



FANfare



Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

July 2011



President's Message

I hope you all are busy and happy this month...or lazy and happy, whatever works for you! For me, it's good just to relax with a good book in a cool room-- and a trio of cats dozing in the chairs.

Many of you are traveling this month; just be safe and come back on September 6 for our first meeting of the new year.

Please get to know your new Board; they're already hard at work preparing programs and directories, selling ads, planning parties and trips, publicizing our club, taking pictures, working on the website, and assembling the *FANfare* newsletter. So get plenty of rest in July and August and be ready to participate in the many fun upcoming FAN activities.

You'll notice we have a NEW position on the Board this year: Joan DeFelice has graciously accepted the task of choosing

lunch venues and making our reservations for lunch after the business meetings. Thank you, Joan!

Again, I want to express our heartfelt thanks from all the members to the 2011-2012 Board. Each one of you is appreciated.

See page 3 for our full list of Board and Extended Board members. If you see an activity that you would like to help with, please feel free to contact the chair.

Debbie Laich



NEWSLETTER

VIA EMAIL

To receive the FAN newsletter via email instead of snail-mail, please contact Audie Brooks at

Brooks at

281-225-8977 or

audiebrook@aol.com

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.

Meeting Dates

September 6

Programs — Rita J. May, 1st VP

Thanks!! to Kathy Michalski for her fabulous way of planning programs for the past two years. Hopefully with this great new FAN Year underway, we can carry on with informative, exciting, interesting and fun programs. "LAUGHING AT DANGER" is the September Program by Comedy/Personal Safety Expert Austin Davis. October meeting will feature Marionette Playhouse by Jean Kuecher, A Master Puppeteer on "Friends". So get on board for new Fan Programs as well as the many activities offered. Let me know if you have any questions or really good answers.

Sunshine Corner — Karen Baird



Here's an update on Ken Ramsey, who had a heart transplant on May 18. Ken was hospitalized for more than two weeks with that procedure but came home to complete the recovery process. Unfortunately, Ken has been readmitted to the hospital and continues to struggle with some major medical issues. Please keep Ken and Pat in your prayers.

Your prayers also are requested for Jo Barker and her family. Jo's son-in-law was in an accident that claimed his life. FAN sympathy goes out to Jo and her family.

Your prayers to your higher power for these two families and other FAN members who prefer to keep their problems more private, are requested.

Send Sunshine requests to Karen Baird at jandkbaird@aol.com or 281-651-6767. We prefer email because it provides documentation.

Membership — Audie Brooks, 2nd VP

I am looking for the last of the membership renewals to be paid. The deadline is June 30 if you want your name in the directory. Last week there were 106 members who had not renewed. Thanks to several FAN members (Joyce Allmon, Evelyn Anderson, Mary Aulbert, Karen Baird, Cindy Brown, Linda Fisher, Sandra Castillo, Cathy D'Antoni, Margaret Hein, and Susan Hoff), all of the 106 were notified by telephone that checks need to be sent. The checks have started to flow in, with 9 showing up this past Saturday.

Have a great summer.

Audie Brooks--281-225-8977

audiebrook@aol.com

Publicity—LuAnn Kubis

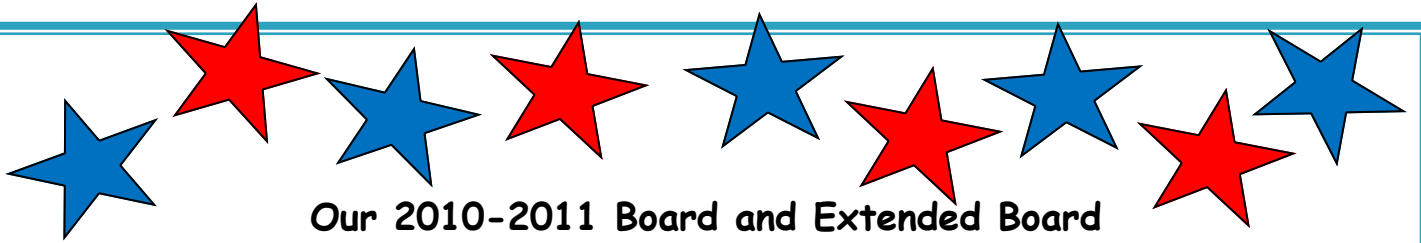
A big thank you to all the ladies who graciously submitted articles about our monthly meeting to their subdivision newsletters. We have many awesome new members due to your efforts.

The social year is about to begin. I'd like to continue putting articles in subdivision newsletters only four months of our social calendar- September, October, January and February. The articles will be written for you. All you need to do is submit the article to your subdivision editor.

If you would like to share the good news of FAN with your nearby neighbors, email me at lukubis@comast.net or call 281-444-0469 and the day of the month our information is due to your subdivision newsletter.

Thanks for your help.

Lu Ann Kubis



Our 2010-2011 Board and Extended Board

President	Debbie Laich
First VP Programs	Rita May
Second VP Membership	Audie Brooks
Secretary	Pat Prentice
Treasurer	Pat Townzen
Newsletter	Belinda Evans
Historian	Lin Fish & Sue Muller
Advisor	Linda Fisher
Activities	Rosemary Felix (and Harolene Hatley)
Cookie Exchange	Jeannie Critchfield (and Marie Remik)
Daytime Excursions	Sharlene Wesson
Directory Ads	Betty Horelica
Greeters	Clarita Doussan (and Grace Casagrande)
Holiday Luncheon	Kathy Michalski
Hospitality	Jo Ellen Wade (and Barbara Kerr)
Installation Luncheon	Bonnie Reddehase (and Margie Rogers, Linda Nagel)
Lunch Reservations	Joan DeFelice
Overnight Trips	Linda Fisher (and Adrienne Juno, Susan Busler)
Publicity	LuAnn Kubis
Socials	Linda Neibel
Sunshine	Karen Baird
Board Notify	Idalia Skates
Website	Adrienne Juno





I know it's July, but it's never too early to start thinking about FAN's Christmas Luncheon. Summer is a great time to get started on raffle or silent auction items. If you have a charity that you would like to have considered as recipient of our donation, please e-mail me at

katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks! Kathy Michalski

HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW

(Period Time 1400s to 1960s)

Pat Shaw, a member of FAN, has volunteered to organize an interesting and wonderful program for us.

Pat is looking for FAN members to participate in her upcoming fashion show.

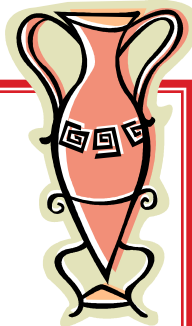


Pat owns 10 or more vintage costumes between the sizes 10-16 and is looking for models. Or if you like to sew, are "crafty", happen to own a vintage dress/costume or have an accessory, call Pat (soon) at (832)422-3469 for additional information.

Thank you,
Rita May, 1st VP Programs

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 or afortbesw@aol.com.

All are welcome.

Outings resume in September .



HOSPITALITY



We are looking forward to a great year of wonderful goodies at each meeting. For those of you eager to dust off your oven, the sign-up sheet will be available at the September meeting. Following tradition, the September meeting treats will be provided by the Board/Extended Board.

Jo Ellen Wade & Barbara Kerr



The History Behind the 4th of July

People had to work very hard in the 13 colonies that comprised mid-1700s America. It was a difficult life. With no established infrastructure, the early settlers who had come from England to start new lives had to scratch and fight just to stay alive. There was bitter cold in the winter and little food, and they had to depend on each other just to get through each day. So when taxes from England were piled on top of their already heavy burden, it rankled. Over time, this burden became too much. The growing colonies yearned to be free of the obligations of being British citizens and owing allegiance to King George.

The colony of Virginia was the first to move toward independence by voting to set up the First Continental Congress to represent the colonies. This groundbreaking committee met for the first time in September 1774. They outlined their complaints against the king, which became the first draft of a document that would separate the colonies from England once and for all. This caused a war with the British in Massachusetts. George Washington took command of the Continental Army and for eight years many colonists gave their lives in the Revolutionary War.

While the war was still being fought, on July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress was convened to debate a second draft of the list of grievances against the British crown. John Hancock, who was the president of the Second Continental Congress, was the first to sign the final draft. This document, which was so aptly named the Declaration of Independence, was considered treason against Britain. It was so revolutionary; the 56 signers were in danger of being executed for treason.

The Continental Congress adopted and signed the final draft on July 4, 1776, even though the Revolutionary War raged on until 1783. When the war finally ended, July 4 was named "Independence Day" and made an official United States holiday. It wasn't until 1941 that Congress made the 4th of July a federal holiday.

So, there's a quick reminder of why we celebrate. I hope it helps you enjoy the holiday all the more!

COUPLES DINNER CANASTA

WHEN: 3rd Saturday each month

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

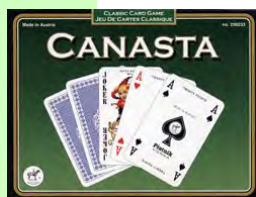
COST: \$2.00 per person,
plus dinner

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

CONTACT: **Debbie Laich**, 281-251-5212

debbielaiach@comcast.net

New Couples Welcome !



RAILROAD CANASTA

Looking for new players!!

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

Questions? Call Susan Hoff 832-446-6042 or
Barbara Bolz 281-370-8357

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 **Carol Well**, 281-251-5223





Lunch Bunch

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 12 Noon

July 20 at
EURO'S Bakery on the 1960

Call Sharlene Wesson
for reservations @ 281-251-6940

Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in August.

"Snap A Smile"



Show us your smiling faces!

We want to include photos of every activity group in the 2011-2012 FAN Scrapbook, so, of course, we need *your* help.

Activity coordinators and event chairs, please ask a member of your group/committee to photograph one or two events or meetings and e-mail them to linden7723@att.net.

We'll post some to the FAN Web site when it's up again, and we'll have great shots to include in the scrapbook. Or... Members, take your camera along and snap some fun pix of your pals and e-mail them to us. OR ... E-mail Sue or Lin with date, time and location of your meetings and we'll try to get there, camera in hand. Let's have some fun and show all FAN members how super your group is!

Sue Muller & Lin Fish

Dear Ladies of Friends and
Neighbors of FM 1960,

I am writing from Buffalo, New York, to express my very sincere appreciation and gratefulness for the friendship the FAN women have shown me over the past 9 years.

I didn't want to move to Houston in 2001, but the FAN women welcomed me with such wide opened arms that I found it difficult to leave such wonderful friends. You will not be forgotten, and I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

Thank you for all the fun and laughter.

God Bless and Love,
Judy Talbot



FAN COUPLES GOLF

Our group plays area courses monthly, usually on weekends. This is relaxed golf; you may do a scramble with a partner. Call if interested.

Call: Jan Fau, Home: 281-290-9494

Cell: 281-728-9948

NEW ACTIVITIES GROUPS

FORMING

If you are interested in joining a new book group or a new National MahJongg group (uses the card),

Contact: Rosemary Felix
281-376-5204.



LITERARY REVIEW

Date: July 27, 1:00 PM

Book: The Natural Laws of
Good Luck

by Ellen Graf

Leader/Hostess: Marilyn Sigler,
281-440-1780

Address: 5206 Charnwick Court
Woods of Wimbledon II

Directions: From FM1960 go north on
Champion Forest Dr to Strack and turn
right. Go two streets to Wilkshire
Court and turn left. Go two streets
to Charnwick Court and turn left. Marilyn's
house is second on the right.

In August we will read and discuss
Her Fearful Symmetry
by Audrey Niffenegger

Contact: Winnie Mitchell, 281-580-6672
wam281@earthlink.net



Mah Jongg Flowerettes Wright Patterson Rules

If you have a burning desire to learn/play
Mah Jongg, give us a call. This is a new
group and we are all just learning to play.
We have a couple places left for members.

WHEN: 2nd & 4th Thursday
TIME: 10:00 - 2:00
COST: initial purchase of rules books
\$10.00
PLACE: rotate members homes

CONTACT: Jo Ellen Wade, 832-419-9190
joellen.wade@comcast.net

Wacky Scrappers

The "Wacky Scrappers" have a couple of
openings at this time. We meet for a
scrapbooking workday on the 3rd Friday of
the month at Scrapbooking Memories on
Steubner-Airline from 10 AM until 2 PM.
Bring a sack lunch. This is a fun group and no
experience is necessary. We have all
levels of skill in the group and all share
ideas and techniques.

If interested, please call or e-mail me.

Margie Rogers
281-955-8459
rogersmargie@yahoo.com

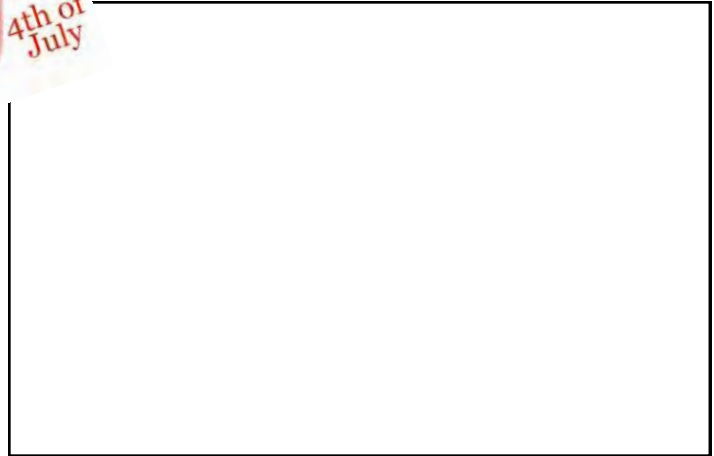
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Editor's Note

All articles for the August newsletter should be submitted before **July 12** to bsevans55@yahoo.com. Deadline for last minute changes is **July 20**.

To update address labels, please contact: Audie Brooks.

