

# **The Glendale Lyceum**

**1998  
Year-End Report**



## GLENDALE LYCEUM

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1998

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1998 has been a very challenging year here at the Glendale Lyceum. Member involvement in various activities, the defining essence of this club, vacillated greatly throughout the year. The first quarter witnessed the full-blown successful renaissance of the Glendale Dramatic Club, thanks in large measure to Jackie Knapp's theatrical prowess in all its aspects, and Bizzy Matthews' indefatigable financial and advertising creativity! Sherm Knapp, Ellen and Ken Bockenstette created a fabulous set worthy of Broadway. If you missed the magic that Jackie produced with the local "talent" in Cocktails with Mimi, don't let this February's production of The Second Time Around slip by!

"Dinner of the Month" continues to appeal to members of all ages and special thanks go to Lynn and Jack Murray who chaired the events for the first half of the year. In June the Murrays handed the baton to Diane and Tom Todd who are admirably maintaining the level of excellence that these monthly gatherings provide, hairy legs and all!

The second quarter did not enjoy such resounding success with respect to member participation. The Spring Dance did not generate much attendance and has only been moderately successful for several years. The Easter Bunny would have had a difficult time with his eggs were it not for staff involvement. What changes are necessary to remedy this? Other Lyceum entertainment functions experienced a marked lack of involvement by members on the organizing committees. Jane Jackson and Cindy Taylor efficiently executed these annual functions, but there has been a drop in the traditional levels of participation by members. What can be done to turn this back around so that members actually perform the creative and cooperative tasks of the former fun-filled committees?

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Beginning in March, the IRS audit had us worried for several months about the Lyceum's tax liability, but the financial impact after much ado proved to be very slight. One lasting consequence of the resolution of this issue was a decrease in Non-Member rentals booked for 1999. Fewer outside rentals translates to lower than usual revenue to cover operating expenses. This cash shortfall, plus the fact that dues have not been raised in three years, prompted the Board to initiate a modest increase of \$7.50 per quarter for Senior members; \$5.00 for Retired, etc. effective April 1. Considering that the cumulative rate of inflation over these three years is greater than the 6.7% dues increase, this decision merely offsets the decreased value of money.

Third quarter events were mostly fun-filled: sunny days at the pool, enhanced by Jane's and Carol Faulkner's innovative management, and highlighted by the initiation of the Lyceum's first swim team in years; Kids' Camp kept our wee-ones entertained and Jane and the teen/counselors hopping! Our "summer" theatre featured a successful children's production staged by Nancy Green and Sue Worachek. The tennis courts were too often empty throughout the summer, but the annual club tournament on the Fourth was a great day for participants and spectators alike.

The Task Force proposed by Joe Hubbard last January to thoroughly study the operations of the Lyceum was postponed until the third quarter. This was due to the tax dilemma that created a limbo-like state of affairs for several months and that made uncertain the Lyceum's future operational requirements. Joe chaired this committee with Cindy Taylor, Randy Parks, Angie Larimer and David Montgomery. The objectives of the Taskforce were to 1) study manpower needs; 2) review the effect of rentals on manpower and costs; 3) recommend alternative approaches for a) assuring that adequate resources

are provided and b) providing a cost-effective staffing structure; and 3) provide other recommendations identified during the review. The committee conducted many hours of thorough data analysis, in-depth staff interviews and conversations with a cross section of the membership. The Taskforce concluded that the staffing levels are adequate and necessary to operate the Lyceum at its present levels of activities and to properly maintain the overall condition of the facilities.

As I mention the staff, it is important to acknowledge the faithful and professional performance of their duties. Jane's name has already been mentioned frequently in this report and her presence and involvement in ongoing member events is obvious. Some of you find it easier to communicate your thoughts with her than to the Board directly and I am grateful that she can perform this valuable function as member-liaison. Judy Hummer, our Business Manager, provides the energy that remarkably and dependably coordinates and drives the many other facets of the Lyceum. Judy has kept the club's center intact through these past four years' various crises, beginning with the Lyceum 2000 renovations and continuing through the extraordinarily busy rental schedule of these last two years. In fact, after the Maintenance Director took another job in November, Judy and Jane, along with Audrey Weber, manned all the functions so that the operations could continue relatively unaffected.

The last quarter of this year was highlighted by the annual Directors' Ball which was attended by 235 members and guests. Special thanks go to my Art Deco Committee: Louise Allen, Ellen Bockenstette, Jeanne Green, Cathy Hubbard, Lynn Murray and Lydia Rittinger. Without all their help, the Ball would never have achieved such elegant success. The elegance continued throughout the holidays, begun by the

gorgeous Christmas tree donated by Wich and Marlin Ach. The new decorations throughout the club were spectacular this year due to Carol Faulkner and her committee, with Candy Ryan's tremendous contribution of time and effort in installing everything!

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members who have proposed new members to join the Lyceum this year and in recent years. This function is crucial to the on-going viability of the club. Everyone needs to become an advocate for increased membership recruitment so that the Lyceum can enjoy the renewed vitality that new members bring!

The Board would like to thank the following members who co-sponsored new members in 1997 and 1998.

Louise and Sam Allen	Meegan and Peter Baxter
Marie and Allen Bowen	Barbara and Louis Brockmeier
Nancy Carmichael	Linda and Joe D'amato
Lucinda & Allen Dohan	Helene and Bob Gruber
Peggy and Gary Johns	Iris and Chris Kelsen
Ken Kuresman	Marianne and Ted Miller
Ruth Gordon Noone	Sandy and Ken Palmer
Cathy and Fred Pfirrmann	Kay and Larry Phillips
LeAnne and Taylor Rosenfeld	Stephanie and Will Sawyer
Judy and Bill Skillingstad	Lisa and Rick Spaulding
Cathy and Todd Stegman	Mary Stewart
Fifi and Jim Surface	Leslie and Jake Sweeney
Diane and Tom Todd	Lucy and Ashley Ward
Emily and Tim Werrell	Donna and Jim Wesselman
Cindy and Larry Youse	

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Kooris, President

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Lyceum year of 1998 was a busy year from a financial point of view. We were audited by the IRS in early 1998, which was a traumatic experience for a new Treasurer. We involved outside Legal Tax specialists for tax advice on this subject. The Lyceum is very fortunate to have members like **David Hamilton** to depend upon for his advice and that of his partners at **Deloitte and Touche**. **Thank you very much David!!** The audit resulted in the loss of our federal tax NON-PROFIT status. The amount of income from Outside Non-member rentals as a percentage of Total Income was considerably above the allowable figure. The judgment resulted in a small fine of about \$900. Outside Legal Counsel and the CPA advisors feel that this loss of NON-PROFIT status will have very little financial impact on the Lyceum. This whole IRS audit and the subsequent investigation was a rude awakening for this Lyceum Treasurer, who has primarily been involved in Sales and Marketing responsibilities in the past.

The next major event was the negotiation of a revised rate for the Lyceum loan. Due to the reduction in the Fed interest rates, we shopped the local banks and were able to reduce the interest rate on our loan from **8.25% to 6.95%** fixed. This results in a sizeable reduction to our annual principal and interest payments.

The **1998 FINANCIAL INFORMATION** is as follows:

	<b>INCOME AND RELATED EXPENSES</b>		
	1997	1998	Budget 1998
DUES	\$140,960	\$139,460	\$140,000
INITIATION FEES/ASSM.	23,890	12,970	22,100
MEMBER RENTALS	12,770	13,850	13,700
NON-MEMBER RENTALS	83,330	70,910	88,750
ENTERTAINMENT	(10,510)	(1,030)	(800)
LYCEUM FUNCTIONS	(10,850)	(10,090)	(12,000)
POOL	1,950	2,930	1,350
SPORTS	1,560	1,310	1,500
YED	(1,240)	3,190	0
DIVIDENDS/INTEREST/MISC	<u>26,610</u>	<u>29,540</u>	<u>24,800</u>
TOTALS	<b>\$268,470</b>	<b>\$263,040</b>	<b>\$279,400</b>

In 1998 the Initiation Fees were down considerably from 1997 (-\$10,920). The Non-Member Rental income was off by (-\$12,420) from 1997. The net result of Entertainment income and expenses was a great improvement, going from (-\$10,510) to (-\$1,030). Great job Cindy and the various Entertainment Committees. The Director's Ball continues to cost about \$10,000. Increased activity at the Pool, plus Carol Faulkner's Flea Market sale of used equipment yielded increased revenue in the Pool area. The Net income from the Kid's Camp and Dinner of the Month, have turned the YED to positive figures. Congratulations to Jack Murray, Jane Jackson, and the Kid's Camp Director and all the DOM committees for a great job in 1998.

The total amount of P&G stock that the Lyceum owned on 12/31/98 was 24,090 shares with a value of \$2,199,718 vs \$1,975,883 on 12/31/97. (+\$223,835).

Respectfully submitted by,  
W. D. Shardelow, Treasurer

**OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

	1997	1998	Budget 1998
Wages/P.R. Tax/Fringe Benefits	70,570	78,260	76,420
Fed. Tax/Real Estate Tax	32,820	22,700	33,800
Insurance	6,480	4,170	6,000
Utilities	27,020	28,290	28,750
Admin Cost/Misc. Exp.	8,460	13,510	17,160
House & Grounds	43,410	44,910	30,000
Pool	25,710	27,010	27,000
Sports	<u>17,120</u>	<u>19,930</u>	<u>12,550</u>
Total	<b>231,590</b>	<b>238,780</b>	<b>231,680</b>

**OPERATING EXPENSES** - The employee-related expenses increased approximately \$7,700, because of the increased use of the Caretaker for some maintenance projects, the use of part-time personnel for tennis court/general maintenance and modest salary increases for staff personnel. Our Federal taxes were down because of a tax refund, but the Property Taxes are up 33% (+\$5,470). The Administrative costs were up in 1998, due to the Legal Consultant fees and additional printing costs. The expenses for House and Grounds were up 5%, the Pool up 5%, and Sports up 16%. These increases were due to break downs of equipment and the necessary repair plus repairs to the physical structures, such as the garage.

The Capital Projects will be covered by Randy Parks.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

This is the sixth year of the undersigned's Board tenure, this last year as Secretary.

The two best phrases contained in the Minutes and Notes to Minutes this year were:

Joe Green:

"emotional capital" – the investment that committee chairmen, volunteers, Board members and especially Presidents (and past Presidents, Board members, etc.) of the Lyceum have in the Lyceum enterprise.

Jack Murray:

"agony of debating" -- (12 times each year – i.e. at virtually every Board meeting) whether to raise dues or sell Procter in an effort to cover the budgeted expenses. This debate causes a "penny-pinching" mentality which precludes, in many cases, presentation of the best service to the Members. This term – agony of debating -- also relates this year to the time-study of Non-Member Rentals vs. Member Rentals to determine the actual cost of same. Jack had some ideas for doing away with this "agony."

### Membership Report

The Table below summarizes the changes in the various classes of membership during 1998. This year we have an increase of five for the Senior Member category, the one that produces the most revenues. As Scott Brinker stated in last years Annual Report, "we clearly have outstanding facilities and superb programs that can easily support a significant increase in participation." He computed that we should enlist 15 to 20 new families annually just to maintain the current level of membership and dues in light of resignations, transfers, deaths, etc.

## Membership Summary

As of January 1, 1998 and December 31st the Lyceum had the following number of members:

Senior	Sub Senior	Retired	Honorary	Junior	Sub Junior	Minor	Out Of Town	Student	Total
283	1	62	41	52	45	105	29	3	621
288	1	58	47	61	38	102	30	3	628

It is with great sadness that we note the death of two long-time members during 1998:

**Patsy Cockerill**  
**Margaret Osmanski**

### NEW MEMBERS:

New Members Joining in 1998 are as follows:

Marcia and Allen Bowen

Adult Daughter: Emily

Janellen and Robert Frantz

Children: Haessly and Eric

Sally Hall

Children: Clarke, Cartwright III and Hannah.

Kathleen Kissing

Albert and Dr. Gail Slap

Children: Matthew, Andrew and Marina.

Myrna and Gary Stuart

Valerie and Randall Stolt

Susan and Bob Swaine Jr

Children: Kelly Ann and Samantha

Adrienne and Josh Trumpy

Sally Trumpy

Wendy and Joseph Voss

Jean Weber

Respectfully submitted by:  
Bruce Abel, Secretary

## AUDIT, BY-LAWS AND CALENDAR

The contents of the Safety Deposit Box were audited during 1998. The contents were found to be in order.

The club's investments are as follows:

Procter & Gamble stock – 24,090 shares

The stock is located as follows:

Safety Deposit Box – 300 shares;

Procter & Gamble – 6,970 shares;

Fifth Third Bank– 16,820 shares.

No stock was sold during 1999.

The By-Laws were not amended during 1998. Copies of the By-Laws were distributed to all members during 1998.

This year concludes my fifth year as a Board member. It has been an honor to serve the membership during this time. Thanks for your support.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joseph C. Hubbard, Chair: Audit, By-Laws and Calendar

## ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

We had a small group of members that enjoyed all the parties...each and every one  
They would like you to join them in 1999 and have a lot of fun.

Our Spring Dance this year was disco-70's style  
We had not seen some of those outfits in quite a while!

David Powell was a hit in his disco suit  
You had to be there to see it...it was a real hoot!

Afros and polyester did abound  
We discovered many talented singers? As the microphone was passed around?!

The Memorial Day picnic was a traditional one  
We had a lot of rain, we had a little sun.

The pool opened that day and was open throughout the summer  
When it closed on Labor Day...It was really a bummer

The Margarita Party was enjoyed by a few  
Next year in '99 we hope to have a bigger crew.

July 4<sup>th</sup> brought tennis and Doc and Ed's cuisine  
Ed is the master of barbecue...He's the best I have ever seen!

The fireworks were a hit...There were so many hues  
We want to really give thanks to Bill Carruthers and his crew.

They went all out for us...They gave it their all  
Unfortunately, I did not see them...Chase got scared and started to bawl.



We were joined in the Sun Room by other kids, Mas and  
Pas  
But we could tell we were missing the show by all the oohs  
and aaahs!

Labor Day was catered by one of our talented  
members—Linda D'amato  
She made some fantastic foods with basil and tomatoes.

Everyone enjoyed the dessert which was sno cones  
But the stains on the kid's clothes must have made some  
parents moan!  
Sorry!

New Year's Eve was a cold one I am sorry to say  
The heater decided to stop working that day.

Chameleon was the band...They played all types of songs  
They played Jazz, Swing, Etc., all night long.

We continued to be pleased by the Glendale Gaslight Café  
Jim and Kim Garrison were helpful in every way.

They provided dinner, champagne and wine  
And on fabulous food we did dine!

I want to thank the committee, the fortune tellers worked  
through the night  
They told everyone their future...What was in sight.

New Year's 1999 will be a big todo  
If you'd like to be on the committee, we would love to have  
you!

The reservations for the bash have started to come in...We  
already have eight  
Get your reservations in early...Don't hesitate too long...Sign  
up yourself and your mate!

I'd also like to thank Audrey, Judy and Jane  
They make everything so easy...They keep me sane!

Respectively submitted by:  
Cynthia Halbauer Taylor, Chair: Entertainment

## HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

1. Arranged for mulching, lawn care, trimming, leaf and snow removal.
2. Removed metal jungle gym.
3. Cleaned up brush around squash hut.
4. Arranged for routine HVAC maintenance and cleaning.
5. Installed past presidents' plaque.
6. Arranged for various inspections—kitchen, back flow preventer, boiler and fire extinguishers.
7. Installed new carpet in women's rest room.
8. Reconstructed and re-roofed garage.
9. Replaced support posts and roof on the summer house shelter.
10. Replaced windows on the west side of the Ballroom.
11. Tuck pointed brick on the main building.
12. Repaired cracked sidewalks to the terrace and basement on the north side of the main building.
13. Installed back flow preventers on all incoming water lines.
14. Installed drainage lines and catch basins throughout the property.

### PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 1999

1. Install door closures on front doors to the main building and on doors to the terrace from the Sun Room.
2. Seal brick on the main building.
3. Build a deck for the baby pool area.
4. Replace the dishwasher in the kitchen with a larger unit.
5. Landscaping—grade and seed over new drain pipes.
6. Connect the concrete sidewalk from the summer house to the pool.
7. New playground equipment.
8. Ballroom sound-proofing study/possible

implementation.

9. Purchase a new copier and a new computer for the office.

This report is my last official duty as a member of the Board of Directors. After serving for three years as Director of House and Grounds, I am relieved to be free of the many responsibilities associated with the position, but at the same time, to fellow members, Judy Hummer, Jane Jackson and especially fellow board members, "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES". I am glad for the opportunity to have worked together and to strengthen friendships.

### FUTURE PLANS

1. New paddle tennis wire screens.
2. Major blacktop repair/resurfacing.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Randy Parks, Chair: House and Grounds

## POOL REPORT

I assumed the role of Pool Chairwoman last year from the able Mr. Abel, who had run the pool competently for the past three years. Under the direction and management skills of Jane Jackson, we had another fun time in the summertime.

I now have the nickname "garage sale queen", because we were able to sell old pool equipment and purchase a pool basketball game for the younger generation and some floating chairs for the over 21 crowd, as well as some new umbrellas for relief from the sun.

The most exciting news was the organization of the Lyceum Swim Team. We had approximately 24 swimmers and all of the children made good progress and presented an impressive showing at the swim meets we swam over at Evendale Community Pool. Our coaches were Dave Bergan and Sara Pokrin, two of our new lifeguards. They did a great job and the children responded well. Next year we plan on expanding our "Exhibition Team" and joining a league. This means we will be hosting swim meets at our pool. Be sure to watch for news of the developing plans.

I would like to thank our lifeguards, who once again did a very good job of running swim clinics, coaching the swim team, running the pool and keeping an eye out for any problems. The guards were:

J.D. Warden, Cincinnati State Technical College  
Crystal McWhorter, University of Tennessee  
Kyle Schlewinsky, Cincinnati State Technical College  
Dave Bergan, Senior, Princeton High School  
Sara Pokrin, Junior, Princeton High School

The baby pool was resurfaced at no cost in October, so it will be excellent condition this coming summer. The drainage around the pool was corrected and should result in a

much improved landscape. Plans for this spring include draining and acid washing the large pool.

An area that could use some improvement were the social functions planned for the pool. A number of events were planned but attendance was sparse. Jane or I welcome suggestions from the membership on possible events and if anyone is willing to help plan a function we would love your assistance.

I look forward to serving as the Pool Chairwoman again this year. Many thanks for all the assistance from Jane Jackson, Judy Hummer, Bruce Kern and my fellow Directors in helping me get my feet "wet" in my first year on the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Carol Faulkner, Chair: Pool

## SPORTS REPORT

For some reason, the American cultural fascination with sports seems largely to be expressed and savored in terms of numbers, or as popularly spoken, "stats". Scores, batting averages, salaries, yards gained, and on and on, all get reported in numbers and are so discussed, compared and devoured by a seemingly insatiable public.

Here at the Lyceum, we also think of numbers, and yes, winning and scores are important. However, the really telling figures concern participation and activity, and on this basis, I think we had a pretty good year.

There were 3 tournaments:

- Paddle Tennis Club Championships
- Tennis Club Championships
- Senior Men's Invitational (a sanctioned tournament)

As a measure of participation, we awarded 52 trophies at the Tennis Club Championships.

We fielded 6 league paddle tennis teams.

There were 2 junior tennis teams.

I'd like to see more informal tennis play after July 4<sup>th</sup>, but the level of informal paddle tennis play seems to be as high as it has ever been.

We had a few equipment problems, but the general condition of the tennis courts last summer was quite satisfactory. This year, we plan to improve the sprinkler system for more even water distribution and to bring the all-weather courts back to the original condition.

You may remember that heaters were purchased for the

paddle tennis courts last year through donations from a group of interested players. We have gone through an exciting learning curve with electrical and other problems, but they really "saved the day" during the deep freeze this month. Without them, our league play and the matches scheduled here for the Midwestern Championships would not have gone forward. They don't remove the ice and snow by themselves as some people thought, but they do make it possible to remove them. We wish to express, again, our thanks to those members who funded this welcome asset.

Finally, I would like to express thanks to Andy Todd, Allen Dohan, Don Houpt, and Ed Hartwig for their time and good efforts in running the various tournaments.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joe Green, Chair: Sports

## **YOUTH, EDUCATION AND DRAMA REPORT**

Diane Todd challenged the digestive capabilities of attendees with offerings ranging from hot dogs to haggis while presenting entertainment that made it all very palatable. Cocktails were with Mimi and Jackie Knapp whetted everyone's appetite for more. No pictures of attendees at Kid's Camp showed up on milk cartons so that operation was considered successful once again. Breakfast with Santa and the Easter Egg Hunt showed Bob Bidwell and Steve Geary at their professional best as the Guy with the Whiskers and the Rabbit.

Further education of the membership consisted of cooking classes by the D'amatos and bridge classes as rehabilitation therapy for frustrated gin rummy players. Nancy Green proved to be an able talent scout and director showcasing future Lyceum stars.

Many thanks to all of you for pitching in so willingly to make it a happy and fun-filled year. Special thanks to Judy Hummer and Jane Jackson for making it all possible.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jack Murray, Chair: Youth, Education and Drama

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A happy and healthy 1999

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