



# FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

September 2017

## FAN General Meetings

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

Faithbridge Church, 18000 Stuebner Airline

Social Hour begins at 9:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be September 5, 2017.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone is having a great summer. I know lots of you have gone on vacations or are entertaining family and friends. September will soon be here and our first meeting will be on September 5 ... hope to see you then!!

We will be having some great programs this year for FAN. Lin Fish has been working hard on this.

Our new directories will be distributed at our September meeting. Thanks to **Pat Quackenbush** and **Linda Lagerquist**, our Directory Co-Chairs, for all their hard work.

Please send your dues check for the new year to Sherry Dunn. **It's too late to be listed in the printed directory**, but early enough to enjoy our programs and activities all year long.

**See you in September ... and beyond!!**

Carol Huddleston, President

## Fan Nature Walkers

Our group will resume nature walks in September as summer ends and cooler weather beckons us outdoors.

Research studies show that nature walks are associated with a whole host of mental and physical health benefits. While walking among foliage, trees and landscapes, you will feel restored and have a clearer, more focused mindset.

So, leave your everyday stress behind and join us for a FAN walk in nature. We visit Precinct 4 parks and walk through quiet, tree-lined paths at Jesse Jones Park, Mercer Arboretum, Burroughs Park, Spring Creek Nature Center, and 100 wooded acres and dirt trails along the creek at Meyer Park.

We plan 2+ morning trips monthly scheduled when weather permits. Contact me at [jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net) so I can add you to the FAN nature walkers list.

Jacqueline Webster, Chair

## PUBLICITY

I've been a busy bee buzzing around getting the word out about how FANtastic our organization is. Will see you September 5. Have a wonderful month.

Please, if you have other suggestions for getting our FAN information out there, let me know.

Myrle Kozlowski, Publicity Chair

## **“Life’s More Fun in Four-Part Harmony”**



### ***Join the Excitement and Get All the News at FAN’s First Meeting***

FAN will enjoy a rip-roaring start to the new program year when members of a International Top Ten Sweet Adelines chorus perform for us – and with us! -- at our September 5 General Meeting.

Under the expert direction of noted teacher and coach Betty Clipman, members of The Woodlands Show Chorus will demonstrate the vibrancy and delight of what once was called “barbershop quartet” ... or four-part harmony, barbershop style. This group rates among the Top Ten in International Chorus and is Champion of their four-state Region this year.

**The Woodlands Show Chorus defines itself thusly:** “*Real women. Real harmony. Real fun. Merging the joy of singing, powerful sound and extreme fun.*” Sounds a lot like FAN, right? Well, maybe except for the singing part!

A chapter of Sweet Adelines International, The Woodlands Show Chorus includes some 80+ area women of all ages who share a love of singing *a cappella* in four-part harmony. In addition to the **pleasure of singing and fun fellowship, the group’s mission includes music education.**

Director Betty Clipman will demonstrate how harmony is developed from four voices (lead, tenor, baritone, base) and provide a peek into the world of *a capella* singing. She is a past International **President of Sweet Adelines International and one of only four “Master Faculty” Members of the International Faculty.**

A Certified Judge in the categories of Sound and Expression, Betty is known throughout the world due to her 26 years of experience as a Chorus Director, including a dozen years as director of Houston Horizon Chorus, which consistently placed in the top 10 in International Chorus Competitions.

Social hour begins at 9:30 a.m., the business meeting convenes at 10. Be prepared to be wowed by The Woodlands Show Chorus about 10:30 a.m. on September 5 at Faithbridge Church, 18000 Steubner Airline.

## *New Directories Available at September & October Meetings*

The new 2017-2018 FAN Directory will be distributed at General Meetings in September and October to all members with dues paid.

Look for the Directory Distribution table, set up with four lines, each designated for a section of the alphabet. Find your line, sign where indicated, and you will receive your Directory.

If your name does not appear on the list of paid members, see the Distribution Coordinator to check if your name was inadvertently dropped from the list during editing. If so, you will receive a signed coupon that you may use to sign for and receive your Directory.

If your name is not on the master list, see Sherry Dunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, or one of her representatives at the Membership Table, who will check the official record of paid dues. If dues are current, you will receive a signed Directory Coupon to take to the Distribution Table to sign for and pick up your Directory.

Should your name not be listed as a paid member, you will be asked to pay your dues to obtain a signed Directory Coupon. Take that to the Distribution Table, sign for your copy and take your Directory home.

As in the past, a friend or Activity Group Leader may pick up your Directory if you cannot attend either meeting. She will sign to verify that she has your Directory.

**Pat Quackenbush:** 281-787-2246/281-350-0429 [patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net)

**Linda Lagerquist:** 281-753-1536 [elsequist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elsequist@sbcglobal.net)

### *Mystery Day Trip*

*Friday, October 27*

**Don't miss this one** - Mystery Trip!!  
**One clue ... lunch is on The Reef** and is at your expense. **Cost of trip is \$6.00 ... no refunds** after October 1.

We will leave from The Fitness Connection at Champion Forest and Louetta at 9:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. at the latest. We are handicap accessible.

You can call me after August 27 or sign up at the September 5 General Meeting.

Also, this year we have a Day Trips Committee of three! Harolene Hatley and Linda Fisher will be part of the effort to provide you with great trips all year long.

Call me with any questions.

Sharlene Wesson - 281-251-6940



### *PICTURES PLEASE!!!*

Thanks for the pictures and keep them coming. I would love to have as many members as possible in our next book.

#### *Tip #3 for taking better pictures:*

Here is a tip I recently learned using my smartphone. One of the easiest ways to improve your mobile photos is to turn on the camera's grid lines. That superimposes a series of lines on the screen of your phone's camera that are based on the "rule of thirds."

This rule says images should be divided in thirds both horizontally and vertically so that you have nine sections. If you place points of interest at these intersections or along the lines, your photo will be more balanced. To switch on the grid go to "Settings" on your phone, then go to "Photos and Camera" and switch on "Grid." Happy photography!

Sharon Schumann, Historian  
[schumannsharon@gmail.com](mailto:schumannsharon@gmail.com)



RAILROAD CANASTA

We play the second Tuesday each month at 10 a.m.

We meet at Fuddruckers at Willowbrook Mall on FM1960. We pay \$3 to cover tip and game. We must buy lunch, but it can be anything on the menu ... even the children's menu.

PLEASE see if you can join us. We **are a small group and we'd love to have you! No experience is needed** and we are glad to help you learn the game. **Please email me "YES," if you plan to attend.**

Contact Eileen Kelly at 281-516-1535 or [ekellyme@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ekellyme@sbcglobal.net).

***New Directory Coming!***

***Tell advertisers you value their support of FAN***

Look through our new Directory when you receive your copy this month and be **sure** to thank our advertisers when you patronize their businesses. Ad revenue completely covered the cost of printing the Directory, so no other funding was needed to make it a reality.

And thanks to **Sue Behnke** for selling the ads and to **Pat Quackenbush, Linda Lagerquist and Myrle Koslowski** for organizing and proofreading the Directory!



SENDING SUNSHINE WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS

Hello ladies.

No news this month, but I am eagerly awaiting our first meeting in September.

Call me or email me throughout the year with any news to share.

Idalia R. Skates  
281-469-7589 - [iskates@sbcglobal.net](mailto:iskates@sbcglobal.net)

**GREETERS**

Hey Ladies!!

**I'm looking for some friendly faces to volunteer before each General Meeting to greet arrivals at the door before each meeting.** All you need is to be there by 9:15 a.m. with your happy face to greet arrivals and point them to the sign-in table.

September will be here before you know it. If you have not already signed up and are interested in helping out, call me at 713-248-0210.

**I'm looking forward to another fun-filled FAN year!**

Brenda Hannah, Chairman

***Another "Thanks" from NAM***

FAN recently received a lovely thank-you note from Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) President Carole Little for the many hotel amenities and other hygiene items donated for clients of the Family Violence Center.

The program was chosen by FAN members as our 2016 Charity, funded with proceeds from the Christmas Charity Luncheon.

You may continue to contribute by bringing shampoos, soaps, toothpaste and other essentials to General Meetings; Lin Fish will see that they are delivered to NAM.



## Treasurer

Buy your raffle tickets at the September 5 General Meeting.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Look for my table for your raffle tickets as FAN splits proceeds with two winners.

We are looking for a big WINNER!

The 2017-2018 budget will be presented for review. See you at the meeting.

Sue Behnke, Treasurer



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FAN's official membership now totals 224, with the new member count at 10. Congratulations to all members who have spread the word about FAN and brought in new ladies.

There will be Membership Applications available at the September meeting just in case you still **need to renew your membership. It's a bargain at only \$25 per year.** Please make your check payable to FAN.

If you know anyone who would like to join FAN, tell her how to contact me, and I can give her any information she needs. Or, invite her to attend our September meeting to meet and greet some of the members and pick up one of our FAN brochures. I can be reached at 713-857-2131 or 281-430-4567 (leave a message if I'm not available) or by email at [sdunn@entouch.net](mailto:sdunn@entouch.net) or [sdunn1128@gmail.com](mailto:sdunn1128@gmail.com).

See y'all September 5,

Sherry Dunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership



## The FAN Wine-Tasting Group Celebrates 25 Years

Enjoying wine can be fun as well as informative. Just ask anyone in the FAN wine-tasting group! This fall, the group is celebrating 25 years of sampling wines and making friendships.

Over the years, couples have come and gone, but the spirit of the group has endured. Carolyn Gibbs started the group and still participates, along with several other couples who were original members. New couples have joined and been warmly welcomed.

**It's been a great way for FAN's spouses to have fun** and to meet other spouses. Just ask Sue and Jack Behnke, our newest members.

Not all of the members are oenophiles (wine experts). But all of us enjoy tasting and learning about wines from around the world. Just multiply 25 years x 12 months x 8 bottles of wine sampled ... **whew!!**

We are always looking for people who would like to share an evening of wine and food and lively conversation. We welcome people to come and see what we are about.

No need to make a firm commitment. But, if you enjoy wine and making new friends, you will enjoy this group. We meet the first Saturday each month at 7:00, rotating host duties. The evening consists of an informative talk about the wines we will be tasting, followed by appetizers supplied by the guests. The host provides coffee and dessert. A typical evening usually costs no more than \$35 per couple.

**If you'd like to learn more, please contact** Kathy Michalski at [katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net).



Your Board members at work!! Pictured left to right: Kathy Michalski, Overnight Trips; Jennifer Banks, Web Manager; Jacquie Stamates and June McMillan, Socials; Char Marks, Cookie Exchange and (behind, at left) Brenda Hanna, Greeters



## Antiquers and Junkers

This group meets on the third Wednesday each month at different hostess homes 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 Bert Forbes at 13507 Marblepointe Lane in Lakes at Northpointe subdivision on Sept. 20 at 9 a.m. From there we will carpool to Tomball with lunch planned at Brautigams.

**We try to be home by 3 or 4 but that's not guaranteed.** Please let me know by noon, Monday, September 18, if you are coming. Call 281-304-2444 or email [afortbesw@aol.com](mailto:afortbesw@aol.com).

I will email everyone who is coming late Monday so you can arrange your carpools.

All members are welcome.

**If you'd like to participate in the future, contact Bert Forbes, 281-304-2444, Or email [afortbesw@aol.com](mailto:afortbesw@aol.com).**



## FAN BOOK CLUBS

Literary Review Charla Hannibal

This is an open group that encourages any readers to join us for lively discussion and always a yummy dessert. Call Charla at 281-731-7437 for information.

Date: September 27

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Book: *Americanah*

Author: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Book Leader: Heather George

Hostess: Kathy Michalski

Cover Girls Maria Bocchino

We have an opening. Call Maria (281-257-8257), if interested.

Date: September 27

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Book: *The Rosie Effect*

Author: Graeme Simson

Page Turners Adrienne Juno

Date: September 13

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Book: *A Man Called Ove*

Author: Fredrik Backman

Hostess: Jacqueline Webster

Women of Mystery Trish Torgersen

Date: September 11

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Book: *My Cousin Rachel*

Author: Daphne DuMaurier

Hostess: Trish Torgersen

## WRIGHT-PATTERSON MAH JONGG



Our Mah Jongg group is looking for Wright-Patterson players to sub for us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays each month.

If you are interested, email Mary Taylor at [delsuelo@comcast.net](mailto:delsuelo@comcast.net) or call 281 893-7004.



Make a Real Difference in

Our Community

If you speak Spanish or know someone who **does, here's an opportunity to be of tremendous help** as a volunteer at Northwest Assistance Ministries.

**FAN's 2016 charity, NAM's Family Violence Center**, needs volunteers, particularly Spanish **speakers, to help meet its clients' needs. If you can help**, please visit: <http://namonline.org/volunteer> for details. Orientation is held regularly.

Volunteers for any NAM program must be at least 16 years old to work independently. Those younger than 16 must be accompanied by a parent or appointed guardian if working on NAM property.

To volunteer for any program, contact Courtney Frost-Tadlock, **NAM's Community Relations Coordinator** at (281) 885-4604 or via email at [volunteer@namonline.org](mailto:volunteer@namonline.org).



## Party Bridge Groups Have Openings

Three Monday bridge groups are looking for new members. If you have some experience playing party bridge, give us a try! All three groups are casual and fun.

Mary Ann Porter - First Monday at Don Ramon's on Champions Forest at FM 1960. Starts at 10:30 - [map77379@yahoo.com](mailto:map77379@yahoo.com). This group does not meet in the summer.

Mary Kay Dryer – Third Monday at Clementine's on FM 1960. Starts at 10:30. – [marykdryer@hotmail.com](mailto:marykdryer@hotmail.com).

Kathy Michalski – Fourth Monday at Clementine's on FM 1960. Starts at 10:30 - [katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net).

**The FAN Members' Website** is <http://fan1960.wordpress.com>. You can find there the FAN activities calendar, current and archived copies of the newsletter, the membership form, as well as elected board and extended board members' names and their pictures.

**We're on Facebook, too!** In the Facebook SEARCH bar type "Friends & Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club," and our Facebook page will come up. Please like the page and add comments or happenings/events about your activity groups if you wish. Contact me with any questions.

Jennifer Banks, [jennb6@aol.com](mailto:jennb6@aol.com)

## ACTIVITY CHAIR

I am excited to tell you that we will have a few Activity Leaders speak at the September Meeting, to give you the insight into the activities they represent.

Take a look at our Calendar of Activities in the August Newsletter. It will give you the time and place of all monthly Activities. It will also show if subs or new players are wanted.

I look forward to seeing members sign up for activities at the General Meeting. Call or e-mail if you have any questions or suggestions.

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Linda Niebel, Activity Co-Chair - 832-331-6165 - [wneibel@yahoo.com](mailto:wneibel@yahoo.com)

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*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 October 2017 newsletter should be submitted before September 14 to Cissie Alexander at [mpalex1@swbell.net](mailto:mpalex1@swbell.net).

Deadline for last-minute changes is  
September 21.

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