



**THE GLENDALE LYCEUM**  
ANNUAL REPORT 2020

## **Board of Directors 2020**

President – Paige Gramaglia

ABC, Secretary & Marketing – Bill Skyllingstad

Membership & Youth – Holley Tenhundfeld

Education and Drama – Susan Swaine

Entertainment – Heather Geary

House and Grounds – Carty Hall

Pool – Joan Verchot

Sports – Scott Vaaler

Treasurer – Cordelia Edmiston

**The Glendale Lyceum**  
137th Annual Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2020

President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. General Manager Nina Parr and Venue Coordinator Devon Bitzer Davis were present as well as Directors Bill Skyllingstad, Allisha Curtis, Susan Swaine, Cordelia Edmiston, Paige Gramaglia, Carty Hall, Heater Geary, and Scott Vaaler.

**Minutes Approval**

Member Randy Green made a motion to waive the reading of the 2018 minutes. Motion was approved.

**Director reports**

Each director delivered his or her report regarding their area of responsibility. Written reports were distributed to the membership via email and additional copies were available at the meeting. These reports are also accessible on the Lyceum Google Drive.

**Election Results**

The tellers tabulated the votes and delivered the results to the President, who announced the results. The newly elected Board members are Holly Tenhundfeld, Joan Verchot and Scott Vaaler, who volunteered for another term.

**Selection of the President**

Paige Gramaglia was selected President by the Board of Directors.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

## **President's Report**

2020 started out as a typical year for the Lyceum Board with our first meeting to establish the annual budget with all the projects and ideas collected from our membership, staff, and board members. There were high expectations for a busy and productive year ahead. In January and February, we delivered four amazing events. The Dinner Club took us south of the border to an Argentinian Steakhouse and then a glamorous Night at the Oscars. We also had a spirited evening at the Super Bowl Party followed later by a romantic Valentine's Dinner. Then in March, everything went sideways when the pandemic hit. We faced new challenges and concerns about how to operate in a restrictive environment. COVID required us to quickly pivot and modify our expectations. Suddenly, concerns about membership retention, the impact to wedding & rental income, and how to hold events in a manner compliant with the ever-changing Governor's mandates turned this year into anything but typical. I am so proud of our Lyceum community for answering the call to persevere, adapt and support the difficult decisions that were required throughout the year. The key to success in this unprecedented environment was to leverage the creativity of our members and staff to move events outdoors to exploit the opportunities to gather safely on the grounds and courts.

Without stealing the thunder from the Directors' report attached, I will share a few highlights of new events and business adjustments that were executed to combat the impact from COVID.

**ABC, Secretary and Marketing:** Director Bill Skyllingstad instituted policy changes to have standards that were simplified and could be consistently applied such as

- Revised Wedding Pricing
- Created an Employee Handbook
- Redefined Criteria for Member Pricing for Rentals

**Membership & Youth:** Director Holly Tenhundfeld in her first year on the board brought in 3 new families and modified some of the traditional events so our younger members could enjoy time at the Lyceum

- Easter Drive Around Event – Easter Bunny greeting children in the community
- Extended Kid's Camp
- Holiday Drive Thru Event – Santa and his Top Elf

**Education & Drama:** Director Susan Swaine worked alongside members Laurie Burnham and Judy Skyllingstad to deliver delicious dinner club experiences and utilized Zoom technology to keep the book club going.

- Three Dinner Club Events
- Leveraged Zoom for Lyceum Book Club

**Entertainment:** Director Heather Geary pulled together volunteer committees that were determined to develop new ways to hold member activities to stay connected to each other.

- Drive Thru Events – Mother’s Day and Memorial Day Holiday
- Movies on the Lawn – Hamilton and North by Northwest
- TGIF & Entertainment – Food Truck Dinner and Starlight Soiree
- Women’s Water Aerobics

**House & Grounds:** Director Carty Hall was an integral part of keeping the building and grounds safe and looking good throughout the year. He ensured that the mechanical systems were functioning properly to prevent any disruption to our member events or rental activities.

- Multipurpose room repair – fixed leak in the roof
- Built Sneeze guards for wedding events

**Pool:** Director Joan Verchot worked diligently with SwimSafe to get the pool open & operating in compliance with Covid requirements.

- Many comments were made that the pool looked better than it had in years
- Despite the pandemic, all pool events happened as scheduled

**Sports:** Director Scott Vaaler played a key role of providing both competitive and social racquet activities this year. He was the leader in getting the pickle ball courts funded and built starting in 2019 and seeing that the courts were ready for play this year.

- Revived Tennis Program
- Completed Pickleball Project – many members enjoyed learning and playing pickleball.

**Treasurer:** Director Cordelia Edmiston closely monitored cashflow and expenses. In addition, she worked with General Manager Nina Parr to improve our accounting and financial processes.

- Established an Investment Committee
- Received the Payroll Protection Plan
- Transitioned to QuickBooks Online with Credit Card Payment Capability
- Accounting Improvements for Revenue & Expense Recognition

Overall, we delivered a strong performance and were vigilant with safety protocols as well as being good stewards of the financial and physical assets of the Lyceum in the face of the unexpected circumstances presented by the pandemic.

More details will be found in the directors’ reports attached.

In closing this report, I would like to give special recognition to the accomplishments of a few members that went above and beyond this past year.

## **Outgoing Board Member Contributions**

- Cordelia Edmiston – Served two years as Pool & Youth Director and one year as Treasurer. She made significant contributions in these roles by connecting us with SwimSafe, overseeing the Kids Camp, negotiating options with Hamilton County to try to keep the diving board and exhibited strong stewardship over the budget and investment decisions during a challenging pandemic. Her business acumen helped us to control expenses to claw back the income deficit from previous years. It was a pleasure working with her and we are grateful for the positive impact she made on the Lyceum.
- Carty Hall – Served three years as House & Grounds Director. We could not have been more blessed to have his many talents when it came to managing the myriad of issues that occur with the facilities and pool. Carty has an incredible knowledge and talent for solving critical problems while keeping the expenses low. He has helped with some of the dirtiest of tasks (sump pump overflow), constructing picnic tables, fixing water damage to the ceiling of the multi-purpose building, sneeze guards for the weddings and so many other things that I do not have space to mention. He has a willingness to come and help at a moment notice. He leaves big shoes to fill as he wraps up his time on the board. We were thankful to have him helping us over the past three years.

## **Special Recognition**

- Bob & Candi Caress – Sharing a substantial number of hours to prepare and maintain the tennis courts when Rob was unavailable. The courts looked the best they have in years. Their hard work helped to reinvigorate the tennis program.
- Sally Hall – Giving countless hours of her time to ensure the Lyceum was ready for opening day. She cleaned the children's play equipment, trimmed bushes, mulched a safe pathway from the pavilion to the play equipment, seeded grass areas that were burnt out and many other critical tasks.
- Larry & Hildy Bonhaus, Jim & Sue Worachek, Steve & Heather Geary, and Bill & Judy Skyllingstad – For selflessly giving your time and talents volunteering to be on the committees for a record eight TGIF/Entertainment events.
- Jim Worachek and Mark Godbey – Volunteering to be the Nominating Committee for the incoming board slate.
- Mike & Laurie Burnham and Joe & Linda Moravec – Volunteering to be the Tellers for The Annual Meeting.
- Mike Gramaglia – For his support and willingness to help with anything I asked of him.
- Jeff Babiak, Scott Cengia & Mark Reder – For their guidance on the Investment Committee

- Will Sawyer – For donating the handwashing station
- The Lyceum Staff – For their ability to adapt to the various changes brought on by the pandemic and their professionalism in working with our members.

As I have said before, I feel truly blessed to be a part of the Lyceum community and it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the membership over the past three years. Thank you for your trust and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paige Gramaglia  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **ABC, Secretary, and Marketing Annual Report**

In addition to the traditional “ABC” responsibilities, the following items were also performed:

- Maintain the “shares” on the Lyceum Google Drive by adding new board members and removing access to former board members.
- Memorial services for Lyceum members: The board passed a motion that Lyceum members will not be charged a rental fee for use of the Lyceum for a family member memorial service.
- In light of the Covid 19 Pandemic and restrictions on the number of people allowed to congregate, the board passed a motion to change the voting for new Lyceum Board members from only a paper ballot system to both the paper ballot and an electronic version thru the Lyceum’s Constant Contact email system. In addition, the Lyceum Annual Meeting will be virtual; the normal presentation by the board will be prerecorded and offered on the Lyceum website and thru a link emailed to Lyceum Members. The video will be available before the annual meeting. The actual meeting will be a question-and-answer Zoom webinar with all of the Board members attending.

### **Audits**

On December 29, 2020, General Manager Nina Parr and Secretary Bill Skillingstad conducted an audit of the safe, located in the office closet and found all items listed in the inventory sheet.

An audit of the 2020 Board meeting minutes, Board Director monthly reports and other supporting documents was conducted by Director Skillingstad on December 30, 2020, and all documents were present and accounted for. Copies of all of these were added to the flash drive in the Lyceum Safe.

An audit of the Lyceum Website was performed to ensure that all of the web pages agree with existing and revised Lyceum documents. The board passed a motion to change the definition of “family” that was shown in the Members section under the subtitle “Rental Information”. The following “A member of the family includes parents, children, grandchildren, siblings, as well as nephews and nieces.” has been changed to “A member of the family includes grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren.”

### **By Laws**

The BY LAWS were revised to remove the “traditional” membership process and use the “fast track” process as the new standard. After the “Fast Track” method was added, the traditional process became obsolete. Also, the reference to the “STANDING RULES” for lyceum dues and fees was removed and replaced by a new document, Lyceum Dues and Fees. The Membership Application was also revised and updated to agree with the BY LAWS.

### **Contracts**

Director Skillingstad, along with GM Parr and EC Davis prepared changes to the member and non-member rental pricing sheets. EC Davis changed the wording and style of the



Non-Member Wedding pricing sheet. We are competing with country clubs that offer an “all for one” pricing structure. Our previous pricing was “a la carte” where you start with a base price and add options. The other area addressed is the service charges for Lyceum employees during events, primarily weddings. GM Parr outlined 3 different scenarios of employee attendance which is dependent on the type of event, its length, and the number of guests in attendance. Rather than bill the client for these separately, they will now be incorporated into the cost of the event. The board passed a motion approving the new pricing. 2 new nonmember wedding rental pricing contracts were also approved by the board. The first is in response to the Covid 19 restrictions and is considered a “micro” wedding rental. These are restricted to no more than 50 attendees. The second is “off season wedding” rental pricing which covers the months of January thru March. Research showed that very few rentals occur during these months and the lower pricing may help in increasing our income.

**NUMBER OF RENTALS**

Member Rentals	2020
Ballroom Social / Wedding*	1
Ballroom Business / Non-Profit	2
Glendale Non-Profit **	5
Ancillary	14

Non-Member Rentals	2020
Ballroom Wedding	8
Ballroom Business	0
Ballroom Non-Profit	0
Ancillary	2

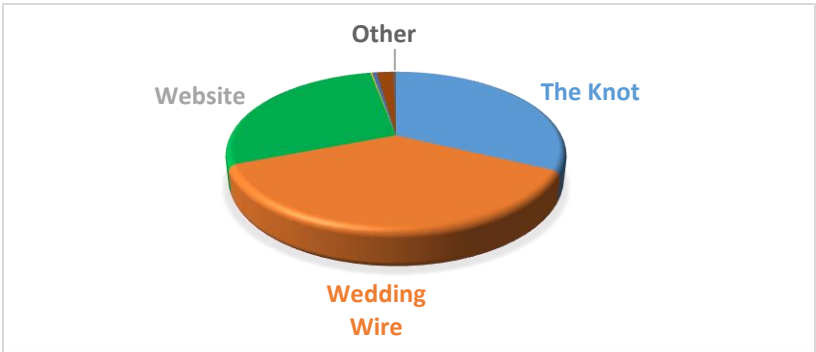
\*- outdoor wedding

\*\* - Monday Class, Garden Club

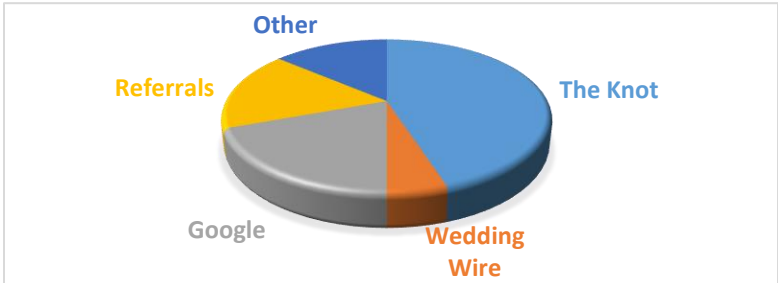
**Marketing**

EC Davis monitors our websites and wedding website that we advertise on. Below are the metrics for the year.

Source	% of Leads	# of Leads
The Knot	31.78%	184
Wedding Wire	36.61%	212
Website	28.67%	160
Referrals	0.0%	1
Wedding-Spot	0.52%	3
Eventective	0.0%	0
Walk- Ins	0.0%	0
Phone	1.9%	11
Other	0.3%	2



Source	% of Leads	# of Leads
The Knot	48.3%	72
Wedding Wire	4.8%	8
Google	18.7%	31
Referrals	16.3%	27
Other	13.3%	22



## Social Media

### Facebook – Weddings at the Glendale Lyceum

Page Stats & Demographics- **We have reached a 5 Star Rating!**



**Weddings at the Glendale Lyceum**

Contact Us

- Publish
- Photo
- Promote
- View As

**5** 5 out of 5 • Wedding Planning Service • Glendale, OH

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#### Top Locations

People who like your Page are in these locations. These numbers are estimates.

Cities	Countries
Cincinnati, OH	615
West Chester, OH	51
Hamilton, OH	27
Glendale, OH	18
Lebanon, OH	15
Mason, OH	15
Monroe, OH	14
Columbus, OH	13
Fairfield, OH	12
Louisville, KY	11

**1,181**  
Total Page Likes  
Lifetime

**▲5**  
New Page Likes  
Last 28 days

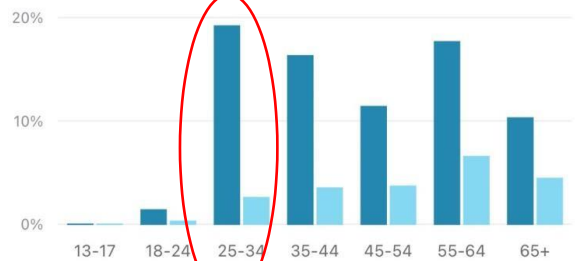


Monica Fey Mazzone, Abby Scalf and 1.2K other people like your Page

#### Age and Gender

People who like your Page are in these age and gender groups. These numbers are estimates.

**909 (77%) Women**    **258 (22%) Men**



#### Top Locations

People who like your Page are in these locations. These numbers are estimates.

Cities	Countries
United States of America	1.2K
Spain	3
Germany	2
Brazil	1
Norway	1
Sweden	1
Finland	1
Philippines	1
Nigeria	1
Italy	1

## Top Performing Posts of 2020

- You can reach more Facebook Users by using more #hashtags
- #Hashtags can be searched for.
- Engagements mean that the post has been viewed, liked, or commented on

 **Weddings at the Glendale Lyceum is at Weddings at the Glendale Lyceum.**  
 Posted by IG Glendale Lyceum  
 Dec 2 · Glendale, OH · 🌐


Have you been dreaming of a Winter Wedding??? Well we have some great news for you..... we now offer Off-Season Pricing for those couples looking to get married in January-March! Contact us today for pricing info!

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[#realglendalelyceumweddings](#)  
[#realglendalelyceumcouples](#) [#historicalweddingvenue](#)  
[#cincinnatiweddingvenue](#) [#offseasonwedding](#)  
[#offseasonpricing](#) [#winterwedding](#)



**Post Insights**



**Have you been dreaming of a Winter Wedding??? Well we have some great...**  
 December 2 at 4:11 PM  
 Posted by IG Glendale Lyceum

[VIEW POST >](#)

**172**  
People Reached

**12**  
Engagements

**Engagement**

👍 Reactions	👍 3 >
💬 Comments	0
➦ Shares	0
📷 Photo Views	4
👁️ Other Clicks	5

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It's the little details for us

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**Post Insights**



**It's the little details for us**  
 December 9 at 4:37 PM  
 Posted by IG Glendale Lyceum

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**105**  
People Reached

**9**  
Engagements

**Engagement**

👍 Reactions	👍❤️ 4 >
💬 Comments	0
➦ Shares	0
📷 Photo Views	4
👁️ Other Clicks	1

# Instagram - Glendale Lyceum Weddings

Gained 169 new Followers



502 Posts   763 Followers   325 Following

763 followers

+1.1% vs Oct 29 - Nov 27

## Weddings @ The Glendale Lyceum

Performance & Event Venue  
Historic & Charming Cincinnati Wedding Venue  
Devon@glendalelyceum.com  
Virtual Tour- <http://glendalelyceum.com/wp-content/uploads/Lyceum091616.mp4>  
[cincymagazine.secondstreetapp.com/2021-ohio-wedding-venue/](http://cincymagazine.secondstreetapp.com/2021-ohio-wedding-venue/)  
865 Congress Ave, Glendale, Ohio

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Couples



Weddings



New



## Growth

Overall	9
Follows	13
Unfollows	4



## Top Locations

Cities Countries

Cincinnati	50.4%
West Chester Township, Butler County	3.5%
Columbus	2.6%
Dayton	1.8%

## Top Posts and New Content from 2020

glendalelyceumweddings



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Liked by arynmeyer and others

glendalelyceumweddings We will never tire of a good "First Look" photo ... more

August 3

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Weddings at the Glendale Lyceum



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Liked by tamraber0903 and others


glendalelyceumweddings LOVE & HUGS to our April and May 2020 Couples for being so flexible about rescheduling their wedding dates! We have the... more

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chefschoicecatering Beautiful photos, and beautiful sentiment too. We can't wait to be back with you making magical wedding memories.

## #Pinspo (Wedding Inspiration from Pinterest)

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Liked by glendaleohioflorist and others

glendalelyceumweddings Can Wedding Cake Wednesday be a thing?!?!?! Because we cannot wait to see what's in

glendalelyceumweddings



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Liked by arynmeyer and others

glendalelyceumweddings So anxious to see what our 2020 Brides do with all this beautiful Pampas Grass!!! ...

# #GlendaleLyceumBabies

Babies born to our couples in 2020



# #VendorSpotlight - Showcase Local Vendors Used by The Lyceum



Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Skyllingstad, Director ABC, Secretary and Marketing  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Membership and Youth

### Annual Report

#### Membership

As my first year as Membership Director, it was not only challenging in learning the ins and outs of my new role; it was even more challenging trying to meet and get to know many of you. During the very few events I was able to attend, social distancing and masking wearing made it even more difficult. Please know I am looking forward to 2021 for the aspect of connecting with many more of you. Below you will find the updated table of our current memberships.

#### Yearly Changes in Membership by Classification

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Senior	191	191	179	184	163	154
Junior	90		91	90	88	85
Child (under 6)	17		7	7	7	3
Retired	61	56	48	47	53	48
Honorary	63	51	57	57	44	50
Out of Town	6	5	0	0	3	2
Full Members	432	401	381	387	358	342
Racquet Members	40	48	50	50	54	65
Total	472	449	431	437	412	407

#### Changes in Membership Classification in 2020

Honorary	Retired	New Members	Reinstated
Mike Fasoldt	Allen Brown	Jarrod & Emily Breeze	Greg & Victoria Woeste
Snowden Armstrong	Joe & Linda Moravec	Nate & Alicia Peterson	
Bruce Abel	Larry Bonhaus	Andrea Stefano & Melissa DeGiorgi	
	Mike & Kelly Jansen		
	Jim Worachek		

## **Prospective Members in 2021**

John and Nina Creech  
John and Karley Bunch  
Jackie Brown  
Brian Kiser  
Thane Maynard

## **2020 Resignations**

Name	Count
Vance & Sue Brand	2
Allen & Maria Bowen	2
Dave & Diane Agricola	2
Matt & Brianna Baker	2
Sandi & Will Baker	2
Stu & Pat Clipson	2
Mary Gregory	1
Jim & Jo Ann O'Brien	2
Erik & Jenna Simonson	5
Pete & Kristin Stackpole	4
Packey & Gina Velleca	2
Total	26

It is with a heavy heart that we had to say goodbye to our family, friends, and lifelong members. They will be forever missed.

Sylvia Allen  
Barbara Dalton  
Ruth O'Dell  
Bridget Fasoldt

## **New Racquet Only Members**

18 New Members

New Members (A-M)	New Members (M-Z)
Dara Abel	Lisa McLaughlin
Logan Coker	Amy Middleton
Carey Curran	Randy Rich
Kelley Fitzpatrick	Harrison Rogers
Patti Horne	Ela Shapiro
Kristin Klebenow	Steve Watts
Cathy Koenig	Sandy Weisser
Tom Koenig	Christine Weyman
Monica Mazzone	Sue Zenni



## **Non-returning Racquet Members**

7 Non-returning Members

Bob Spencer

Bev Gates

Gina Johnson

Barb Rogers

Mary Herrmann

Carol Robbins

John Van Lokeren

\*\*Overall, Racquet Only Membership increased 27% over the prior year.

## **Youth**

### **Easter Bunny Breakfast**

Our Lovely Easter Bunny Breakfast was cancelled due to Covid 19. With the help of one of our dedicated Lyceum members, The Doeger Family, the Easter Bunny was able to make an appearance. Social distancing and waving from inside, the children were able to spot him in the window and wave.

### **Kids Camp**

With most area schools being closed in early March it put a huge strain on our youth. Three months of little to no contact with friends and extracurricular activities made the summer look a bit daunting. Rebecca Flanagan, who came highly recommended to us from Lyceum member Christie Sawyer, took on the role of this year's camp counselor. Along with Rob Caress, Nina Parr, and myself we were able to pull together and have 7 weeks of Kids Camp. Kids enjoyed games, crafts, experiments, swimming, tennis, and an introduction to pickleball. We were thrilled to have a few new faces at camp this year, which lead to our three new family members for 2020.

### **Santa Drive-Thru**

Lastly, Santa (Randy Green) and his sweet Elf (Marty Visscher) were able to wave and hand out goodie bags through a socially distant drive thru. Along with Christie Sawyer, Nina Parr, Thatcher Tenhundfeld and myself, the families were able to enjoy a beverage of coffee or hot chocolate and delicious donuts. The children dropped off letters to Santa and shared some of the items on their wish lists.

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Tenhundfeld, Director of Membership & Youth  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Education and Drama**

### Annual Report

Although less busy than previous years, Education and Drama had its own success stories.

### **Dinner Club**

- Our Dinner Club had started with a trip back in time in September of 2019 with a fiftieth anniversary celebration of Woodstock.
- Our first meeting in 2020 was on 12 January, where we were delighted by a trip to Argentina. Our hosts were Randy and Nancy Green, Joe and Linda Moravec, Connie Pridemore and Jamie Redden, Jody Skowronek and Robert Dick, and John and Anne Viall.
- The Dinner Club journey then took us to the Academy Awards on the 23d of February. Hosts that night were Tom and Franca Burton, Steve and Anne Foster, Kevin and Lori Malloy, Mark and Karen Reder, and Bill and Judy Skyllingstad. We were indeed treated to a "red carpet" evening.
- The next dinner was to take place in April, so of course we had to cancel. The hosts that were scheduled for April (Jeff and Jenni Babiak, Mike and Laurie Burnham, John and Annette Bloomstrom, Steve and Heather Geary, and Jim and Sue Worachek) did not give up hope of trying to gather once again. In September sixteen members gathered on the patio to again share a meal. Things looked a little different this time in that we were social distanced, wore masks, and all brought our own food and drinks. It was a wonderful evening, especially considering the isolation felt by many in the previous months. The evening ended with a delicious dessert made by Laurie Burnham. Laurie not only organizes the Dinner Club each year, but also shares her culinary talents with us!

It is important to note that Dinner Club is a lot of fun, little pressure in terms of expected culinary skills, and a wonderful chance to gather with friends.

### **Book Club**

Book Club would also be considered a success story. We met in December 2019 and formulated a list of books for the coming year. January through March we met in the library, but by April moved our discussions to the Pavilion. As long as the weather held up the Pavilion proved to be a great space. Our last few books of the year were discussed in a virtual setting thanks to the efforts of Anne Foster. The change in venue did not affect attendance at our meetings. In fact, our numbers grew as the year went on! Many thanks to Judy Skyllingstad for her continued efforts in keeping the Book Club such an enjoyable experience. We read many different kinds of books, some of which we might not pick up on our own. Below is the list of books that were read in 2020. In addition, we have had several authors join our discussions via the internet.

## Glendale Lyceum Book Club 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Discussion Leader</b>
January 8	Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Hildy Bonhaus & Susan Swaine
February 5	The Day the World Came to Town	Jim DeFede	Jenni Babiak & Angie Larimer
March 4	The Moment of Lift	Melinda Gates	Pat Becker & Lynn Murray
April 1	Where The Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens	Linda D'Amato & Judy Skyllingstad
May 6	My Dear Hamilton	Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie	Anne Foster & Laurie Burnham
June 3	Ireland: The Novel	Frank Delaney	Eunie Abel & Alene Rice
July 1	The Family Upstairs	Lisa Jewell	Jenni Babiak & Jennifer Keelor
August 5	The Nine	Jeanne McWilliams Blasberg	Anne Foster & Hildy Bonhaus
September 2	The Lost Girls of Paris	Pam Jenoff	Pat Becker & Anne Foster
October 7	Georgia	Dawn Tripp	Candi Caress & Maria Denny
November 4	The Dutch House	Ann Patchett	Susan Armstrong & Angie Larimer
December 2	Planning Meeting	2021 Book Selections	All bring either appetizer, wine, or dessert

## Glendale Lyceum Book Club 2021

Date	Book	Author	Discussion Leaders
January 6	American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins	Lynn Murray & Laurie Burnham
February 3	Little	Edward Carey	Susan Armstrong & Jennifer Keelor
March 3	Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant	Anne Tyler	Judy Skyllingstad & Sue Worachek
April 7	Rules of Civility	Amor Towles	Linda D'amato & Judy Skyllingstad
May 5	The Operator	Gretchen Berg	Maria Denny & Heather Geary
June 2	The Gown	Jennifer Robson	Anne Foster & Hildy Bonhaus.
July 7	Awaken (author invited)	*Ryan Wallace	Jenni B./Anne Foster
August 4	The Rosie Project	Graeme Simsion	Pat Becker & Irina Kegg
September 1	The Indigo Girl	Natasha Boyd	Eunie Abel & Alene Rice
October 6	A Long Way Home (NF-autobiography)	Saroo Brierly	Susan Swaine & Jo Lower
November 3	My Antonia (Classic choice)	Willa Cather	Candi Caress Jennifer Keelor
December 1	Planning Meeting	Book Selections	TBD

### **Location/Format of monthly Book Club meetings**

- January -March- Zoom\* or Ballroom with masks and distancing. \*\*
- April-October-Pavilion, Patio or Ballroom with masks and distancing. \*\*
- November-December-Zoom\* or Ballroom with masks and distancing. \*\*

\*Zoom meetings will be scheduled by one of the monthly co-hosts.

\*\*Based on Ohio/County color status and governor-directives. Hosts will facilitate discussion and provide additional materials (as their choice). Participants will bring their own seating and snack for in-person meetings

### **Dinner of the Month**

Dinner of the Month did not fare as well in 2020. Our first was set to take place the third week in March, but we had to cancel. Our hope was that by fall we could plan to gather in the ballroom. Speakers were set and invitations went out, but we got little response. We did emphasize that social distancing as well as serving people individually would be the format, but people felt that indoor activities were still not comfortable for them. Unfortunately, we were not able to gather for our annual Christmas Caroling, an event that usually caps off the year. We all look forward to better times in the new year!

Respectfully submitted,  
 Susan Swaine, Director of Education & Drama  
 January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Entertainment**

### Annual Report

Lyceum entertainment events bring us together for fun and enjoyment. The pandemic made entertaining a little different this year.

### **Entertainment Events for 2020**

Events	Comments
Summer TGIF's	Nine Summer TGIF's, First TGIF was a Membership Drive
Drive-throughs*	Mother's Day and Memorial Day
Picnics	Fourth of July and Labor Day
Super Bowl Party	
Valentine's Dinner	
Movie Nights*	Two movies on the lawn: Hamilton and North by Northwest
Italian Night*	
Starlight Soiree*	
Chili Fest	Best in Chili was Kathy Pfirrmann
Pickle and Pizza*	

*\*New Events for 2020*

### **Entertainment Events that were modified or canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions for 2020**

Events	Comments
Memorial Day Picnic	Changed to a Drive-through
Volunteer Appreciation Party	Changed to a TGIF Membership Drive
Christmas Tea	Canceled due to COVID-19 Restrictions

Upcoming Events Planned for 2021:

Event	Date
Super Bowl Party	February 7, 2021
Valentine's Dinner	TBD
Volunteer Appreciation Party	TBD

## 2020 Entertainment in Review

- All the events went well though not as well attended as in a more normal year.
- The new oven and kitchen remodel made entertaining more efficient.
- A special thank you to Nina for taking on the organization of the kitchen and keeping staples for TGIF's.  
Also, for creating a Sign-up Genius for event and volunteer sign up.
- All events were altered to conform to COVID requirements. We made a sincere attempt to make accommodations safe for attending but realize and understand it could never be perfect.
- Overall, many entertainment events were enjoyed thanks to the dedication and determination of our volunteers.

A major responsibility of the Entertainment Director is recruiting volunteers. I just cannot say enough to thank all the members who step up and volunteer to form, lead and join committees that provide fun and entertainment for our club. Many of these folks do so over and over. Their hard work, donations, dedication, special skills and attention to detail create and bring about memorable events.

Those who volunteered for Entertainment in 2020

Volunteers Names (A-F)	Volunteer Names (F-T)	Volunteer Names (V-W)
Amongero, Tori & Kevin	Geary, Heather & Steve	Verchot, Joan & Honerlaw, Mike
Armstrong, Susan & Snowden	Godbey, Jan & Mark	Vickers, Lisa
Babiak, Jenni & Jeff	Gramaglia, Mike & Paige	Visscher, Marty & Ron
Bloomstrom, Annette & John	Green, Nancy & Randy	Wesselman, Donna & Jim
Bonhaus, Hildy & Larry	Hall, Sally & Carty	Winterhalter, Andrea & Ralph
Breeze, Emily & Jarrod	Knapp, Glenna	Worachek, Sue & Jim
Breidenstein, Melissa & Tom	Lang, Kim	
Burnham, Laurie & Mike	Lofty, Mary & Don	
Burton, Franca & Thomas	Love, Becky & Dan	
Caress, Candi & Bob	Malloy, Lori & Kevin	
Cengia, Kelly & Scott	Monzel, Jana & Chris	
Curtis, Allison & Chris	Peterson, Alicia & Nate	
D'Amato, Linda & Joe	Pridemore, Pandy	
Denny, Maria & Bob	Redden, Connie	
Doerger, Jen & Craig	Sawyer, Christie & Steve	
Edmiston, Cordelia & John	Schmahl, Jen & Fabian	
Ehlers, Bobbie Jo & Chuck	Smith, Karen & Timm	
Ehlers, Janet & Charlie	Spaulding, Lisa & McConnel, Mike	
Evans, Jen	Swaine, Susan & Bob	
Fehrenbach, Stacy	Taylor, Cindy & Andy	
Foster, Anne & Steve	Tenhundfeld, Holly & John	

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Geary, Entertainment Director  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **House and Grounds**

### Annual Report

#### **2020 Highlights**

While 2020 was a slow year for the Lyceum in general, the House and Grounds still had a fair amount of maintenance issues. Fortunately, no huge repairs were needed, and we were able to get through the year without major expenses.

- David and I took apart and replaced the seat cushions in many of the Lyceum white ballroom chairs.
- Water has been coming in the front of the building by the single-entry door damaging the director photo wall. I applied a masonry sealer on the exterior brick and scraped away all the chipping, peeling paint and plaster on the interior wall. I am in the process of replastering and repainting the wall.
- We had an arborist clean up large branches on the catalpa tree overhanging Congress Ave. They also pruned back the “wedding tree”, hopefully preserving it for years to come.
- During a heavy May storm a gutter overflowed, sending rainwater pouring over the gutter, down the wall and windows. Water got into the building damaging the floor in the tearoom. I repaired it and while at it, renailed many loose floorboards in the sunroom parquet floor.
- As a member of the playground committee, we decided it was time to revitalize. We pulled all the weeds, and a fantastic group of volunteers spent a Saturday morning wheelbarrowing load after load of clean dry mulch from the driveway into the new and improved playground. I also installed the new swings we bought. The playground looked great all summer!
- I scraped and repainted the front double door entryway. Polished the old handle and replaced the brass hinges.
- We discovered that the old library AC is broken beyond repair. We are in the process of gathering estimates for replacement in the spring.

- I built 2 new picnic tables for the new pickle ball area.
- We finally got our paddle hut roof leak repaired! It has been a nagging problem and I am glad it is finally done. Bullock roofing, who did the repair, said that the flashing had been installed backwards and that it has probably been leaking since it was built. I am in the process of repairing the kitchen ceiling where the water had been coming in.
- We have had issues with our parking lot lights. I replaced the timers, and they seem to be working properly again.
- I have begun work on the wall behind the dishwasher. The plaster is crumbling, and the health department has warned us we need to fix it to avoid being cited. My plan is to scrape away old plaster and glue in place a piece of fiber reinforced plastic sheeting.

I have told Nina that while my time on the board is ending, I will continue and finish all the projects that I have started and that I will gladly help the new H and G person in as many ways as I can. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve on this board and work with such a great group of directors and volunteers, all of whom it is my honor to claim as friends. Thank you all so very much.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carty Hall, Director of House & Grounds  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021



# Pool Annual Report

## 2020 Highlights

- We faced many challenges with the Covid-19 public health emergency and the Lyceum pool did not escape them. Our traditional pool opening for Memorial Day weekend was delayed due to Governor DeWine's order, but we fortunately opened early June. Our pool management company SwimSafe was prepared with updated lifeguard training in health and safety precautions, social distancing guidelines, sanitization upgrades, and other cleaning considerations. New pool rules regarding capacity, social spacing, and sanitizing materials were put in place for specific safety compliance in accordance with statewide orders.
- We made the best of the time we had with the pool opening delay to prep and maintain the pool deck and grounds. Pool deck repairs were made as were pool house updates to the screened porch area. Pool furniture was cleaned and power-washed to be ready for pool opening. Fence repairs were made at the baby pool.
- Given the age of our pools, we are always on the lookout for equipment issues. This year we addressed a pump room leak, pool vacuum repair, a baby pool valve leak, root damage to certain pipes, and open pipe issues in the MPB basement.
- SwimSafe was pro-active with advising us on statewide Covid-19 protocols and kept us up-to-speed on pool safety changes. SwimSafe took the initiative with a responsive and detailed plan for safe pool opening and operation and worked with us on how we wanted to implement it. They were always available to address any of our concerns and did so promptly.
- We received member compliments on pool operations, the cleanliness of the pool water, and management of the facilities. Pool attendance numbers were unfortunately down due to Covid-19 concerns but will hopefully be back to typical use by summer 2021.
- Our traditional summer pool events did go forward as usual this season with the exception of Memorial Day opening. The pool was open for TGIFs, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day picnics.
- A new water aerobics class was added to the activities available at the pool. Heather Geary arranged for the aerobics instructor and the classes were well attended.
- Ladies' Day, Kids' Pool Party, Adult Pool Party, and Dog Day were all scheduled and attended this summer. While numbers were down for these events due to Covid, members who did attend had fun and relaxing times socializing with other members and guests and enjoying great food, fellowship, and our beautiful facility. A sincere thank you to all of those committee members who made these traditional events possible under restricted circumstances. We could not be more grateful.

## **Playground Subcommittee**

To upgrade our playground area, a special subcommittee was formed to address needed updates:

- We worked with the landscaping subcommittee to re-mulch the playground area
- New swings were installed on the swing set
- The cement turtle and “cheese” were power-washed and painted
- Playground bench was re-fitted with new wooden seat support

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan M. Verchot, Pool Director  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Sports**

### Annual Meeting

This year was an exceptional year for sports at the Lyceum. Following the initial Covid lockdown, Lyceum Sports became a very popular way to enjoy outdoor activities. Protocols were put in place for all sports activities to ensure the safety of everyone.

### **Golf**

The Glendale Lyceum Golf Outing was once again held at the Glenview Golf Club. The outing was held on Saturday August 29 with 46 club members and guests playing. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time. Many thanks to Ralph Winterhalter for continuing to organize this fun, highly anticipated annual event.

### **Tennis**

There was a significant increase in the member use of the tennis courts this year. The Lyceum tennis courts continued to be in excellent condition throughout the year. Rob Caress and Billy Shoulders managed the court maintenance starting with the preparation in the spring and continuing with the daily care throughout the summer season.

Rob Caress continued as the Lyceum Pro and organized weekly men's and women's open play nights and private lessons for both children and adults.

Due to the high demand and pleasant weather, the courts remained open through October.

### **Platform Tennis**

The Glendale Lyceum Platform Tennis program continued to grow during 2020. The Lyceum currently has 75 rostered players (men and women) playing on four men's and four women's teams in the Greater Cincinnati Platform Tennis Association (GCPTA) league. In addition to the league players, many new players from the Lyceum membership have joined the platform tennis ranks.

Ann Turner continued this year as our platform tennis professional. She coordinated many activities during the season including weekly quadrants, drill sessions and individual/team lessons. Her organization and instruction skills have been a big reason for the growth and success of platform tennis at the Lyceum.

The annual Lyceum tournament was changed to smaller round robin play to comply with Covid protocols. The Moonlight Social events did not occur this year due to Covid protocols; however, some "Couple Nights" were hosted for our newbie and intermediate players

The platform tennis courts have regularly scheduled activities 6 days each week during the fall/winter season and additional pickup play usage. The on-line court reservation system allows efficient scheduling of play on the courts.

The Lyceum again was one of the areas clubs that played host to many of the nation's best players in the Midwesterns Platform Tennis Tournament over the weekend of January 10-12.

Many thanks to Ann Turner who coordinated the Lyceum volunteers who staffed the paddle hut during the tournament.

The racquet program continues to provide a source of net income for the Lyceum membership. Racquet Membership increased to 65 members in 2020. The Lyceum received over \$45,000 from racquet memberships and rentals for the Thursday night Jones Platform Tennis League. This income continues to offset fixed, maintenance and improvement costs for platform tennis, tennis and now pickleball.

## **Pickleball**

The four new pickleball courts opened for play in July of 2020. The success of the transformation of the Omnicourt to pickleball courts is due to the support of many members who contributed to the cleanup of the old Omnicourt surface in the fall 2019 and the final court preparation during the spring of this year. The entire area of the two old tennis courts received a new asphalt surface and acrylic sealer followed by new color court paint on the area of the four new courts. The remaining open area is used for other sports activities such as basketball.

The pickle courts have been used heavily since the initial opening and were still in use through late December due to the many warm days. In addition to drawing players from the existing Lyceum membership new racquet members have joined the Lyceum due to the new Pickleball courts.

Open play nights on Sunday and Thursday usually have all four courts filled and casual play continues throughout the week, both day and evenings since the courts have lights.

Rob Caress organized the first Lyceum Mixed Double Pickleball Tournament on October 24. The tournament was very well attended, and the winners were Rob and Jamie Hinkle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Vaaler, Sports Director  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **TREASURER REPORT**

### Annual Report

2020 has undoubtedly been a most unusual year. Though it presented us with a multitude of challenges, both operationally as well as financially, the Lyceum has weathered this year quite well.

The Covid pandemic scaled back our club activities and our staff and board had to get creative to provide activities to the membership to enjoy throughout the year. While members were not able to participate in the large number of events we usually have, they greatly enjoyed our amenities throughout the year, especially the outdoor recreational facilities. Even during this difficult year, we were able to retain our membership level.

The quarantine and subsequent reduced social gathering guidelines affected our rental income negatively. Our staff made every effort to provide alternatives to our wedding customers, however, several events had to be cancelled and others scaled back in size. Faced with this reduction in income, we reduced our spending on planned improvements while maintaining the facilities and grounds at a high level. We ended the year with an accounting loss of \$38,496 but are pleased to report that this amount is very close to the budgeted amount and significantly lower than last year.

We were fortunate that the well performing stock market saw our investment portfolio continue to grow. We did sell some of our Legacy stock in order to finance part of the pickleball court installation but did not have to use any funds from our portfolios to pay for operating expenses leaving our debt level unchanged. The Procter and Gamble stock diversification efforts begun by previous boards continued in 2020 as well.

The consolidated income statement for 2020 and the preceding two years is provided on the next page. Each portion of the statement is discussed in the following sections.

## 2020 Consolidated Income Statement

**Operating Loss: We had an operating loss of - \$159,313. This is an increase of 8.8% from 2019.**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b><u>Operating Income</u></b>				
Club Activity (plus Misc. Income)	\$248,772	\$267,078	\$249,333	-6.64%
Rental Income	\$201,580	\$155,955	\$97,609	-37.41%
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$450,352</b>	<b>\$423,033</b>	<b>\$346,942</b>	-17.99%
<b>Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$520,179</b>	<b>\$569,538</b>	<b>\$506,254</b>	-11.11%
<b>Operating Gain/Loss</b>	<b>(\$69,827)</b>	<b>(\$146,505)</b>	<b>(\$159,313)</b>	8.74%
<b><u>Non-Operating Income</u></b>				
Endowment Fund Dividend & Interest	\$99,610	\$104,294	\$114,158	9.46%
Legacy Fund Dividend & Interest	\$4,114	\$4,480	\$3,800	-15.18%
Sale of Stock-Legacy Fund	n/a	n/a	\$24,815	100.00%
Initiation Fees	\$7,275	\$5,242	\$3,433	-34.50%
<b>Total Non-Operating Income</b>	<b>\$110,999</b>	<b>\$114,016</b>	<b>\$146,206</b>	28.23%
<b>Non-Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$13,655</b>	<b>\$56,824</b>	<b>\$25,390</b>	-55.32%
<b>Non-Operating Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$97,344</b>	<b>\$57,192</b>	<b>\$120,817</b>	111.25%
<b>Net Gain / Loss</b>	<b>\$27,517</b>	<b>(\$89,313)</b>	<b>(\$38,496)</b>	-56.90%

## **Operating Income**

Operating income was \$346,942 in 2020, a decrease of 18% from the previous year. Operating income is comprised of club activity income (dues and event income) and rental income. Club activity income decreased, but the bulk of the decrease was due to a drop of 37% in rental income due to the gathering restrictions resulting from the pandemic.

## **Operating Expense**

Operating expenses decreased in 2020 to \$506,254, which is an 11% reduction over 2019. Club Activity Expenses were reduced significantly due to the lower level of events caused by the pandemic restrictions. House and Grounds expenses also decreased slightly.

Overhead, as well as rental expenses remained high due to fixed costs. Overhead increased slightly during the year as a result of staffing decisions made in 2019 to prepare for a focus and planned growth of rentals. Unfortunately, we were unable to realize those goals and our rental expenses actually exceeded our rental income in 2020. We were able to take advantage of the Paycheck Protection Loans offered by the Cares Act to small businesses during the pandemic shutdown, which allowed us to offset a portion of those costs.

Though activity levels were reduced this year, the various buildings, and grounds as usual required a fair amount of upkeep this year. We were very conscious of working within the reduced cash flow requirements and attempted to save expenses when appropriate and possible.

We continue to use Swimsafe to manage our pool and were able to reduce the costs this year with an adjustment to the contract negotiated in 2019. Pool repair costs were also lower in 2020.

Portfolio management fees increased this year as a larger portion of the portfolio is being managed by Harvest Capital. We also incurred slightly higher than expected accounting fees partially due to a transition to an online accounting software that allows for a more efficient sharing of data.

**Non-Operating Gain: We had a non-operating gain of \$120,817. This was a 111% change from 2019 (\$96,002 and 68% change adjusted for stock sale).**

## **Non-Operating Income**

Non-operating income increased by 28% to \$146,206 (\$121,391 or 6.5% adjusted for stock sale). Dividends increased by 8.4%, but initiation fees dropped this year. We continue to rely heavily on dividend income and Harvest Capital manages our portfolio with that mandate in mind.

## **Non-Operating Expense and Capital**

Non-Operating expenses decreased by 55% this year compared to 2019. We made investments of \$25,390 to the facilities this year with the largest single item being the installation of the pickleball courts, which was completed in early summer using funds from our legacy fund. It could not have come at a better time as it provided a welcome place for outdoor activities for members amidst the pandemic. Other items included china and silverware, Christmas décor and a playground upgrade.

## **Net Loss: We ended the year with a net loss of \$38,496.**

This is a 57% decrease from 2019 and close to the budgeted loss we forecasted for 2020 before the pandemic hit.

### **Investments**

The Lyceum continues to hold three accounts at Charles Schwab Co., including the Endowment Fund, the Legacy Fund, and the Line of Credit. Harvest Capital continues to manage a portion of the Lyceum's total portfolio.

We did decide to continue the Procter and Gamble stock diversification efforts begun by previous boards by authorizing the sale of an additional 2000 shares. The Lyceum still owns 25,471 shares of PG in the Endowment fund at year end, which constitutes approximately 73% of that portfolio.

Total return for PG in 2020 was 14.18% (with a current dividend yield of 2.26%). Total return for the Harvest Capital portfolio in 2020 was 6.6% (with a current dividend yield of 2.44%). Our portfolio performed well compared to similar dividend yielding stocks in the market. In contrast, the S&P 500 Dividend ETF was only up 3.60% in 2020.

### **Debt**

We continue to hold a line of credit at Schwab with a current balance of \$167,786, which is unchanged from the beginning of the year.

### **Summary**

In conclusion, despite a difficult year, the Lyceum remains financially stable and viable. Though there were challenges due to the reduced income levels, the club maintained its high level of upkeep, retained membership, and added new recreational facilities.

With the continued stewardship of its board and members, it will be able to handle future challenges as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cordelia Edmiston, Treasurer  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021