



FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960



March 2012



President's Message

Hola, my Friends and Neighbors! I have missed being with you these past weeks. You never fail to uplift me and make me laugh...only in a GOOD way, of course.

It seems that even though the calendar still says "winter," it looks like spring to me. We're all grateful for the plentiful rain and sunny skies, but beware: Houston usually sees at least one more freeze before Easter!

Many thanks to Pat Shaw and Rita May for the wonderful historical fashion show. Word is that the turnout was over-the-top, and the costumes spectacular. Thanks, Ladies, for a rare treat.

Please be aware we have several changes on the Extended Board at this time. We are grateful and appreciative for the ladies who have tackled those jobs for the first part of the year, and are looking forward to working and playing with the members who have graciously agreed to step into the Chair positions.



And on a personal note:

Dear FAN friends,

I find myself in the same position as many of you: caring for my 89 year-old mom who is showing signs of dementia and cannot walk after a fall in December. She is currently in a rehab facility in Corpus Christi. Right now we are searching for an assisted living facility here in our area so she can be close to us and my siblings. She is heartbroken over leaving her home and has not yet accepted she cannot live independently. All this is so unreal and scary, and I appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers...we need them.

My sincerest appreciation to Linda Fisher for taking the lead so capably and for being willing to shoulder the responsibilities for me, and to the Board for your continued reliability and competence in carrying on your duties. Please accept my apology for disappearing so suddenly. I miss you all very much and hope to be back in the swing of things soon.

Debbie Laich, President

NEWSLETTER

VIA EMAIL

To receive the FAN newsletter via colorful email instead of snail-mail, please contact

JoEllen Wade @
281-655-9190 or

Joellen.wade@comcast.net

FAN

General Meetings

Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Ignatius Church, September thru May.

Meeting Dates

March 6

April 10

May 1

(Installation Luncheon)



Fan Social Event Houston Family Art Center

Saturday, April 14

8:00 p.m.

10760 Grant Rd, Houston, 77070

presents a Mystery Comedy, "The 39 Steps."

Tickets are \$12 per person.

Sign-up sheet will be available at the March 6 meeting. Please pay when you sign up or mail a check to:

Linda Neibel,
15310 Walters Rd,
Houston, TX 77068

or phone Linda @ 281-583-5111 for more information.



Wandering through Wimberley OVERNIGHT TRIP April 27-29

Join us for a fun weekend in Wimberley. Not only are we going to be shopping in that quaint town, but we also are touring the Bella Vista Ranch (olive farm and winery) and the Duchman Family Winery in Driftwood.

We have reserved the Wimberley Inn for our stay, but we are quickly running out of room. Cost of the trip will range from \$260-\$370 depending on which room you choose. This cost covers 4 meals as well as the tours. \$100 deposits are accepted now with the remainder due before March 23.

Don't wait - contact Linda Fisher at lpfisher3@aol.com or call 281-376-6799 to reserve your space now.

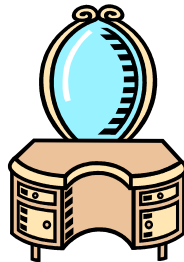


WINE TASTING GROUP

At our February wine tasting, Bobbie & Dave Ballard introduced us to some favorite wines of Nashville's Kevin Cleary, a local wine expert there. The wines were thoroughly enjoyed here in Texas. We sampled an Australian wine from the Mollydooker winery and learned that a mollydooker is a left-handed Aussie. Wine tasting CAN be educational, as well as fun and tasty.

We have an opening for one couple. We meet on the first Saturday of the month. The hosts provide the wine & dessert. The guests bring appetizers and share in the cost of the wine. If you are interested, please call or email me.

Kathy Michalski
281-251-1682



Antiquers & Junkers

This group meets on the third Wednesday each month for a fun-filled day of antiquing, eating and shopping.

On March 21 we will meet at Sharon Schumann's home at 18214 Memorial Est., From there we will carpool to Montgomery. We will have lunch at the tea room there. Please let both Sharon and me know by March 19 so we can set up car pools and lunch reservations. Sharon is at schumannsharon@gmail.com or 281-370-5582.

If you are not a member of this group and are interested or have questions, please contact:

Bert Forbes at 281-304-2444
832-334-7727 cell
email afortbesw@aol.com.

We did not make the trip to Galveston due to bad weather and will do it in the fall.

Historical costume fashion show earns raves

FAN Member **Pat Shaw** blushing accepted a thunderous standing ovation from the ladies who enjoyed the fabulous fashion show of historical ensembles that Pat presented for the February meeting. It was, most agreed, the best program of the year! Members modeled 14 outfits, including stunning gowns, turn-of-the-century swimwear, a cozy night-gown, even an ensemble straight from the closet of Sir Walter Raleigh! Exquisite details and terrific accessories completed each outfit from bonnets and hair jewels down to dainty shoes. Pat collected or made the ensembles as part of a club in her former hometown of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



Ladies in that group studied details of fashion through the ages, and recreated many of the outfits to model for senior citizens and other interested groups. FAN members who might enjoy the hobby of collecting or sewing similar gowns should contact Pat; if there is interest, a new FAN activity may be in the offing.



In addition to Pat, hats off to models **Bobbie Ballard, Margaret Burgess,**



Harolene Hatley, Betty Horelica, Adrienne Juno and Shirley Limbaugh. Thanks to pianist **Sherri Bell** and narrator **Bonnie Brunskill,** and to **Kathy Calhoun, Julee**



McElfresh and Sharon Schumann, who assisted the models with the details of their costumes. Historian **Lin Fish** added to the fun in a 1920s' flapper replica costume.

Lin Fish

LOVELY, LADIES,
THANK YOU!



To all of you who graciously gave of your time and energy to greet our members, a BIG and heart-felt, THANK YOU.

Welcoming new members or "old" members, all of us enjoy a smile and cheery greeting. We so appreciate your agreeing to do this and to show up early for the privilege. Kudos to "ya'll."

Mary Taylor &
Shirley Limbaugh

FAN Installation Luncheon

Tuesday May 1, 2012
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Shirley Acres

Time is running away from us as another year of fun-filled FAN activities draws to a close. Our present Board will have completed their duties, as new officers prepare for the 2012-2013 year.

Don't miss the lovely Installation luncheon we have planned to honor these enthusiastic women as they begin their quest to prepare yet another year of fun and entertainment for us.

Please fill out the Installation Luncheon flyer inserted in the newsletter and mail, along with your check payable to FAN for \$21 to Bonnie Reddehase, 715 Misty Lea Ln., Houston, Texas, 77090. Or you may reserve and pay at the March or April meeting. Look for Margie Rogers at the Activities Table.

Bonnie Reddehase & Margie Rogers

Bonnie Reddehase
bonniereddehase@gmail.com
281-440-6908



FAN Book Clubs

These books are being enjoyed by our FAN Book clubs for March:

Literary Review Winnie Mitchell

At Home

By: Bill Bryson

Cover Girls Susan Busler

Becoming Marie Antoinette

By: Julie Grey

Page Turners Andrienne Juno

One Amazing Thing

By: Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni



1st V-P/Programs—Rita May

Kent McGill, CLU, ChFC, LUTCF of Allstate Financial will present our March 6 Program: “Financial Planning for the Long Run.” Mr. McGill has been advising people about their finances for 20 years and hopes to give us a clue about: What’s New? What Works? AND Keep Score!! Should be informative.



Because of Holy Week our FAN meeting is scheduled for April 10. Tim Heller, Chief Meteorologist for KTRK Channel 13 will give us a program focusing on current weather patterns the drought and how this may impact the upcoming hurricane season. He said there should be plenty of time for questions. Blue Skies??



Rita May

Time’s running out...

...for your activity group to be pictured in the 2011-2012 FAN scrapbook. Don’t be left out! Take a few photos of your group in action – or even just mugging for the camera – and send them to **Lin Fish** at linden7723@att.net.

We’ll print your best photos and include them with others who play Mah Jongg, canasta, bridge or dominos. Take your place with the golfers, hikers, bowlers, wine tasters and theater-goers. Show your book club members and the best books you’ve read this year or a couple of those special antique pieces you’ve picked up.

Don’t be left out! Send your photos now, while you’re thinking of it. Or put your camera in your purse so you have it for your next outing with FAN friends. Our scrapbook won’t be complete without YOUR group!

Sue Muller & Lin Fish
Historians



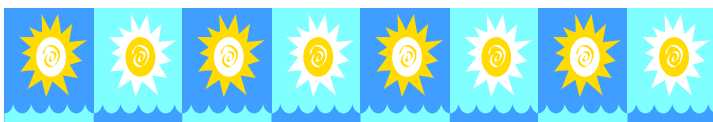


Hee Haw...

The rodeo is in town and we're on our way to see Reba McEntire, referred to as "The Queen of Country," March 9. We will meet at Randall's on Champion Forest & Louetta. The bus leaves at 4 p.m.

The trip is currently full, but I'm taking a waiting list, in case of those last-minute cancellations. See me at the March 6 meeting for additional info.

Sharlene Wesson
281-251-6940

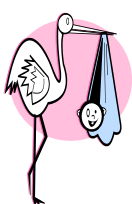


Sending sunshine wishes to our friends

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these friends and neighbors who are ill or recovering:

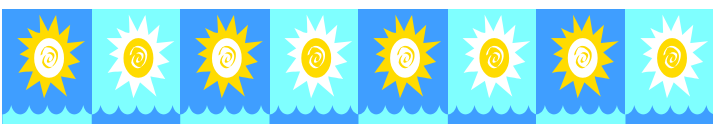
- Sue Muller's husband, Dick, who is seriously ill.
- Mary Taylor, who is recovering from surgery.
- Our own Sunshine girl, Karen Baird, who is ill.

Condolences to LuAnn Kubis, whose father recently passed away.



Good news this month is the birth of JoEllen Wade's first grandchild; Stella Jo was born February 8 to JoEllen's daughter. Stella weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21 inches "tall" at birth.

While Karen recuperates, June McMillin has graciously agreed to handle all Sunshine requests and notices. Please send requests for get well, congratulations and sympathy notes to her at june6903@hotmail.com or check the FAN Membership Directory for additional contact information.



2nd V-P/Membership—JoEllen Wade

The February general meeting was well attended. We had 15 guests and 1 new member. As I am sure most of you know, Audie Brooks has resigned and is moving to Midland, TX. I am excited to represent FAN as the membership chair. Please let me know if you are having difficulty receiving your copy of the newsletter via email or snail mail.

We will start collecting annual membership dues in April. FAN Club year begins June 1 – May 31. Your dues must be paid by June 30 to be included in the annual directory.

Jo Ellen Wade –281-655-9190

Joellen.wade@comcast.net

New Member

February 2012

Torgersen, Patricia 12/26 832-717-0043
16210 Wimbledon Forest Dr. torgersenp@gmail.com
Spring, TX 77379 (Richard) (Wimbledon Forest)

Mah Jongg: A Note from the FAN Flowerettes....



If you are interested in learning Wright-Patterson Mah Jongg or you are an experienced player and looking for a warm group of ladies, please call **Barbara Kerr** at 832-698-1933.

The Fan Flowerettes has a few openings. We play weekly on Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Members take turns hosting our weekly group and provide refreshments.

Bring your own lunch and listen to fascinating conversations delving into topics as far-reaching as Singapore or perhaps view grandbaby photos. The decision is yours and we look forward to meeting you.

COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

When: Meets the 3rd Saturday each month.
RESERVATIONS are required, **new couples welcome.**
Call Andrea Poncio @ 281-255-9525 Bridge Coordinator

Date: When: March 17, promptly at 5 p.m.

Where: Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 FM 1960 West

Hostess: Joan & Ken Gould



Want to play Bridge...or play more Bridge?

These ladies want to play with us, so call them when you need a sub.

Cindy Brown 281-440-9136 DP Dora Dean 713-385-7485 DP

Dorothy J Guinn 281-907-6316 DP DD Pat McGrath Jones 281-955-6461 DP EP

Call **Joyce King (281-469-0248)** to play every Friday at Hunan Restaurant.

Questions? Call Pat Unrau, chairman of the Bridge groups.

281-355-8340 or e-mail Jerryunrau@cs.com



Let's Go To The Movies!

Please call **Margaret Burgess**, 281-304-8977, to learn what movie, when and where we will meet this month!

COUPLES DINNER

CANASTA

WHEN: 3rd Saturday each month

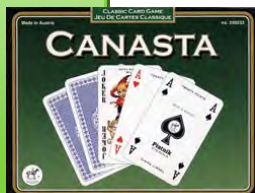
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$2.00 per person,
plus dinner

PLACE: **Café Express**, FM 1960 in
the Champions Shopping Center.

CONTACT: **Debbie Laich**, 281-251-5212

debbielach@comcast.net



CANASTA I

We play at Willowbrook Fuddrucker's the 4th
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Charge: \$3.00

ALL FAN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

NO RESERVATIONS!

Questions? Call **Sally Beirne**, @ 281-440-1237

RAILROAD CANASTA

Looking for new players!!

We play on 3rd Thursday of the month at the
Willowbrook Fuddrucker's. Cost is \$2 to play, plus \$1
for tip. No reservations needed.

Questions? Call **Susan Hoff** 832-446-6042 or

Barbara Bolz 281-370-8357

FAN's National League Mah Jongg Group

When: 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

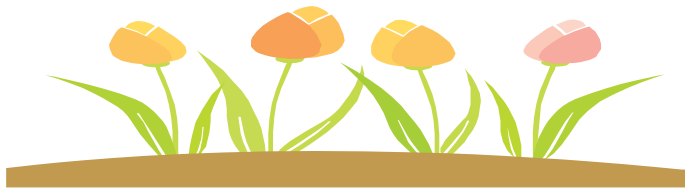
Time: 10AM

Place: Cafe Express, FM 1960 in the Champions
Shopping Center

New members always welcomed: contact Katherine if
you would like to join.

Katherine Vanderoef 281-251-7072

katherinevanderoef@att.net



HOSPITALITY



Lunch Bunch

All members are welcome.

March 21 — 12:00

HOSTESS - **Sharlene Wesson**

Come welcome in Spring with lunch and fellowship. Bring a non-sweet dish. Please call before March 18 for reservations

Sharlene Wesson, Chair Person
281-251-6940

Hospitality wishes to thank everyone who has brought food to our monthly meetings. The variety and selections have been outstanding. Please continue to use the sign-up sheet located on the center table. It helps us monitor if more food items are needed for a meeting. Drop off your treats at the Hospitality tables by 9:30. All food left at the end of a meeting is donated to the church. If you would like to bring a treat, call or email

Barbara Kerr
bkerr1974@hotmail.com
Charla Miller
charlamiller@sbcglobal.net



HIKERS PLAN ANOTHER GREAT Outing

TWO HIKES:

March 8 and March 29

10:00 am

Two hikes are being scheduled in March while the weather beckons us to get outdoors. On Thursday, March 8, we will meet at the Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine Westfield Road, Humble, TX 77338. www.hcp4.net/mercer On Thursday, March 29, we will meet at Burroughs Park, 9738 Hufsmith Rd, Tomball, TX 77375, which is located between FM 2978 & Kuykendahl. www.hcp4.net/parks/burroughs

You have an opportunity to experience the spring landscape, winding trails, and lakefront views at this 320-acre splendid park in Tomball. Amenities at this facility include a seven-acre fishing lake, over eight miles of nature trails, picnic areas, an observation deck and boardwalk, and rest room facilities.

Please contact me if you wish to be on my email list for these hikes as I will be sending out additional information for meeting times, meeting place, etc. Dates and times can change depending on weather conditions. We start our walks in the morning. Walk at your own pace as this is supposed to be fun and you most likely will have others who will walk at your pace with you.

In case of rain, we will reschedule.

FYI: One of Texas Gulf Coast area's largest and most anticipated horticultural events, the March Mart takes place on March 23 and 24 at the Mercer Arboretum. This event features a huge selection, more than 2,000 varieties, of quality plants rarely found at local retail nurseries. Many of these plants are grown by Mercer's volunteers, who will be there to help with selection and offer advice on the cultivation and care of plants offered at the event.

Jacqueline Webster
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Editor's Note

All articles for the April newsletter should be submitted before **March 16** to bsevans55@yahoo.com. Deadline for last-minute changes is **March 22**.

To update address labels, please contact JoEllen Wade.

FAN WEBSITE

Have you checked out the FAN website yet? The newsletters are posted there in living color. We are adding new photos all the time (send any you might have to Adrienne so she can post). We are now adding a picture and contact information for new members!
www.FAN1960.org

For access to this site, any questions or suggestions, contact Adrienne Juno at ahjuno@gmail.com