



Newsletter

February 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Good things come to those who believe, better things come to those who are patient, and the best things come to those who don't give up." (Unknown)

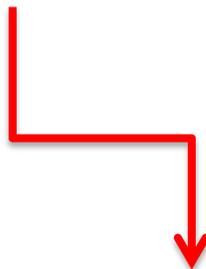
So try, try, and try again. This seems to be our mantra lately. Everyone was looking forward to, (I'm sure), an enjoyable, interesting and informative presentation in January however, due to unforeseen circumstances our speaker had to cancel.

Perhaps this was a good thing as the latest news report tells us that there is a new variant of the Covid19 virus nearby. Having said this, the board members have decided to postpone our programs through the month of April. Not only did we have to consider the rampant virus but also we would have to pay a stipend to the presenters/performers which would not be prudent. Hopefully, we will be able to enjoy a luncheon and a great Barbershop Quartet performance at the Kirtland Country Club in May depending on the CDC guidelines. So stay tuned.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Carol Berger, is sending a little reminder to all our members that if anyone knows of someone who is ill, in the hospital, grieving or just needs a "thinking of you", please contact Carol or a member of the board so she can send a card from the Women's Committee.

Spring is on the way and I am looking forward to singing "Happy Days Are Here Again". So stay strong, stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask and get your vaccine.

Karen Pribula



Membership News

We miss seeing you and hope that we will soon be able to gather again for our fine programming. Meanwhile, I will be sending our newsletter every month to keep in touch and to keep you informed of any membership news, address changes and to welcome new members!

Pat Bonander
Membership Chair

Please feel free to contact me re: membership or information for the newsletter.
440-488-4511 or waterworksbyapat@gmail.com



Please join us in welcoming our newest member:

Stephanie Kirby
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Spread the Word!

Let's get the word out about the great things that the Women's Committee does!

A membership application is available on the Fine Arts Web page

or if they prefer, I will mail them an application.

A Note from Carol Berger, Corresponding Secretary:

If you know of someone who has had an illness, death or just needs a note of good cheer, please contact Carol. She sends out cards to our members.

Mar22car@yahoo.com or 440-944-4813

A special letter of thanks from the Fine Arts Association



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December 16, 2020

Women's Committee of The Fine Arts Association
38660 Mentor Avenue
Willoughby, OH 44094

Dear Women's Committee,

The Fine Arts Association is grateful to have such warm and compassionate friends like you. Your very generous donation of \$8,000.00 to 2020 – 21 general operations is greatly appreciated. Through your committee's dedication and hard work, you help to ensure that we live our mission of *servicing the community by enhancing lives through arts education, therapies, performance, community partnerships and advocacy.*

Participation in the arts promotes social and emotional development and it also supports memory, problem – solving and communication. Your generosity will help more students to imagine, create and express themselves, enabling them to reach higher and dream bigger through the arts.

Thank you again for your gift and if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Delgado Thomas
Director of Development

The Fine Arts Association adheres to current IRS charitable contribution guidelines. This letter certifies that the Fine Arts Association has provided no goods, services or privilege in consideration of your donation.



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of Lake County

Special Projects Committee

We wish to thank all those who made our unusual "mail-in celebration" a great success! We sent out 210 invitations and had 95 responses. Included in that number were 61 responses from members of the Women's Committee.

With our half of the 50/50 raffle at \$1,045, plus generous cash donations, we were able to give \$8,000 to the Fine Arts Association without dipping into our treasury at all. That was way above our expectations and we are most grateful.

Roberta Lucia, Sandy Taddeo and Lois Wigton

Special Projects Committee

STAY CONNECTED TO THE ARTS!!



- Visit the Fine Arts Association's website fineartsassociation.org to keep informed about the virtual programs that are helping students and faculty to stay connected!

- FAA is continuing hybrid arts education instruction at this time. Students may choose between in-person or live virtual instruction. All classes are

offered in the hybrid format, excluding ceramics classes and theatre classes which are in-person only.

- Also, you can find out information about the Women's Committee, including past newsletters and upcoming programs.

Program Committee

We hope to continue our Wednesday Program Series in May. Stay tuned and see you then.

Thank you,
Barbara Schuler Program Committee Chair

Dear Friends,

Becoming a Transformer

When I was a child, one of the more popular toys on the market was Transformers. Transformers were cars, boats, trucks and other forms of transportation that could reshape themselves into fighting, giant robots. As the story went, they came from another planet and were followed by the evil Decepticons. All of the stories were about good versus evil. As a kid, I thought it would be cool to be a Transformer. Good stuff for Saturday morning cartoons.

In my adult life, though, I want to be a different kind of transformer. My adult transformer self wants to help improve lives. So every morning, I wake up, come to work and transform myself, hopefully, into a person whose work ultimately makes life a bit easier for someone else.

My desire to become a transformer started early in life. My father was a pastor and mother was a teacher. Both had given their lives to transformational work and instilled that opportunity within me. I often reflect on my middle and high school band directors, Mr. Schiavone, Mr. Kraus, and Mr. Bennett. Each of them saw the potential in me and cultivated it as I expressed it through music, and in time, leadership. I fondly remember youth leaders at church, my aunts and uncles, and all kinds of people we welcomed into our home. I also remember being given the space to grow and constantly encouraged that "I could do it."

Each of us can think back to at least one or two people that had that impact on us. For many of us, it was Jim and Louise Savage. For the rest, it was someone else. But all of us love the arts because someone shared them with us and believed in their transformative power in our lives and community. And they hoped that we would use them to help transform other's lives in turn.

The work that we do at Fine Arts and through the Women's Committee truly is transformative. We are each blessed to be part of a continuing legacy that allows us to participate in this work. Beginning next month, I am excited to share what is coming in the next chapter at FAA. It will be bold, big, and worth every minute of our dedication to it. For now, I leave you with a question. Who are those in your life that have invested in your transformations? How can you and all of us continue to pay that forward?

Until then,

Paul Holm
CEO

A little bit of levity shared by member Billie Portera

"I understand that people are going crazy being locked down at home. I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my coffee and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING! I certainly couldn't share with the fridge because he's been acting cold and distant! In the end, the iron straightened me out. She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out! The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon. The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip. You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "pull myself together". WE WILL SURVIVE. Hope this gives you a laugh."

