

Labor Day

# FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960



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SEPTEMBER 2014

## 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Betty Horelica

SEPTEMBER has arrived!

Our first meeting at John Wesley United Methodist Church in the WELCOME CENTER is September 9, 2014. I am excited for the new year to begin. You do not want to miss the first meeting. We will be presenting the 2014-15 budget for your approval and a vote will be taken on the new position on the Board for an Auditor. Both are very important, and I hope many of you will attend.

The IRS has responded and all looks good. I feel as if a ton has been lifted from the shoulders of this club.

The dues we take in with the present membership count (268) can be broken down to our core expenses rent, tax preparation, directory, newsletter and programs comes to \$24.75/per member. We usually have a membership count of 300-325. I hope this puts into prospective how hard the BOARD tries to keep on a tight budget that will do the most for our members.

The EXTENDED BOARD members have been working very hard this summer. At our first meeting on September 9th, there will be three functions for you to sign up to attend. Sharlene Wesson has a day trip planned. Sue Muller and Margie Rogers have a SOCIAL planned. It will be a PROGRESSIVE DINNER. Margaret Burgess has an OVERNIGHT TRIP planned for San Antonio. Don't miss out and sign up quickly.

I will be hosting a WELCOME NEW MEMBERS COFFEE in October. The date will be Friday, October 12 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Hopefully, this will give new members an opportunity to become more familiar with our club and the activities we have to offer.

I am looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces at our first meeting. I love seeing my long time friends and meeting some new at each meeting.

## FAN General Meetings

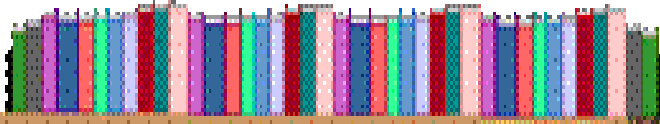
Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, at **JOHN WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH** September thru April. Our next meeting will be on September 9, 2014



Have you Moved?  
Has your telephone number changed?

Contact Pat Quackenbush

**Patquackenbush**  
**@sbc global.net**



## FAN BOOK CLUBS

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

**Literary Review** Charla Hannibal  
September 24, 2014  
Book: **The Dinner**  
Author: Herman Koch  
Hostess: Pasty Justice  
281-251-2051

**Cover Girls** Maria Bocchino  
September 24, 2014  
Book: **Garden of Stones**  
Author: Sophie Littlefield  
Please contact Maria if you would like to be placed on our waiting list.  
[Marite.bocchino@gmail.com](mailto:Marite.bocchino@gmail.com)

**Page Turners** Adrienne Juno  
September 10, 2014  
Book: **The Orphan Train**  
Author: Christina Baker Kline  
Hostess: Margaret Hein



## DIRECTORIES

Ladies, don't forget to pick up your new 2014-15 directories at the first FAN meeting September 9th.

We will have a roster of those who have paid their membership dues, and if you like, you may designate someone else to pick yours up. We do not mail.

Linda Niebel

## NEW BY-LAW

Below is the new BY-LAW that will be voted on at the September 9th meeting. The creation of this position is needed for proper oversight of our book keeping process. I was informed that because the president and the treasurer write checks we need an "auditor" who does not to reconcile the transactions on a monthly basis.

By-Law addition to  
**ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**  
**Section 8. The Auditor shall perform the bank reconciliation and review the transactions (entries) into various accounts on a monthly basis. An audit does not entail looking at all transactions, but would look at a sampling and would review any journal entries (adjustments) that were not cash transactions. At the end of the fiscal year she shall put together an AUDIT COMMITTEE of three non-members of the board to audit the records of the Treasurer.**

**Life is partly what we make it, and partly what it is made by the friends we choose.**

## HISTORIANS CORNER

Hello Ladies,

I am excited and look forward to do pictures for Betty's scrapbook. In order to do this, I ask for everyone's support by being available.

If you have any pictures of your groups, please email to me. If you would like me to take the photos, let me know. You will be reimbursed for any pictures you take by providing a receipt and sending it to me.

Mona Malone 586-549-6899  
[raceway2texas@yahoo.com](mailto:raceway2texas@yahoo.com)



## LUNCH BUNCH

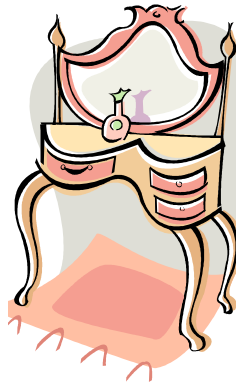
We meet the third Wednesday of the month at noon in different homes for good food and fellowship. Bring a non-sweet dish. Check your newsletter to find the hostess of the month. We will meet on September 17, 2014 at my home.

Call before September 14 for reservations.

Sharlene Wesson 281-251-6940

## 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.



On September 17, 2014 at 9:a.m. we will meet at Pat Lee's home, 19239 Hollis Garden Dr. In Pinecrest (behind Silverado Movie Theater) We will carpool to Tomball and have lunch at the Whistlestop Tea-room. Please let Pat and me know if you are coming. We will need to know by September 15. Pat can be contacted at 832-698-1674 or [plee54@comcast.net](mailto:plee54@comcast.net)

I will also need to know if you can drive

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

Bert Forbes  
281-304-2444

[afortbesw@aol.com](mailto:afortbesw@aol.com)

All are Welcome

## DAY TRIPS

The trip is set for Friday, October 3, which is earlier this year. We will travel on a Precinct 4 bus to Houston Baptist University's Dunham Bible (and old books ) Museum. This will also include a doll and a Southern History Museum. Lunch will be at the Hobbit Cafe. The cost is yours. But, that's not all: we will also stop at Bering's Hardware and Gifts.

We will leave from the old Randall's parking lot at Champion Forest and Louetta at 10:15 a.m. Make your \$5.00 checks out to FAN.

**No refunds after September 15.**

Sharlene Wesson 281-251-6940

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WHEN GOOD FRIENDS  
GET TOGETHER....**

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**FAN Website**  
*For members only*

I will be managing the FAN *members'* website this year. It is easy to get to and no password is required. The FAN *members'* website is <http://fan1960.wordpress.com>.

As events unfold in our FAN community, I will post them to your FAN *members'* website. You can always find current and archived copies of the newsletter, the membership form as well as elected board and extended board members' names and their pictures. I will continue to post social events as they unfold this year. Be sure to add the FAN website to your "Favorites" or "Bookmarks" on your computer. You just may find your picture on the website! Contact me with any news or concerns.

**FAN Website**  
*For the public*

I will also be managing the FAN *public* website. This website is for anyone interested or curious about FAN. Simply type in your browser **Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club** or perhaps **women's club fm 1960** and the site should be listed. The website's formal address is <http://fan1960.club>. General information about our club is provided as well as an application form. Invite your friends and neighbors to check out this site.

Thanks,  
Barbara Kerr  
[Bkerr1974@hotmail.com](mailto:Bkerr1974@hotmail.com)  
Web Manager



**MEMBERSHIP**

We continue our membership drive. Thank you for your commitment to our club! If you know of anyone who has not paid dues for the coming year, please let her know that there is still time to join, either by contacting me or coming to the September meeting and signing up then. At the September meeting, I will have a special table just for those who want to fill out their application and pay dues. I can be reached by phone at 281-350-0429 and by email at [patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net).

Pat Quackenbush  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Membership

**SENDING SUNSHINE WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these friends and neighbors who are ill or recovering or have great news to share:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sharon Wertz and her family as she recovers from thyroid surgery.

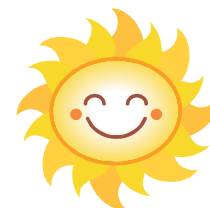
Barbara Kerr's first grandson, Daniel Palmer, was born on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Barbara.

Correction: The announcement in last month's newsletter for Christel Clark's new grandson's name should have been Elijah Williams Nash.

Please contact me at:

[juneb6903@hotmail.com](mailto:juneb6903@hotmail.com) or call me at 281-323-4581 with news to share.

June McMillin



**NEW MEMBER**

Mary Lou Leason  
5603 Court of Lions St  
Houston, TX 77069  
Huntwick  
Home: 281-580-6911  
Cell: 832-392-1874  
[marylouz2@att.net](mailto:marylouz2@att.net)



## Save the Date!! December 2, 2014 at Shirley Acres

Mark your calendars and be ready to enter our “**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**” **Holiday Charity Luncheon** to raise funds to donate to a local charity which helps women and/or children in our area. Be sure to attend the October 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting so you can vote to select this year’s recipient. We are ready to begin collecting your items for the raffle and the silent auction. The following wonderful ladies have volunteered part of their homes to store items:

Gwen Barfield, Spring Creek Forest  
Clarita Doussan, Gleannloch Farms  
Bonnie Reddehase, Westador

Priscilla Browne, Cypresswood  
Sherri Lauritsen, Coles Crossing  
Trish Torgersen, Wimbledon Forest

You’ll find their phone numbers and email addresses in the new directory.

Do you need ideas for raffle or auction items to donate? As you get back into fall activities and routines, think about what you’d be willing to bid on. Some of the most popular choices are also the simplest to donate: gift cards to local restaurants, shops, pampering treatments! When you visit one of your favorites, it’s easy to buy a gift card to share the wonderful experience with your FAN friends who win the bid.

Sherry Dunn [sdunn@entouch.net](mailto:sdunn@entouch.net)  
Denise Hunt [dhuntint1@aol.com](mailto:dhuntint1@aol.com)



## Like Downton Abbey? You'll love Houghton Hall.



Calling all fans of Downton Abbey and Jane Eyre. Join members of FAN's Antiquers and Junkers for a day at Houghton Hall: Portrait of an English Country House, an exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, on Friday, September 12.

Quickly, before it closes in September, let's carpool in to see this exhibit, described by the museum as one that ... 'brings masterworks from the legendary 18th-century house of England's first prime minister, Sir Robert Walpole, to the U.S. for the first time. Family portraits by Hogarth and Sargent, unique furniture by William Kent, and exquisite objects in porcelain, gold, and silver tell the fascinating stories behind one family's collecting over three centuries, all presented in re-creations of their original room settings.'

The museum opens at 10 a.m., so we will meet at the site of the former Randall's store on Louetta at Champions Forest at 9 a.m. and would expect to return before 5. Lunch is available at the museum's Café Express and various food trucks are sometimes at the museum.

General admission of \$15 (\$10 for those 65 and better) also provides access to the entire museum in addition to this very special exhibition. Save time when we arrive at the museum by ordering your tickets in advance online at: <https://ecommerce.mfah.org/Admission.aspx>. Please email Lin Fish ([linden7723@att.net](mailto:linden7723@att.net)) by noon on Wednesday, September 10, if you plan to join the fun. Please indicate if you are willing to drive other FAN members. We should be able to use the HOV lane to minimize traffic snarls.

### LUNCH SIGN UP

Following our September 9 meeting join your **FAN** Friends at Carraba's Italian Grill for lunch. This year's board members are anxious to meet as many of you as possible and would love to see you there.

Carraba's is in the Champion's Center at the NE corner of F.M. 1960 and Champion Forest Drive.

Be sure to sign up for lunch before the meeting begins, so that Carraba's knows how many ladies to expect.

Char Marks

### FIRST VP/PROGRAMS

Maureen Cummings from the Lone Star College Outreach Committee will be the speaker at our September meeting. Ms. Cummings will be talking about the classes offered for adults who are 50+ regarding the "Academy for Lifelong Learning". One of the fastest-growing trends in America is for seniors to move near colleges and universities to take advantage of low-cost artistic and cultural activities.

Please join us in September!

Markett Harkinson

### "REMEMBER THE ALAMO"

Our first overnight trip will be October 24, 25, and 26 (Thursday and Friday night) in San Antonio. We will stay at the LaQuinta at the Market (El Mercado). The cost for two nights, based on double occupancy, will be \$91.00 each.

The wonderful things to see and do in San Antonio are too much to mention, but it will be much more than the Alamo!

We will carpool, leaving Thursday Morning, October 24, returning Saturday evening, October 26.

I will be signing people up at the September and October meetings. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call me at 281-304-8977.

Margaret Burgess

Overnight Trip Chairwoman

### MOVIE GOERS ENJOY MONTHLY MATINEE

Film buffs, join the fun. Meet FAN members on September 15 and the third Monday each month for a matinee at an area theater. Whether it's a comedy, suspense, romance or something unique like *Boyhood*, we pick the best pictures playing, often enjoying Oscar-nominated performances and films.

Email your interest to Lin Fish

([linden7723@att.net](mailto:linden7723@att.net)) and receive an email notice each month of the movie title, theater and time. Come along when it's something that interests you, but be sure to pencil in the dates: the third Monday, early afternoon!

### COOKIE EXCHANGE

The annual FAN Cookie Exchange will be held on Friday, October 12, 2014. We will hold it in the new and improved Spring Creek Oaks Clubhouse. Dust off your oldest and tastiest cookie recipes and plan to join us!!

More details to follow in the next FANfare. Any questions should be directed to Linda Fisher [lpfisher3@aol.com](mailto:lpfisher3@aol.com) or 281-376-6799

Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow; Don't walk behind me, I may not lead; Walk beside me, and just be my friend.

## ACTIVITY DESK

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 more than 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 each month.

If any group has disbanded, please let me know, either by phone 832-427-1112 or by email at [sharonple@comcast.net](mailto:sharonple@comcast.net)

Sharon Plescia, Activities Coordinator



### COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

This group meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 5 p.m. at Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 FM 1960 W. We play Party Bridge from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. We eat dinner together at 6 p.m. then play bridge until 9 p.m. changing partners each round.

Please let me know if you would like to join us.  
Sandra Lamborn, 281-580-4210 or  
[lamboss@earthlink.net](mailto:lamboss@earthlink.net)

### CANASTA I

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

**ALL FAN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

**NO RESERVATIONS!**

Questions? Call **Melody Williams**, 281-440-7512

### 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

[debbielaiach@comcast.net](mailto:debbielaiach@comcast.net)

### DUPLICATE LITE BRIDGE

Are you an experienced Party Bridge player? Would you like something a little bit different?

Try Duplicate lite—1st Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. No partner needed. No bid boxes.

Players can score points whether they are playing the hand or defending against it.

We are friendly and welcome new players. For more information or to have questions answered—contact Corinne Sloan 281-444-1537 [CorinneSL@aol.com](mailto:CorinneSL@aol.com)



### RAILROAD CANASTA

Looking for new players!!

We play on 3rd Thursday of the month at the

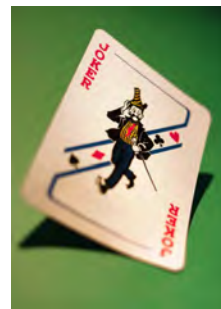
**Willowbrook Fuddruckers**. Cost is \$2 to play, plus \$1 for tip. No reservations needed.

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

**Eileen Kelly** 281-516-1535

New players always welcome

We are happy to teach you this fun game



## 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 likes working on projects while we share joy and our latest works-in-progress. We enjoy conversations with other ladies who share an appreciation for Needle Arts.

We get together on the first Wednesday and the third Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prior to each meeting, we will announce where it will be held. 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](mailto:patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net).

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

## FAN Nature Walkers

We have been exploring the wooded nature trails at Burroughs Park, Mercer Arboretum, Pundt Park and Spring Creek Greenway. Our Precinct 4 Parks Department encompasses over 3,800 acres which allows us a large area for nature walking. If you wish to join us, please reply with your email address. We have two walks per month and are outdoors from 90 minutes to two hours. I will contact the group via email with details as to date, time and location for our next walk.

**The Nature Walkers are taking a break and will resume activity when fall weather is upon us.**

Jacqueline Webster  
[jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net)

**A friend is one who knows you and loves you just the same.**



## FAN SOCIAL:

Our first FAN social of the year will be a Progressive Dinner on **Saturday, November 1, 2014** at 5:30pm. The cost will be \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of the meat for the main course and we will each bring a dish to share, enough to serve 6 – 8 people. We will let you know whether to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. Sign-up will be at our first FAN Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

Margie and Chuck Rogers will host the Appetizer Course. Their address is: **12831 Birch Falls, Houston, 77065**. Their phone number is 281-955-8459.

Our Main Course will be hosted by Markett and Greg Harkinson. Their address is: **7014 Amber Court, Houston, 77069**. The phone number is 281-537-0758.

Then we are going to end the evening with dessert at Betty and Hank Horelica's house. The Horelica's address is: **13310 Coral Ridge Court, Houston, 77069**.

Additional information will be in the October FANfare. There will be no refunds after October 20.

Sue Muller and Margie Rogers

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**SEPTEMBER 2014**

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**FRIENDS &  
NEIGHBORS**

OF FM 1960

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## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

All articles for the October newsletter should be submitted before **September 15** to [chennigd@outlook.com](mailto:chennigd@outlook.com). Deadline for last-minute changes is **September 19**.

To update your address, please contact Pat Quackenbush  
[patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net) or 281-350-0429