school committees.

Since 2015, she’s been a key member of the Fairview Park Summerfest Committee. Two years later, she became chair of the annual summer soiree.

Yarian is also vice president of the Fairview Park Municipal Foundation, as well as a member of the Fairview Park Women’s Club and Fairview Park Chamber of Commerce. The latter is tied to her successful travel business.

In 2022, the Fairview Park Youth Association honored her with the Youth Association & Community Service Volunteer Award.

An anonymous quote from one of the nominations epitomizes her Citizen of the Year bona fides.

They wrote: “Her commitment, guidance and generosity have profoundly shaped Fairview Park. Her kindness toward friends and the community knows no limits.”

The Citizen of the Year dinner takes place May 7 at the Fairview Park Senior Center.

This same article
was also on
[cleveland.com](https://www.cleveland.com)

Our annual Installation Dinner was held at Houlihan's on Monday, May 19, 2025

WELCOME TO HOULIHAN'S

DINNER SELECTIONS

TONIGHT'S ENTREES WILL BE SERVED WITH OUR BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE SALAD, CAESAR SALAD, ROASTED TOMATO BISQUE, CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP, OR BAKED POTATO SOUP

MEATLOAF

HOUSEMADE MEATLOAF OVER MASHED POTATOES AND GREEN BEANS, TOPPED WITH CABERNET MUSHROOM SAUCE AND ONION STRAWS

STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

PANKO BREADED CHICKEN BREAST STUFFED WITH A GARLIC-HERB CREAM CHEESE. SERVED WITH MASHED POTATOES AND GARLIC GREEN BEANS

GRILLED ATLANTIC SALMON

GRILLED FILET, LIGHTLY SEASONED AND BASTED WITH LEMON-DILL BUTTER. SERVED WITH MASHED POTATOES AND GARLIC GREEN BEANS

5OZ PETITE TOP SIRLOIN

USDA PRIME SIRLOIN CHAR-GRILLED AND BASTED WITH OUR HOMEMADE RED WINE BUTTER. SERVED WITH MASHED POTATOES AND GARLIC GREEN BEANS

SEDONA SHRIMP PASTA

FETTUCCINE IN A SPICY ANCHO BUTTER SAUCE, TOMATO CONCASSE, SPINACH, BASIL, AND FOCACCIA CRISPS

DESSERTS

BROWNIE BATTER CAKE
VANILLA BEAN CHEESECAKE
SALTED CARAMEL GOOEY BUTTER CAKE



Mary Jane made cute flower scrubbies for everyone.



Kathy Yarian, Pam Beamer,
Sally Lisowski, Rosanne Kelley

Lori Paximadis, Marie Chambers, Michelle Kramer,
Hilary Schuerger, Anne Durno, Carrie Battiato





Nancy Shucofsky, Nancee Herwerden, Diane Faile,
Robin Munoz, Lynda Kovach



Terri Ohler, Theresa Zarnoski,
Christy George, Carol McAlonis, Kathi Kowalski



Mary Jo Campbell, Barb Gillmore, Diane Ward,
Patti Smith, Marie Kay



Our 2025 – 2026 Board Members

Lori Paximadis, President

Marie Kay, Vice President

Carrie Battiato, Treasurer

Pam Beamer, Recording Secretary

Anne Durno, Corresponding Secretary

Marie Chambers, Board Member-at-Large