

# FANfare

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S CLUB



**Our monthly General Meetings are on Summer Break, but we want to see everyone back on Tuesday, September 3rd for the new FAN season!**

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.

## April General Meeting

We had a great turnout at our April General Meeting. Our guest speaker Johnny Carrabba told the stories of growing up in Houston with his supportive family, and how he found his way into the restaurant business, making Carrabba's the iconic restaurant it is today.



Above L to R: **Lena Habiby, Noemi Sirisaengtaksin, Johnny Carrabba, Barbara Alcamo and Elaine Jones** share a hug.

Right: **Idalia Skates** thanks Johnny for coming out to speak to FAN. We all really enjoyed his visit.



## President's Message

**Kim Gerrish, President**

"ASPITA!" (WOW!) Johnny Carrabba held us captive at the April General Meeting with all sorts of engaging tales about his life and family. He was so wonderful, we wanted to hear even more. FAN Members also welcomed the newly elected Executive Board and selected Montgomery County Women's Center as the 2024-2025 Charity. Such a great final General Meeting of the year!

But wait! There's more! There's always more in FAN!

Hang loose cause it's gonna be a gas to the max at the *Stayin' Alive at 45* Spring Luncheon on May 7th! Looking to have an outta sight, way out groovy scene. Then, the final Day Trip to Houston's Past and Most Notable Residents is on May 10th.

*Catch you on the flip side ...*

## Do You Have an Idea for a Program or Presenter for Our General Meetings?



**Sandy Darst** is on the hunt for interesting and fun content to share at our 2024-2025 meetings. Send suggestions to Sandy at [sdarst52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdarst52@sbcglobal.net). Sandy says she is "looking for the best of the best programs for our meetings next year!"

## Stayin' Alive at 45

Tuesday, May 7th | *Stannloch Pines Golf Club*  
 11:00 am to 2:00 pm | 19393 Champion Forest Drive

*Dress in your favorite 1970's style if you dare!*

**THE FAN SPRING LUNCHEON IS SOLD OUT.**  
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME TO BE ADDED TO THE WAITLIST, PLEASE CONTACT DONNA MORRIS.

## Membership Updates

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



*"FRIENDS are people who make your life better by just being in it."*

Greetings Ladies,

As of April 9th, we currently have 274 members. Many members have brought their friends and neighbors this year, so keep them coming. At the April Meeting, we started our open registration for Membership for the next season, so again, the dues will be \$25 from June 1st, 2024, through May 31st, 2025.

Remember: If you do not have any changes to your information, you don't need to fill out the registration form. You can simply send the check to Gayla Baker at 7703 Hertfordshire Drive, Spring, Texas, 77379, or hand it to me if you see me at any of the functions.

At the March 5th General Meeting, we had 91 Attendees: 85 renewed members, 3 new members, and 3 additional guests.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new members who have joined since the April 24th newsletter:

**Emily Franklin • Sharon Glasgow • Marge Mitchell**

Let all your friends and neighbors know about our club and encourage them to come to an activity or a meeting with you so they can see for themselves what a great group we are!

They can also check us out at [www.fanwomensclub.com](http://www.fanwomensclub.com), or email us at [fanwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:fanwomensclub@gmail.com).

*Hugs 'til next month!*



Sylvia de Hek	5/1
Mary Jane Cunningham	5/2
Emma Rice	5/2
Jane Hanlon	5/4
Mary Ellen Cox	5/6
Margaret Burgess	5/12
Carole Garrigan	5/13
Sharon Crum	5/15
Ernestine Zawitkowski	5/17
Donna Morris	5/19
Brenda Van Derbur	5/19
Cathy Salyers	5/19
Barbara Devaney	5/20
Emily Carter	5/22
Dana Montroy	5/25
Charlotte Duff	5/27
Jeannette Loverdi	5/30

## Facebook Posts Wanted

**Debi Swaney,**  
Social Media Chair

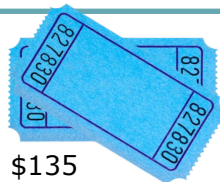


If any Activity Leaders want to have news or photos shared on the FAN Facebook page, please send to me at [debi.swaney6@gmail.com](mailto:debi.swaney6@gmail.com). I would love to share any photos, upcoming or special events...or anything FAN related. Thank you for sharing!

## April 50/50 Raffle

We choose 3 winners in the raffle to receive cash prizes! Here are our lucky winners:

Winners (each won \$45 x 3): **\$135**  
FAN Funds: **\$136**  
Total Collected: **\$271**



Raffle Winners (left to right):  
**Helene Levar,**  
**Cathy Harrison,**  
and  
**Susie Cody.**



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

**September 3rd:** Next General Meeting

Our General Meetings will be on summer break until September. Most Activity Groups will continue throughout the summer, but verify with your Activity Group Lead.



## FAN's New Charity Selection for 2024-2025

Mary Papageorge, *Charity Chair*



It is with great pleasure to announce that the [Montgomery County Women's Center \(MCWC\)](https://mcwctx.org) will be our charity for 2024-2025!

The MCWC provides safe shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, legal and support services to victims/survivors of family violence, sexual assault, stalking and abuse in Montgomery and surrounding counties. MCWC provides temporary housing, clothing, food, and legal issue assistance for women in Montgomery County and surrounding areas assistance when they need it the most. They have a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, outreach, counseling, education, and transitional housing, and provide advocacy and accompaniment during or following a crisis. They also provide education to the community about such things.

Contact info: 1600 Lake Front Circle, Suite 130  
The Woodlands, TX 77380 • Tel: 936-441-4044

To donate a portion For details on volunteering:  
<https://mcwctx.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>  
<https://mcwctx.org/volunteer-application/>

Something Special Resale VIP Shoppers Club: Text "SSVIP" to 51555 to get a text for special sales!

Kroger's Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy by linking your Kroger card to MCWC (I.D. #84165). Once you link your card to MCWC, all you have to do is swipe your Shopper's Card when you shop at Kroger!

### Dirt Divas: **Antique Rose Emporium—Nursery & Gardens**

**Etta Gager,**  
*Dirt Divas Lead*

The next Dirt Divas outing will be a trip via the Precinct bus to the Antique Rose Emporium—Nursery & Gardens in Brenham on **Tuesday, May 28th.**

**Loni Dennis** will be hosting, and will send an email with the agenda and bus details to all of the Dirt Divas at the beginning of May. Email [egager8@yahoo.com](mailto:egager8@yahoo.com) for info.



The Dirt Divas enjoyed some shopping and lunch while in Richmond/Rosenberg visiting the Enchanted Gardens.

*(Above left to right):* **Gail Stone, Linda Comeaux, Linda Young, Joyce Uribie, Gaye Ires, Debi Davis, Shelley Gross, Etta Gager, Kaye Neiss, Marcy Epps, Debi Swaney, Donna Morris, Debbie Britland, Gayla Baker, Maggie Farhadi and Joanne Elliott.**

*(Lower Left):* **Donna Morris, Maggie Farhadi and Debbie Britland.**

*(Lower right:)* **Claudia Gallagher and Char Marks.**





## FAN Activities: *New Activity Groups!*

Mary Ales, Activities Chair

Activities will continue to be busy during our summer vacation. Excited to share our newest Activity Groups!



**MEXICAN TRAIN III** will meet on the 4th Friday of each month. Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. starting May 24th at Las Mañanitas on Louetta. Join for lunch and a fun game of Mexican Train. For more information, contact **Barbara Pack** at [bdpack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdpack@sbcglobal.net).



**SUMMER FUN LUNCH GROUP** will meet on the 1st Tuesday in June, July and August from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join for lunch followed by an easy and fun game to be announced each month. Contact **Kathy Court** at [kacourt@att.net](mailto:kacourt@att.net) for more information.

And don't forget about our other new Activity Groups already announced: **Casino Trips**, **Social Group** and **Golf!**

Be sure to check out our latest Activities Calendar on the FAN website. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer.

For any questions or concerns, please contact me at [maryales13@gmail.com](mailto:maryales13@gmail.com).

## Railroad Canasta

Kim Gerrish, Railroad Canasta Lead

Upcoming date: Tuesday, May 14th  
\$2.00 + cost of lunch



Would you like to join? Trained players get together on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you need training or want to be added to the contact list, just email me at [kimgerrish@yahoo.com](mailto:kimgerrish@yahoo.com).

### April Winners:



**3rd Place:**  
Gayla Baker

**2nd Place:**  
Rena Malinowski

**1st Place:**  
Barbara Hey

## Antiquers & Junkers: Brenham, TX

Etta Gager,  
Antiquers & Junkers Lead

The May outing for Antiquers & Junkers will be held on

**Wednesday,  
May 15th**

via the Precinct Bus to Brenham to visit antique

and resale shops and boutiques.

**Kathy Court** and **Debi Swaney** are the Hosts, and will email details to A&J members at the beginning of May. Email me at [egager8@yahoo.com](mailto:egager8@yahoo.com) for details or questions.



The Antiquers & Junkers Group enjoyed some great shopping during their recent trip to Liberty. (Above left to right): **Blaire Calabro**, **Mary Ales**, **Dorothy Parmenter** and **Jennifer Banks**.

(Right:) **Joanne Elliott** is ready to call "action!" on set.





## Membership Directory

Susan Butler, *Directory Chair*

Summer is fast approaching, make sure your AC is working properly with a 14-point AC inspection from Legacy Mechanical Solutions.

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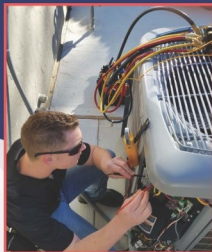


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## Nature Walkers

Jacqueline Webster,  
*Nature Walkers Lead*

FAN nature walkers meet twice a month and walk for about 60 to 90 minutes in the various Precinct Three Parks. The dates we walk are weather and participation dependent. If you wish to join us, send your email and cell phone number to [jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net). Looking forward to meeting you on the next FAN nature walk.



Thanks to Susan Butler for proofreading the FANfare newsletter each month!



## Literary Review Book Club

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

Date: May 22nd  
Time: 1 p.m.  
Hostess: **Charla Hannibal**  
Book: *The Henna Artist*  
Author: Alka Joshi

## Page Turners Book Club

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

Date: May 8th  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: **Margaret Hein**  
Book: *Wedding Dress Sewing Circle*  
Author: Jennifer Ryan



## Join the Golf Activity Group



Beginners or any level are welcome. We will start meeting at the Cypress Lakes Golf Course this month. Please contact Ernye Zawitkowski at 713-898-1049 or ezjz@sbcglobal.net.

# IMPORTANT

## Renew with FAN before July 5th For Membership Directory Listing

Now is the time to renew your FAN Membership. If you have not rejoined and paid your dues by July 5th, you'll miss having your name and contact information printed in the Membership Directory!

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## Socials Group

**Rosanne Brumley,**  
*Socials Lead*

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# Friends And Neighbors Women's Club

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*All New and Renewing Members must complete this form.*

**2024-2025 Application: New Member \_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_**

## Section 1: Member Contact & Personal Information (Please print)

Name <i>(First/Last)</i>			
Address			
City		HOME Phone Number	
Zip Code		CELL Phone Number	
Subdivision			
Email		Birthday <i>(Month/Day)</i>	
The Year I Joined FAN		Spouse's Name	

## Section 2: Membership Information

A.	Annual dues are \$25, covering the period of <b>June 1 through May 31. Make check payable to FAN.</b> <b>Note:</b> <i>Membership dues are not deductible contributions.</i>
B.	Membership information must be received by <b>June 30</b> to be included in the directory.
a.	<b>Sign here if you do NOT want your information in the directory.</b> _____ <b>Note:</b> <i>The Directory is not distributed to anyone outside of FAN.</i>
b.	The Membership Directory will be available at the FAN general meetings. <b>Directories are not mailed.</b>
C.	Newsletters are available on the club website: <a href="https://www.fanwomensclub.com/">https://www.fanwomensclub.com/</a> . An email with a link to the newsletter is sent to members when a new issue is posted.

## Section 3: Volunteer Interests (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Assist at the General Meeting as a Greeter	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Set-up for Special Events/Luncheons
<input type="checkbox"/> Assist at the General Meeting Sign-in Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Computer Skills – Word, Excel, Publisher
<input type="checkbox"/> Assist at the General Meeting Hospitality Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Event Planning / Organizing / Decorating

**Return form to: Gayla Baker at 7703 Hertfordshire Drive • Spring, TX 77379**



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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.