

# FANfare

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S CLUB

## FAN General Meetings

There is NO December General Meeting.

Our **Let's Jingle & Mingle Holiday Charity Luncheon** is Tuesday, December 5th at Augusta Pines Golf Club at 18 Augusta Pines Drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## November General Meeting

We had a great turn-out at our November General Meeting. Guest presenter Audrey Blank gave a wonderful presentation about her life living with multiple sclerosis (MS) and working with the BP MS 150 two-day fundraising cycling ride organized by the National MS Society.



**Sandy Darst** (left) with her daughter and our engaging guest speaker, Audrey Blank and (below) Sandy working on the Gobble-Gobble turkey pardon contest with our fun FAN members!



Top left: **Judy Gordon & Kim Gerrish**

Top right: **Camille Olhausen & Sandy Darst**



Bottom left: **Shirley Bailey** who won the Gobble-Gobble contest!

# Happy Holidays

## President's Message

**Kim Gerrish, President**

We had some talented and good-spirited volunteer gobblers at the November General Meeting. I'm still laughing. HaHaHa! Congratulations to the winner of the 1st FAN Turkey Pardon, **Shirley Bailey**. And Wow, guest speaker Audrey Blank inspired each of us with her journey and mission with multiple sclerosis (MS). I found myself tearing up a lot while at the same time feeling uplifted by her powerful message. Follow along with Audrey at [Team Audrey's Heroes - Home Page](http://TeamAudreysHeroes.org) (teamaudreysheroes.org).

OMG, I can hardly wait for the **Let's Jingle and Mingle Holiday Charity Luncheon** on December 5th. I'm wearing my velvet pants – what about you? Fabulous location, fabulous food, and fabulous friends! Just think, we get to have a fabulous time and Camp Hope benefits! Plus, the following week is the Festive-Tea and Cookie Exchange on December 13th, yummy and fun! It's all about the PARTY during December.

Be sure to sign up for a spot in the FAN EXPO being held at the January 9th General Meeting. This is just the place and opportunity to show off your business or talent to your friends for free! Another wonderful Day Trip is coming up on January 26th to St. Sava Servian Orthodox Church and Camp Hope.

**Blessings to you, your family, and friends during this wonderful season.**

## Membership Updates

Gayla Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Membership



*"Let's all be grateful for our friends. Because of them, we all laugh a little harder, cry a little less, and smile a lot more."*

Greetings Ladies,

At the General Meeting on November 14th, we we had 98 Attendees: 94 renewed members, 1 new member and 3 additional guests.

Everyone truly enjoyed the motivational talk given by Audrey Blank regarding MS. I am sure we all left grateful and inspired. She is a spectacular speaker and left us with information to share with others on how to get more involved if we wish to do so. Also, we all laughed at Kim and Sandy's Thanksgiving skit and many great gobblers were enlisted to participate.

We are striving to enlarge our membership this year, so please remember to tell all your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances about FAN and encourage them to come to an activity or meeting with you so they can see what a fun and friendly group we are. So far, our members are doing an excellent job of bringing in their friends and neighbors. We currently have a total of 240 members.

They can also check us out on the website: [www.fanwomensclub.com](http://www.fanwomensclub.com) or email us directly with any questions at our email [fanwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:fanwomensclub@gmail.com).

**Hugs till next month!**



Karen Lewis	12/2
Donna Ohlson	12/3
Jan Aduddell	12/5
Linda Neibel	12/5
Daniele Sovany	12/6
Marybeth Magallanes	12/7
Judy Sinclair-Olson	12/7
Marilyn Estes	12/10
Donna Stephens	12/11
Maggie Farhadi	12/12
Bert Forbes	12/14
Kathy Didieu	12/15
Cathy Harrison	12/15
Linda Lagerquist	12/16
Sue Ann Lurcott	12/16
Joy Farrell	12/17
Gaye Ires	12/17
Karen Kastendieck	12/18
Mona Malone	12/21
Pat Ramsey	12/22
Laurie Nimberger	12/23
Karren Sims	12/23
Kim Gerrish	12/24
Debbie Coleman	12/25
Anna Russell	12/25
Mary Anna Madden	12/27
Mary Taylor	12/27
Valerie Murray	12/29
Diane Dzygun	12/30
Doris Vadas	12/31

## FAN's Charity: Camp Hope

Mary Papageorge,  
Charity Chair



[Camp Hope Website](http://Camp Hope Website)

Many thanks to everyone who visited Las Mañanitas during our Charity Luncheon Fundraiser for Camp Hope. I stopped by the restaurant to pick up the check for our donations and wanted to let everyone know that our fundraiser was very successful, as we raised \$400! Thanks to everyone who participated for helping us support a very worthy cause.



## Tile Twisters

Tiffany Cady,  
Tile Twisters Lead



For Trained National Mah Jongg Players

We meet at 1 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at the George H.W. Bush Community Center 6827 Cypresswood Drive. Text me at 281-658-9661 for more information!

## January General Meeting Program: Looking Ahead at What's Coming Up in January

**Sandy Darst,**  
1st Vice President of Programs

As we look toward the holiday season, let's remind ourselves of the blessings of friendship and fellowship we share through our FAN membership. Please mark your calendars for January 9th (the second Tuesday) for our first FAN meeting of 2024! We will welcome Linda Quiroz, Outreach Manager for Montgomery County Women's Center. Check out the MCWC website for more information regarding the center's work with families in our area: [Something Special Store - Montgomery County Women's Center](#).

One of the many ways MCWC supports women and families is through donations to the thrift store, which provides needed household items and clothing to women and children who are in unsafe domestic situations.

**MCWC**  
Montgomery County Women's Center  
1401 Airport Road  
Conroe, TX 77301  
[www.mcwctx.org](http://www.mcwctx.org)

### Railroad Canasta

**Kim Gerrish,**  
Railroad Canasta Lead

Upcoming Date:  
Tuesday, December 12th

\$2 + Cost of your lunch

Would you like to join? Trained players get together on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (unless a FAN General Meeting is scheduled). If you need training or would like to be added to the contact list, email [kimgerrish@yahoo.com](mailto:kimgerrish@yahoo.com).



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### Sunshine and Clouds: We Want to Show Support

**Lin Fish,**  
Sunshine Chair

**Tell Miss Sunshine all about it!**

Just as we want to console our FAN friends in their darkest hours through a medical issue, or the loss of a loved one, we also wish to celebrate joyfully with you, too! Do you have a big anniversary or something grand to celebrate? Share it with me first so I can share it with our FAN friends! I'd love to brag about your exciting news. Email me at [linden7723@att.net](mailto:linden7723@att.net) or text me (I'm in the directory). I'd love to send you a greeting card!



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## November 50/50 Raffle

We are now choosing 3 winners in the raffle to receive cash prizes!



Winners (each won \$44 x 3): \$132  
FAN Funds: \$133  
Total Collected: \$265



**Nancy Strange**



**Dorothy Parmenter**



**Deborah Jennings**

## Membership Directory

**Susan Butler,**  
*Directory Chair*

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## FAN EXPO is back!

**Kathy Court,**  
*EXPO Event Coordinator*

Our second annual FAN EXPO will be held at the **January 9th, 2024** General Meeting.

Do you have a business or hobby you want FAN members to know about?

Are you looking for kindred spirits to share your hobby interests?

During the EXPO, you can hand out business cards, brochures, flyers, and similar items so that members can learn about the many resources and talents available within our club. You can show your products; but in keeping with FAN by-laws, no profit can be made at the event.

To sign up for the FAN EXPO, contact me at [kacourt@att.net](mailto:kacourt@att.net) or 713-385-7419.

- Have you visited FAN's Facebook page? [www.facebook.com/fanwomensclub](http://www.facebook.com/fanwomensclub)
- Want to view meeting minutes, newsletters, and more in the member's only section of our website? Click on 'FAN Member Login' at the bottom of [www.fanwomensclub.com](http://www.fanwomensclub.com) and enter password FANTASTIC (all caps).

## Festivi-Tea and Cookie Exchange!

**Jennifer Banks,**  
*Special Holiday Event Chair*

The response to this event has been overwhelming! We have closed the reservations and have 36 guests attending.

The time is 11:30 a.m. and the place is Spring Creek Oak Clubhouse at 6002 Bur Oak Drive.

Remember to bring 3 dozen baked goods to share. We'll have optional judging with our Royal-tea guest judge. If you'd like to share your recipe please bring it with you.

Pearls, gloves and hats optional—otherwise holiday attire is fine. Let's par-tea!

**Music, games, friends, and tea!**

## Antiquers & Junkers

**Etta Gager,**  
*Antiquers & Junkers Lead*

The December outing for Antiquers & Junkers will be **Wednesday, December 20th** with a trip to Tomball.

Gisela Shelton and Gayla Baker are the Hosts, and will email A&J members at the beginning of December. Please contact [egager8@yahoo.com](mailto:egager8@yahoo.com) for any questions.



## Holiday Charity Luncheon

**Tina Snodgrass,**  
*Holiday Charity  
Luncheon Chair*



**"Let's Jingle and Mingle,"**  
our Holiday Charity Luncheon  
will be a holiday highlight on Tuesday,  
December 5th, at Augusta Pines Golf Club.

A BIG thank you to all our FAN members  
who contributed in many ways to help  
make this luncheon a success! With your  
hard work and the support of local  
businesses, we look forward to raising a  
nice donation for Camp Hope, which  
provides services to veterans suffering from  
combat-related PTSD and their families.  
Temporary housing and a PTSD recovery  
program are among Camp Hope's many  
services.

Enjoy the luncheon with your friends and  
support Camp Hope by bidding on Silent  
Auction and Raffle Items. Bring cash for  
raffle tickets and checkbooks or charge  
cards for auction items.

Thanks again to all the ladies who worked  
hard preparing for this event. We  
appreciate you, and so will our Vets!

## Literary Review Book Club

**Kathy Court,**  
*Literary Review Lead*

**We will not be  
meeting in  
December.**

**Happy Holidays!**



## Page Turners Book Club

**Adrienne Juno,**  
*Page Turners Lead*

Date: December 13th  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Helen Timpe  
Book: *Necessary Lies*  
Author: Diane Chamberlain



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**Debi Black and  
Sandra Guilbeau**  
worked with **Sally  
McClellan** at the  
November General  
Meeting's  
Hospitality table,  
offering coffee and  
treats to our FAN  
members.

## Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg Training

**Lin Fish,**  
Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg  
Training Lead

**Sign up  
today for  
Wright-  
Patterson  
Mah Jongg  
classes  
which begin  
November 30th!**



Class will meet every Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m. into January 2024, with a few exceptions for holidays. Class will meet at Crust Pizza, 11550 Louetta Road, and will break for lunch.

I've learned that we more easily retain the nuances and complexities of this fascinating game by playing every week until we understand the basics. I have taught more than 40 FAN members and friends to play the game over the past several years.

Students will need the rules book and the companion visual aids book. I have ordered the books from the Wright-Patterson Officers Spouses Club in bulk to save on shipping costs. The cost is \$16.00, payable by personal check or cash at the first class.

If you'd like to sign up, just email me at [linden7723@att.net](mailto:linden7723@att.net) that you want to join the fun that at least five groups of FAN members enjoy!

## Hand & Foot Canasta

**Tiffany Cady,**  
Hand & Foot Canasta Lead

Would you like to join us our  
Hand & Foot Canasta group?



Here are the details:

- We meet at the George H.W. Bush Community Center at 6827 Cypresswood Drive in Spring.
- We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 5-8 p.m.

Text me at 281-658-9661 for more info.



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**Thanks to Susan Butler for  
proofreading the newsletter!**

## The Joker's Delight

**Tiffany Cady,**  
The Joker's Delight Lead

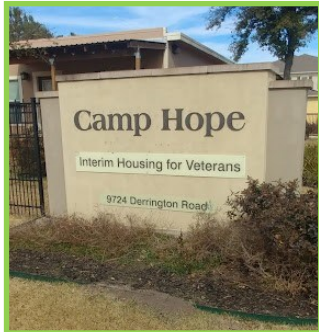


Our National Mah Jongg group called **The Joker's Delight** plays every Monday from 1-5 p.m. at the George H.W. Bush Community Center at 6827 Cypresswood Drive. Anyone with playing experience is welcome to join us! Also, we do not play for money. Text me at 281-658-9661 for more info.

# FAN Day Trip: 'St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church and Camp Hope' on Friday, January 26th

Carolyn Grimes, Day Trips Chair

We are scheduled for a 10:00—11:30 a.m. tour of **St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Cypress**. This church is known for the beautiful architecture and paintings inside. The parishioners will prepare a fish-fry lunch for us after the tour. This tour was recommended by some of our FAN members who have visited this church before. The pictures are fabulous!



After lunch we are scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. tour of **Camp Hope**. This is the charity that FAN has chosen to support this year.

The Precinct 3 bus will depart from the George H. W. Bush Community Center located at 6827 Cypresswood Drive in Spring. The bus will be available for boarding from 8:45—9:15 a.m. and will depart at 9:15 a.m. We should return around 3:00 p.m.

**The cost for these tours including lunch is \$26.00.**

Sign up at the January 9th, 2024 General Meeting or by mail. **The deadline to pay will be Friday, January 12th, 2024 after which no refunds can be made.** Please bring a check for \$26.00 payable to FAN or cash to the General Meeting or mail it to Carolyn Grimes, 8838 Leaning Hollow Lane, Spring, TX 77379. Final details will be emailed to each participant by January 19th, 2024.

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church



**RESERVATION FORM:** Mail to **Carolyn Grimes** at 8838 Leaning Hollow Lane, Spring, TX 77379  
**Friday, January 26th: St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church and Camp Hope**

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Full Address (Street, City, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAN Day Trip Review: 'Houston Through Different Eyes' on October 20th

**Carolyn Grimes**, *Day Trips Chair*

On our October 20th FAN Day Trip, 'Houston Through Different Eyes,' 23 ladies enjoyed a fun-filled day. On our way that morning, we experienced something that had never happened before. Our bus broke down in the I-45 HOV lane and we had to wait for a relief bus. Thank goodness our destinations were in Houston!

Our first stop was at ISKCON, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness Temple, aka The Hare Krishna Community, in The Heights. Guru Bhakti and Shoba Kisori presented a very informative tour of the history of the Hare Krishna, when it was started, and what their beliefs are. At the end of the presentation, they taught us their chant and presented us with two of the leis that had been worn the previous day by their god.

We made a quick drive-by of the Live Oak Friends Meeting House, also in The Heights, which is the only Quaker church in the Houston area.

We had a Mediterranean lunch at Arpi's Phoenicia Deli followed by shopping at Phoenicia Specialty Foods at Westheimer Market. One thing's for sure—these ladies like to shop!

Everyone had a FANTastic time. Please consider joining us on one of our future FAN Day Trips! Look for details elsewhere in this FAN Newsletter.



In front of the ISKCON International Society for Krishna Consciousness Temple: **Carolyn Grimes, Mary Dewitt, Susan Kleimann, Cynthia Payne, Cathy Harrison, Sylvia de Hek, Gail Stone, Linda Comeaux, Kashmira Sutaria, Gayla Baker, Lena Habiby, Emily Carter, Guru Bhakti, Joyce Uribie, Etta Gager, Kathy Court, Noemi Sirisaengtaksin, Sue Mason, June McMillin, Kim Gerrish, Lu Ann Kubis, Valerie Minyen, and Lin Fish.** Not pictured is our historian/photographer **Claudia Gallagher.**



**Carolyn Grimes**



**Claudia Gallagher**



**Cathy Harrison**



**Lin Fish**



**Lena Habiby**



## Boot Scootin' FAN Dancers

**Maggie Farhadi,**  
*Boot Scootin' FAN Dancing Lead*

Put your dancing shoes on and bring a bottle of water because it's time to take a twirl around the dance floor!

**Meet us Mondays, December 4th and 18th from 2-4 p.m. upstairs at the George H.W. Bush Community Center.**

**The Boot Scootin' FAN Dancers are looking forward to entertaining at the January 9th General Meeting. See you there!**

Contact me at 713-213-3178 for info.

**NOTE:** *I'm looking for a member who would love to join our group to assist with name tags, attendance, and running the music with our boombox or iPad. No previous experience necessary!*



## Let's Play Yahtzee!

**Barbara Pack,**  
*Yahtzee Lead*



FAN has a fun Yahtzee Activity Group. If you didn't sign up at the General Meeting, just contact me at 832-381-4468.

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Las Mañanitas on Louetta. The cost to play is \$2 and the prizes will be cash. See y'all then!

## FAN Activities

**Mary Ales,**  
*Activities Chair*



Activities have been busy and I'm happy to announce some new activities for everyone:

- **Mah Jongg Training:** Every Thursday at 11:15 a.m. at Crust Pizza (Louetta location). Contact Lin Fish at [linden7723@att.net](mailto:linden7723@att.net)
- **Golf:** Days and location to be determined. Contact Ernestine Zawitkowski at [ezjz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ezjz@sbcglobal.net) or 713-898-1049.
- **Socials:** Rosanne Brumley is the new Socials leader, and she is planning some exciting and fun excursions. Contact Rosanne for information at [mrsb7823@att.net](mailto:mrsb7823@att.net) or 281-814-2259.

*Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season!*



**Mark your Calendar for these upcoming FAN events!**

- December 5th:** Holiday Charity Luncheon
- December 13th:** Festivi-Tea and Cookie Exchange
- January 9th\*:** General Meeting and FAN EXPO  
(\*Note this is the 2nd Tuesday in January)
- January 26th:** Day Trip to St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church and FAN's Charity Camp Hope (sign up by January 12th)
- February 6th:** General Meeting and Membership Appreciation to celebrate FAN's 45th Anniversary!

## Happy Hour Gals

**Rena Malinowski,**  
*Happy Hour Gals*



Our fun group of Happy Hour Gals met at Mirage 38, which is definitely one of our favorite spots. We will skip our December 21st Happy Hour and plan to see y'all on January 18th. Cheers!

**Front: Noemi Sirisaengtaksin, Phyllis Doran, Gail Stone, Helene Levar, Gayla Baker and Dorothy Parmenter;**  
**Back: Yvonne Rogers, Kim Gerrish, Susan Kleimann, Rena Malinowski, Jennifer Banks and Debi Swaney.**



# 5th Tuesday Fun Day: B-I-N-G-O!

**Kathy Court,**  
5th Tuesday Fun Day Lead

On October 31, we had 30 FAN members and friends enjoy an afternoon of Bingo.



**Many dressed in the spirit of the day...**

(left to right):  
**Cathy Harrison, Kathy Didieu, Vernadine Shouse, Tiffany Cady, Merry Keith, Kim Gerrish, Lois Redford, Donna Morris, Debi Swaney and Randee Saber.**



**And the 9 lucky winners were...**

(left to right):  
**Vernadine Shouse, Eva Grigg, Tiffany Cady, Etta Gager, Randee Saber, Diane Woffard, Kim Gerrish, Barbara Cady and Kathy Didieu.**



**Thanks to these lovely ladies for being our Master Card Keeper and Bingo Caller! Karren Sims and Sharlene Nelson**



**Claudia Gallagher** looking mysterious in her fun Halloween mask!



**Barbara Scruggs and Sandy Darst** looking cute as always on Halloween!



**Joanne Elliott** laughing with her FAN friends!



**Carla Moore** having fun playing FAN's bingo!

**Next 5th Tuesday Fun Day is January 30, 2024! Hmm...what game should we play?**

## Party Bridge Is Back!

**Sherry Dunn,**  
Party Bridge



FAN's Party Bridge for beginner and intermediate players has resumed. Anyone who plays at this level is welcome to attend. We play on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

with the cost at \$2/per player for each session.

Because there are so many dietary restrictions, each lady brings her own lunch when we play. The hostess will provides iced tea, water and dessert.

Please email [sdunn1128@gmail.com](mailto:sdunn1128@gmail.com), or text/call 713-857-2131 to tell me if you plan to attend. We are a fun group that likes to laugh so join us!



FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S CLUB

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### **FAN's 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.