

FANfare

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S CLUB

FAN General Meetings

Our next meeting is
Tuesday, November 14th.

Note: This is the second Tuesday in November.

George H.W. Bush Community Center
6827 Cypresswood Drive

Coffee & Social Mixer Starts at 9:30 a.m.
Club Business & Program Starts at 10 a.m.



President's Message

Kim Gerrish, President

The POWER went out and stayed out ... well, THAT happened at the October General Meeting! Fortunately, our engaging guest speaker and author, Kathryn Casey, went with the flow, talking loudly enough and signing beau coups of books for her fans. Great program! Just goes to show you never know what is going to happen at a General Meeting.

Don't miss lunch, a snack, dinner, or take-out on November 8th at FAN sponsor Las Mañanitas Mexican Restaurant, which is hosting a fundraiser all day to help FAN raise funds for our charity Camp Hope. Be sure to take the coupon and tell every single one of your friends!

Also, cannot wait to board the Day Trip bus for 'Houston Past and Most Notable Residents' on November 10th!

Wondering what might be up our sleeve during the November General Meeting? Come at 9:30 a.m. for Mixer Time, followed by the Meeting and the not-to-be-missed heartwarming stories of Audrey Blank's Life Missions at 10:00 a.m. Don't forget to sign up for the 'Let's Jingle and Mingle' Holiday Charity Luncheon, only a few spots are left for the Cookie Exchange Festivi-Tea, and, of course, the FAN EXPO!

See you with your friends at the November 14th FAN General Meeting, Day Trips, Camp Hope Fundraiser, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Dirt Divas, Mexican Train, Crazy Quilters, Happy Hour Gals, Railroad Canasta, Book Club, Overnighters, Line Dancing, Game Days, Nature Walkers, Bridge, Hand & Foot Canasta, Bunco, Themed Lunch, Crafty Hookers, Movie Matinee, Antiquers & Junkers, Yahtzee ...

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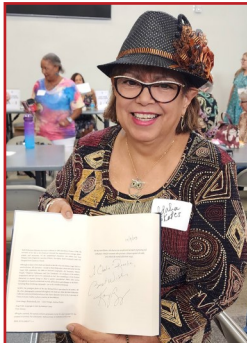
October General Meeting

Despite the rainy weather, we had another great turnout at our General Meeting at the George H.W. Bush Community Center.

Our guest speaker was Kathryn Casey, who did a wonderful job despite the lack of a working microphone due to the power outage!



Sandy Darst introducing guest speaker, renowned author Kathryn Casey.



Idalia Skates was happy to get her book signed.



Merry Keith and Annette Murray were among many who got their books signed.

November General Meeting Program

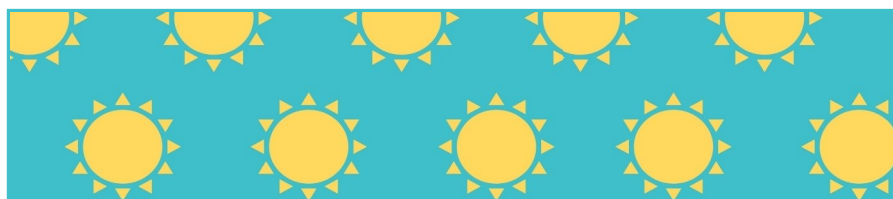
My Life Mission: Fighting MS and Raising Literacy

Sandy Darst,
1st Vice President of Programs

Audrey Blank has faced challenges head-on, from being dyslexic at an early age to a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis in 2007. She has used those challenges to shape who she is not only as a professional but in her personal life. Audrey has been actively engaged in multiple nonprofits that support health and early education. She is a proud former public school educator, former professor, a former researcher at The University of Texas Health Science Center in the Department of Pediatrics, and a former Grants Director for an education nonprofit. Audrey is the host of the largest annual multi-million dollar fundraising cycling event in the United States, the Texas MS150, and is a 2023 Nonprofit Fundraising Hall of Fame Inductee. Audrey's daughter, Caitie, is a senior at Baylor University, and her husband, Damon, is a Houston firefighter.



Audrey Blank



Sunshine and Clouds: ***We Acknowledge Them Both***

Lin Fish,
Sunshine Chair

It must have been a cloudy day ... at least my brain was cloudy, and I missed the deadline to share important news last month.

Dear friend **Doris Vadas'** husband Leo was hospitalized late in September and, sadly, did not recover. Leo was also stepfather to Past President **Jennifer Banks** and member **Phyllis Doran**. Memorial services are set for October 27th at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church.

We're sending extra gentle hugs to **Barbara Cady**, who suffered a broken clavicle recently.

And now ... a segue.

Tell Miss Sunshine all about it!

Big day coming up? Something REALLY grand to celebrate? Have you shot under par in golf or earned a new honor? Something you want your special gal pals to know about?

Well, girl, share it with me first! I'd love to brag about a 50th anniversary, a daughter graduating cum laude or earning her PhD. New grandchild? Great grandchild? Your first call should be to me!

Just as we want to console our FAN friends in their darkest hours, we wish to celebrate joyfully with you, too! Drop me an email at linden7723@att.net. Send a quick text. I'm in the book, and I love sending greeting cards!



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, look for the sign-up table at the next General Meeting, or contact me at kacourt@att.net or 713-385-7419.

Membership Updates

Gayla Baker, 2nd VP of Membership

*"By chance we meet,
By choice we become friends."*



TRICK OR TREAT! At the General Meeting on October 3rd, we had 119 Attendees, which included 107 renewed members, 4 new members, and 8 additional guests. Even with a few glitches, everyone enjoyed the author Kathryn Casey, and some even bought her books. She is a spectacular speaker, even without the microphone. Emily Carter won the prize for the get acquainted game, and everyone enjoyed lots of treats and goodies.

We are looking forward to the next meeting on November 14th, so come early and enjoy the social at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and a tidbit, then stay for our meeting at 10 a.m.

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 renewing members are doing an excellent job of bringing in new members. We have a total of 234 members.

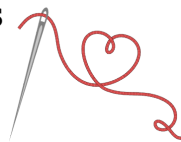
Any prospective member can also check us out on the website www.fanwomensclub.com or email us directly with any questions at fanwomensclub@gmail.com.



Crazy Quilters & Crafty Hookers

Vernadine Shouse,

Crazy Quilters & Crafty Hookers Lead



- **Mondays, November 6th and 20th** (first and third Mondays of each month) from 1-3 p.m. I'm hosting a quilting class. We'll discuss what you will need to make a quilt, and continue from there.
- **Mondays, November 13th and 27th** (second and fourth Mondays of each month) from 1-3 p.m. I'm teaching a class on creating tote bags from plastic grocery bags. Attendees will need a size N crochet hook, scissors, a paper sack and grocery bags.
- All classes are at my house at 15611 Lakewood Terrace Drive (near Louetta and TX-249). Please text 832-674-5134 to let me know you're coming!

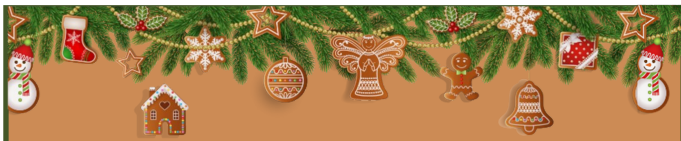


Helen Moorman	11/5
Debbie Britland	11/8
Gisela Shelton	11/8
Vernadine Shouse	11/8
Candace Tabor	11/8
Paula Altman	11/9
Linda Fisher	11/9
Rosemary Felix	11/10
Bonnie Reddehase	11/11
Margaret Brown	11/13
Leann Seebuch	11/14
Katherine Vangeroef	11/16
Stella Watson	11/17
Kashmira Sutaria	11/19
Marianne Steinbacher	11/24
Markett Harkinson	11/26
Sherry Dunn	11/28
Carole Corey	11/30
Sandra Otto	11/30



Hospitality at General Meetings

(left to right): Hospitality Committee Members, Chair **Sally McClellan**, **Anna Russell** and **Patti Suitt** (not pictured **June Carroll**). A new addition for us is that our coffee table now has treats. Enjoy a taste if you will, and we'll see everyone on November 14th!



Festivi-Tea and Cookie Exchange!

Jennifer Banks,
Special Holiday Event Chair


Let's par-tea and have some fun! Feel free to put on your pearls, gloves, and fascinators!

Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m.
Spring Creek Oak Clubhouse 2
6002 Bur Oak Drive • Spring, TX 77379

We had a great response to our Festivi-tea cookie exchange! If you still need to pay your \$20, please do so at the November meeting. Make checks payable to FAN.

Everyone will bring 3 dozen cookies to exchange, and there will be an optional cookie judging, with first place taking home the Golden Spatula Award!

Music, games, friends, and tea!



SAVE THE DATE

CHARITY FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP HOPE

Camp Hope is an interim housing program located in Houston that aims to relieve the effects of combat trauma through a whole-person approach. Its solution is to provide peer support, mentor programs, and professional development for America's warriors and their families.

20% of meal donated to Camp Hope (beverages not included)

Please bring a copy of this Save the Date to show the restaurant that you want to donate a portion of your meal to Camp Hope.

Wednesday @ November 8 @ 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Las Mañanitas Mexican Restaurant
8921 Louetta Road #200 • Spring, TX 77379



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

Membership Directory

Susan Butler,
Directory Chair

If you have not received your FAN 2023-2024 Membership Directory, please contact Gayla Baker to arrange pick up. Contact Gayla at gayla.baker1@gmail.com. Thank you!



Party Bridge Is Back!

Sherry Dunn,
Party Bridge



FAN's Party Bridge group for beginner and intermediate players has resumed playing. Anyone who plays at this level is welcome to attend. We play on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The plan is to play from 10 a.m. until around 3 p.m., with the cost remaining at \$2 from each player for each bridge session.

Because there are so many food allergies and dietary restrictions, we agreed that each person would bring her own lunch each time we play. The hostess will provide drinks (iced tea, water, etc.) and a light dessert.

Please email sdunn1128@gmail.com, or text/call 713-857-2131 to tell me if you plan to attend. I look forward to seeing our previous players again, as well as our newly-trained ladies. We are a fun group that likes to laugh and "talk across the table," so please join us.

October 50/50 Raffle

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

	Winners (each won \$48 x 3):	\$144
	FAN Funds:	<u>\$148</u>
	Total Collected:	\$292



Marti Flasch



Gail Stone



June McMillin



DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know FAN has a Facebook page? www.facebook.com/fanwomensclub
- Did you know you can view old 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 and enter password FANTASTIC (all caps).

Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg Training

Lin Fish,
Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg
Training Lead

Sign up today for Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg classes which begin Thursday November 9th!



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.

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 am ordering 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.

Sign up at the November 14th General Meeting or by emailing me at linden7723@att.net that you want to join the fun at least five groups of FAN members enjoy!

Class will meet at Crust Pizza, 11550 Louetta Road, and will break for lunch. The menu includes soup, salads, sandwiches, pasta dishes and dessert in addition to pizza.

Hand & Foot Canasta

Tiffany Cady,
Hand & Foot Canasta Lead



We are meeting at a **new** location and have **new** playing days!

- We are now meeting at the George H.W. Bush Community Center at 6827 Cypresswood Drive.
- We will now 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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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 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: 'Houston's Past and Most Notable Residents' on Friday, November 10th

Carolyn Grimes, Day Trips Chair

Are you ready for some Houston history? Then this is the tour for you.

We are scheduled for a 10–11:30 a.m. Glenwood Cemetery Art & Architecture walking tour. Glenwood is the resting place of some of Houston's most notable residents. It's also a sculpture garden filled with examples of outstanding funeral art from the past century and a half, outstanding monuments, the symbolism and stories behind the monuments, and the lives of Houstonians, both famous and forgotten, who commissioned them.

We will have lunch at Treebeards The Cloister, which is located at Christ Church Cathedral. Christ Church was established in 1839 when Texas was still an independent republic. Many of Houston's notable were also parishioners at Christ Church. We are scheduled for a 1 p.m. tour of the cathedral.

The Precinct 3 bus will depart from the George H. W. Bush Community Center at 6827 Cypresswood Drive, Spring. The bus will be available for boarding at 8:30 a.m. and will depart at 9 a.m. We should return around 4 p.m.

The trip is fully booked, but I am taking names for a waitlist so contact me if you'd like to be added. For those who have already signed up, the payment deadline is Friday, October 27th, after which no refunds can be made. Please mail a check for \$23 (payable to FAN) to Carolyn Grimes at 8838 Leaning Hollow Lane, Spring, Texas 77379. Final details will be emailed to participants by November 3rd.



Glenwood Cemetery



Christ Church Cathedral



RESERVATION FORM: Mail to **Carolyn Grimes** at 8838 Leaning Hollow Lane, Spring, TX 77379
Friday, November 10th: Houston's Past and Most Notable Residents

Name (Please print): _____

Full Address (Street, City, Zip): _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Tel. #: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____ Date: _____

Holiday Charity Luncheon:
*Put a Smile on Your Face and
 a Song in Your Heart Because
 It's Time to Jingle & Mingle!*

Tina Snodgrass,
 Holiday Charity
 Luncheon Lead



**All the great
 songwriters know
 two things essential to Christmas:
 sharing with friends and hearing the
 chimes of ringing bells.**

Our Friends And Neighbors will gather on December 5th to share the joy of the season and ring a few bells, too, at the **Let's Jingle and Mingle** Holiday Charity Luncheon. We'll raise our glasses – and our voices – while raising funds for this year's charity, Camp Hope, serving veterans coping with PTSD and their families. The Camp's executive director had more than one eye tear up as he related how this charity saves lives...and families.

We'll meet on Tuesday, December 5th, at a venue we've not visited for several years: Augusta Pines Golf Club, 18 Augusta Pines Drive in Spring. Our seated luncheon begins at 11:00 a.m. when bidding on silent auction items and dropping raffle tickets on your favorite items begins.

Bring cash, checks, and credit cards so that you can enjoy every aspect of this joyful party. Bring neighbors and friends who will enjoy being with you and your FAN club!

Gather your besties and reserve seats together for this once-in-a-year event! Tickets are just \$45 for all the fun you can embrace! Reservation deadline is November 21st. If you have signed up to attend the luncheon but have yet to pay, please bring your payment to the November 14th General Meeting. Reservations are only confirmed once your payment is received.

We are still accepting donations for the Silent Auction, Raffle, and the Wine Pull. Bring your donations to the November 14th General Meeting, or you can contact me at 713-816-1560 to make other arrangements for delivery.



**Wine Pull for Holiday
 Charity Luncheon**

For our charity fundraising for Camp Hope, we need donations of red or white wine in the \$20+ price range for our Wine Pull.

All wine donations brought to the November 14th General Meeting will receive 1 raffle ticket per bottle!

Thank you!



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Holiday Charity Luncheon: *Clock's Ticking - Round Up Items for Charity Auction & Raffle*

Tina Snodgrass,
Holiday Charity Luncheon Lead

Gather around, dear friends, and let's assemble some awesome gift baskets to auction at our December 5th Holiday Charity Luncheon. Be Creative! Anyone can create a cute or clever gift basket for the Silent Auction.

Here are a few themes to get your ideas spinning:

- Chocolate
- Theater
- Automobile
- School
- Hunting or Fishing
- BBQ/Summer Picnic
- Hot Cocoa or Coffee
- Tea Party
- Handyman/Toolbox
- Ballgame Basket
- Pool Fun
- Handbags Galore
- Mexican Food Basket
- Pasta Food Basket
- Mini Bottle Bar Basket
- Garden Goodies
- Ice Cream Sundae Basket
- Jewelry



Ask your hair stylist, nail salon, liquor store, boutique, sporting goods retailer, restaurants of all types, gift shops ... most local retailers are happy to contribute something, especially for our veterans! Ask for \$25 gift cards, and even \$50 from local restaurants; they've donated recently to another local fundraiser.

You can design a basket with a few items ... or give them to the luncheon committee and we'll put the items together in colorful baskets.

Donations due by November 22nd. Contact me details at tinasnodgrass@hotmail.com.

Remember: All proceeds benefit our charity, Camp Hope, and the veterans and families it serves.

Railroad Canasta

Kim Gerrish,
Railroad Canasta Lead

No Railroad Canasta for Tuesday, November 14th. Hoping to see all our card shark players at the FAN General Meeting on November 14th instead!



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.

October winners:



1st Place
Kim Gerrish

2nd Place
Claudia Gallagher

3rd Place
Barbara Pack

Literary Review Book Club

Kathy Court,
Literary Review Lead

We are not having a meeting in November.

Happy Thanksgiving



Page Turners Book Club

Adrienne Juno,
Page Turners Lead

Date: November 8th
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: Sue Collins
Book: *Carnegie's Maid*
Author: Marie Benedict





*Let's Jingle and Mingle
with FAN friends at
our annual
Holiday Charity Luncheon*

Tuesday, December 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Augusta Pines Golf Club
18 Augusta Pines Drive, Spring, Texas 77389

Enjoy a delicious plated luncheon, silent auction, raffle, and more!

- Benefiting Camp Hope -

Tickets are \$45, and wine will be available for purchase.

Checks are made payable to FAN and mailed with this completed form to:
Tina Snodgrass, 1410 Kennoway Park Drive, Spring, Texas 77379

Deadline for reservations or refund requests is November 21.

Reserved seats are available for up to 10 per table.

If you plan to sit with a group of special friends, please list your tablemates' information below:

Name	Phone	Email
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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!



(left to right): **Emma Rice, Lois Redford, Kayce Christian, Maggie Farhadi, Cathy Harrison, Sylvia de Hek, Susan Kleimann,** and **Jacquie Stamates.** Other members missing from picture: **Paula Altman, Ida Spearman, Sondra Sortillo, Barbara Devaney, Elsie Colwell & Ernye Zawitkowski.**

Meet us Mondays, November 6th and 20th from 2-4 p.m. upstairs at the George H.W. Bush Community Center.

- **Beginning dancers:** please arrive at 2 p.m. We will learn new steps and help you remember some old ones too!
- **More advanced dancers:** please arrive by 2:45 p.m. You are always welcome to come earlier, if you wish!

We will get you warmed up, then hit some of the dances you love! Can't wait to see you all!

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 is now offering a Yahtzee Activity Group.

I am looking forward to having some fun with everyone!

Many of you signed up at a General Meeting, but if you missed it, just contact me at 832-381-4468. We will meet at 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. I will send an email prior to us meeting with the location. The cost to play is \$2 and the prizes will be cash. See y'all then!



Mark your Calendar for these upcoming FAN events!

- November 8th:** Charity Fundraising Lunch at Las Mañanitas Mexican Restaurant to benefit Camp Hope
- November 10th:** Day Trip 'Houston's Past and Most Notable Residents' (deadline 10/27) - *see page 6 for details*
- November 14th*:** General Meeting (*Note this is the second Tuesday in November)
- December 5th:** Holiday Charity Luncheon
- December 13th:** Festivi-Tea and Cookie Exchange
- January 9th*:** General Meeting and FAN EXPO (*Note this is the second Tuesday in January)
- February 6th:** General Meeting and Membership Appreciation to celebrate FAN's 45th Anniversary!

Nature Walkers

Jacqueline Webster,
Nature Walkers Lead



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Yes, just 5 minutes of walking in nature improves mood, self-esteem, and relaxation. Frequent exposure to nature reduces anxiety and depression, while promoting a sense of wellbeing and fulfillment. Physical activity in a green space can reduce stress and lower cortisol levels.

*"We don't stop hiking because we grow old.
We grow old because we stop hiking."*

- Finis Mitchell

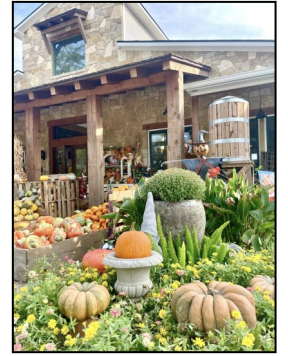
You have an opportunity to get happy by joining the FAN nature walking group. It's a great way to meet new friends and get some fresh air while doing something beneficial for yourself. We are outdoors from 1-1/2 to 2 hours and walk on paved and dirt trails, thru pine forests and along creeks. Our walks are scheduled at least twice a month in the late morning. If you send your email address to me at jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net, I will invite you to the next FAN nature walk.

Dirt Divas: Kim's Home & Garden Center

Etta Gager,
Dirt Divas Lead

The next Dirt Divas outing will be a trip to Kim's Home & Garden Center in Huntsville on **Tuesday, November 28th**.

Cathy Harrison is the Host, and she will send an email to all the Dirt Divas at the beginning of November with the specific agenda. Email egager8@yahoo.com for more details.



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 Bush Community Center 6827 Cypresswood Drive. Text me at 281-658-9661 for more info.

Antiquers & Junkers

Etta Gager,
Antiquers & Junkers Lead



The November outing for Antiquers & Junkers will be **Wednesday, November 15th** with a trip to Katy.

Joanne Elliott will be the Host, and will email A&J members at the beginning of November. Contact egager8@yahoo.com for any questions.



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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.