

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
Day!

FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!

May/June 2015

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.

FAN General Meetings

Meetings are held at 9:30
a.m. on the second Tuesday
of the month, at
**JOHN WESLEY
METHODIST CHURCH**
September thru April.
Installation Luncheon
May 12, 2015

Have you Moved?
Has your telephone number
or e-mail address
changed??

Contact Pat Quackenbush
**Patquackenbush @
sbc.global.net**



OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Two years can go by in a blink when you are having fun! Yes, ladies my two terms as president of FAN has come to end. Thank you for allowing me this honor.

The ladies who were on the Executive Board and the Extended Board have been my rock. You will always be a part of my heart for the support you all have given me these past two years.

A lot has happened over the past two years. We have changed location for our meetings and we now file with the IRS. There have been trips that many have enjoyed overnight and day, lunches, socials and of course all the games we play throughout the month. We have new faces in the crowd and our faithful. We are very fortunate that 20+ years ago a group of ladies put this club in motion.

I look forward to next year. You are getting a wonderful President in Markett Harkinson. I have had the privilege of being her friend and working with her for the past two years.

Have a wonderful summer!

Betty Horelica
President

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Our membership drive is underway and going strong. There is still time to join at the Installation Luncheon and by mail. There will be a table set up at the Installation Luncheon just for paying your dues.

Remember: To assure being listed in the 2015-2016 FAN Directory, you must submit your dues and application no later than June 30, 2015. If you know anyone who wants to join, don't hesitate to give them my contact information, especially after June 1st, and I'll give them a call when I return from my vacation.

Pat Quackenbush

2015-2016 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very happy and excited to be your FAN President for the coming year. I have big shoes to fill following Betty Horelica, who graciously served TWO years as our President. I want to extend a BIG thank you to Betty for her leadership and commitment to FAN!

For those of you who do not know me well, I grew up in Lufkin, Texas and have been a Houstonian for the last 40 years. I have been married to Greg for 16 years, and I have three step-daughters, and two young granddaughters. When I moved to Houston, I became employed with the Harris County Flood Control District, where I retired after 31 years. I enjoy doing crafts, organizing items, and I currently substitute teach for both Klein ISD and Cy-Fair ISD.

I am looking forward to the many fun and interesting FAN events for the coming year. I want to uphold the purpose of FAN by continuing our charitable projects within the community, while making new friends and having fun along the way. It is also my desire to keep our membership strong and have many activities for involvement. Thank you for the opportunity to lead this wonderful organization!

I am working on securing a renewal contract with John Wesley United Methodist Church for our September 2015 - May 2016 monthly meetings. Their beautiful church has been very accommodating and a pleasure to work with. If all goes as planned, our meetings will continue to be on the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 9:30 A.M. for social time, with the General Meeting beginning at 10 A.M. So, please mark your calendars for another great year!

Markett Harkinson

2015-2016 FAN ELECTEES



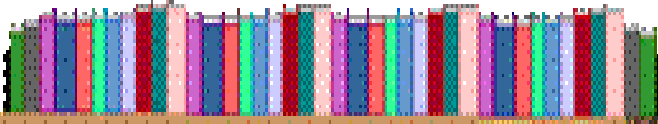
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Pictured: Sharon Plescia, Pat Quakenbush, Idelia Skates, Markett Harkinson, Mona Malone

Not pictured: Trish Togerson, Sherry Dunn, Carol Huddleston

At the podium: June McMillin





FAN BOOK CLUBS

These books are being read by our FAN Book Clubs for May and June 2015

Literary Review **Charla Hannibal**

May 27, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

Book: **Yellow Eyes of the Crocodile**

Author: Catherine Pancol

Hostess: Heather George

June 24, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

Book: **The Cover of Snow**

Author: Jenny Milchman

Hostess: Marilyn Sigler

Contact: Charla Hannibal 281-288-3892

Cover Girls **Maria Bocchino**

May 27, 2015

Book: **Whistling Past the Graveyard**

Author: Susan Crandall

Hostess: Margie Rogers

June 24, 2015

Book: **Becoming Josephine**

Author: Heather Webb

Hostess: Eileen Kelly

Please contact Maria if you would like to be placed on our waiting list.

Marite.bocchino@gmail.com

Page Turners **Adrienne Juno**

May 13, 2015

Book: **The Girl with the Dragon
Tattoo**

Author: Steig Larsson

Hostess: Sue Collins

June 10, 2015

Book: **Summer House with
Swimming Pool: A Novel**

Women of Mystery **Trish Torgersen**

May 4, 2015

Book: **Sympathy for the Devil**

Author: Jerrilyn Farmer

Hostess: Trish Torgersen

June 1, 2015

Book: **Girl on a Train**

Author: Paula Hawkins

Hostess: Trish Torgersen

FAN Website

For members only

The FAN *members'* website is <http://fan1960.wordpress.com>. As events unfold in our FAN community, I will post them to your FAN *members'* website. You can always find current and archived copies of the newsletter, the membership form as well as elected board and extended board members' names and their pictures. I will continue to post social events as they unfold this year. Be sure to add the FAN website to your "Favorites" or "Bookmarks" on your computer. You just may find your picture on the website! Contact me with any news or concerns.

FAN Website

For the public

I will also be managing the FAN *public* website. This website is for anyone interested or curious about FAN. Simply type in your browser **Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club** or perhaps **women's club FM 1960** and the site should be listed. The website's address is <http://fan1960.club>. General information about our club is provided as well as an application form. Invite your friends and neighbors to check out this site.

FACEBOOK

I have created a **FACEBOOK** page for FAN. If you are a member of **FACEBOOK**, please search for **Friends & Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club** and like the page. Please add comments or happenings/events about your activity groups if you wish. The address is <http://www.facebook.com/FAN1960Club>.

Thanks,
Barbara Kerr
Bkerr1974@hotmail.com
Web Manager

Strangers are just friends waiting to happen.

Rod McKuen

Sincere deeds invite new friends

Toba Beta

DAY TRIP

The bus is full. I am taking a waiting list for June 4 trip, into the city for lunch and a stop at Classic Accessories. We leave at 10:30 a.m. sharp from old Randal's parking lot at Champion Forest and Louetta. Cost is \$2.00. Your lunch is on you.

Sharlene Wesson 282-251-6940



RAILROAD CANASTA

Looking for new players!!

We play on 3rd Thursday of the month at the **Willowbrook Fuddruckers**. Cost is \$2 to play, plus \$1 for tip. No reservations needed. If you have Questions call:

Eileen Kelly 281-516-1535

New players always welcome

We are happy to teach you this fun game

A Bouquet of Friends May Installation Luncheon Tuesday, May 12, 2015

11:00- 2:00

**Garden Room, Shirley Acres
Woerner Road, Houston, 77090**



**Just a few days left to mail your check to
Sandy Martin
6411 Saffron Hills Drive, Spring, 77379
Deadline- April 30th.**



See attachment in newsletter

Any questions:

Lu Ann Kubis lukubis@comcast.net or 281-444-0469

Sandy Martin smartin992@aol.com or 281-658-5262

MOVIE GOERS ENJOY MONTHLY MATINEE

FAN members gather to view new and maybe Oscar nominated and winning movies. Meet us the third Monday of each month for a matinee at an area theater. Whether it's a comedy, suspense, romance or something unique, we pick the best pictures playing, often enjoying award-winning performances and films.

E-mail your interest to **Lin Fish** (**linden7723@att.net**) to receive an e-mail each month regarding the movie title, theater, and time. Come along when something interests you, but be sure to pencil in the date: **The third Monday, early afternoon!**

ANTIQUERS AND JUNKERS

We always meet on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May. We do not meet in June, July and August as it is just too hot.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Marlene Hacksma at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 20. She lives at 11903 Amyford Bend in Longwood, Cypress Her phone number is 281-370-5294 or **hacksma@comcast.net**. Please respond by noon, May 18 so we can set up carpools and make lunch reservations.

All are welcome and if you have any questions, please contact Bert Forbes at 281-304-2444 or email **aforbesw@aol.com**

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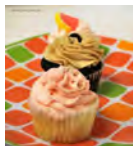
May 20 (Third Wednesday)

Hostess: Mary Ann Lucas

Bring a non-sweet dish. Call Mary Ann 832-316-2618 before May 18 for a reservation.

June 17– The group will have lunch at Merche (an Italian Restaurant) 21208 North West Freeway, Cypress, TX. Good food and nice atmosphere, in the complex with North Cypress Hospital. Highway 290 at Huffmeister. Nite time change is 11:30 a.m.

Call Sharlene Wesson 281-251-6940 for reservations before June 12.



GREETERS AND POST MEETING LUNCH

As our FAN year comes to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who so graciously welcomed everyone arriving at our general meetings. All of you who served as greeters greatly enhanced the FAN experience with your warmth and enthusiasm. Your rapid response time to my requests for greeters and your willingness to help was wonderful.

In particular I would like to thank Lu Ann Kubis for coming to my rescue on more than one occasion. As the former greeter chairman Lu Ann knew a great deal more about the job than I did and always offered her help without my even having to ask. Her involvement in the planning of the Installation Luncheon has been a big responsibility, but she has never been so busy that she wouldn't say, "I can do that for you." THANK YOU, Lu Ann!

Sharlene Wesson also deserves special thanks for offering to help with greeters while I am away on vacation. She, like Lu Ann is another busy lady who has been doing a lot of work with wonderful results planning and organizing the FAN day trips. I've often been told, "If you need to get something done ask a busy person." Sharlene as well as Lu Ann has definitely validated the truth of that statement! THANK YOU, Sharlene!

Thank you also to our board members who joined us for lunch after the meetings and brought their special FAN knowledge and insight along. It was motivating and inspiring to the general membership to see you there, have an opportunity to have a conversation with you and a chance to know you better. Forming enduring friendships is a major purpose of FAN; dining together after the meetings is an excellent way to foster that purpose. THANK YOU, Board Members for sharing your time at lunch and for all the other time and effort you have put in making FAN the successful and enjoyable organization that it is.

Char Marks

Greeter Chairman

ACTIVITY DESK

We have so many great events throughout the month, but there is always room for more. Please let us know if you have a hobby for which there is no group. Since we have almost 300 members, there's a variety of interests, and we'd be very happy to help get your group up and running. If you'd like to join an established group, we have signup sheets at the ACTIVITIES table each month.

If any group has disbanded, please let me know, either by phone 832-427-1112 or by email at sharonple@att.net
Sharon Plescia, Activities Coordinator

HISTORIAN

I am very excited to create a Scrapbook Album for our new President,
"Markett Harkinson."

Please send pictures to my email address, raceway2texas@yahoo.com or give to me. You will be reimbursed, if you provide a receipt.

If you have any questions, please call 586-549-6899.
I look forward to many pictures from all of our FAN groups.
Mona Malone



Sending sunshine wishes to our friends

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these friends and neighbors who are ill or recovering or have great news to share:

Please keep Grace Casagrande in your prayers. She was in remission from breast cancer and then ovarian cancer until this year. The cancer has now spread to her bones. She says that she is receiving treatment and has no pain.

Judi Jeske is on the mend after knee replacement surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to heal.
Please contact me at: juneb6903@hotmail.com or call me at 281-323-4581 with news to share.

June McMillin

**There are some people in life
That make you laugh a little louder
Smile a little bigger
And just live a little better**
Unknown
Yeah for FAN!!

CANASTA I

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

ALL FAN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

NO RESERVATIONS!

Questions?

Call **Melody Williams, 281-440-7512**

DUPLICATE LITE BRIDGE

Are you an experienced Party Bridge player? Would you like something a little bit different? Try Duplicate Lite.

You will be assigned a different partner every month. No conventions need to be played and you'll speak your bid like in party bridge. Someone will always assist you on how to score until you feel comfortable.

We are a friendly group and welcome new players as subs or regular players.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

For more information or to have questions answered—contact **Corinne Sloan**
281-444-1537 CorinneLS@aol.com

NEEDLE ARTS LOVERS

If you enjoy any type of needlework (cross stitch, knitting, beading, quilting, embroidery, etc.); hook work (crocheting, hook rug, latch hook, etc.), or sewing (save your hems and other handwork and bring it along) and want to double your fun, come join the Needle Arts Lovers (NAL) group.

Our group likes working on projects while we share joy and our latest works-in-progress. We enjoy conversations with other ladies who share an appreciation for Needle Arts.

We get together on the first and the third Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prior to each meeting, we will announce where it will be held. If you cannot make it by 10 a.m., just come when you can, even if it is only for an hour. The hostess for each meeting provides beverages, but no food. Sometimes we also go out to lunch.

Just sign up at one of the FAN meetings or call Pat Quackenbush at 281-350-0429 or patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net. If you want to come to a meeting to check us out, contact Pat Q. Happy Stitching!



FAN Nature Walkers

Now that SPRING is here and the outdoors beckon, sign on for a FAN nature walk. Our favorite areas to hike are Spring Creek, Mercer Arboretum and Burroughs Park. Come join us for fun, fresh air and new friends. We are outdoors from 1 ½ to 2 hours and walk on dirt trails, thru pine forests and sometimes along creeks at a reasonable pace. You will have an opportunity to observe the many flora and fauna that you don't normally see in your backyard. We are most fortunate to have several women who are quite knowledgeable and share their expertise about various plants, trees, flowers, grasses, etc. You will be notified by email when walks are scheduled, usually once or twice a month, depending on weather conditions and on group participation.

Please contact me at jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net so I can add you to the FAN nature walkers list.

If you want to get a comprehensive local wildlife guide to the plants and animals native to any place in the United States go to <http://www.enature.com/zipguides>

TREASURER'S NEWS

FAN Ladies: I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for these two **GREAT** years as your treasurer. I truly have enjoyed every meeting-doing the raffle and talking to everyone. I loved what I did and was honored that you put your faith and trust in me.

I sold \$157.00 in tickets. Mary Hamilton and Sharon Plescia each won 39.25 and FAN kept \$78.50

For the April meeting, as it was my last, I included 2 sets of Astros tickets as part of the raffle. Bert Forbes and Virginia Haygood won the Astros tickets plus parking valued at \$140.00 each.

Thank you very much! Idelia R. Skates, Treasurer

COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

This group meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 5 p.m. at Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 FM 1960 W. We play Party Bridge from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. We eat dinner together at 6 p.m. then play bridge until 9 p.m. changing partners each round.

Please let me know if you would like to join

Sandra Lamborn, 281-580-4210 or
lamboss@earthlink.net

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be your newsletter for the past two years. I truly

Enjoyed my tenure. I am leaving the newsletter in very capable hands: Sharon Plescia.

Thank you again!

Clarita H. Doussan



May/June 2015

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NEIGHBORS**
OF FM 1960



Dance as if no one is watching!

EDITOR'S NOTE

All articles for the **July 2015** newsletter should be submitted before **June 13**, to **Sharon Plescia** at sharonple@att.net. Deadline for last-minute changes is **June 21**. To update your address, please contact **Pat Quackenbush** at patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net or 281-350-0429