



FANfare



Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

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March 2014

FAN General Meetings

Meetings are held at
9:30 a.m. on the first
Tuesday of the month at
St. Ignatius Loyola
Church,
September thru May
General meeting
March 4, 2014



NEWSLETTER

VIA EMAIL

To receive the FAN news-
letter via colorful email
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Debbielaich@comcast.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARCH has arrived and the promise of spring is here. I, a native Houston girl, have had enough of cold weather. I am looking forward to budding trees and planting some flowers in the yard.

Ladies, one of the most important events of the year is upon our club. The slate of officer's for the Executive Board will be presented at the March General Meeting. Kathy and her team have been hard at work and I know those selected will be doing a wonderful job for FAN.

Please let us know if you would be interested in serving on the Extended Board, chosen by the President. She will appreciate having some willing ladies she can call upon to fill those spots. If you are not sure of the positions on the Extended Board look in your directory; there is a list with the names of those who are presently serving. You can contact me, if interested or have questions.

I have been very fortunate to have wonderful members on my board. They have gone far and above my expectations of their duties. Without the ladies who serve on the Extended Board we could not have the trips, lunches, and all other activities we enjoy. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

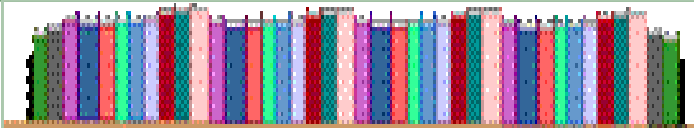
This month is 'RODEO TIME IN HOUSTON' and we are going to the RODEO. We will be seeing and hearing Blake Sheldon. I can't wait! He is one of my favorites. A "Safari" is planned for April; as usual Sharlene Wesson is on top of her game.

I hope to see all of you at the March meeting. Enjoy this month of expectations and new beginnings, as we look for the new buds in our yards and our lives.

Betty Horelica



PLEASE NOTE: IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD THAT A MEMBER WAS SELLING ITEMS AT THE LAST GENERAL MEETING. THIS IS A NO-NO! IN OUR BY-LAWS IT STATES THAT NO MEMBER SHALL PROFIT AT ANY ACTIVITY.



FAN BOOK CLUBS

These books are being read by our FAN Book Clubs for March:

Literary Review Charla Hannibal

Book: **The Birth House**
 Author: Ami McKay
 When : March 26, 2014
 Time: 1:30 p.m.*
 Hostess: Irene Zisek
 Where: 17419 Sugar Pine Dr.
 * **Time is changed from 1p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Cover Girls Maria Bocchino

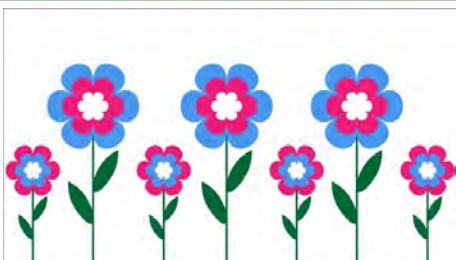
Month: March 2014
 Book: **In the Land of Invisible Women.**
 A Female Doctor 's Journey in the Saudi Kingdom.
 Author: Quata Ahmed

Cover Girls is full, but if you wish to be placed on the waiting list; please contact me: marite.bocchino@gmail.com

Page Turners Adrienne Juno

Book: **The Aviator's Wife**
 Author : Melanie Benjamin
 When: February 12, 2014
 Hostess: Susan Busler

If you like to read, try some of these books. You don't have to belong to a Book Club.



ANNUAL INSTALLATION LUNCHEON "HATS OFF TO FAN"

Please join us on Tuesday, May 6, at The Shirley Acres Pavilion at 11a.m. We will welcome in the new officers for the 2014-2015 year. The cost is \$21.00 per person.

Deadline to mail in your check to Theresa Honeycheck (8806 Ballinger Drive, Houston, TX 77064) is April 1. You may also purchase tickets at the FAN March and April meetings.

As this is the 20th Anniversary year for FAN, our installation luncheon theme is "Hats off to Fan" Let's celebrate in style and all wear hats to this event.



CHECK OUT THE NEW FAN WEBSITE

<http://fan1960.wordpress.com>

This Website is easy to get to; no passwords required.

Contact me with any questions or concerns.

Adrienne Juno



FAN News from the Treasurer

In the February meeting, \$157.00 was collected for the 50/50 raffle. \$78.50 stayed with the club and the 2 lucky winners of \$39.25 each were Nan D'Ercoli and Jeanne Marcantel.

THANK YOU LADIES.

Idalia R. Skates

HISTORIANS CORNER

Hi Ladies,

This FAN year is really flying by! It's March and almost time for Betty's Scrapbook to be finished in time for the Installation Luncheon. Please if you are in an activity group take pictures! We really appreciate and need your help!

For those groups that we haven't gotten pictures of yet, we will be glad to come and take pictures for you. If you decide to take the pictures for us, save your receipt so that we can get you reimbursed or just email us your album and we will get the pics developed.

See you at the March Meeting!

Sue and Margie

Margie Rogers 281-955-8459
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Sue Muller 281-440-5994
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1st VP/Programs

For our March Meeting, and in recognition of our "Bluebonnet" season, we will be treated to a presentation by Joy Fisher Hein. She comes to us from the Texas Hill Country. Joy is a noted Artist and Author. She has illustrated numerous books about Texas, including **Miss Lady dird's Wildflowers, How a First Lady changed America; and Blooming Tales, Seven Favorite Texas Wildflower Legends, to name just a few.**

I am sure this will be a delightful and informative program. See you at the march Meeting.

Margert Burgess 281-304-8977

Do you want more mystery in your life?

If you love reading mysteries of any or all types, we're forming a new FAN book club where you can share your favorite authors and learn about new ones! A sign up sheet will be available at the Activity Table at the March and April general meetings. We'll plan an organizational meeting in May to find a date and time to meet and choose books for next year.

If you have questions, comments, or just want to sign up but can't attend the meetings, please email Trish Torgersen at torgersenp@gmail.com.

DUPLICATE LITE BRIDGE

When: 1st Wednesday of the month

Time: 10 a.m.

Who: Experienced Party Bridge or Duplicate Players

Cost: \$3.00 per person plus your lunch

Where: Spring Creek BBQ on FM 2920 near Kuykendahl Road

Questions? Contact Corinne Sloan,
281-444-1537 or corinneLS@aol.com



March 17—St. Patrick's
Day

Lunch at Euro Bakery and Café

After our March 4 meeting join your FAN friends for lunch at Euro Bakery and Café featuring delicious Greek food and pastries. Be sure to sign up for lunch before the meeting begins so that the café will know how many to accommodate. Directions will be provided.

Euro Bakery and Café

5010 Louetta

www.eurobakery-cafe.com

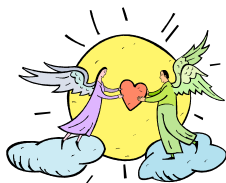
Thanks,
Lu Ann Kubis

SUNSHINE WISHES

There is no news this month. Hopefully, everyone is well. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

June McMillin



LUNCH BUNCH

We will meet on the third Wednesday, March 19, at 12:00 noon. Our hostess is June McMillin. Call her, 281-323-4581, before March 16 to let her know you are coming. Bring a non-sweet dish.

If you are new to **Lunch Bunch**, we welcome you for fellowship and good food!

Chairperson, Sharlene Wesson, 281-251-6940

FAN NATURE WALKERS

We have two trips planned each month and we are outdoors for a minimum of ninety minutes. We meet at Jesse Jones Park, the Spring Creek Nature Trail, Mercer Arboretum, Burroughs Park and other beautiful wooded areas.

Come and join us for a few hours of fun, fresh air and new friends. Now is the best time to be outdoors! Please contact me at

jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net so I can add you to the nature walkers list and provide you with a time and date for our walks.

Jacqueline Webster



HOSPITALITY

A big thank you to the generous ladies who brought snacks to the February General Meeting, and thanks in advance to those ladies who have signed up to bring us snacks for the March meeting. Please try to bring one dish to one meeting this year. The sign-up sheet to bring treats for the March meeting will be located on one of the hospitality tables. Please drop off your delightful treats by 9:30.

All food left at the end of the meeting is donated to the church, or you may take yours home. As always, we will e-mail you a friendly reminder.

Sharon Gardner

sgardner@entouch.net

Mary Kay Roane

mkcarlile@gmail.com

ACTIVITY DESK

On meeting day, I'm inviting everyone to stop by the ACTIVITIES TABLE, with a special invitation to our newest members.

We have so many great events throughout the month, but there is always room for more. Please let us know if you have a hobby for which there is no group. Since we have over 300 members, there's a variety of interests, and we'd be very happy to help get your group up and running. If you'd like to join an established group, we have signup sheets at the ACTIVITIES table.

If any group has disbanded, please let me know either by phone 832-427-1112 or by email sharonple@comcast.net

Sharon Plescia, Activities Coordinator



FAN Donates \$6,000 to Home of Hope, Texas!

Thanks to the generosity of our members at the Holiday Charity Luncheon, FAN was able to present a check for \$6,000 to Rodney Daniels, director of the Home of Hope, Texas, at the February general meeting. Daniels noted his organization was especially grateful for the donation because the county had required \$500,000 in infrastructure for the building, which is located in a remote area of Spring to provide a place of refuge, safety and rehabilitation for up to 13 young girls rescued from human trafficking.

Trish Torgersen and Sherri Lauritsen

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN

The nominating committee has been hard at work putting together a slate for the 2014-15 FAN Executive Board. If you are interested in holding a position, please let one of us know. The committee Members are: Kathy Michalski (chair) katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net, Sue Muller, Jan Eastwood, Markette Harkinson, Pat Quackenbush, and alternates, Sharon Gardner and Sherrie Lauritsen. Nominations from the floor will be accepted until March 31. **If FAN is to continue to be the great organization that it is, we need YOU to participate.**



Daylight Savings Time begins March 9

First Day of Spring March 20



SCRAP BOOKING

The "Wacky Scrappers" meet for a workday on the third Friday of each month. Our new location will be at Scrapp'n Savvy Scrapbook store in Spring, TX.

Our roster is full at present but I will put you on a wait list. Please call or email me if you are interested.

Margie Rogers

rogersmargie@yahoo.com, or 281-955-8459



RODEO TIME

I am taking reservations for the Houston Rodeo and Concert. We were lucky to acquire 24 tickets to see **Blake Shelton**, a country No. 1 entertainer. The date is March 20. Tickets are \$17 per person. The seats are excellent and the bus ride is free. We leave from the old Randal's parking lot, Champion Forest and Louetta at 4 p.m. Men and women welcome. Wear your Jeans and boots and expect a good time.

ANTIQUERS & JUNKERS

This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at a different hostess' house for coffee, then on to a fun-filled day of antiquing, eating and shopping. We travel in carpools. Each person is responsible for the cost of her lunch and \$5.00 to her driver.

The outing on March 19 will start with coffee at Shelia Gibb's home at 9 a.m. at 1169 Regency Forest Drive in Regency Forest. She can be reached at 281-890-3948 or 12gibbs@att.net.

We will carpool to the shops on Jones Road and have lunch at Napoli's on Jones Road.

Please let both Shelia and me know if you are coming by noon, Monday 17, so we can set up carpools and make lunch reservations.

Bert Forbes, 281-304-2444, aforbesw@aol.com

All are welcome.

RAILROAD CANASTA

Looking for new players!!

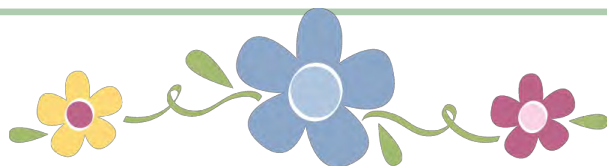
We play on 3rd Thursday of the month at **Willowbrook Fuddruckers**. Cost is \$2 to play, plus \$1 for tip. No reservations needed.

Questions? Call **Susan Hoff** 832-446-6042 or

Eileen Kelly 281-516-1535

New players always welcome.

We are happy to teach you this fun game



CANASTA I

When: 4th Tuesday each month

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Place: Willowbrook Fuddruckers

ALL FANS MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

NO RESERVATIONS

Questions? Call Melody Williams,
281-440-7512

NEEDLE ARTS LOVERS

If you enjoy any type of needlework (cross stitch, knitting, beading, quilting, embroidery, etc.); hook work (crocheting, hook rug, latch hook, etc.), or sewing (save your hems and other handwork and bring it along) and want to double your fun, come join the Needle Arts Lovers (NAL) group.

Our group enjoys working on our projects while we share our joy and our latest work-in-progress with other members. We enjoy conversations with other ladies who share an appreciation for Needle Arts.

Our meetings are on the first Wednesday and the third Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting place is announced prior to each meeting. If you cannot make it by 10 a.m., just come when you can, even if it is only for an hour. The hostess for each meeting provides beverages, but no food. Sometimes we also go out to lunch.

Just sign up at one of the FAN meetings or call Pat Quackenbush at 281-350-0429 or

patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net.

If you want to come to a meeting to check us out, contact Pat Q.
Happy Stitching!

NATIONAL LEAGUE MAH JONGG GROUP

When: 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday each month

Time: 10 a.m.

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

Group is accepting subs. Contact me if you want to be added to the sub list.

Katherine Vanderoef 281-251-7072 or
katherinevanderoef@att.net

SAFARI DAY TRIP

On April 25 we will board the bus from the old Randall's on Champion Forest and Louetta. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. Our destination is Bayou Wildlife and Zoo (enter at your own risk). You'll ride a tram over the parks 86 acres of natural habitat; you can see and feed the animals.

We will have lunch before our tour. Lunch is on you. Trip cost is \$7.00. I prefer checks. Reservations will be taken after February 1.

No refunds after March 25.

Sharlene Wesson 281-251-6940



COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

When: Meets the 3rd Saturday each month.

Time: Promptly at 5 p.m.

Where: Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 FM 1960 West

RESERVATIONS are required.

New couples are welcome.

Call Andrea Poncio 281-255-9525

Bridge Coordinator

FILM LOVERS' OUTING

It's Oscar season again ... plan to see some of the winners with FAN's Monday Movie Matinee group. We enjoy a film on the third Monday each month. To learn what we are seeing and when, contact Lin Fish at linden7723@att.net. She will email details to you a couple of days prior to the third Monday.

Membership

At our General Meeting February 11, we had 69 members, 19 board members, 14 guests and 5 new members. We now have a total of 321 members.

Please join me in welcoming our new members:

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Susan Hahn
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Auburn Lakes
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Linda Niebel, 2nd Vice President Membership

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Editor's Note

All articles for the April Newsletter should be submitted between **March 5 and March 12** to **chennigd@outlook.com**. Deadline for last-minute changes is March 21.

To update your address, please contact Linda Neibel 281-583-5111 or **wneibel@yahoo.com**.