



20th Century Club of Park Ridge

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Highlights

June 2023

Mark your Calendar
and let the New Year begin!

Thursday, October 27th – General Meeting
Wednesday, December 6 – **Christmas Luncheon**
Saturday, April 27 – **SPRING BENEFIT**

Bring a friend to the meeting!

Membership dues (\$50) for the 2023-2024 year are being collected NOW. Please complete the Membership Form attached and mail the form plus your dues to: **Helen Ideno**, 1301 Tyrell, Park Ridge, IL. 60068.

Reminder!

2022 Spring Benefit funds were donated to the Park Ridge Library to launch a new Program called **Wits Workout** which has two main goals: *to provide purposeful opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually, and to increase their socialization through ongoing group participation.*"

The Library offers **Wits Workout** on the **second Thursday of the month from 1 to 2 PM**. Contact the Library at 847-720-3280 to register and take a friend or two with you!



A Sad Farewell

The 20th Century Club joined the Park Ridge community in bidding farewell to President **Liz Greenhill**, pictured above on the left, with former 20th Century President **Pat Long**. Liz's funeral was held June 10th at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church. Liz was a tremendous bundle of energy and enthusiasm who worked tirelessly to further any endeavor that she chose to support. Her reach extended to the DAR, the Panhellenic Club, the PEO, and many small communities at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, particularly the St. Patrick's Guild. She was a recent Mayoral appointee to the Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission. Liz will be sorely missed everywhere. Please read her obituary on page 2 of this issue.

Pursuant to the organization's ByLaws and the vote of the Executive Board on June 13th, **Susan Kosinski** will now serve as 20th Century Club President, filling out Liz's term of office. Mary Ann Mallahan has agreed to serve as 2nd Vice President, completing Sue's term.

WELCOME

The 20th Century Club is pleased to welcome several new members: **Katie Franz, Jane Wagoner, Camille Pavlis, Dolores Kadzie, Bonnie Trenkle** and **Agata Kowalyk**. Welcome, Ladies!

LIZ GREENHILL

Obituary from Nelson Funeral Home

Liz Greenhill, nee Jefchak, A beacon of love, devotion, and kindness, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2023. She was a beloved wife, cherished mother, devoted grandmother, dear sister, loving aunt and a friend to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Liz's profound impact on the lives of others, both as an educator and a dedicated community member, will forever be remembered and cherished.

Liz shared an incredible bond with her adoring husband of 50 years, Woody Greenhill. Their love was an inspiration to all who witnessed it, a shining example of commitment, support, and unwavering devotion. Together, they created a loving home filled with warmth, laughter and endless love.

As a mother, Liz poured her heart and soul into raising her children: Katie (Lance) Mainwaring, Libby (Corey) Chase, Forrest "Chip" (Rebecca) Greenhill and Annie (Kevin) Demaline. Her unwavering love, guidance and encouragement helped shape them into the remarkable individuals they are today. Liz's children were her pride and joy, and she embraced her role as a mother with boundless grace and devotion.

Liz's role as a grandmother brought immeasurable joy to her life. Affectionately known as Gigi, she treasured her role in the lives of her grandchildren: Addison, Forrest, Millie, Walter, Hunter, Harland, Ty, Joey, Genevieve, Harriet and Cooper. Gigi's love knew no bounds, and her presence filled their lives with laughter, warmth and unconditional love.

A dear sister to Robert Jefchak, Danny (Carolyn) Hamilton and Claudia (Chris) Davisson. Liz was also a beloved sister-in-law to Carol (Tom) Schneider, Lorna (Mark) Benkendorf and Verne Greenhill. Her warm and welcoming nature extended beyond her family, as she embraced her role as a sister-in-law with open arms, providing them with unwavering support, comfort, and a lifetime of cherished memories.

Liz's dedication to education spanned over 30 years, leaving an indelible mark on the countless lives she touched. As a profound educator, she inspired her students to reach for their dreams, instilling in them a love for learning and a belief in their own potential. Liz's impact as a teacher will continue to ripple through the lives of those she taught, forever shaping their futures.

Liz was a proud member and contributor of numerous clubs and organizations that aimed to make a positive difference in the world. Her commitment to service and philanthropy was evident in her active involvement with The P.E.O. Sisterhood (Philanthropic Educational Organization), the Daughters of the American Revolution, the 20th Century Club, the National Panhellenic Conference and St. Patrick's Guild at Mary, Seat of Wisdom. Liz's passion for giving back and helping others was an inspiration to all those around her.

Beyond her dedication to education and philanthropy, Liz possessed a creative spirit. Her love for quilting and sewing allowed her to express herself artistically and create beautiful pieces that will serve as lasting reminders of her talent and passion.

Liz's departure from this world leaves a tremendous void that will be felt deeply by all who knew her. Her infectious laughter, genuine kindness, and unwavering love have touched countless lives, leaving an enduring legacy of compassion and grace. While our hearts ache with the loss of such an extraordinary woman, we find solace in the knowledge that Liz's spirit will live on in the memories we hold dear.

Today, we celebrate the remarkable life of Liz Greenhill. She exemplified the qualities of a loving wife, devoted mother, cherished grandmother, dear sister, and loyal friend. May her spirit continue to guide and inspire us as we carry her memory in our hearts. Liz's legacy of love and service will forever be etched in our souls, and she will be deeply and forever missed.

Guests were asked to wear hats to the funeral.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



What a beautiful day for a parade! Thank you to the members of 20th Century that participated: Susan Kosinski, Susan James, Pat Long, Maria Ciesla and Angie Bratek. 2023 was the 100th Anniversary of the Memorial Day Parade in Park Ridge. It was wonderful to have so many participants AND so many admirers along the parade route!

Thank you to the marchers, those who carried the Club's banner, and those who rode in the car!



SCHOLARSHIPS

The 20th Century Club began awarding scholarships to deserving Park Ridge-residing graduating high-schoolers in 2005. This year three students, all girls, were awarded scholarship monies based on their applications, academic achievement, work experiences, volunteer and extra-curricular activities and financial need.

Two recipients are 2023 Maine South graduates; the third graduated from Regina Dominican in Wilmette. Joan Mattingly made presentations at both schools on behalf of the 20th Century Club.

Sophia Hammes was awarded the **Lillian Peska Scholarship**, supplemented by some Foundation funds. Sophia is planning to study nursing at Marquette. To help prepare her for her studies, she interned at the Maine East Health Clinic. She is a well-rounded top tier student academically, a musician, studying both violin and piano, and participated in both the Psychology and French Clubs at Maine South.



Dear Ms. Mattingly and the 20th Century Club Scholarship Committee,
Text
Thank you for awarding me one of the 2023 Century Club Scholarships. I just graduated from Maine South yesterday and will be attending Marquette University in the fall to study nursing. I appreciate your time and consideration during the Scholarship process. Wishing you all the best!
Thanks so much!
Sophia Hammes

Jadranka Andricic, another Maine South grad, plans to study biomedical sciences. Her parents, both immigrants, have encouraged her to explore a variety of activities and opportunities. While maintaining a challenging course load, Jadro spent time participating in competitive figure skating, volunteering and obtaining some practical work experience. Jadro, awarded the **Paula O'Connor Scholarship**, supplemented by 20th Century Foundation funds, will be the first of her family to attend college.



The third scholarship recipient in 2023 is **Francesca M. Allocco** (no photo) who plans to attend the University of Iowa. Francesca was awarded the **Barrie Shinn Scholarship**. A strong student academically, she has also played volleyball, track, as well as performing as an Irish Dancer. Volunteer activities included working at an animal shelter. Summers, Francesca has kept busy gaining some practical work experience.

The 20th Century Club and Foundation are very happy to be able to help young people as they embark on their life journeys. Several Club members have specially contributed to ensure that scholarship funds will continue be available. Thank you to Paula O'Connor and Barrie Shinn for their bequests, and to Lillian Peska's family for keeping her memory alive in the Club and in the larger community.

Bridge, anyone?

If anyone is interested in learning how to play Bridge, or Duplicate Bridge, there are willing players ready to teach you. If you would like to join a Bridge Group, contact Gail Brandt at 847-685-0846.

STITCHERY GROUP

The stitchery group continues its support of Maine East High School's sewing program. Donations of sewing notions are requested: thread, needles, scissors, buttons, snaps, zippers, bias tapes, etc.; fabric is also much appreciated. Questions? Contact Rosanne Plotkin, stitchery group chairman at 847-698-2839. In the 23-24 Club year, we plan to make a special effort to collect things for Maine East at the January Club meeting.

Food Collection in March

As has been customary, the 20th Century Club makes a donation to the Maine Township Food Pantry. Members contribute non-perishable foods and cash donations to support the needs of the Food Pantry. Thank you to Barb Avery, the Club's Social Services Chair, for coordinating arrangements.



A Bit of 20th Century Club History

The article below, written by Joan Mattingly, was published in the April 2023 issue of **STROLL Park Ridge** and has been edited for this printing.

Did you know.....that one of the hidden gems of Park Ridge is the historic 20th Century Club? In the Spring of 1912, a group of 33 women met at the home of Mrs. Kate Knowles, now a parking lot behind City Hall. Declaring May 21, 1912 as their Date of Organization, they titled themselves **The Park Ridge Improvement Association** creating a document stating that their objectives were:

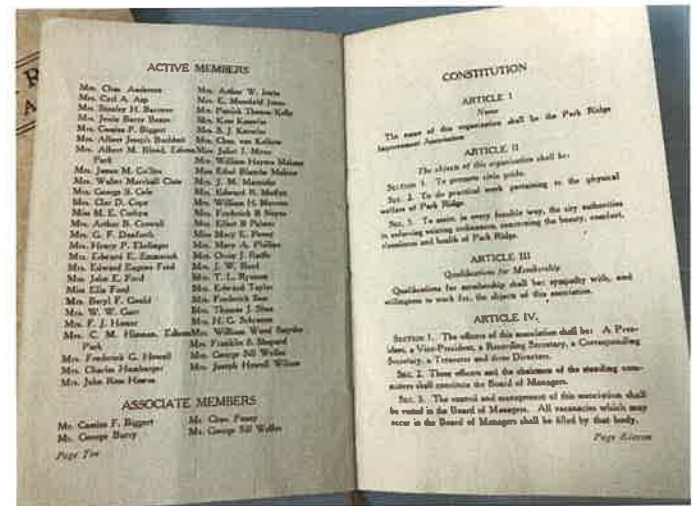
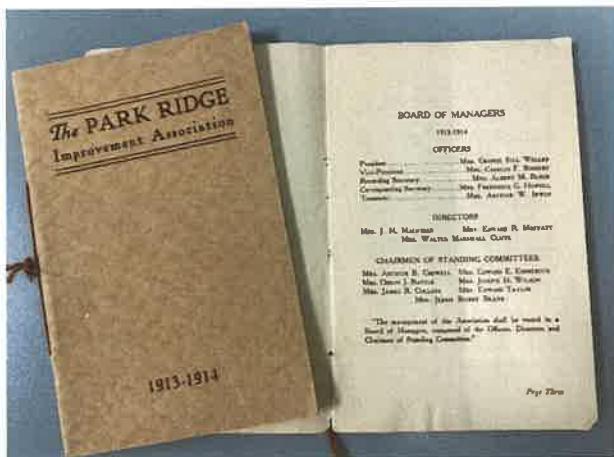
“To promote civic pride.”

“To do practical work pertaining to the physical welfare of Park Ridge.”

“To assist, in every feasible way, the city authorities in enforcing existing ordinances, concerning the beauty, comfort, cleanliness and health of Park Ridge.”

organizing art exhibits (featuring local as well as area artists), hosting a community Halloween Party, and decorating the first community Christmas tree in the park. (Was that in Hodges Park?)

Several committees created included Fine Arts, American Home, Music, Civics, and Garden. The Garden Club eventually was spawned, becoming a separate entity. As the City grew and tax money became more readily available, city government handled civic improvements; the School Board and PTA assumed responsibility for school needs. This caused the Park Ridge Improvement Association to evolve and, in 1930, it was renamed the 20th Century Club.



Notice that members were listed by their husband’s names!

The first President was Clara Barck Welles, founder of the Kalo Silversmith Shop, a talented artist, acute businesswoman and later, an active suffragette. Often meeting at members’ homes, the Club’s unattributed historical notes indicate that sometimes the meeting place was a “bare unattractive hall” and members “often had to sweep up cigars, ashes and other debris and transport chairs, dishes and various decorative items before a meeting could be held.”

Continuing to this day, the 20th Century Club holds monthly afternoon meetings on the third Thursday of the month from October through April at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church. In lieu of a December meeting, members gather for a Christmas Luncheon. In April the Club hosts a Benefit, the group’s major fundraising event, with proceeds donated to a selected not-for-profit as well as to help fund scholarships awarded to Park Ridge-residing high school seniors.

Projects tackled included buying and erecting street signs, purchasing school equipment,

The 2022 Benefit recipient was the Park Ridge Public Library which used the \$6000 raised to launch a new outreach program called **Wits**

Workout, an engaging, interactive and educational brain health program geared towards seniors.

The 2023 Benefit recipient was WINGS, Women In Need Growing Stronger. Some Benefit monies supported the Foundation's Scholarship Program.



The 20th Century Club & Foundation hosted its annual Benefit luncheon on April 22nd at the Park Ridge Country Club. The theme of the event was **SPRINGTIME IN PARIS**. The room was filled with women enjoying the opportunity to be together and eager to support the WINGS Program.

A representative from WINGS was present and spoke about the WINGS' mission to provide emergency housing and support services to adults and children escaping domestic violence. Park Ridge is home to one of the WINGS-supported residences.

A delicious luncheon, raffles and prizes made the afternoon a very special affair. Thank you to the planning team chaired by Darlene DeRyke

Have a wonderful summer!

Membership Update

Membership dues (\$50) for the 2023-2024 year are being collected NOW. Please complete the Membership Form attached and mail the form plus your dues to: **Helen Ideno**, 1301 Tyrell, Park Ridge, IL. 60068.

If you would like your name and contact information included in the 23-24 Yearbook, your dues must be submitted as soon as possible.

If you are able to recruit NEW MEMBERS to the 20th Century Club, please ask them to complete the form and mail their membership information/dues (\$60---including \$10 to have a nameplate created) to **Mary Ann Mallahan**, 1019 Rene Ct., Park Ridge, IL. 60068.

Thank you for helping to spread the word about the 20th Century Club, its monthly meetings and programs, its social networking and the good works that the group undertakes.

In addition to the yearly Benefit which is the Club's major fundraiser, the Club remembers the Center of Concern at Thanksgiving, the Maine Township Food Pantry in the Spring and this year, will make a major effort to support the Maine East student Sewing Club.



*Thank you for a wonderful year!
Now we look forward to 23-24!*

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB OF PARK RIDGE – 2023-24 ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues for 2023-2024 are **\$50** for all members. Club members who joined before 1987 are exempt. History of the club, pictures, newsletters and applications are posted online (**PR20cc.org**). Unpaid members will be considered delinquent after **June 30, 2023**. Please mail checks payable to **20th Century Club** to:

Helen Ideno, Financial Secretary
1301 Tyrell
Park Ridge, IL 60068

NAME _____ **TELEPHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIPCODE** _____

E-MAIL _____

WHAT SPECIAL SKILLS AND TALENTS WILL YOU SHARE?

Computer _____ **Artistic** _____ **Financial** _____ **Photography** _____ **Event Planning** _____ **Other** _____

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE CLUB?

Board of Directors: **Club Officer** _____ **Department Chair** _____ **Calling Tree** _____

General Meetings: **Welcome members** _____ **Serve refreshments** _____ **Assist Program chair** _____

Social Services: **Help in Nov.** _____ **In March** _____

Special Events: **Host New Members Tea** _____ **Help with Christmas luncheon** _____

Annual Benefit: **Chair/Co-Chair** _____ **Help on Committee** _____ **Work on Benefit Day** _____

Other: _____

WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS YEAR?

Antique rovers _____ **Stitchery/Needlework** _____ **Book Circle** _____ **Book Discussion Group** _____

Theatre Outing _____ **Gourmet Luncheon** _____ **Bus Trip** _____ **Other** _____

2nd Tuesday Afternoon Social Bridge _____ **3rd Thursday Duplicate Bridge** _____

WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE CLUB? _____

20th Century Club Membership Application

Please print

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____
(To be published in the Club Directory)

Email _____

Signature _____

What special skills or talents do you have?

___ Computer ___ Financial ___ Artistic ___ Event planning

Other _____

Which club activities interest you?

___ Antique Rovers ___ Stitchery/Needlework ___ Book Circle

___ Book Discussion Group ___ Theater Outing ___ Gourmet Luncheon ___ Bus Trip

Bridge groups: ___ 2nd Tuesday afternoon social group ___ 2nd Thursday Duplicate*

___ 3rd Thursday Duplicate* (* involves hosting groups as well as playing bridge)

If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete this application and submit the initiation fee and membership dues to the membership chairperson listed below.

Make checks payable to 20th Century Club.

Initiation Fee: \$10.00

Dues: \$50.00 for members who join before January 2024

\$25.00 for members who join between January and April

Mail to: Mary Ann Mallahan
1019 Rene Ct.
Park Ridge, IL 60068 (Phone 847-698-7789)