



FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

March 2018

FAN General Meetings

FAN meets on the *first* Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (September thru April)
Faithbridge Church, 18000 Stuebner Airline
Social Hour begins at 9:30 a.m.
Our next meeting will be March 6, 20018.



The Spring Luncheon will be on May 8 at Northgate Country Club and the theme will be ... **Candy-land!** Get your \$35 tickets at the March and April General Membership Meetings.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for the 2018/2019 FAN year is:

Chairman - Linda Fisher

Members - Char Marks Lu Ann Kubis
 Linda Nagel Cathy D'Antoni

Alternates: Margie Rogers Betty Horelica

Written nominations for the Executive Board, with the consent of the nominee, may be submitted to the Nominating Committee until March 31, at which time the nominations will be closed.

The proposed Slate of Officers for the Executive Board will be read at the March meeting. Election and installation are at the April meeting.

A description of all volunteer opportunities are included in this Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a great Valentine's Day. Time is marching on this year and it time to select our leaders for next year. We will present our Board Nominees at our next General Meeting on March 6. Should be a good meeting. I am very excited as our new fiscal year approaches.

Charlotte Bradbury is chairing our Spring Luncheon. If you would like to help, her contact information is in the directory. The luncheon will be at Northgate Country Club on May 8. Charlotte will let us know more details as the date nears.

Hope to see you there ... it's always fun to have lunch with friends and enjoy great food.

Thanks everyone.

Carol Huddleston, President



Dr. Farmer thanks FAN for our generous \$5,500 donation to our 2017 charity, *Between Jobs Ministries*.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR CLUB

Your favorite women's club wants YOU!

Enrich your FAN membership by becoming even more involved. Help plan events, select this year's charity, set policies, recruit new members and, by the way, have more fun!

Consider giving your name to the Nominating Committee as a prospective officer for 2017-2018. Board members work hard and play, too, often enjoying no-host luncheons following Board meetings. Many have developed stronger, deeper friendships as a byproduct of their work.

Here are the major responsibilities of the elected *Executive Board* positions.

President

Presides over General and Board Meetings and appoints Extended Board members. Guides the officers **and committee chairs in managing the organization to improve members' experience.**

1st Vice President

Plans programs of interest to the members at general meetings. Introduces speakers and oversees the **meetings' arrangements. With the president, secures a venue for general meetings. Manages a budget for speakers' fees or honoraria, and venue rental.**

2nd Vice President

Manages membership functions such as maintaining a roster, collecting dues, hosting registration at General Meetings and responding to inquiries. Requires experience with Excel and Word.

Secretary

Records minutes at Board and General Meetings for review and approval. Requires experience with word processing software.

Treasurer

Documents all club income and expenses, pays invoices and maintains the checking account. Works closely with the Auditor and is a member of the Budget Committee. Requires experience with Quicken or other accounting software.

Auditor

Reviews Treasurer's reports and prepares year-end records for accounting firm.

Newsletter Editor

Organizes, designs and prints the monthly newsletter, using information provided primarily by Board members and Activity Group Leaders. Requires use of Publisher software, paid for by FAN.

Historian

Documents FAN fun with photos at events and encourages members to submit photos of their FAN activities. Creates a memory book for the retiring President.

Advisor

A past president advises the Board, providing greater continuity and context.

For more detailed job descriptions, see the Bylaws beginning on page 53 of the 2017-2018 Directory or contact any incumbent officer.



LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CLUB

Your favorite women's club wants YOU!

An easy way to get to know other FAN members is to become more involved, perhaps helping with an event or as an Extended Board member. These *ad hoc* positions are appointed by the President to meet FAN's current needs.

Here's a quick look at this year's appointed *Extended Board* positions:

Activities: **Help members connect with activities in which they're interested**

Cookie Exchange: Plan this super-fun annual holiday event

Christmas Charity Luncheon: Organize committee to plan and stage the fund-raising luncheon

Directory: Gather member data, solicit ads, proofread and supervise printing of annual directory

Day Trips: Plan several daytime trips through the year, using Precinct 4 bus

Greeters: Recruit members to welcome guests and members to monthly meetings and major events; make reservations for group lunch after each General Meeting

Spring Event: Organize committee to plan and stage a luncheon or other special event for members

Overnight Trips: Plan a trip to interesting communities for shopping, dining, sightseeing

Publicity: Secure coverage in newspapers, subdivision newsletters and online media to promote awareness of and interest in FAN

Socials: Plan social events to include spouses and friends of FAN

Sunshine: Send greetings to sick or bereaved members; congrats to those celebrating milestones

Website and Facebook: Post news, photos, official information

Note that every elected or appointed activity is documented each year so that someone new to a position has background information and resources.

Volunteer and get more out of your FAN experience!!

FAN Overnight Trip to Waco
Tuesday, April 10 to Thursday, April 12

We're going to car pool to Waco; we'll be staying at The Residence Inn, which is within walking distance of downtown Waco and is a stop on the free downtown trolley.

We'll lunch at and tour the Homestead Craft Village, shop 'til we drop at Magnolia Market, visit any of the several Waco area museums, eat some yummy food at Bistro 1424, and take a scenic dinner cruise.

There is room for four more, but I need to know by Wednesday, February 28, if you would like to come. If you are interested, I can email you additional information.

Kathy Michalski, Chair - katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net.

THE RESTAURANT
LUNCH BUNCH

The Restaurant Lunch Bunch is a new offshoot of the First Thursday Lunch Bunch.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12 noon and we each take a turn to choose the venue. In February, we had great fun at our first meeting at Mia Bella, an Italian trattoria in The Vintage.

If you are interested in joining us, please email me at 12gibbs@att.net or call 281-890-3948.

Sheila Gibbs

Déjà vu ... all over again!

The right accessories and a packing plan make travel a breeze

Forget the rain and cold! Let's look ahead to fun spring and summer fashion with Mary Ann Lapeze of Whimsy Texas Boutique. A family emergency meant she could not join us in February, but she will next month March 6.

She'll arrive with her suitcase packed for a week-long cruise, filled with tips on how to plan and pack a *single* bag for an entire adventure. Accessories are key to making basic items work day in and day out. **Pashminas, jewelry, gorgeous lightweight printed trapeze tops ...** these are among her surefire ways to look lovely every day while rolling merrily along with a *single* bag.

Tall or petite, voluptuous or not so much, Mary Ann's fabulous finds flatter and pack like a dream. Come March 6, ready to try on the pretties and play as we leave winter behind in a whimsical way!

Lin Fish, 1st Vice President

Nature Walkers

Nature can be extremely therapeutic. You're outside where you can literally take in a breath of fresh air. It's true, the air is more toxic indoors than out, even if you live in the city. Indoor pollutants are silent and invisible. They come from your electronics, furniture, carpets, paints, heating and air conditioning units. Getting outside is one of the best things you can do to lessen your exposure.

So come join us on a nature walk outdoors in our many Precinct 4 parks. We usually meet two to three times a month and walk at a reasonable pace for an hour or so. Morning and evening times will be scheduled. There are no confirmed days as the group meets when most of us can attend and weather permits. Stay healthy and send me your email address so I can invite you on our next walk in nature.

Jacqueline Webster, Chair - jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net

OSCAR DE LA RENTA DAYTRIP

Twenty-eight ladies enjoyed a beautiful sunny day on the February 24 to visit The Museum of Fine Arts' Oscar de la Renta exhibit.

The Cleburne Cafeteria did not disappoint with their numerous and delicious choices for lunch, and the exhibit was fabulous.

A big thank you to all who attended and made this another successful day trip.

Linda Fisher - Day Trips Co-Chair



ORIGINAL LUNCH BUNCH

Original Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday, March 21 at Noon. Our hostess is Barbara Rogers.

Please RSVP your attendance not later than March 19 by calling Barbara at 281-376-9637 or email her at barb.mercer@sbcglobal.net. Bring a non-dessert dish to share. Hope to see you there.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Congratulations to Mary Hamilton and June McMillin, who were winners of the 50/50 raffle at the February General Meeting. Each lady won \$33.25.

Be a winner: buy a raffle ticket at the next meeting. They are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

Sue Behnke, Treasurer



RAILROAD CANASTA



We meet at Fuddrucker's on FM 1960 by Willowbrook Mall on March 13. Bring \$3 for prize and tip.

We must order lunch, but sodas are free and coffee is free in the morning.

PLEASE email me ekellyme19@sbcglobal.net or call 281-516-1535 if you can play.

Bring a friend who wants to play, experienced or not. They are most welcome and we will give them lessons.

Eileen Kelly

Antiquers and Junkers



This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at a different hostess 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 the home of Denise Hunt at 6419 Wimbledon Trail Rd. in the Wimbledon Estates subdivision on March 21 at 9:00 a.m. Her phone number is 281-251-4882 and her email is dhuntint1@aol.com.

From there we will carpool to The Spring Antique Mall. Lunch will be at El Palenque, then on to the Antique Gallery.

Please let BOTH Denise and me know if you are coming by NOON Monday, March 19.

I will email everyone who is coming on Monday, March 19, so you can arrange your carpools. Let me know if that is a problem.

All are welcome. If you would like to participate contact:

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



HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Keep those pictures coming! Many of you have sent me pictures taken in your FAN Activity groups and I thank you!!

Keep in mind the pointers that were mentioned in earlier newsletters ... like ... keeping the light behind you and taking close ups so we can see everyone's faces.

I can also come by and take pictures for you. Just let me know.

Sharon Schumann, Historian



FAN BOOK CLUBS

Literary Review Charla Hannibal

Date: March 28
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Book: *Romantic Outlaws*
Author: Charlotte Gordon
Leader: Barbara Hine
Hostess: Christel Clark

Cover Girls Maria Bocchino

Openings available - contact Maria, if interested.

Date: March 28
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Book: *Orphan #8*
Author: Kim Van Alkemade

Page Turners Adrienne Juno

Date: March 14
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Book: *Faithful*
Author: Alice Hoffman
Hostess: Helen Timpe

PUBLICITY

Dear FAN friends, publicity this year has gone well. We introduced a new way of advertising and inviting ladies to join us by using the "Nextdoor.com" community websites. This has brought us several new members.

I always like new ideas, so please let me know yours.

Happy Spring 2018!

Myrle Kozlowski, Publicity

Diane Webb of *Giddy Up Girls* gets her first Maj Jong ever!! Yep, we have activities galore ... see Mona Malone for info.

Future bridge players! Two tables of ladies are learning bridge from Cissie Alexander and Donna McGehee. Lots of fun!!



FAN Membership Updates

Friends and Neighbors, I am VERY pleased to report that our membership now totals 260 members with 30 being new members! WOW!

New Members:

Barbara Cox	281-382-8914	bcox05@comcast.net
Betty Tindle	281-430-4068	
Brenda Johns		fergytxn75@hotmail.com
Cindy Wilson	713-306-5967	cindywilson2001@hotmail.com
Linda Mendenhall	281-376-0601	catspaw66@sbcglobal.net
Lisa Junemann	281-537-8557	ldjunemann@gmail.com



It might be a good idea to add this sheet to your Directory in case you need to contact any of our new **friends**. **We will print all new members' contact information each month.** **If you have any questions and/or revisions, please let me know.**

Thank you,
Sherry Dunn, 2nd VP – Membership

HOW TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS PICTURES

If you had your picture taken by the photographer, Carrie Wilganowski, at the Christmas Charity Luncheon and would like a print of the picture, there are several ways to get one.

They are on Shutterfly.com. The sign-in name is *Fanpictures@yahoo.com*. **The password is "christmas"** (no caps).

You can order there OR email me and let me know which one/s you want and I will email the picture/s to you. You can print the pictures anywhere you wish.

If you would like assistance, please email me and let me know you would like your picture/s. I can email them to you.

If you want assistance with having a print made, I'll be happy to do that for you. You just pay a small fee for the cost of the print. Costs are below:

4x6 - \$0.50 5x7 \$1.00 8x10 \$2.00

We want to be sure everyone gets their picture if they would like one.

Thanks,

Sue Behnke - sv2222@hotmail.com

SENDING SUNSHINE WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS



Hello ladies,

Ann Sheppard is recovering from shoulder joint surgery. Ann, continue your hard work in your therapy, it helps!!!

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers FAN friends and family who are ill. Remember to contact me with any news.

Idalia R. Skates, 281-469-7589 -
iskates@sbcglobal.net



Want to learn Mah Jongg?

If there is sufficient interest, classes in Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg may be offered to FAN members beginning late this spring or summer.

If you have an interest in learning this fun, fascinating game, be sure to sign up with Mona Malone, Activities Chair, at the March or April General Meeting. Dates, times and location for classes are yet to be decided but are likely to be weekday mornings in the general vicinity of FAN meetings.

DID YOU KNOW?

Harris County Libraries offer *FREE* computer classes!

All you need is a library card and they are is easy to obtain. Just show your driver's license. Here is a list of libraries in our area:

NW Branch - 11355 Regency Green Drive, Cypress 77429 - 281 890-2665

Tomball Library - 30555 Hwy. 249, Tomball 77375 - 832 559-4200

Cy-Fair Branch - 9191 Barker Cypress, Cypress 77433 - 281-290-3210

Fairbanks Library - 7122 Gessner Road, Houston - 713 466-4438

North Harris (Lone Star College) - 2700 West W Thorne Drive, Houston 77073 - 281-618-5707

These libraries schedule free computer classes on:

Keyboarding - Microsoft Word - Resumes - Power Point - Facebook - Computer workshops on various subjects - Beginners Internet - and many more.

For instance, these classes are offered in March at our local libraries:

- March 3 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. the Cy-Fair library has a class on Power Point.
- March 5 from 11 to noon, Cy Fair has an e-media class giving hands-on help with downloading electronic books, magazines and movies to your computer, tablet, or mobile phone.
- March 6 10:00 a.m. the Northwest Library – Computer Class.
- March 6 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. the Cy-Fair - Basic computer skills on Windows 10.

****Class times do change, so please be sure to confirm before you attend. These are only samples****

To get information on where classes are available, use these step-by-step directions:

- Go to www.HCPL.net (enter)
- **Click on the orange “Events” tab at the top of the page**
- **Under “Event Types” box – look at the bottom of the box and click “Select None”. This will make all the check marks in that box disappear. Now you can click on “Computer Classes.” A check mark will appear there.**
- **Go to the next box which is “Branches.” Click “Select None” at the bottom which will make all the check marks disappear. Now you can select the library branch/s that are of interest to you. You may have a library close by and want to see what classes they offer. Or, you may be willing to drive to another library if they have the class you want. Check the box next to the library or libraries you are interested in.**
- **Go to “Age Group” box. Click “Select None” to make all the check marks disappear. Click next to “Adult.”**
- Now you have made your selections for Computer Classes, Library of your choice, and your age group. Go to **the bottom of the page and click “Search”.**
- A calendar will come up for the current month showing classes available. If that is the month you want, great. If you want the following month, look at the top of the page and click the right arrow, which will take you to the **next month’s calendar.**
- When you find a class that interests you, put your cursor on the calendar date (square) of the event. A box will pop up and show you where the class is being held, time, and what the class covers.

Be sure to call the library and confirm the class information has not changed. Ask them if there is anything you need to bring with you or any requirements for the class.

They also have knitting and crochet classes at the library, which you can find on the same events page.

Who knew our libraries have so much to offer? And FREE!

If I can be of help, just give me a call.

Sue Behnke

FAN CHARITY RECOMMENDATION FOR 2018

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND A CHARITY FOR OUR 2018 FUNDRAISER

PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS TO:

JENNIFER BANKS - Email: jennb6@aol.com

NAME OF CHARITY: _____

TYPE OF CHARITY: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE CHARITY: _____

If you can provide written material (such as brochures) that would be helpful.

Who does the charity benefit? Tell us about the charity and why it's a good pick for FAN.

Your Name : _____

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FRIENDS &
NEIGHBORS
OF FM 1960

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 April 2018 newsletter should be submitted before March 15 to Cissie Alexander at mpalex1@swbell.net.

Deadline for last-minute changes is
March 22.
