



20th Century Club of Park Ridge  
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# Highlights

January 2022

## Mark Your Calendar

- **Tuesday, January 18**  
1:00 PM General Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 15**  
1:00 PM General Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 15**  
1:00 PM General Meeting
- **Tuesday, April 19**  
1:00 PM General Meeting
- **Saturday, April 23, 2022** – 11 AM  
Benefit Luncheon Park Ridge Country Club



The Club's **January 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting** will feature a presentation by longtime Park Ridge resident and former Alderman, Paul Hansen, whose topic will be:

**Park Ridge  
 from The First Settlers to Now  
 (Major Steps Along the Way)**



Dear Friends,

Warmest wishes for a healthy and safe New Year. Once again, we start off the new year with Covid restrictions. But they are not interfering with our Board of Directors and their commitment to provide social and philanthropic benefits to our members and our community. In October, we returned to the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church (it was so good to return). **Gail Brandt**, Program Chair, introduced Joan McGee, who taught us all how to enjoy the benefits of yoga while sitting in a chair. Everyone participated in the fun. In November, **Helen Ideno**, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club Foundation Treasurer, provided \$1,500 to **Barbara Avery**, Social Service Chair, to purchase thirty \$50 Jewel Gift Certificates. The certificates were donated to the Center of Concern for distribution to their clients. Our November program was arranged by Art Chair, **Judy Bacon**. Rex Parker detailed the "Letterpress Love Story" of Frederick and Bertha Goudy. The Christmas Luncheon at the Country Club was a huge success thanks to the efforts of **Sue Kosinski**, **Darlene DeRyke** and **Mary Ellen Jackson**, and the wonderful table decorations of **Liz Greenhill**. Over 115 women attended this year's luncheon. Pianist Chris Mahieu provided musical entertainment following the luncheon. And finally, heartfelt thanks to **Margaret Teich** for leading us through the process of revising the Club Bylaws to simplify and open membership to women regardless of residence.

Only half the year is over. Monthly programs, collections for the Maine Township Food Pantry, and our Annual Benefit are in the works for this coming winter and spring. Like the Energizer Bunny, our Board keeps on keeping on. Thank you. And to our members, thank you for your continued support and participation, via Zoom or in person. As we approach March, our Nominating Committee (**Irene Horst**, Chair) will be seeking volunteers. Please consider joining this year – it is a wonderful way to engage with the club and our members.

## Paul Hansen to speak....

Close your eyes for a moment. Imagine the highest point of land for miles with nothing but a sea of tall, wild grass all the way east to Lake Michigan, and look west down a steep trail to the Des Plaines River. Imagine the people who were here for hundreds of years, who were soon displaced by thousands of settlers, then the railroads, brickyards, farms, and stores- and growth, always growth. Then boom and bust. Decades flying by until the community we live in now became as it is.

Paul Hansen grew up in Elmhurst and has lived in the same Park Ridge home for 38 years with his wife Carolyn, where they raised their children and have enjoyed their grandchildren, who were all born and raised in Park Ridge. Paul also operates Hansen Insurance Associates, his long-time commercial property insurance business.

He has a long history of community service, having served as Scoutmaster for 13 years, and coached baseball and basketball for 10 years. Paul served as Park Ridge Alderman from 1993-2001, was Board Chair and President of the Park Ridge Historical Society for several terms and was Founding Chair of the Park Ridge Heritage Committee, where he published "Park Ridge-A Photo History", and also produced "Doing Time in Park Ridge", a musical about the history of our town.

Paul is a very active family historian on Facebook as Hansen Connery Murray Heritage, where he shares hundreds of family history stories and photos from 1840-the present. He has also written hundreds of poems, many of which have been published in the online Park Ridge Living Magazine.



Thank you to the Peska Family for the special dessert provided at the November Club meeting. Lillian Peska's three daughters, Sandra Bosy, Donna Alexander and Carolyn Mueller, pictured above, honored their mother, and generously spent the afternoon with Club members.



Thank you to presenter Joan McGee teaching simple yoga moves at the November meeting.

Helen Idino, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club Foundation Chair, has good news to share:

Special donations for the Fund have been received from Barrie Shin and Irene Jinks.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY!**



The **Christmas Party** was a success. It was good to gather again after a year off in 2020, and our members enjoyed catching up with each other. The Country Club was decorated beautifully, as were the tables. Liz Greenhill did the centerpieces for the tables, and each one was different with a color scheme of red, green, black, and white.



Chris Mahieu played a selection of Christmas songs. We had around 117 in attendance, which was a good number, given COVID concerns. A wonderful time!



## Proposed Bylaws Changes Accepted

Members who attended our October and November general meetings were asked to consider several changes to our bylaws. After much spirited discussion, the ladies voted to approve these changes. The bylaws printed before these changes were accepted are the ones you currently see in our 2021-2022 handbooks. Please mark the affected articles and sections to reflect the new versions now in effect. Section numbers may have been adjusted to reflect deleted passages.-----Margaret

P. 38: Art. 1 Sect. 1 deleted

P. 38: Art.1 Sect 1(b): Members in good standing changing their residence may retain their active or emeritus standing and must report their change of address and contact information to the Financial Secretary

P. 39: Art 1 Sect 1(c): Emeritus membership shall be conferred upon any member who has belonged to the Club for thirty-five (35) years. Emeritus membership shall be conferred at the beginning of the club year in which a member completes 35 years of membership.

P. 39: Art. 1 Sect 2: Change to: Application for membership shall be made in writing using the form provided by the club and sent to the Membership Chair along with the initiation fee. The Membership Chair shall report all new applications for membership to the Board and then to the general membership

P. 39 Art 1 Sect 3 and 4: these sections deleted

P. 39 Art 1 Sect 4: All resignations shall be in writing addressed to the Financial Secretary. A member resigning in good standing may be reinstated by written request to the Financial Secretary accompanied by the current year's dues. A member delinquent in her dues shall forfeit her membership after July 31, but may be reinstated upon a written request sent to the Financial Secretary and payment of the current year's dues.

P. 40: Art 11 Sect. 2: These officers, three (3) directors, the Chair of Standing Committees, the Chair of Revisions (appointed by the President, ratified by the board), shall constitute the Board of Directors. All Members of the Board of Directors, elected or appointed, must be members in good standing of the 20th Century Club.

P. 44: Art.IV Sect 6: Change to: Once a prospective member has turned in her application and initiation fee, she may attend all club meetings.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SO CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND VOTED ON THESE CHANGES. Next year's Yearbook will include the revisions.**

## WELCOME NEW (& Returning) MEMBERS

Lottie Pilarski  
Kathy Zoran  
Dolly Besler  
Nancy Rasmussen  
Mary Gerke  
Diane Paterakis  
Kathleen Michniuk  
Nancy Laughlin  
Arlene Heilingoetter  
Shirley Sorensen





# Be an Angel!

## 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club Annual Benefit

Saturday April 23, 2022

Park Ridge Country Club

- ❖ Platinum Angel: \$200 or more
- ❖ Gold Angel: \$100 to \$199
- ❖ Silver Angel: \$50 to \$99
- ❖ Bronze Angel: \$25 to \$49

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club Foundation

### Send your donations to:

Shirlee Ehlers  
732 N. Greenwood  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

OR

Margaret Teich  
133 S. Prairie Ave.  
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