



FANfare



Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

August 2012

FAN

General Meetings

Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Ignatius Church, September thru May.

September 4
October 2
November 6
December 4
(Christmas Luncheon)
January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7
(Installation Luncheon)



NEWSLETTER

VIA EMAIL

To receive the FAN newsletter via colorful email instead of snail-mail, please contact:

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Joellen.wade@comcast.net

President's Message

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. As I sit here writing this, a delightful rain is falling. So much better than last summer. Of course, by the time you read this, it'll be 102 with 99% humidity! If you want something to do on a rainy day or to beat the heat, I can highly recommend two movies. "Bernie" takes place here in Texas and is very funny. "Moonrise Kingdom" is a quirky, funny, delightful movie.

As usual, lots of things are going on right now as the Board plans for the upcoming FAN year. Don't forget to check out FAN's very own Website, Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960. Adrienne Juno has done a wonderful job.

Good news, the majority of our meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, except for January, when the meeting will be January 8. It does get confusing when meeting dates need to be changed.

The Finance Committee has completed a proposed budget which will be presented for the members' approval at the September meeting. Jo Ellen Wade is about to send the phone directory off to the printer. And Lin Fish banjo players' program sounds like fun! I know I'm looking forward to our first meeting!

Kathy Michalski, President

First FAN Outing

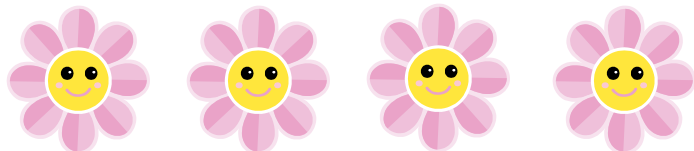
Step back in time with Victorian tea at an antebellum mansion

Save October 26 for a great daytrip. We'll begin with a stop at Classic Accessories in north Houston, as their Christmas shop will be open for the season. We'll see the latest in Christmas decorations in this holiday dreamland.

After lunch, our main event will be a jaunt to the Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site in West Columbia, which will include a tour and Victorian tea. The site was donated to the state in 1957 by Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of Texas Gov. James S. Hogg, who owned the land. Before turning over the property, Miss Ima, a great collector and decorative arts lover, furnished the home to reflect her father's love of history and her own admiration for George Washington and other early Americans.

We are sure to enjoy seeing the décor and art collected by the Hogg family and to learning more about this plantation's long history. Plan now to sign up at the September 4 General Meeting for this fabulous outing, as the bus is sure to fill quickly.

Sharlene Wesson

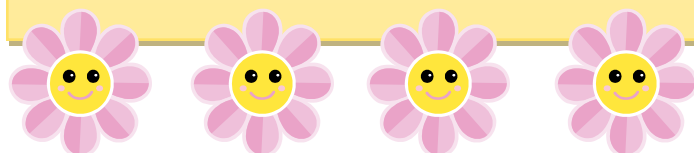


Activities

Just a reminder, FAN has many different fun activity groups. These groups include games of all kinds, book groups, shopping, dining and the list goes on.

There will be information at the September meeting on all of the various group activities for you to sign up for something new. If you are interested in starting a group, let me know.

Sharon Schumann
281-370-5582



Season's first Social Event will be special

The first social for the FAN 2012-13 year will be at opening night for Texas Repertory Theater's "*It's a Wonderful Life*" on Wednesday, November 28. Act fast, as we are able to get a special price of just \$20 for these tickets by ordering now; later performances will be as much as \$40.

If you are interested, let me know immediately, and mail a check made payable to FAN to me at 15310 Walters Rd, Houston TX 77068. I will take reservations and checks at the September 4 general meeting, but if you *know* you want to attend, please make your reservation now to avoid the crush at the meeting. To ensure your reservation – and to assist me in planning – please let me know ASAP if you want to attend.

Linda Neibel 281-583-5111

1st VP/Programs—Lin Fish

"America's Music"

to kick off new FAN year

You're sure to tap a toe and perhaps hum along when the Jubilee Banjo Band kicks off the new FAN year at our September 4 meeting. Why, you might even find yourself singing along or swinging along with the upbeat music for which the band is famous.

About 15 people gathered in 1983 to learn the fundamentals of the four-string tenor banjo in a beginner's class taught by well-known banjo player Buddy Griffin. The Jubilee Banjo Band was born soon after, growing in size and sophistication until, in 1987, it was staging full-scale variety shows on a big stage – all built around the banjo.

The Jubilee Banjo Band of Houston was inducted into the National Four-String Banjo Hall of Fame in 2002 for its "Promotion of the Banjo." It was the first band to be so honored, as all other inductees into have been individual performers.

Don't miss this live performance of ragtime and jazz music by enthusiastic performers playing America's only native instrument.



FAN Book Clubs

These books are being read by our FAN Book Clubs for August

Literary Review Winnie Mitchell

In the Bleak of Midwinter

By: Julia Spenser Fleming

Hostess: Margaret Burgess

Cover Girls Maria Bocchino

Saving CeeCee Honeycutt

By: Beth Hoffman

Page Turners Adrienne Juno

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

By Rebecca Skloot

Hostess: Linda Fisher

October 10 –12, 2012
FAN Overnight trip to the Big D

We will tour the exciting Chihuly Glass exhibit at the Dallas Arboretum Botanical Gardens, spend the day with "Big Tex" at the Texas State Fair, the "Grand-daddy of all State Fairs," and enjoy great shopping, wonderful dining and more Dallas culture.

Cost will be approximately \$135.00 per person for a two-night hotel accommodations and admission to the Arboretum/Chihuly exhibit. Additional costs will be your meals and sharing in the cost of gas.

For further details call Margaret Burgess at 281-304-8977 or Margaret Hein at 281-376-1936.

It will be a great trip!

Save the Date

Greeters

Looking for Greeters for our September 4 meeting. If you have a friendly, bubbly personality with a warm smile and like to meet and greet our guests and FAN members, contact Lu Ann Kubis

lukubis@comcast.net or 281-444-0469

ANTIQUERS & JUNKERS

This group meets on the third Wednesday each month for a fun-filled day of antiquing, eating and shopping.



If you are not a member of this group and are interested or have questions, please contact chairman,

Bert Forbes
281-304-2444

afortbesw@aol.com

All are welcome.
Outings resume in September.

2nd VP/Membership—JoEllen Wade

Thanks to the ladies who helped man the phones to complete our membership directory: Linda Fisher, Sue Behnke, Judi Jeske. When you receive this newsletter the FAN 2012-2013 Directory will be at the printer! Current members is 286. Nearly 60% get their FANfare in living color via e-mail. You can, too!

JoEllen Wade
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Welcome New Member

Huffman, Ruth 5/14 281-583-2249
1014 Suwanee Lane ruthhayshuffman@yahoo.com

Sending sunshine wishes to our friends

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these friends and neighbors who are ill or recovering:

Rita Lewis' husband, John, had complications from gall bladder surgery in June and a long rehab stint, but Rita says he managed to keep his sense of humor!

Our condolences go to Sharon Gardner in the loss of her husband, Jim, who passed away in June.

Lin Fish watched the Olympic swimming trials with great interest; her nephew, Jake Querciagrossa, qualified for the trials in the Men's 400 Individual Medley. He didn't make the team, but swam well.

Many of you are enjoying now, have enjoyed or will enjoy in August, wonderful vacations. What great stories we can share with each other at our first meeting for the 2012-2013 year this September.

Please contact me at: juneb6903@hotmail.com or call me at 281-323-4581 with news to share.

June McMillin

COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

When: August 18, 2012 (Meets the 3rd Saturday each month).
RESERVATIONS are required, **new couples welcome**.
Call Andrea Poncio @ 281-255-9525, Bridge Coordinator
Time: Promptly at 5 p.m.
Where: Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 FM 1960 West
Hosts:



Want to play Bridge...or play more Bridge?

These ladies want to play with us, so call them when you need a sub.
Cindy Brown 281-440-9136 DP Dora Dean 713-385-7485 DP
Dorothy J Guinn 281-907-6316 DP DD Pat McGrath Jones 281-955-6461 DP EP
Carol Schuster 281-919-1356 DP DD Peggy Heinrich 281-537-2560 DP

Call Joyce King (281-469-0248) to play every Friday at Hunan Restaurant.

Questions? Call Pat Unrau, chairman of the Bridge groups.

281-355-8340 or e-mail Jerryunrau@cs.com



FAN HIKERS

The group will resume in the fall unless you want to travel to the mountains. Please send me your name so I can put you on the email list and keep you informed of our future hikes.

Jacqueline Webster jwebster1@sbcglobal.net

Duplicate Bridge Group Forming

If you're interested in being introduced to Duplicate Bridge, join the new FAN group. We will meet the third Wednesday of the month, beginning September 19. Location to be announced. This will be duplicate "lite"! Many of the details need to be worked out. If you are interested, please call me at 281-251-1682 or email

katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net

Kathy Michalski

COUPLES DINNER

CANASTA

WHEN: 3rd Saturday each month

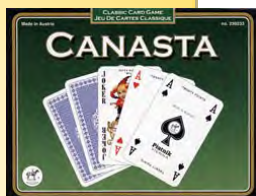
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$2.00 per person,
plus dinner

PLACE: Café Express, FM 1960 the
Champions Shopping Center.

CONTACT: Debbie Laich, 281-251-5212

debbielaich@comcast.net



CANASTA I

We play at Willowbrook Fuddrucker's the 4th
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Charge: \$3.00

ALL FAN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

NO RESERVATIONS!

Questions? Call Sally Beirne, @ 281-440-1237



RAILROAD CANASTA

Looking for new players!!

We play on 3rd Thursday of the month at the
Willowbrook Fuddrucker's. Cost is \$2 to play, plus \$1 for tip.
No reservations needed.

Questions? Call Susan Hoff 832-446-6042

Barbara Bolz 281-370-8357

National League Mah Jongg Group

When: 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Cafe Express, FM 1960 in the Champions
Shopping Center

New members always welcomed: contact Katherine if
you would like to join.

Katherine Vanderoef 281-251-7072

katherinevanderoef@att.net



Wacky Scrappers

“The "Wacky Scrappers" meet for a workday on the 3rd Friday of each month. We meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Scrapbooking Memories. Bring a lunch and any show & tell.

This group is friendly, creative and helpful. We can accommodate 2 more scrappers. Call or e-mail me if you're interested.

Margie Rogers

rogersmargie@yahoo.com

281-955-8459

Lunch Bunch

We will not be meeting in August.

Save the Date

FAN Christmas Luncheon

Shirley Acres, December 4

Ladies it's that time again to start thinking about the FAN Christmas party. Look around and see if you have anything to donate, big or small. Call me if you have a question, or if you would like to assist in our Christmas Luncheon.



Barbara Bolz
281-370-8357

Snap A Smile

Just a reminder to continue taking those pictures of all your individual groups. You really do want to be represented in our President's Scrapbook !! Send pictures to me via e-mail or get copies to me. I will pick them up if necessary.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Margie Rogers

rogersmargie@yahoo.com

281-955-8459



Members enjoy a day at the art museum

Denise Hunt, left, Trish Torgersen and Dorothy Murphy were among those who enjoyed an extra FAN outing to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston in July.

After ample time appreciating the art of Gainsborough, George Romney, Joshua Reynolds and other pieces from the Kenwood House near London, the ladies lingered over lunch at a Midtown bistro.



HOSPITALITY

Ladies, it's time to open your recipe books and dust off the baking sheets, our monthly meetings are just around the corner... Where did our summer go? If you came across an interesting treat this summer, jot down the recipe and try it out on us this fall. Please try to bring one dish to one meeting this coming year. We will have sign-up sheets available for you and we will e-mail you a friendly reminder. Please remember that the FAN Board provides treats for the September meeting. See you soon!

Barbara Kerr

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Charla Miller

charlamiller@sbcglobal.net

Mah Jongg: A Note from the FAN Flowerettes....

If you are interested in learning Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg or you are an experienced player and looking for a warm group of ladies, please call Tracy Lalor at 281-374-0206.

The Fan Flowerettes has a few openings. We play every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members take turns hosting our weekly group and provide refreshments. You bring your lunch.

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OF FM 1960

Editor's Note

All articles for the September newsletter should be submitted before **August 16** to bsevans55@yahoo.com. Deadline for last-minute changes is **August 22**.

To update your address, please contact JoEllen Wade.

FAN WEBSITE

Have you checked out the FAN website yet? The newsletters are posted there in living color. We are adding new photos all the time (send any you might have to Adrienne so she can post). We are now adding a picture and contact information for new members!
www.FAN1960.org

For access to this site, any questions or suggestions, contact Adrienne Juno at ahjuno@gmail.com