



FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

April 2017

FAN

General Meetings

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

Faithbridge Church
18000 Stuebner Airline

Social hour begins at 9:30 a.m.

Our next general meeting will be on
April 4, 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a great slate officers for the coming 2017-2018 year. Some are returning and some are new. A brief Installation of the new Executive Board will be held at the April meeting. Hope everyone can attend.

Our program will be "Traveling Light, Finding JOY" by Carmalyn McCracken.

Plan also to attend the Spring Luncheon on May 2 at Northgate Country Club from 11 to 2. It should be fun and entertaining. Our theme is *Mad Hatter Tea Party* and the decorations are wonderful. Please come and bring a friend.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter ... it will be here before you know it. I am so ready for Spring and all the pretty blooming flowers.

Carol Huddleston, President

FAN 2017-2018 Executive Board

The FAN members elected at the March General Meeting to serve on the Executive Board for the coming year are:

President- Carol Huddleston
1st VP - Lin Fish
2nd VP - Sherry Dunn
Secretary- Sharlene Nelson
Treasurer- Sue Behnke
Auditor- Pat Townzen
Newsletter Editor- Cissie Alexander
Historian - Sharon Schumann

We gratefully thank those who volunteered to serve this past year and our new **Board members.** Our members' loyalty and dedication to give their time make FAN a great organization. There will be a brief Installation Ceremony at the April General Meeting.

Markett Harkinson
Nominating Committee Chair



Lena Habiby is learning to play Mah Jongg ... at just her second class, she made a bouquet! For all you mah jongg players, you know that is not easy to do!!

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank each of you. Your support, love and prayers sustained my family through a long period when I was ill. We appreciated the **cards, visits and food ... and what good food it was!!**

Sharlene Wesson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It's Springtime in Texas and time for azaleas, bluebonnets, rain, warm weather, allergies, and of course, FAN's Spring Annual Membership drive. The fiscal year of Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club (FAN) runs from June 1st to May 31st.

We will start accepting Membership Applications at the April 4th General Meeting so we can get a jump start on our membership drive for 2017-18. Please plan to bring your completed Membership Application and your check for \$25 for the annual dues to either the April General meeting, to the Spring Luncheon, or mail it to me at your convenience.

This year we are asking everyone to indicate "DUES" on the lower left note portion of your check. A Membership Application can be found on the website and will be in this Newsletter.

If you want to be in the Directory, please be sure your check and Membership Application reach me prior to the end of July. If you do NOT wish to be included in the Directory, please let me know, and then hold your check and Membership form until after July 31st.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Please remember, I can be reached at 713-857-2131 (leave a message if I'm not available) or by email at either sdunn@entouch.net or sdunn1128@gmail.com.

Sherry Dunn, 2nd Vice President – Membership

GREETERS

Thank you to Brenda Hannah and Sue Behnke for volunteering to be greeters for the March meeting.

Please remember to sign up as Greeters for the Spring Luncheon at the April meeting. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

I will be chairing the Decorating Committee for the Luncheon, so Brenda Hannah has graciously agreed to chair the Greeters Committee for the Luncheon. I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting.

Sharlene Nelson, Chair

Web Manager is looking for a FAN member to take over the responsibility for Web sites.

It is really an easy, fun job, especially if you know basic computer skills and are looking to improve your use of the Web. If you are a Facebook member, you already have half your duties done.

Please contact Barbara Kerr at 832-698-1933. I will be happy to help you.

Activity Chairman

I would like to remind all members, if you are interested in joining or subbing for an activity, please stop by my table at the next meeting or call me.

If you would like to start a group let me know.

Mona Malone, Activity Chair - 586-549-6899

SENDING SUNSHINE WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS



We have no news to report this month. Everyone enjoy the Spring weather and have a "Happy Easter".

Please contact me at getjudijeske@yahoo.com or call me at 281-687-4548 with news to share.

Judi Jeske, Sunshine Chair

Which charity should FAN support this year?

The Board voted at its March meeting to present the three charities described below at FAN's April 4 General Meeting. Members will be asked to vote at that meeting for one of these three to receive funds raised at our **December Charity Luncheon.** **Please consider which you believe is most deserving and for which you'll be willing to help raise donations.**

Abandoned Animal Rescue Shelter - Tomball Non-profit

No-kill animal shelter and low-cost spay/neuter clinic. Their mission is to end the unnecessary euthanasia of helpless animals and to place them in permanent homes. Started in 2002, it is managed and maintained by volunteers. Each day about 25 volunteers, ages teens to seniors, care for the animals, oversee adoptions, and staff the office and clinic. The volunteers also fund-raising events for the clinic. The only paid positions are the veterinarians and technicians.

AAR NEVER euthanizes a healthy, treatable, rehabilitatable, manageable animal. In 2006 AAR purchased 5 acres adjoining their current location. They are now of raising funds for a new 10,000 square foot shelter. They are debt free. In 2015, 456 dogs and cats were rescued and adopted.

AAR provides free pet food for people who cannot afford it, if available. They have an emergency fund for special life-saving events. They have a mobile trailer provided by Pedigree dog food brand and do on-site shots for \$15 and \$25 heart worm tests, which make basic wellness affordable for low-income families.

Comment: Total donations in 2015 were \$282,000. Total Revenue was \$535,123.

Between Jobs Ministries - Northwest Bible Church, 5503 Fellowship Lane, Spring.

BJM meets every Wednesday to welcome people who have lost their jobs. They offer classes in networking, resumes, interviewing, attire, presentation, franchising, negotiating the offer, and much more. Their Website features **job openings and they also post on their "jobs board" at the church.**

They have a contact list of 3,000+ employers. BJM needs 90 volunteers to operate each week. Five to 15 employers and recruiters come there each week to announce job openings and speak to potential employees. BJM provides volunteer Counselors for job seekers and volunteer Life Coaches for more in-depth assistance. Job seekers can make free business cards and use BJM computers for job searches. They have a commercial copy machine for resume printing.

Funds are needed to supplement costs for brochures, business cards, resumes, paper goods, janitorial supplies, coffee, snacks, utilities, equipment maintenance, and administration costs. As many as 60-120 first timers come in weekly and there are 400-600 in the weekly general session. BJM provides help finding a job but also provides moral and spiritual support. Their motto: Give a hand up, not a hand out. They have found jobs for more than 14,500 people in the past 14 years.

Comment: They have a very small budget, church-supported. The annual cost of operation is \$160,000.

NAM - Family Violence Center - A division of Northwest Assistance Ministries.

The hope for a better life and the courage to take the first step must come from within, but NAM's Family Violence Center (FVC) provides the resources to help clients find safe places, and offers support and the services to begin again on new paths.

The Center offers 24-hour hotline, telephone crisis counseling, emergency shelter, emergency food, clothing, transportation, medical assistance, professional counseling services, community outreach, information and referrals for battering intervention programs, on-site law enforcement, legal referrals and court accompaniment. In 2015-2016 they provided services for more than 8,400 individuals. They handled 9,800 hotline calls from victims in crisis or seeking assistance.

They have also begun providing services to victims of sexual assault. The Youth Education Program presented healthy relationship workshops and other anti-violence programs to 2,244 middle and high school students.

When fleeing an abusive home, individuals often leave everything behind to enter a world of financial and **emotional upheaval.** **NAM's multiple social service programs meet their basic needs while they work through the** physical and emotional trauma they have experienced. The Center is dedicated to breaking the cycle of violence by assisting victims of domestic and sexual violence through crisis intervention, long-term support services, and through community violence and awareness prevention education. Operating budget is \$450,000.

FAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
New or Renewal

2017-2018 FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS OF FM 1960 – FAN

SEND TO: Sherry Dunn, 1106 Austin Manor Ct, Spring, TX, 77379-3995

Renewal New Member (check one) ANNUAL DUES: \$25.00
Make check payable to FAN and indicate on your check "Dues"

Dues/application will need to be *received by end of July* to be listed in the upcoming Directory.
Please print legibly.

First Name Last Name

Address City Zip - _____ (+4 number)

Subdivision Spouse's Name: _____

Home ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____ Birthday: Mo. _____ Day: _____

Email (Capital letters, please): _____

I would like the Newsletter sent via email _____ This will result in considerable savings to the club.

VOLUNTEERS: *In an effort to encourage participation, it is good to know your abilities and interests:*

- Set-up for special events (Example: Christmas Luncheon) Event Planning
 Telephone Committee Be a Greeter Help at membership table
 Good Organizer Photography Accounting
 Computer skills Excel Word Publisher Other _____
 Interested in board/extended board position
 Other competences (please specify):

I would be interested in starting-up the following activity: _____

Please submit ideas for speakers or topics that might be of interest to our group:

Directories are not mailed.

** Membership dues are not deductible contributions.

Put in your 2 cents ... or maybe 4 ... for programs!

Have an idea or two about FAN programs? Would you like to be part of a fun-loving group planning and presenting programs next year? I'd love to have more brains – and participation– to make our meetings educational and amusing!

Please join me for caffeine-fueled brain-storming on Friday, April 7, at **10:00 a.m. at Drew's Pastry Place, 10300 Louetta Rd.** If you can't make it, yet want to participate, shoot me an email, please!

-- Lin Fish, 1st Vice President-Programs

Chronicle article praises FAN's charity support

The Tomball edition of *The Houston Chronicle* on March 1 published an on-line report of FAN's donation of \$7,500 to the Family Violence Center at Northwest Assistance Ministries. A great photo of Sheryl Johnson, Director of the FVC, thanking FAN members for the donation at our February meeting, highlights the article.

The photo shows Cissie Alexander, Sue Behnke, Sharon Schumann, Markett Harkinson and Carol Huddleston, leaders of the fund-raising luncheon, as they announced the sum of the gift in a one-number-at-a-time reveal ala *The Price Is Right*.

To see the entire article, visit: www.chron.com/neighborhood/tomball/news/article/Spring-area-nonprofit-group-makes-donation-to-10968942.php.

Lift your spirits

Share a joyful morning with FAN and friends

To close FAN's program year, we'll share *J O Y* at our April 4 meeting, when Carmalyn McCracken returns with her fun-filled, uplifting ideas for rediscovering joy in the life around us.

"I once read 'Joy is like looking for your eyeglasses and realizing they were on your head the whole time!' Carmalyn says. "I believe that sometimes we don't know how much joy is around us because we are so busy, so tired, so stuck in the same old, same old."

With the wisdom of motherhood and a happy marriage, refined by more than 25 years working with people to challenge themselves and to achieve more, and capped with an irrepressible sense of wonder and humor, Carmalyn is the ideal springtime tonic to shake off winter woolies and look eagerly ahead to what fills our world.

She may share ideas for simplifying, prioritizing, organizing and above all, energizing our days. This is the ideal program to invite *your* friends and neighbors, women you care about, who would love an inspiring, fun outing.

-- Lin Fish, 1st Vice President





SPRING LUNCHEON

It's a MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Don't be Late for a Very Important Date!

Set your watches and mark your calendars now for

Tuesday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

FAN's Spring Luncheon at Northgate Country Club

17710 Northgate Forest Drive, Houston 77068

\$30 per person for a plated luncheon. Make checks payable to FAN.

One Door Prize ticket per Luncheon Ticket Purchased

Registration forms available at General Meetings, in the FANfare Newsletter, and on the FAN

Website at <https://fan1960.wordpress.com>.

Register at the April General Meeting or mail your registration form and your check to:

Mona Malone, 14815 Liberty Stone Lane, Cypress, TX 77379-6217

Please: No Refunds after April 26



Hats are welcome and encouraged --- there will be a hat contest --- the funnier and goofier the better!



Mad About Spring Hats??

We plan to recognize your millinery style and creativity at the **"Mad Hatter Tea Party"** Spring Luncheon! A mystery panel will survey all the glories crowning FAN heads and select appropriate awards, from the sublime to the silly.

Need inspiration? Just check online for images from the Kentucky Derby, Royal Ascot, fascinators and headbands, and good old **"women's hats"** of course! We're told hobby and accessory stores such as Sam Moon have all sorts of fun items to add personal pizzazz to your gardening hat, winter knit cap, or favorite headband.

From berets to ballcaps, the possibilities are endless!!

The Nature Walkers Group

This group meets twice a month as the weather allows. We recently explored some of the many unpaved trails in the 100 Acre Wooded Preserve, enjoying the birds, turtles and plant life, along with seeing vistas of Cypress Creek not usually seen from well-paved pathways.

We also walk along the unpaved trails in both Meyer's and Burroughs Parks as well as Mercer Botanical Gardens.

If anyone is interested in joining the Nature Walkers Group, contact Jacqueline Webster at jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net.





Antiquers and Junkers

This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at different **hostesses' home 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.

This month we are meeting at Charla Hannibal's home at 3318 Wildcandle Dr. in Candlelight Hills sub-division on April 19 at 9:00 a.m. Her phone number is 281-288-3892 and her email is charla1430@aol.com.

From there we will carpool to Willis and New Waverly. Lunch will be at Waverly House Restaurant in New Waverly. **We try to be home by 3 or 4, but that's not guaranteed.**

Please let both Charla and me know by noon, April 17, if you are coming.

I will email everyone that evening a list of who is coming so you can arrange your carpools. All are welcome!

Bert Forbes, 281-304-2444, Or email afortbesw@aol.com.

Please take pictures!! Take photos at any of your group activities and send them to me. Or call me and **I'll come and take some for you. Time is running out!**

Thanks to all that have contributed pictures!

Sharon Schumann, Historian

LUNCH BUNCH

The hostess for the April lunch it will be Carol Huddleston (10618 Creektree Dr., Houston) on Wednesday, April 19 at noon. It will be a picnic, so bring your favorite non-sweet picnic food. Call Carol at 281-221-6525 if you are going.

MOVIE LOVERS ALERT!

Join FAN's other movie lovers the third Monday each month for an inspiring or entertaining matinee.

Sign up at a General Meeting or email your interest to Lin Fish at linden7723@att.net, and you'll be on the invite list. Mark your calendar for the **third Monday and you'll receive an email each month naming the movie, the theater and the time. Join us!**



FAN BOOK CLUBS

Literary Review Charla Hannibal

This is an open group and would love new members. Call Charla at 281-731-7437 for information.

Date: April 26
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Book: *The Sense of an Ending*
Author: Julian Barnes
Book Leader: Carole Garrigan
Hostess: Irene Zisek

Cover Girls Maria Bocchino

This group has an opening. Call Maria at 281-257-8257, if interested.

Date: April 26
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Book: *The Lincoln Myth*
Author: Steve Berry

Page Turners Adrienne Juno

Date: April 12
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Book: *Orphan #8*
Author: Kim Van Alkemade
Hostess: Helen Timpe

Women of Mystery Trish Torgersen

Date: April 3
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Book: *Post Mortem*
Author: Patricia Cornwell
Hostess: Trish Torgersen

Lost? Found!!

If you leave an item at Faithbridge after a General Meeting, please contact Lin Fish, linden7723@att.net.

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OF FM 1960

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 May 2017 newsletter should be submitted before April 15 to Cissie Alexander at mpalex1@swbell.net.

Deadline for last-minute changes is
April 21.
