

# FANfare

August is Nature's way of saying, "You were looking too comfortable."



Friends And Neighbors Women's Club  
[www.fanwomensclub.com](http://www.fanwomensclub.com)

August 2022

## FAN General Meetings

FAN meets on the *first* Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (September through April).

### NEW LOCATION

Houston Northwest Church  
1911 State Highway 249  
Houston, TX 77070

Social Hour begins at 9:30 a.m.

**The next General Meeting is  
Tuesday, September 6, 2022.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August, the month of anticipation....

Can't wait for the action to start in September. So, what has your board been up to?

- ◆ General meetings start up again in September. Look for **Karren Sims'** 2022-2023 programs schedule in this issue. Plus her **BIG NEWS** about our *new meeting venue*.
- ◆ Membership renewals *and new memberships* have been coming in. **Claudia Gallagher** has been busy collecting membership dues and updating our membership database.
- ◆ Budget for 2022-2023 is in the works. **Debi Swaney** has closed the books on last year and is opening the books for the new year. We'll ask for your approval of the 2022-2023 budget at the September meeting.
- ◆ Activity Groups are a vital part of FAN. **Mary Ales** is checking in with the Activity Group Leaders to confirm who will continue in the role and where new leaders may be needed. Her eyes and ears are open to new activity group ideas.
- ◆ New directories will be available at the September meeting. After admiring the beautiful cover, check out all the important information inside. **Sandy Darst and Laurie Nimberger** put a lot of time and creativity into creating this critical tool for FAN members.

Stay cool!

**Kathy Court**, President

## SUNSHINE

Congratulations to **Sandy Darst** and her husband, Tommy, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sending prayers to **Jill Richmond** on the healing of her eye stroke.

Congratulations to **Noemi Sirisaengtaksin** and her family on the birth of her beautiful, first grandchild, Madeline Elise.

Sending prayers to **Debi Swaney's** brother, Ken, and family.

Sending prayers to **Doris Vadas'** husband, Leo, in his recovery from heart valve replacement.

Please remember to send me news on what is going on—surgery, weddings, babies, deaths, illness and more.

Thoughts, Prayers & Congratulations,  
**Shelley Gross**, Sunshine Chair  
(Text 832-428-3027 for Sunshine needs)



**New Year  
New Beginnings  
New Meeting Location  
New Programs**

FAN's monthly General Meetings will be held at our new meeting location for the 2022-2023 new year!

Tuesday, September 6  
Houston Northwest Church  
19911 State Highway 249  
Houston, TX 77070

Mark your calendar for the first Tuesday of each month beginning this September and continuing through April 2023.

Social hour is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at which time meetings begin.

Wow—you don't want to miss out on any of these outstanding, active, fun, interesting and entertaining programs:

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|-------------|--------------------------|
| September 6 | Belly Dancing            |
| October 4   | Hypnotism                |
| November 1  | Fashion                  |
| January 10  | Protecting Against Fraud |
| February 7  | Protecting Self          |
| March 7     | Soils                    |
| April 4     | Singing Quartet          |

Plan on attending ALL the General Meetings. Don't forget to bring a friend or two to share in the fun

**Karren Sims**, 1st VP Programs  
[karren.sims@gmail.com](mailto:karren.sims@gmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP

*“Talk between women friends is always therapy ...”*

As of July 10, we have the following member count for the 2022-2023 year:

205 Total New and Renewing Members

22 NEW Members since March 1

If you have not renewed your membership by the time you receive this newsletter, your information will unfortunately not be included in our new directory, which will be distributed at our first FAN meeting in September. Addendums containing corrections or additions will be sent monthly with our newsletters.

Remember to tell your friends and neighbors about FAN and encourage them to come to an activity or meeting with you so they can see for themselves what a nice group we are!

Dues are presently being collected for our club year which began on **June 1, 2022** and ends on **May 31, 2023**. Please complete the Membership Form on Page 5 of the *FANfare* and return to me with your \$25 check.

Please contact [claudiagallagher@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiagallagher@yahoo.com) if you note any needed changes in directory information, and the information will be corrected.

**Claudia Gallagher**, 2nd VP  
Membership



## HISTORIAN



Hello FAN Friends! I hope you've had an enjoyable and interesting summer. I'm back in the Historian position and ready to receive your photos from groups that have been active for the summer and places you've been. Please note my new email



[dutchcomeaux@gmail.com](mailto:dutchcomeaux@gmail.com).



I'm looking forward to seeing you at the September 6 General Meeting.



Linda Comeaux, Historian



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Char Marks	8/1
Jean Heineman	8/5
Margie Rogers	8/5
Kathryn DeLaitsch	8/10
Shelley Gross	8/11
Ann Sheppard	8/11
Corinne Smith-Sloan	8/14
Sue Collins	8/15
Sandra West	8/19
Elsie Colwell	8/20
Debra Black	8/21
Elizabeth Maxson	8/21
Carolyn Grimes	8/22
Shirley Marmor	8/26
Sharon Gardner	8/30



Shield Bearer is a non-profit organization committed to healthy relationships and strong communities. They restore broken relationships through marriage and family counselling and trauma recovery. They also partner with other organizations across the Houston area to fulfill their mission to promote individual growth and development, preserve and enrich marriage and strengthen and unite families.

On the first Tuesday of each month, Shield Bearer hosts a First Tuesday Network & Learn Breakfast with various speakers. The public is welcome to attend. August 2 is the next breakfast. [August 2nd - First Tuesday Network & Learn Breakfast](#)

**Diane Webb**, Charity Chair  
[dianewebbis@yahoo.com](mailto:dianewebbis@yahoo.com)

## DIRECTORY

Here's a sneak peek of the new Directory Cover.



Don't miss the September General Meeting when we will distribute the new 2022-2023 Membership Directories!

**Sandy Darst**, Directory Chair  
[sdarst52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdarst52@sbcglobal.net)

## ACTIVITIES

FAN ladies have been busy and keeping cool with lots of activities, shared friendship and laughter this summer. We are gearing up for a super new year and need your help. We are in need of group leaders and any new activities you would like to share. FAN ladies like a good time. Would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions at [maryales13@gmail.com](mailto:maryales13@gmail.com).

**Mary Ales**, Activities Chair



Lunch with Antiquers & Junkers in Old Katy. **Etta Gager**, left, **Gayla Baker**, **Char Marks**, **Sandy Castillo**, **Bert Forbes**, **Loni Dennis**, **Ann Parker**, **Sharon Gardner** and **Sheila Gibbs**.



## BOOK CLUB

### Literary Review

Date: August 24

Time: 1:30 PM

Hostess: **Patsy Justice**

Book: *The French Kiss*

Author: Kirsty Manning

Discussion Leader: **Patsy Justice**

**Kathy Court**, Literary Review Lead

[kacourt@att.net](mailto:kacourt@att.net)



July 4th bathing beauties, **Etta Gager**, left, **Gayla Ires**, **Shelley Gross** and **Linda Comeaux**.

## ♠♦♣♥ RAILROAD CANASTA ♥♣♦♠

Would you like to join in? We play on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Please contact [kimgerrish@yahoo.com](mailto:kimgerrish@yahoo.com) if you are not currently on the text list.



WINNERS at June Railroad Canasta are 1st Place **Tanya Russell**, left, and **Pat Ramsey**, 2nd Place.



WINNERS at July Railroad Canasta are 1st Place **Tee McNearney**, left, and **Shelley Gross**, 2nd Place.

**Kim Gerrish**, Railroad Canasta Lead



Dragon Ladies member **Helen Moorman** Mah Jonggs!



*All New and Renewing Members must complete this form.*

**2022-2023 Application: New Member \_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_**

### Section 1: Member Contact & Personal Information

Name <i>(First/Last)</i>			
Address			
City		Phone Number- <b>HOME</b>	
Zip Code		Phone Number- <b>CELL</b>	
Subdivision		Birthday <i>(Month/Day)</i>	
Email		Spouse's Name	

### Section 2: Membership Information

A.	Annual dues are \$25 covering the period of <b>June 1 through May 31. Make check payable to FAN.</b> <b>Note:</b> <i>Membership dues are not deductible contributions.</i>
B.	Membership information must be received by <b>June 30</b> to be included in the directory.
a.	<b>Sign here if you do NOT want any of your information in the directory.</b> _____ <b>Note:</b> <i>The Directory is not distributed to anyone outside of FAN.</i>
b.	The Membership Directory will be available at the FAN general meetings. <b>Directories are not mailed.</b>
C.	Newsletters are available on the club web site: <a href="https://www.fanwomensclub.com/">https://www.fanwomensclub.com/</a> . An email with a link to the newsletter is sent to members when a new issue is posted.
a.	<b>Sign here if your ONLY available method of receiving the newsletter is by U.S. mail.</b> _____

### Section 3: Volunteer Interests *(check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Be a Greeter / Help at the Sign-in Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills – Word, Excel, Publisher
<input type="checkbox"/> Set-up for Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning / Organizing / Decorating

### Section 4: FAN Activities of Interest – currently participates or would like to join *(check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Crafting	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Clubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening	<input type="checkbox"/> Line Dancing
<input type="checkbox"/> Antique Outings	<input type="checkbox"/> Day Trips Outside Houston	<input type="checkbox"/> Day Trips in Houston	<input type="checkbox"/> Happy Hour Outings
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Walkers	<input type="checkbox"/> Movie Outings	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch in Restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch in Member's Homes
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican Train	<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad Canasta	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge
<input type="checkbox"/> Bunco	<input type="checkbox"/> Mah Jongg: Wright-Patterson	<input type="checkbox"/> Mah Jongg: National	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Social

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***FAN PURPOSE***

To provide an opportunity for members to become acquainted with others in the community in an atmosphere of friendliness, goodwill and helpful information.

To undertake and to promote charitable and humanitarian projects within the community.

To form enduring friendships.

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

All articles for the **September 2022** newsletter should be submitted before **August 12** to

**Kim Gerrish** at [kingerrish@yahoo.com](mailto:kingerrish@yahoo.com)

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