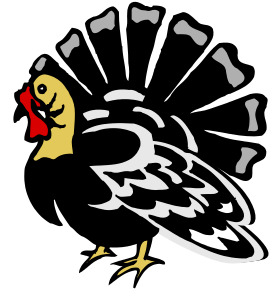


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Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

November 2011

President's Message



NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

To receive the FAN newsletter via email instead of snail-mail, please contact Audie Brooks at 281-225-8977 or audiebrook@aol.com

FAN

General Meetings

Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Ignatius Church, September thru May.

Meeting Dates
November 8
December 6
(Christmas Luncheon)

Greetings, FAN friends! A busy fall season is ahead for us this year, and we are looking forward to all the trips and socials, the Christmas Luncheon, and the Cookie Exchange. Remember our upcoming program, "Miracle of Omega 3s", with Dr. Chase Hayden on November 8. Please refer to our newsletter each month for all the up-to-date news and information.

Many thanks to those who provided breakfast snacks for the previous meetings; the selection was varied and delicious. You are appreciated by all of us, especially our Hospitality ladies, **Jo Ellen Wade** and **Barbara Kerr**. Please do your part by signing up at the Hospitality table at each meeting so we can continue to enjoy our breakfast fare and beverages. We always appreciate your "specialties", but any light snack is welcomed.

Dear Members, please plan to stay through the summary announcements and adjournment at the end of each general meeting. It is very disruptive to others when members leave early and rude to those who have business at the end of the meeting. It is understood, however, that occasionally an ap-

pointment must be kept. In that case, a convenient time to depart would be immediately after the program while we are transitioning to the next item on the agenda. We don't want you to miss anything, but understand that some have made arrangements to attend both the meeting and an appointment, and we're glad that you are able to come.

We hope that all members will join the game groups, wine tastings, lunches, outings, and couples groups. See **Rosemary Felix** at the Activity table. Chairpersons of other special activities will be at the sign-up table on the opposite wall. Ladies will be ready to receive you at 9:30 on the dot. Please plan to arrive before the meeting to view and sign up for activities. Don't miss out! Fellowship with our friends is the most important and rewarding part of our Club, and we want to meet together as often as we are able.

Looking forward to seeing you on November 8.

Debbie Laich,
President



A variety of socials is planned for 2012

We are looking forward to some fun this year and hope you will attend at least one of our socials. Couples are welcome.



Saturday, January 28

Sam Houston Raceway Park Winner's Circle. Includes dinner and thoroughbred horse races, admission, gratuity and tax. Cost is \$35 per person.

Saturday, April 14



Houston Family Art Center presents a Mystery Comedy, "The 39 Steps." Tickets are \$16 per person.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the November 8 meeting. Please pay when you sign up or mail a check to Linda Neibel, 15310 Walters Rd, 77068. Telephone Linda @ 281-583-5111 for more information.



WINE TASTING GROUP

Ever heard of typicity? We found out about it at Chris and David Normand's October wine tasting. A wine should taste of where it comes from and the character of the grape should come through in the taste - a French Merlot should taste like a French Merlot. If a wine is blended with many grapes from different areas, then it becomes impossible to find out anything about it by taste. If a Texas Winery imports Californian grapes to make its wine, is it Texan, Californian or what?

In recent years, many Australian wines were like that; grapes transported from one place to another all over the country to make different blended wines. Cheap - reasonably pleasant to drink - lots of it - but needless to say, not particularly exciting or interesting.

During the evening we tested the typicity theory by tasting the difference between French and New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs; a white and a red Pinot Noir (the white was very unusual and really stunning); and finally a Grenache from Spain and a French dessert wine made with Grenache. Each different in its own way!

In November our joint hosts are Arlene Skaggs and Audrey Van Inwagen.

We meet on the first Saturday of each month and currently there is a vacancy in the group, so if you are interested and would like to know more about us, please email me at

12gibbs@att.net or call me on 281 890 3948.

Sheila Gibbs



"Dreamin' of a Country Christmas"

Tuesday, December 6
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Shirley Acres

It's time to sign up for FAN's Christmas luncheon, "Dreamin' of a Country Christmas" on December 6 at Shirley Acres. The cost is \$31, which includes a \$5 donation to our chosen charities. The charities voted on at the October meeting are NAM (Northwest Assistance Ministries) and Gracewood. You can sign up at the November meeting or mail a check to Sheila Gibbs by November 26. Please note the correct spelling of Sheila's first name. There is a flier in this newsletter.

I'm sure all of our Activity Groups are working on their silent auction items. As usual, we also are seeking donations for additional silent auction items and for raffle prizes. Be creative and have fun! You can drop items off at my house (Longwood), Melody Williams (Old Oaks) or Sheila Gibbs (Regency Forest). Please call before dropping items off.

If you haven't already signed up to volunteer for the luncheon, it's not too late. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November 8 meeting. You can also contact me directly. **ALL HELP WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.**

The FAN Christmas luncheon is a fun way to

kick off the holiday season! We'll be having a sit down meal and wonderful entertainment by Warren Hansen, local bard, book illustrator and singer. Please plan to join us for fun and help raise money for our two charities.

Kathy Michalski, Chairman

ANTIQUERS & JUNKERS



This group meets on the third Wednesday each month for a fun-filled day of antiques, eating and shopping.

This month we will meet on Nov. 16th at Lin Fish's home at 7723 Waning Star Court in Champion Woods Estates at 9:00 am for coffee. We will carpool to Classic Antiques & Accessories. Their Christmas store is now open. Lunch location to be announced later.

Please reply in plenty of time so we can plan for cars and lunch reservations. Call Lin at 281 580 6336 or email at linden7723@att.net.

If you are not a member of this group and are interested or have questions, please contact chairperson, Bert Forbes at 281-304-2444 or 832-334-7727 cell or email me at afortbesw@aol.com.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LITERARY REVIEW



We are invited to Christmas Brunch at Marie Remik's lovely home on December 14 at 11:30 a.m. so please mark your calendar. Please bring a new, gift-wrapped book to exchange, a \$12 lunch fee and RSVP to Marie by December 7.

Hostess: Marie Remik, 713-823-1101
Address: 14610 Diven Circle Longwood
Directions: On Louetta go west, passing Hwy 249 and

Grant Road. Go to Longwood Trace and turn left. Go one street and turn right on Robson Drive. At end of Robson, turn right on Catrose Ln. Go to Diven Circle and turn right to Marie's house.

Contact: Winnie Mitchell,
281-580-6672

wam281@earthlink.net

Whimsical Christmas Cookie Exchange



December 16, 2011
Spring Creek Oaks Clubhouse
Time: 11:00 a.m.



Wear your designer "whimsical" fascinator, exchange delectable cookies, participate in games and win door prizes! These are the ingredients for a recipe of fun and camaraderie with our Friends and Neighbors. Bring 3 dozen homemade cookies bagged in sandwich bags, 2 cookies per bag, for a total of 18 bags. Each participant will choose 18 other bags of cookies.

Design your own fascinator to reflect the theme. (It can be wild and crazy.) A fabulous prize will be given to the woman whose fascinator is the most "Whimsical". We look forward to seeing you on December 16. We wish you all the sweet delights of the holiday season, sprinkled with Happiness!

If you have any questions, please e-mail. Jeannie Critchfield

jeannie@thecritchfields.net

Programs — Rita J. May, 1st VP

October's Friendships & Puppets was FUN and charming. Jean Kuecher's Puppet Show Tutorial was well received. Thanks to all who told her how much you enjoyed it. She is a FAN sponsor so if you are looking for when she is having a show, her info is in your directory.

November 8 program just might save your life or make it easier to take! Dr. Chase Hayden, DC, QN, will speak to us about "The Miracle of Omega 3s". Who knew fatty acids can be beneficial in decreasing your risk of stroke and heart attack? Omega 3s are effective for their anti-inflammatory properties easing pain in joints, back, et al without significant health side effects that some prescribed drugs may have. Dr. Hayden is a local chiropractor helping people achieve health and wellness in a non-surgical and drug-free way. Come and hear this message for a healthier you.

See you there, Rita

Welcome New Members

Schuster, Carol 17410 Rustic Canyon Trail Houston, TX 77090	1/5	281-493-1356 carolschuster_98@yahoo.com (Ponderosa Forest) cell: 217-493-8272
Schwing, Sandy 17019 Rustington Dr Spring, TX 77379	9/18 (Paul)	281-320-1289 sandra.schwing@gmail.com (Spring Creek Forest) cell: 832-567-9489
Reinoehl, Fredna 20406 Brightonwood Ln Spring, TX 77379	10/24 (Bob)	281-320-0551 bobreinoehl@msn.com (Windrose) cell: 281-636-6634
Returning Member:		
Miller, Lolly 11614 Pebbleton Dr Houston, TX 77070	4/22 (Bob)	281-370-4643 bobnlolly@comcast.net (Lakewood Forest) cell: 832-646-4643

Sunshine Corner — Karen



Belinda Evans' mother recently passed away. The loss of a parent is always difficult and our sympathy goes out to Belinda and to her extended family.

Mary Kay Dryer needs the power of FAN's collective good thoughts and positive energy directed to her. As the result of an accident, she broke and crushed her leg in several places, which has required multiple surgeries. Mary Kay tells me she is now on the road to recovery but is still more or less home-bound because of mobility issues. Mary Kay is hopeful that she will be able to join us for the Christmas luncheon.

I'm disappointed. No reports of grandchildren born or special anniversaries celebrated were provided to me this month. Surely among the membership, unique events have occurred. We'd like to recognize your special occasion. Please let me know, so that we can share the merrymaking with you. Sunshine requests can be directed to Karen Baird at 281-651-6767 or to jandkbaird@aol.com. Look for my acknowledgement after the request is sent.

Membership—Audie Brooks, 2nd VP

Hi there. At the October general meeting we had six guests and two new members. We passed out directories at the September and October meetings and mailed out the rest. If you have not received your directory please contact me.

Audie Brooks--281-225-8977

audiebrook@aol.com

COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

When: Meets the 3rd Saturday each month.
RESERVATIONS are required, **new couples welcome**
Call Andrea Poncio @ 281-255-9525 Bridge Coordinator

Date: When: November 20, promptly at 5 p.m.

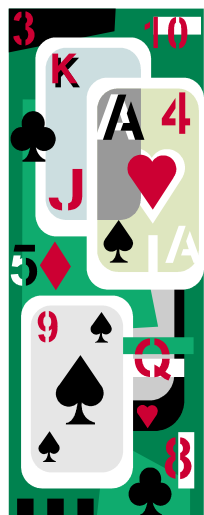
Where: Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 FM 1960 West

Hostess: Nancy McCaig @ 281-807-9688

September winners

Andrea Poncio & Don McCaig won the small slam. **CONGRATS!**

1st place Frank Murphy	2nd place Rita May
3rd place Dorothy Murphy	4th place Don McCaig
5th place Andrea Poncio	6th place Neal Thompson



Want to play Bridge...or play more Bridge?

These ladies want to play with us, so call them when you need a sub.

Cindy Brown 281-440-9136 DP Dora Dean 713-385-7485 DP
Dorothy J Guinn 281-907-6316 DP DD Pat McGrath Jones 281-955-6461 DP EP
Call Joyce King (281-469-0248) to play every Friday at Hunan Restaurant.

Questions? Call Pat Unrau, chairman of the Bridge groups.

281-355-8340 or e-mail Jerryunrau@cs.com

COUPLES DINNER CANASTA

WHEN: 3rd Saturday each month

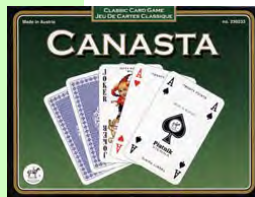
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$2.00 per person,
plus dinner

PLACE: Café Express, FM 1960 in
the Champions Shopping Center.

CONTACT: Debbie Laich, 281-251-5212
debbielcich@comcast.net

New Couples Welcome!



RAILROAD CANASTA

Looking for new players!!

We play on 3rd Thursday of the month at
the Willowbrook Fuddrucker's. Cost is \$2 to play,
plus \$1 for tip. No reservations needed.

Questions? Call Susan Hoff 832-446-6042 or
Barbara Bolz 281-370-8357

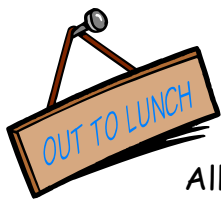
CANASTA I

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

ALL FAN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

NO RESERVATIONS!

Questions? Call **Carol Well**, 281-251-5223



Lunch Bunch

All members welcome.

November 16, 12:00 Noon,

Hostess: Marie Nichlos

Call Marie for reservations before

Nov. 13 281-440-5062

Bring a non-sweet dish. We enjoy good food and make good friends.

For more information call

Sharlene Wesson 281-251-6940

HOSPITALITY



The goodies so far this year have proven outstanding. Please sign up at the General Meeting for an opportunity to bring a food item to share. Or contact your hospitality chairs below via email.

Jo Ellen Wade

joellen.wade@comcast.net or

Barbara Kerr

bkerr1974@hotmail.com



"Snap A Smile"

New to FAN in 2011?

Have your photo taken at the November 8 meeting, so that you can be "properly" introduced to the membership with your portrait on the FAN Web site. Stop in the church library, first door to the right after you sign in, before the meeting or immediately following adjournment.

Look for Virginia Haygood..

REMEMBER WHAT YOUR MAMA SAID,

" IF YOU WANT A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND!"

Your opportunity to "be a friend" is by volunteering to be a



at the next FAN meeting.

Call Shirley Limbaugh 281-440-7418 or Mary Taylor 281-893-7004



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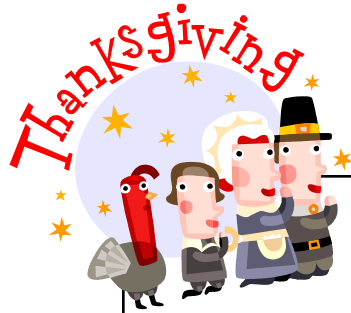
For women interested in getting outdoors, we will meet at the Mercer Arboretum on Monday, November 14 at 10 am for a walk thru the gardens. We will gather on the front porch of the main building. I plan to spend at least two hours or more, walking through the area. Feel free to bring a lunch, snacks or we can go to a restaurant afterward, depending on group consensus. Please wear comfortable shoes, maybe a hat and a water bottle. If you are interested, let me know at jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 281-890-8045.

Jacqueline Webster

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Editor's Note

All articles for the December newsletter should be submitted before **November 11** to bsevans55@yahoo.com. Deadline for last-minute changes is **November 17**.

To update address labels, please contact Audie Brooks.

FAN WEBSITE

Take a look at the new FAN website: www.FAN1960.org

On it you will find:

- Photos of board members
- Printable copy of up-to-date membership directory
- All the newsletters in glowing color!

Coming Soon!! Photos and contact information on our new members.

Any questions or suggestions, contact Adrienne Juno at ahjuno@gmail.com