



FANfare

Friends And Neighbors Women's Club

April 2021

FAN Meetings

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

**Our next meeting will be
April 6, 2021 at the Party in the Park
Meyer Park, that is!
See the article below for more details.**

You are invited to
Party in the Park

Free Member Appreciation Picnic

Meyer Park
7700 Cypresswood Drive, Spring
(at the large pavilion on north side of Cypresswood)

April 6, 2021
Short meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

If the weather does not cooperate, the alternate date is April 20. We'll keep you updated via email.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to wish all our members a joyous Easter, and I also hope that the Passover season was spent with family this year.

It has been over a year since FAN was able to hold meetings in person at Faithbridge. Now with vaccines being at the forefront of our minds and guidelines being relaxed, there is hope that we will be meeting again "like the good old days."

As President, along with the Executive and Extended Board, we have done our best to keep you informed. Our *FANfare* newsletter, ZOOM meetings and emails have been our sources of communication since April 2020. What a journey it has been!

I know you will give your full support to the new Executive Board and the challenges they may face in the term ahead.

There are plenty of opportunities coming in April and May to gather again and socialize. Read all about it in this fabulous issue of *FANfare*. Due to the Member Appreciation **Party in the Park** on April 6 at Meyer Park, we will **not** be zooming the General Meeting.

Thank you for keeping the faith in FAN and in me.

Hope to see you all soon.

Jennifer Banks, President

jennb6@gmail.com

AND THE NOMINEES ARE.....

The Nominating Committee *“Proudly Presents”* the nominees for FAN’s 2021-2022 Executive Board:

President – Kathleen Court

Kathy has served as 2nd VP Membership for the past two years. She is also active in Thursday Lunch Bunch, Literary Review Book Club, Monday Mah Jongg, and Giddy Up Girls Mah Jongg. Her hobbies include cooking, home decorating, reading and puzzles. She has worked for Chevron and Texaco, Eastern Airlines, and state and federal governments. She grew up in rural Nebraska and lived in Miami, Florida, for 23 years before making her way to Houston.

1st VP Programs– Sherry Dunn

Sherry is a long-time FAN board member. She has served as Treasurer, 2nd VP Membership, chaired a FAN spring luncheon, and has been Editor of the FAN newsletter these past two years. Sherry participates in Original Lunch Bunch, bridge, The Characters Mah Jongg, and Monday Movie Matinee. She is a native Houstonian, a 5th generation Texan and a retired financial consultant. Sherry is a member of Klein United Methodist Church and North West Forest Republican Women’s Club.

2nd VP Membership – Claudia Gallagher

Claudia is from the Northeast. She has been active in North West Forest Republican Women’s Club, North Harris American Association of University Women, Precinct 4 Encore, Lone Star Academy of Lifelong Learning, NAM, and Retired Teachers of Klein. She was Chairwoman for the FAN Christmas luncheon in 2019 and is a Luncheon Advisor for 2020-21. Claudia worked in Klein ISD for 29 years. She has taught special education, was a technology campus mentor, handled the campus webpage, and created a program providing students with computers and workstations with internet access. Her interests include reading, traveling, cooking, puzzles, Mah Jongg, and card games.

Secretary – Sandi West

Sandi hails from St. Louis, Missouri. Presently, Sandi is our Sunshine Director. She enjoys making greeting cards, scrapbooking, reading, crocheting and knitting. She plays railroad canasta with our FAN group. Sandy worked in insurance and medical health claims for over 25 years, retiring in 2015. She has been active in her church KIT ministry, JAYCEE Wives, and the Chamber of Commerce. She has taught Sunday school, Bible study, and participates in the Sunshine Ministry.



Treasurer – Debi Swaney

Debi has been in charge of the production of our FAN Directory for the last two years and did a great job. She has lived in Texas since 1984. A member of Memorial Northwest Garden Club and North West Forest Republican Women’s Club, she worked in the computer field for Compaq and HP for 20 years. She has certifications in home staging and interior design. Debi loves photography and is the photographer for Memorial Northwest Garden Club. Her photos are on our last two FAN Directory covers. She plays Canasta and Bunco and has 6 children and 6 grandchildren. She is also an equestrian.

Auditor – June McMillin

June has been a FAN member for 13 years. She is a 5th generation Texan, 3rd generation Houstonian. She has held many FAN jobs and is presently in charge of Socials and leads the Original Lunch Bunch group. She is retired from the Spring Independent School District. June is a member of the Houston Yacht Club, Ladies Sailing Association, Lone Star College ALL Program, Life Alumni University of Houston, Life Alumni Sam Houston State University, and Dana Point Yacht Club of Southern California. Her interests include sailing, tennis, 5K running, continuing education, reading, museums, travel, architecture and attending vintage car shows.

AND THE NOMINEES ARE.... (Cont.)

Newsletter Editor – Kim Gerrish

Kim has been in charge of our Cookie Exchange and Fund Raising for our charity. She plays Railroad Canasta and her hobbies are card games, YMCA water classes, and drawing. She is a retired Project Manager and has lived in Houston for the past 40 years. She is a member of North West Houston Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter. She has served on various FAN committees.

Historian – Lin Fish

Lin is presently our Activities Coordinator. She has held many FAN positions and has been a long-term Board member. She was First VP Programs for 3 years, Historian for 1 term, Chairs the Monday Movie Matinee, has co-chaired the spring luncheon and cookie exchange, and Chaired the Charity Selection Committee for two years. Lin is also involved in Antiquers & Junkers, The Characters Mah Jongg, Giddy Up Girls Mah Jongg, Monday Afternoon Mah Jongg, and Designing Women. She is a retired Marketing Communications and PR Professional, working primarily in the non-profit sector and healthcare. She has been a FAN member since 2011.

Advisor – Jennifer Banks

Jennifer is presently FAN President and will become Advisor for the upcoming year, per our by-laws. She has done an excellent job of leading FAN through this unusual year. Through Covid and via Zoom, she has held FAN together. She certainly deserves a BIG round of applause.

The nominees were presented at the March FAN meeting. Nominations remain open until March 31. Let's give these ladies the "RED CARPET" experience and thank them for stepping up to keep FAN running smoothly and efficiently. We appreciate the generosity of their time and talents. They are our *STARS* of the day.

***And the Oscar goes to....ALL OF THEM.* Thank you ladies!!! (Applause)**

**Sue Behnke, Advisor and
Nominating Committee Chairperson**



Kathleen Court for President



Sherry Dunn for 1st VP/Programs

And the nominees are...



Debi Swaney for Treasurer



***Claudia Gallagher for
2nd VP/Membership***



***Kim Gerrish for
Newsletter Editor***



Sandi West for Secretary



Jennifer Banks for Advisor



June McMillin for Auditor



Lin Fish for Historian

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

FAN chose to support this charity in 2019-2020. Together we raised more than \$8,350, which went toward purchasing the materials to build nearly 70 beds. Some of our members helped to build and deliver the beds to the children. And many of our members purchased bed linens and pillows to fit the twin size beds.

An article was recently highlighted on *FOX NEWS* and we were thrilled to see they are getting national recognition! To read the article, please click on the link:

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/sleep-heavenly-peace-charity-america-together>



Luke Mickelson of Idaho founded Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the organization's volunteers have now built more than 65,000 beds for children who had none.

Chapters quickly started forming around the country aimed at furthering Mickelson's mission, and by 2014, the organization was registered as a non-profit. By the end of 2018, hundreds of Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapters were helping children nation-wide, as well as in Canada, Bermuda and the Bahamas, by building bunk beds from raw materials complete with mattresses, pillows and bedding. To date, the organization has created more than 65,000 beds. "Too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on", the Sleep in Heavenly Peace website says.

That success prompted Jimmy Patronis, Florida's chief financial officer and state fire marshal, to recognize the organization for not only drawing awareness to the issue, but also for finding a solution to it.

"It is a huge honor" Mickelson said, noting that it truly reflects the efforts of the entire organization.



Charity Selection for 2021-2022

We are pleased to choose our new charity for 2021-2022. Soon you will be getting a ballot by email. Please return your ballot to me promptly. The last day to vote will be March 31. If you do not have access to email, please either call me (I am listed in the Directory) or mail the ballot to me via "snail mail."

Our chosen charity will be announced April 6 at the *Party in the Park* event at Meyer Park. Thanks to everyone for voting.

Shelley Gross, Charity Coordinator
smgross2@yahoo.com

Membership Report

It is never too early to renew your FAN membership! The [membership application/renewal form](#) has been updated for the 2021-2022 year and is available on our website. Annual dues are still only \$25. Click on the link to pull up the form, print and complete it, and mail to me with your check. Or... bring it with you to our **Party in the Park** on April 6. There also will be a membership table at the Spring Luncheon in May where you can pick up the form and pay your annual dues.

We will end 2020-2021 fiscal year with just over 200 members. I hope that every one of you will renew your membership, continue to tell your friends about FAN and make new friends while attending the General Meetings (keeping my fingers crossed that they will be in-person meetings), luncheons and group activities.

I also encourage anyone who has an interest in being on the Extended Board to let me know, as there will be a number of positions to fill for next year. This is an excellent way to get to know more FAN members. The positions are listed and described in the [March 2021 FANfare](#).

As always, if you have questions or concerns about membership, please let me know.

Kathy Court, 2nd VP Membership
kacourt@att.net

FAN Nature Walkers for Brain Health

Spending time outdoors with natural scenery has been proven to improve brain function. However, not many people know what getting fresh air does for the brain. Oxygen is absolutely essential in maintaining healthy brain function, growth and healing. In fact, the brain uses about three times as much oxygen for healthy neuron function as muscles do. The brain is extremely sensitive to decreases in oxygen levels. When a person takes a walk outside, getting to breathe fresh outdoor air actually improves brain function. You have an opportunity to do this with FAN nature walkers.

Walks are scheduled twice a month during the day when most participants can attend. Just send your name and email address to jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net to get on the nature walkers' calendar.

Jacqueline Webster, FAN Nature Walkers Coordinator

Looking ahead

FAN will R O A R into activities in 2021!

As we ease back into “normal” activities this spring, FAN members may have ideas for new activities we can launch this summer or fall. If you have found a new interest during the time of COVID and you'd like to share with like-minded women, let's start an activity!

Let me know what you'd like to do, who you know who might participate and what day(s) of the month you'd like to participate. I'll help you get something launched for the coming FAN year!

Lin Fish, Activities Coordinator
Linden7723@att.net





SENDING SUNSHINE WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS

We have sent thoughts, prayers, sympathy and Sunshine wishes this month to the following FAN members. Please keep them in your prayers:

Thinking of you cards to:

Sharlene Nelson- husband in hospital

Helen Moorman- recovering from surgery

Carol Huddleston- recovery from foot surgery

Thoughts and Prayers,

Sandi West, Sunshine Chairman

(Text-314-225-6742 for Sunshine needs)



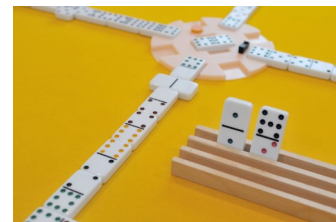
Mexican Train has started!

The train has left the station with many FAN members hopping onboard. Those pictured below comprised the first stop on the Mexican Train journey to FANtastic fun and fellowship. They are:

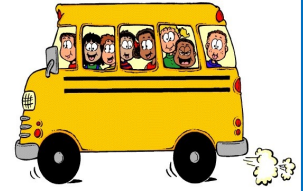
Carole Corey, Doris Vadas, Mona Malone, Shelley Gross, Jennifer Banks, Claudia Gallagher, Jackie Haskins, Randee Saber, Sarene Smith, Judie Plumlee, Frances Elmore, Kathleen Court and tee McNearney.

If you would like to hop onboard the Mexican Train, please contact

Shelley Gross, smgross2@yahoo.com



Looking ahead: Join some Excursions!



As we near the day all of us feel vaccinated and safe, your Excursions Committee is planning intriguing outings. Dates have not been set, but look at this promising lineup:

April: *Ladies Day at the Zoo*. Few children and the weather not yet hot. Let's enjoy a child-like outing!

May: *Bluebonnet run* through the countryside? Or maybe a guided tour to notable sites at the *famous Glenwood Cemetery*. Think **Howard Hughes**, **Oveta Culp Hobby**, actress **Gene Tierney** and leaders of Houston history.

June: Stroll through the cool galleries of art "In the Natural World" by *Vincent Van Gogh and David Hockney*.

July: Thrill to the coolness, the sound and light show in *The Cistern*, an astonishing underground experience featured in the Houston Chronicle March 11. <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/lifestyle/article/Underground-cool-Cistern-hosts-immersive-art-16018161.php>

Most outings include a stop for lunch, car pooling with new or longtime friends, and an opportunity to see and learn something enjoyable. Watch *FANfare* and your email for details each month and join the fun!

Lin Fish, Excursions Coordinator,
linden7723@att.net

Spring may have been quarantined, but summer is here!

Celebrate with FAN friends, a glass of wine and a carefree song!

No more waiting to exhale, ladies! We plan to **C E L E B R A T E** the easing of our quarantine year by joining together on May 4 for *Wine, Women and Song!*

We'll gather that Tuesday to rejoice with our FANTastic friends, toasting our good health and restored sense of community. The staff of Wild Stallion Vineyards is looking forward to hosting us for a fun-filled gathering. Our venue is a large, airy, high-ceilinged space with an expansive patio and grounds, located just west of Gosling Rd. at 5969 W Rayford Rd. in Spring.

Chef-prepared Italian buffet, appetizer, tr s leches cake for dessert and optional wine are on the menu. Entertaining games with a musical theme (and prizes!) will enhance our day, the first social event for many of us in countless months! Attire is Napa Valley casual, comfy with a touch of class!

So, sign up today to celebrate with your FAN friends. **DON'T DELAY!** We'll be seated at rounds of eight, so gather friends – new and long-time – to reserve seats together. Seating will, of course, be available for smaller groups or individuals. Enclose a \$45.00 check payable to FAN for each reservation and mail to:

Sharlene Nelson
12110 Hodges Grove Ln.
Tomball, TX 77377-1589

Use the reservation form in this issue or download it here: <http://fan1960.wordpress.com>. Reservation deadline is April 20 and no refunds can be made after that date.

We are **really** looking forward to seeing each of you and drinking a toast to your health, to the newly elected FAN Executive Board members and to presenting the big photo-ready FAN check to Children's Transplant Initiative.

Claudia Gallagher, Chair

Lin Fish, Co-chair



Learn the sport of queens ... Mah Jongg Queens, that is!

Lessons will begin soon for those interested in learning to play the Wright-Patterson version of Mah Jongg. Classes will be on consecutive Thursdays or Fridays for about 12 weeks, beginning in late April.

Each learner will pay \$13.50 for the two books needed to play the game. Email your interest to me and indicate which morning you would prefer to play.

Lin Fish, Activities Coordinator
Linden7723@att.net



April Birthdays		
First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Barbara	Garrity	4/5
Linda	Niermeyer	4/5
Pat	Ashton	4/6
Debbie	Laich	4/8
Maria	Bocchino	4/12
Lin	Fish	4/15
Vicky	Cook	4/19
Ann	Parker	4/19
Sheila	Gibbs	4/23
Josetta (Jo)	Smith	4/26
Leona	DeLoach	4/30
Karen	MacFadden	4/30

HAS ANYONE SEEN...

We have lost contact with one of our FAN members so we are sending out a "search party" to find her. If anyone knows how to get in touch with **Sally Beirme**, please let either **Kathleen Court** or **Sherry Dunn** know. Both are listed in the Directory.



We have tried contacting her by phone, email and "snail mail", but with no luck. If you know Sally or know how to contact her, please let us know.

Thank you, **Sherry Dunn**, sdunn@entouch.net
Kathleen Court, kacourt@att.net

FAN BOOK CLUBS

Literary Review **Kathy Court**

Date: April 28
 Time: 1:30 p.m.
 Hostess: To Be Announced
 Book: *Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot*
 Author: **Bill O'Reilly**

Cover Girls **Maria Bocchino**

No meetings until further notice.

Page Turners **Adrienne Juno**

No meetings until further notice.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2020-21 has definitely been an anomaly year, but despite the challenges, this year still has a lot of good. Cash balance is holding steady at \$15,276.47 and adjusted net income year to date is \$801.

\$725 is in our FAN account balance to be paid in May to our charity, The Children's Transplant Initiative. So far, \$2,080 has been paid directly to CTI from the various fund-raising events. The grand total for our CTI contribution is \$2,805.



Emma Rice, Treasurer
emmarice@sbcglobal.net

All new and renewing members must complete this form.

2021-2022 Application: New Member _____ Renewing Member _____

I heard about FAN through: Nextdoor ____ Friend ____ Other _____

Section 1. Member Contact & Personal Information

Name (First/ Last)			
Address			
City		Phone Number- Home	
Zip Code		Phone Number- Cell	
Subdivi- sion		Birthday (Month/Day)	
Email		Spouse's Name	

Section 2. Membership Information

A	Annual dues are \$25 covering the period of June 1 through May 31. Make check payable to FAN.
B	Dues must be received by June 30 for member to be listed in the Membership Directory.
a.	I do not want to be included in the Membership Directory. _____ (initial)
b.	The Membership Directory is available for pick-up at FAN General Meetings starting in September. Directories are not mailed.
C	Newsletters are available on the club web site: http://fan1960.wordpress.com . An email with a link is sent when a new issue is posted.
a.	If you are unable to access the newsletter via the link, please advise alternate means.

Section 3. Volunteer Interests (check all that apply)

Set-up for Special Events		Event Planning/Good Organizer			
Be a Greeter		Help at Membership Table			
Photography		Accounting			
Computer Skills	____ Ex- cel	____ Word	____ Pub- lisher	____ Web Site Mainte- nance	____ Other
Other Competencies (specify)					
Board/Extended Board Position					
Start a New Activity/Group (specify)					

Suggestions for topics or speakers for General Meeting programs?

Return form to: Kathleen Court, 17326 Kiowa River Lane, Houston, TX 77095

Membership dues are not deductible contributions.

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Newsletter Editor:

Sherry Dunn

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FANfare

**FRIENDS &
NEIGHBORS
WOMEN'S CLUB**

PURPOSE

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

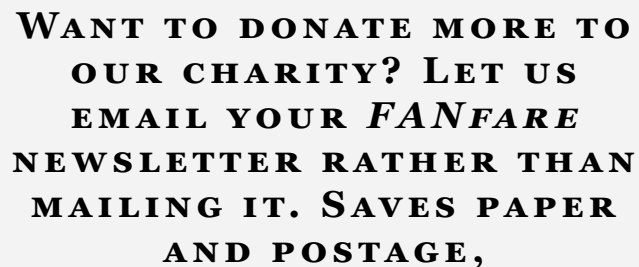
To undertake and to promote charitable and humanitarian projects within the community.

To form enduring friendships.

EDITOR'S NOTE

All articles for the **May 2021** newsletter should be submitted before **April 16** to **Sherry Dunn** at sdunn@entouch.net.

Deadline for last-minute changes is
April 23.



**WANT TO DONATE MORE TO
OUR CHARITY? LET US
EMAIL YOUR *FANfare*
NEWSLETTER RATHER THAN
MAILING IT. SAVES PAPER
AND POSTAGE,**



**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE
LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT FAN
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.**
