

FANfare



Friends And Neighbors Women's Club
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December 2022

FAN General Meetings

There is NO December General Meeting.

The **Red Velvet Holiday Charity Luncheon**
is Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

Champions Golf Club
13722 Champions Drive, Houston 77069
11:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Are you ready for a **FAN**tastic Holiday Charity Luncheon? I have never been to the Champions Golf Club, but those who have say it is a gorgeous setting for a holiday event. I'm looking forward to the **Red Velvet** experience. In addition to celebrating the holiday spirit with Friends And Neighbors, we will raise money for Shield Bearer, our worthwhile charity of choice this year. Along with the usual **silent auction, raffle tickets** and **wine pull**, this year we've added an **ornament grab** and **photo booth**.

As I've said before, I enjoy browsing our website and looking at old editions of *FANfare*. It is intriguing to see how the newsletters have evolved over the years: from black and white to color, from clip art of things to color photos of members, print and writing styles, quality of printing, etc. During my latest browsing session, I came across an article that I think our many new members might enjoy; see page 2 of [FANfare December 2018/January 2019](#). The article by Past President Arlene Skaggs is a great concise description of FAN's history.

It is already time to start planning for FAN's new year which starts June 1. By mid-January I need to appoint a nominating committee that will select a slate of candidates for your approval to serve as your Executive Board for 2023-2024. I am attempting to create a committee that represents the diversity of FAN. If asked to serve on the committee, I hope you will say yes.

I hope to see many of you at the Red Velvet Holiday Charity Luncheon on December 6. ***I wish for all of you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season, during which you enjoy time with family and friends!!!***

Kathy Court, President





Shield Bearer's Gaby Posas, left, models a new way to shine during the holidays.



Karren Sims, right, introduces A Splash of Sass Co-Owners Sheri Kendrick, left, and D'Ann Gummelt, who entertained us with fun, new ideas of what to wear during the holiday season at the November General Meeting.

Modeling a spectacular holiday look is Diane Rightmer, right.



MEMBERSHIP

**"New friends are like new adventures.
You never know what lessons they
will teach you."**

As of November 10, we have the following membership:

240 Total Members

46 NEW Members this year
(19.1% of total members)

November General Meeting attendance:

90 Attendance (38% of total members)

81 Members

5 Guests

4 New Joining Members

We have eight new members since the October General Meeting:

Jan Aduddell	Martha Flasch
Mary Dinkel	Mary Papageorge
Mary Dewitt	Cynthia Payne
Joanne Elliott	Stella Watson

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

Claudia Gallagher, 2nd VP Membership

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Maureen Davia	12/1
Karen Lewis	12/2
Donna Ohlson	12/3
Jan Aduddell	12/5
Linda Neibel	12/5
Tanya Russell	12/5
Tracy Lalor	12/7
Marilyn Estes	12/10
Donna Stephens	12/11
Maggie Farhadi	12/12
Bert Forbes	12/14
Cathy Harrison	12/15
Linda Lagerquist	12/16
Sue Ann Lurcott	12/16
Joy Farrell	12/17
Gaye Ires	12/17
Karen Kastendieck	12/18
Mona Malone	12/21
Ann Augustin	12/22
Pat Ramsey	12/22
Laurie Nimberger	12/23
Caroline Riera	12/23
Karren Sims	12/23
Kim Gerrish	12/24
Debbie Coleman	12/25
Mary Taylor	12/27
Cissie Alexander	12/29
Valerie Murray	12/29
Diane Dzygun	12/30
Doris Vadas	12/31

SUNSHINE

Barbara Pack's husband, Don, passed away.

Sue Behnke's brother passed away.

Please accept our prayers and sympathy to you and your families. Text 832-428-3027 for all your get-well, sympathy and happy news!

Shelley Gross, Sunshine Chair



50/50 RAFFLE

November General Meeting

Winners:

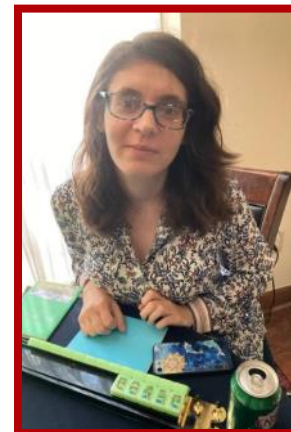
Sandra Lamborn, left \$70.00

Tanya Russell, right \$70.00

FAN Funds \$141.00

Total Collected \$281.00

Come by the Treasurer's table, buy a few tickets and you could be our next lucky winner!



Blaire Calabro gets a bouquet at Dragon Ladies Mah Jongg.



MaryAnn Lucas, MaryAnn Lucas Art.

FAN EXPO

The FAN EXPO was part of the November General Meeting with 13 members' businesses and hobbyists participating.



Tom and Sandy Darst, Forest Lawn Funeral Home.



Barbara Alcamo, Texas Legacy Properties.



Rena Malinowski, Cruise Planners.



Tanya Russell, Mary Kay.



Debi Swaney, Debi Swaney Photography.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME BRUNCH



Susan Butler, left, Donna Morris, Jan Aduddell, and Marianne Steinbacher get acquainted with Miss Skeleton.



Looking oh so fantastic are Cydney Miller, left, Jacquie Stamates and Rosanne Brumley.



Geisel Shelton, left, Mary Papageorge, Donna Morris, Karren Sims, Diane Webb and Jane Hanlon snack on delicious appetizers during introductions.

Kim Gerrish, right, awards Merry Keith a prize for winning the fun Bingo Mixer Game designed by Claudia Gallagher, Membership Vice President.



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HAPPY HOUR GALS

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please contact me by text at 713-553-1380 if you did not receive the text invitation for November 17 or if you would like to be included for future events.

Rena Malinowski, Happy Hour Gals Lead

THANK YOU

to our FANfare proofreaders
Lin Fish and **Laurie Nimberger**



Mary Ales, left, and Jennifer Banks represent FAN at Shield Bearers' recent Family Fall Festival. Kathy Court and Lin Fish also worked the FAN booth as visiting children played candy corn bowling and colored cartoon turkeys.



HURTING



RELIEF!



- Low Back Pain
- Hip Pain
- Leg Pain
- Numbness
- Tingling
- Sciatica
- Herniated Discs
- Bulging Discs

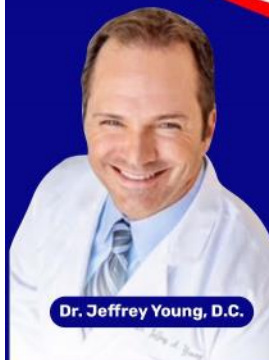
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Celebrate the holiday season with FAN friends at a special

Red Velvet Holiday Charity Luncheon

Tuesday, December 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Champions Golf Club

13722 Champions Drive, Houston 77069

Elegant served luncheon, entertainment, raffle, auction and more!

Benefiting Shield Bearer

Tickets are only \$45 and wine is available for purchase.

Make checks payable to FAN and mail with completed form to:

Susan Butler, 14003 Julington Lane, Cypress, TX 77429

Reserve seats for up to 6 per table.

Individual and smaller group reserved seating is also available.

Deadline for reservations or refund requests is November 22.

If you plan to sit with a group of special friends, list your tablemates' information here.

	Name	Phone	Email (required)
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____

DAY TRIP

All Things Klein to Spring

Saturday, January 21, 2023



Are you ready for a FAN Day Trip? We will be doing a tour of the history of the Klein to Spring area. The tour will include the **National Museum of Funeral History**, the **Spring Historical Museum**, lunch at **Wunsche Bros. Café**, and different points of interest along the way.

We are scheduled for a docent led tour of the National Funeral Museum at 10:00 A.M. We will have lunch at Wunsche Bros. Café at 12:00 Noon with reserved seating. Lunch is on your own and the restaurant will do individual tickets and include 20% gratuity. At 2:00 P.M. we will meet at the Spring Historical Museum for a docent-led tour by a native of Spring who is very knowledgeable about the history of the area. There may be some free time for shopping after lunch. The cost of the tour is \$18.00.

The Precinct 3 bus will depart from Houston Northwest Church located at 19911 TX-249. We will meet in the same back parking lot where we meet for our monthly meetings. The bus will be available for boarding at 9:00 A.M. and will depart at 9:15 A.M. We should return around 4:00 P.M.

Sign up ASAP to Carolyn Grimes at grimescarolyn@hotmail.com or at the December 6, 2022 **Red Velvet Holiday Charity Luncheon**, or at the January 10, 2023 General Meeting. **The deadline to pay is Tuesday, January 10, 2023, after which no refunds can be made.** To sign up, bring **cash or a check for \$18 payable to FAN** to the meeting or mail it to **Carolyn Grimes, 8838 Leaning Hollow Lane, Spring, TX 77379**. Final details will be emailed to participants by January 13, 2023.

This exciting tour is being coordinated by **Noemi Sirisaengtaksin**, Day Trip Chair, and **Carolyn Grimes**.

If you need to cancel, especially the morning of the trip, please call Carolyn at **832-401-3464**.

----- Clip & Mail to Carolyn Grimes at the above address -----

RESERVATION FORM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023: ALL THINGS KLEIN to SPRING

NAME: (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

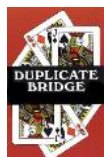
Emergency Contact Name & Cell #: _____

CHECK #: _____ Amount: _____ Date: _____

ACTIVITIES

We are excited to announce **Maggie Farhadi** is returning as **Line Dance Lead** in January. So, dust off your boots and get ready to dance. Thank you Maggie for leading this group. Contact her at fan.maggie48@gmail.com to sign up or for any questions.

There are openings in the following groups:



Duplicate Bridge
Intermediate or Better Players ONLY
4th Monday of each month at 10:00 A.M.
Contact Lead **Rayne Castle** at rlc60@sbcglobal.net for any questions.



Hand & Foot Canasta
Training for Beginners available.
1st Wednesday of each month from 5:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.
Contact Lead **Tiffany Cady** at tiffcadymore@gmail.com for any questions.



Character's Mah Jongg—Wright-Patterson
Experienced Players ONLY
2nd & 4th Thursday each month from 1:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.
Contact Lead **Jacque Stamates** at jacque1942@att.net for any questions.

Please contact maryales13@gmail.com with any thoughts or suggestions. Happy Holidays to all.

Mary Ales, Activities Chair

NATURE WALKERS

Tips for Staying Healthy During the Holidays

- Keep moving!
- Focus on fun, not food and drinks.
- Get enough sleep.
- Don't skip meals, especially breakfast.
- Drink water.
- Try healthier holiday favorites.
- Don't forget your fruits and vegetables.

AND join the FAN nature walkers to keep moving. We walk at a relaxed pace, twice a month in the late mornings at a park or nearby forest. To be included on the invite list, send your email address to jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net. And have a healthy holiday and keep on walking.

Jacqueline Webster, Nature Walkers Lead

♥♣♦♠ RAILROAD CANASTA ♠♦♣♥

Tuesday, December 13
\$2.00 + cost of lunch

Would you like to join in? We play on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Please contact kimgerrish@yahoo.com if you are not already on the list.



WINNERS at November Railroad Canasta are 3rd Place **Laurie Nimberger**, left, **Susan Butler**, 2nd Place, and **Etta Gager**, 1st Place.

Kim Gerrish, Railroad Canasta Lead



TECH TUTORs

Apple Watch Class
January 24, 2023

Hi Tech Tutors! Would you

like to learn more about your Apple Watch, or are you considering purchasing an Apple Watch and want to learn more ahead of time?! Either way, this is the class for you! After the holiday break, we will cover Apple Watches during our January 24 class.

Topics we will cover are health monitoring features, such as blood oxygen levels and ECG, sleep and fitness tracking, and much more!

Email **Laurie Nimberger** at lnimberger@gmail.com if you're not on the Tech Tutor list and we will send you the invite for January. Also, if you have specific Apple Watch questions, please email ahead of time to make sure those topics are covered during class.

Laurie Nimberger & Debi Swaney, Tech Tutors
Leads

BOOK CLUBS

Literary Review

Holiday Pot Luck Lunch—Date & Location TBD

Kathy Court, Literary Review Lead
kacourt@att.net

Page Turners

Date: December 14

Time: 1:30 PM

Hostess: **Margaret Hein**

Book: *Heirloom Garden*

Author: Viola Shipman

Discussion Leader: **Margaret Hein**

Adrienne Juno, Page Turners Lead
ahjuno@gmail.com

RESTAURANT LUNCH BUNCH

Since the start of the FAN year, we have been exploring some more interesting restaurants. In September we ate at Graze, an elegant, modern restaurant tucked away off Tomball Main St. They serve modern comfort food with a twist and have a good selection of wines and beers. In October we met at Wunsche Bros. Café and Saloon in Old Town Spring. It was started by the brothers in 1902 and has become a Texas landmark, well known for its traditional American food. November is the start of Diwali – the Indian Festival of Light- so we celebrated at Kurry Wallah* on Grant Rd., where we enjoyed their cool modern décor while choosing delicious dishes from a North Indian menu or the buffet.

We haven't made a final choice for December's restaurant, but I'm pretty sure Christmas will be involved....

We always meet at 12:00 noon on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the chosen restaurant. If you are interested in joining our group, please email me at sc.gibbs@outlook.com for more details.

*You may be interested to know that a Wallah was a servant. Now we would say 'guy'.

Sheila Gibbs, Restaurant Lunch Bunch Lead

December 2022

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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 **January 2023** newsletter should be submitted before **December 16** to

Kim Gerrish at kimgerrish@yahoo.com
