



FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960



November 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.
Our next meeting will be on
November 10, 2015

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

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great meeting we had in October with over 115 people attending! Kathryn Casey was a fascinating speaker with her interesting true crime novels, though I don't know how she sleeps at night after conducting all those spine-tingling interviews!

It appears the changes suggested by the By-law Committee (consisting of Sherry Dunn, Carol Huddleston, Idalia Skates, Trish Torgersen and I) are being well received. Everyone seems fine with not having a formal Installation luncheon and leaving it where May will be an optional month to do a luncheon, tea, picnic, program or something else. The proposed changes are again posted in this newsletter for your review. A motion to approve the By-law changes will be asked for at the November General meeting.

Plans are being made by your Board and Extended Board to organize the Silent Auction and Raffle,

Lin Fish put together great descriptions for each of the three charities we voted on in October. Much thanks to Sandy Martin, Margie Rogers and Pat Townzen, for passionately reading each one. After counting the votes, **Reach Unlimited was chosen as the charity for this year.**

The holiday season is about to begin. I hope to see you at the Holiday Charity Luncheon **and** the Cookie Exchange. Both events are going to be fantastic! **As a reminder, we do not have a General Meeting in December, and the newsletter is combined for December and January.**

Markett Harkinson
President

Friends and Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club By-laws

The following is proposed changes submitted by the By-laws Committee consisting of Sherry Dunn, Markett Harkinson, Carol Huddleston, Idalia Skates, and Trish Torgersen.

ARTICLE 4 - MEETINGS

~~Section 3. The last meeting of the Club year is to be referred to as the Annual Installation Luncheon Meeting and will be held in May.~~

ARTICLE 6- EXECUTIVE AND EXTENDED BOARD

Section 6. Each Officer and Chairperson shall keep a notebook of activities and procedures to facilitate the change of office. Procedure notebooks shall be given to each newly elected Officer at the **New Board/Old Board Luncheon**. ~~business meeting immediately following the Installation Luncheon.~~ If not attending the **New Board/Old Board Luncheon**, each Officer is responsible for passing the notebook to the newly elected Officer before ~~Installation June 1st~~. ~~Installation of Executive Officers shall take place at the Annual Installation Luncheon.~~ Newly elected Officers assume their duties ~~IMMEDIATELY June 1st~~ with the exception of the Treasurer who will serve until books are completed and closed, as directed in Article 8, Section 5. ~~In addition, a final year-end report must be provided to the President by each outgoing Executive Officer at or before the Installation Luncheon.~~ The **Executive Officers and the** Extended Board year-end reports must be provided to the President before the New Board/Old Board Luncheon. The New Board/Old Board **Luncheon meeting** will be held before the end of May. **Installation of Officers is optional at April or May meeting.**

Section 8. "FAN duties of Executive Board and Extended Board," which is printed on the FAN Website, is to be updated as By-laws are revised.

ARTICLE 8- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 8. The Historian shall keep a memory book of all important Club activities and events of the year. The memory book shall be presented to the retiring President at the **New Board/Old Board Installation Luncheon**, and then displayed at the General Meetings the following year.

Revised and approved by the Board on September 15, 2015.

Approved by the General membership _____, 2015.

FAN Nature Walkers

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 may 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>.

Jacqueline Webster

Fun for all is planned at Cookie Exchange

Forget the ugly Christmas sweater, the plaid shirt and the mittens ... let's enjoy a Houston-like **Tropical Christmas Cookie Exchange!**



Tuesday, December 8, is the date, and the place - as is tradition: the Spring Creek Oaks Clubhouse, 6002 Bur Oak Drive, at the corner of T.C. Jester.

We'll enjoy fun and games, prizes, holiday music and a tropical banquet, then trade home-baked cookies. There will even be a prize for the first person who can sing "Mele Kalikimaka" - a hit for the Andrews Sisters.

Bake just three dozen cookies, package them two to a Ziploc or a plastic treat bag, and you'll take home 36 cookies baked by friends.

If you'd like to share more, bake an extra dozen or more cookies that will be delivered to the clients of Reach Unlimited, FAN's chosen charity for the 2015 Christmas Luncheon (see page ____).

Space at the Cookie Exchange is limited; send your check for \$14 (payable to FAN) to Sharon Schumann, 13923 Cypresswood Crossing Boulevard, Houston TX 77070. Registrations will also be accepted at the November General Meeting on a space-available basis. For more information, call either Sharon Schumann at 281-370-5582 or Lin Fish at 281-804-5524.

Programs for developmentally challenged to benefit from FAN's 2015 charity

"Ladies, how many of you like children?" was the question **Margie Rogers** asked of FAN members at the October General Meeting. A sea of hands shot into the air, and Margie began to describe her personal experience as a pediatric nurse caring for developmentally challenged children and their families.

That's how she introduced a profile of Reach Unlimited, one of three distinctive types of charities the Board this year selected for members to consider to receive the proceeds from the Christmas Luncheon on December 2. When the votes were counted, Reach Unlimited and its clients became this year's FAN charity.

Reach Unlimited provides 24/7 care in group homes to more than 100 clients, and daytime services to another 325. Reach Unlimited offers a sustainable, secure environment so that these individuals may reach their full potential.

Through vocational skill training, supported employment, personal development and recreation activities, Reach Unlimited encourages clients to benefit from continuous learning. Clients range from 12 to 74 years. There's even a Special Olympics softball team, the "Reach Rockets."

The Learning Activity Center teaches life skills, functional academics, art, music and fitness, as well as pre-vocational and vocational training. Clients earn a paycheck in the enterprise program, perhaps making sparkling fused-glass art pieces, or embossing napkins for customers' parties and special events.

Area companies also contract with Reach and its client workforce for jobs such as preparing mailings or assembling information packets. Their pride in receiving a paycheck matches their satisfaction in doing worthwhile work.

Caring for and teaching these neighbors is expensive and very poorly supported by public funds. That's why Reach Unlimited staff and volunteers must raise \$1,000,000 every year to underwrite client services. It's clear, however, that theirs is a labor of love. Enthusiastically describing Reach Unlimited clients and their activities, one executive said, "We love them dearly."



Joyful Emily enjoys making fused glass artwork when she is at Reach Unlimited.

Greeters and After-Meeting Lunch



Thank you to our greeters for the October 13 general meeting. You ladies affect the initial feelings that members and visitors bring to each FAN meeting we attend. You did an outstanding job of making everyone feel welcome.

We will need a few extra greeters for our Christmas luncheon at Northgate Country Club on December 2. I will be making calls to fill those spots in mid-November.

Lunch following our November 10th meeting will be at Mia Bella in Vintage Park. Be sure to sign up for lunch before the meeting begins. Please come join us; we always have a good time.

Char Marks
Greeter Chairman

DIRECTORY

If you didn't get your new Directory at the October meeting, be sure and pick one up at the November meeting. They are fun and full of helpful information. Please take time to read the information in the front and back of the Directories so you will know the who, what, when, where, and why of FAN. Thanks!

Sherry Dunn

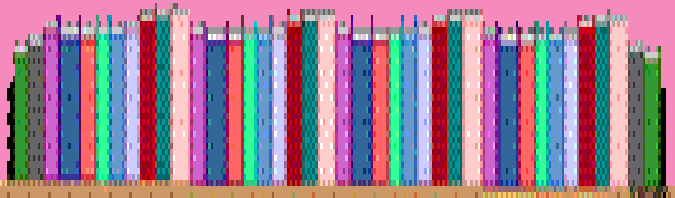
TREASURER'S REPORT

An update from the Treasurer:

Once again your generosity has provided our charity with much needed funds through the 50/50 Raffle. At our meeting in October, our total intake was \$140, so half of that (\$70) went into the FAN bank account for our charity, and the other half was divided between our two raffle winners --- Susie Keig and Margareta Aronson. Each winner received \$35. Maybe next month will be your turn to win!

Reminder: If anyone needs to be reimbursed for an expense incurred on behalf of FAN, please complete a FAN Expense Voucher and give it to me with the receipts attached. If you need one of these forms, just let me know. Thank you!

Sherry Dunn, Treasurer



FAN BOOK CLUBS

These books are being read by our FAN Book Clubs for November 2015:

Cover Girls **Maria Bocchino**
Date: October 14, 2015
Book: Me Talk Pretty One Day
Author: David Sedaris
Hostess: Maria Bocchino
Please contact Maria if you would like to be placed on our waiting list. **Marite.bocchino@gmail.com**

Page Turners **Adrienne Juno**
Date: December 15, 2015
Hostess: Adrienne Juno
Book: Flight Behavior
Author: Barbara Kingsolver

Women of Mystery **Trish Torgersen**
Date: November 2, 2015
Hostess: Trish Torgersen
Books: Thyme of Death and
 Everywhere that Mary Went
Authors: Susan Wittig Albert and
 Lisa Scottoline
For more info, email **torgersenp@gmail.com**.

Literary Review Does not meet in November

COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

This group meets on the third 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. and 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

FAN CANASTA

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 Eileen Kelly 281-516-1535

The cost is \$3, which covers tip and prizes.

First Wednesday Duplicate Lite

We meet the first Wednesday of the month. If you are an experienced party bridge player (not new to bridge), consider trying duplicate lite. Our game is almost all party bridge, but we do play with the same partner for the five or six rounds of the game, and I pair each player with a different partner from the group each month. I only put the top three winning pairs scores on the internet...not the non-winners scores.

No one is asked to play a convention if they do not know it or feel uncomfortable with it. No director, no penalties. We take at least 40 minutes for lunch and to "catch up". This is NOT a pressure, ACBL-sanctioned game!!!

We use substitutes nearly every month. Contact me if you'd like to know more about our group or want to be a substitute.

Corinne Sloan
corinnels@aol.com
281-444-1537

RAILROAD CANASTA

WE NEED LOTS OF NEW PLAYERS TO PLAY AND LEARN THIS VERY FUN GAME.

We play at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Willowbrook Fuddruckers. Our group is getting smaller, and we would love to have new and old members join us. No prior knowledge is needed, and we will be happy to help you learn the game. Bring friends, too. If you have questions call Eileen Kelly at: **281-516-1535**

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 more than 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 or if there are any other changes, please let me know, either by phone 832-427-1112 or by email at sharonple@att.net.

Also, if you'd like to have your activity featured in our FAN newsletter, please let me know.

Sharon Plescia, Activities

FAN SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a great turnout for the October general meeting! Over 100 members joined us, along with a number of guests and two new members! That brings our total membership up to 277.

New members joining since the last newsletter:

Lacey, Pat
1207 Maiden Way Drive
Spring, TX 77379
Gleannloch

Home phone: 281-430-5670
Cell: 281-705-0964
email: patlacey334@gmail.com
Birthday: 11/04
Spouse: Don

Vick, Philomena
17003 Hillswind Circle
Spring, TX 77379
Memorial Northwest

Cell: 832-257-3703
email: pvick001@comcast.net
Birthday: 07/03
Spouse: George

Colwell, Elsie
3110 Mountain Oak Court
Houston, TX 77068
Oak Tree Place

Home: 281-440-8780
Cell: 281-793-6576
email: edcolwell@me.com
Birthday: 08/20
Spouse: Roger

Margareta Aronson has moved. Her new address is 14119 Glen Green Ln, Houston, TX 77069, which is in Champions Glen. All other personal information remains the same.

Virginia Haygood's cell phone is incorrect in the directory. Change from 713-824-3155 to 713-824-2155.

Add into the directory Barbara Bolz, 281-370-8357, 20506 Fairway Meadow Lane, Spring, TX 77373, Spouse: Thomas, Windrose subdivision.

Sharon Schumann has a new address: 13923 Cypresswood Crossing Boulevard, Houston, TX 77070. All other personal information is the same.



Remember: if you need to change any information in the directory, go on line to our website and download the form. Email to Pat Quackenbush, patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net or to 3414 Lost Oak Drive, Spring, TX 77388. **Take in a film with FAN friends**

MONDAY AT THE MOVIES

Enjoy movies? Join FAN members on November 16 and the third Monday each month, when we take in the first matinee of the day. It may be a comedy, suspense, romance or something unique, but we enjoy the best movie currently playing, including many Oscar-nominated performances and films.

Email your interest to Lin Fish (linden7723@att.net) and you'll receive an email notice a few days prior to each month's selection, naming the movie title, theater and time.

Join us when it's something that interests you, but be sure to pencil in the dates: the third Monday every month, early afternoon!

Antiquers and Junkers, Nov. 18, 2015

This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at different hostess's house 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 Sheila Gibbs' home at 11619 Regency Forest Dr. in Regency Forest subdivision on November 18 at 9 a.m. Her phone number is 281-890-3948 or email 12gibbs@att.net.

From there we will carpool to Old Town Katy and lunch will be at Midway BBQ. We try to be home by 3 or 4 but not guaranteed.

Please let both Sheila and me know by noon, Monday the 16th if you are coming.

All are welcome.

Bert Forbes 281-304-3444 or afortbesw@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 Wednesday 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.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

If you have any pictures of your group, please email to me, You may also give them to me at a FAN meeting. I'll be happy to take photos of your activity, so just let me know in advance. You will be reimbursed for any pictures taken by providing a receipt.

Mona Malone
586-549-6899
raceway2texas@yahoo.com



SENDING SUNSHINE WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS
November

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

Our sympathies go out to Bert Forbes and her family. Recently, her brother passed away in an accidental drowning while fishing in Minnesota. He was doing what he loved.

A month ago, FAN lost one of its own members. Jo Howell unexpectedly passed on September 30, 2015. Donations may be made in her name to the American Heart Association. Let's keep her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Please contact me at getjudijeske@yahoo.com or call me at 281-370-4548 with news to share.
Judi Jeske

FAN WINE TASTING GROUP HAS AN OPENING

If you are interested in learning about wine and enjoying a pleasant evening out, we have an opening in our group. This is a couples activity. We meet the first Saturday of the month, and each couple hosts just once a year. The hosts select the theme and wine, and provides dessert and coffee. The other guests bring appetizers, and the cost of the wines are split. You could attend one tasting to see if it's something you would enjoy. If you are interested, please contact me.

Kathy Michalski
281-1682
katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net



HELP! HELP! HELP!

I'm the "new" Ad Manager for the FAN Directory 2016-2017. Please let me know if YOU have someone in mind who would like to take out an ad.

KEEP THIS IN MIND: If we can sell some ads, it will certainly help keep down the cost of printing the directories.

Quarter page is \$25, half page is \$50, and a whole page is \$100. Inside front cover or back cover costs \$200.

Please call me at 713-822-6435 or e-mail at sllimbaugh@yahoo.com. Many, many thanks.

Shirley Limbaugh



NEWS OF UPCOMING DAY TRIPS

DAY TRIP

January 20, 2016

We are planning to take a bus for a luncheon at Nordstrom's in the Woodlands. We'll enjoy a fashion show, and have a little time to shop in the store. Departure is from the Fitness Connection at Louetta and Champion Forest, with leave time at 10:45 a.m. I will need a check for \$5 to hold your place; it will be returned to you when you board the bus. You will pay for your own lunch. Reservations to be taken at the November General Meeting.

LUNCH BUNCH

November 18, 2015, 12 noon

Hostess is Sherry Dunn

Bring one of your favorite Thanksgiving dishes. **Call Sherry at 281-430-4567 for reservations before November 15, 2015.**

LUNCH BUNCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December 16, 2015, 12 noon

Hostess is Margaret Burgess

Bring a wrapped gift—something Christmas-related—for around \$15.

Call Margaret Burgess at 281-304-8977 before December 12 for your reservation.. This is important so she may plan for the event.

Sharlene Wesson

281-251-6940

HOLIDAY CHARITY LUNCHEON AND STYLE SHOW

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 is the date FOR THE VERY SPECIAL Christmas party, which we are calling "Stars, Tinsel and Glitter" . We are looking forward to the change of venue at the Northgate Country Club. There IS an elevator for those who don't want to climb the stairs to the second floor. The style show will be presented by Chico's, T Carolyn's, and Sakowitz Furs, so bring a friend. Begin making your plans to gather raffle items, silent auction gifts, door prizes, and deciding on the perfect Christmas outfit that has "Stars, Tinsel and Glitter!" The cost is \$40 per person, and \$5 will go to our charity: Reach Unlimited. The deadline to sign up is November 15. Pick up your invitations at the next FAN meeting. Members to contact for further information are: Sue Behnke, 281-376-3388; Sharon Plescia, 832-427-1112; Lin Fish, 281-580-6336; and Carol Huddleston, 281-970-9501. Sharon Plescia has graciously agreed to accept the Silent Auction/Raffle position.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LUNCHEON IS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FAN Website

For members only

The FAN **members'** website is <https://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. Go on this website and download the form to make any changes to the FAN directory.

FACEBOOK

I have created a **FACEBOOK** page for FAN. If you are a member of **FACEBOOK**, 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.

Barbara Kerr
Bkerr1974@hotmail.com
Web Manager



NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

At the November meeting Tim Miller with EquuSearch will be our speaker. The very interesting topic will be on how EquuSearch has become the most successful search and recovery group in the nation.

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HOUSTON FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING



Anyone interested in joining a group to volunteer one day a month at the Houston Food Bank, please contact Pat Ramsey at 281-413-3919. We will drive together to work a four-hour shift of either 8 a.m. to 12 noon or 12 noon to 4 p.m., sorting and packing food to be distributed. We who volunteer will decide the day to work. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Activities table at the November meeting. This is a fun activity, and is also very rewarding, with more help needed during the holidays.

Pat Ramsey
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EDITOR'S NOTE

All articles for the **December 2015** newsletter should be submitted before **November 14, 2015** to **Sharon Plescia** at sharonple@att.net. Deadline for last-minute changes is **November 20, 2015**.

To update your address, please contact **Pat Quackenbush** at patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net or 281-350-0429