



FANfare



Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

September 2012

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.

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

(Christmas Luncheon)

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

(Installation Luncheon)

President's Message

This time of year I get caught up in the back-to-school shopping frenzy, even if I don't have any kids in my own family! I admit to buying 10 cent folders and 50 cent composition books. The only thing missing is that cool hint of fall in the air.

In just a week we will all be at our first FAN meeting of the year. It will be a good time to re-connect with FAN friends. I know I am looking forward to it and to the Banjo Band performance and many more good programs to come. We will also be presenting the 2012-13 budget which will need your approval. We're looking for a good turnout.

There are so many fun FAN things to look forward to – the Dallas trip, the great day trip, the Christmas luncheon.

See you on September 4!

Kathy Michalski, President

Celebrate America with banjo music at September meeting

Ladies, get your "Yankee Doodle Dandy" on for the September 4 meeting! It will be a lively, fun program when the Jubilee Banjo Band presents a rousing musical program.

Proper attire to celebrate America's own music is red, white and blue, of course, and all are invited to don the nation's colors to mark summer's end. We'll be celebrating one another, too, catching up with friends we've missed during the long, hot summer.

You will be able to get your new FAN Directory, and if you cannot attend, you are urged to ask a friend to pick up your copy, as *none will be mailed*. Photo portraits will be taken of new members, and if you've changed your hairstyle or otherwise revised your look, feel free to step into the photo booth, too.

The spirited musicians of the Jubilee Banjo Band promise some sing-alongs, some humor and lots of good, old-fashioned American music to launch FAN's new program year with "Fanfare". Don't miss it, as you'll be humming and tapping your toes for days afterward!

1st VP/Programs—Lin Fish

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

Step back in time with Victorian tea at an antebellum mansion

Save October 26 for a great daytrip. We'll begin with a stop at Classic Accessories in north Houston, as their Christmas shop will be open for the season. We'll see the latest in Christmas decorations in this holiday dreamland.

After lunch, our main event will be a jaunt to the Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site in West Columbia, which will include a tour and Victorian tea. The site was donated to the state in 1957 by Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of Texas Gov. James S. Hogg, who owned the land. Before turning over the property, Miss Ima, a great collector and decorative arts lover, furnished the home to reflect her father's love of history and her own admiration for George Washington and other early Americans.

We are sure to enjoy seeing the décor and art collected by the Hogg family and to learning more about this plantation's long history. Plan now to sign up at the September 4 General Meeting for this fabulous outing, or call me, as the bus is sure to fill quickly.

Sharlene Wesson 281-251-6940



Season's first Social Event will be special

The first social for the FAN 2012-13 year will be at opening night for Texas Repertory Theater's "*It's a Wonderful Life*" on Wednesday, November 28. Act fast, as we are able to get a special price of just \$20 for these tickets by ordering now; later performances will be as much as \$40.

If you are interested, let me know immediately, and mail a check made payable to FAN to me at 15310 Walters Rd, Houston TX 77068. I will take reservations and checks at the September 4 general meeting, but if you *know* you want to attend, please make your reservation now to avoid the crush at the meeting. To ensure your reservation – and to assist me in planning – please let me know ASAP if you want to attend.

Linda Neibel 281-583-5111

Sending sunshine wishes to our friends

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

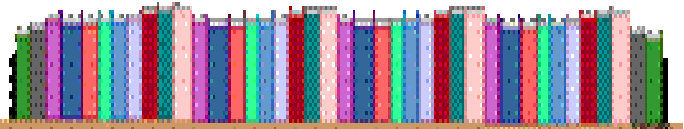
Mary Aulbert is continuing her cancer therapy and hopes to be at FAN by Christmas.

Our condolences go to Sue Muller on the loss of her husband, Dick. Sue wishes to thank everyone for their support, cards, calls and prayers.

Good News! Karen Baird's health is much improved, and she plans to attend our September meeting.

Please contact me at: juneb6903@hotmail.com or call me at 281-323-4581 with news to share.

June McMillin



FAN Book Clubs

These books are being read by our FAN Book Clubs for September.

Literary Review Winnie Mitchell

Standing in the Rainbow

By: Fanny Flagg

Hostess: Carole Garrigan

Cover Girls Maria Bocchino

The Paris Wife

By: Paula McLain

Page Turners Adrienne Juno

Major Pettigrews Last Stand

By Helen Simonson

Hostess: Margaret Hein

October 10 –12, 2012
FAN Overnight trip to the Big D

We will tour the exciting Chihuly Glass exhibit at the Dallas Arboretum Botanical Gardens, spend the day with "Big Tex" at the Texas State Fair, the "Grand-daddy of all State Fairs," and enjoy great shopping, wonderful dining and more Dallas culture.

Cost will be approximately \$110.50 per person for a two-night hotel accommodations and admission to the Arboretum/Chihuly exhibit. Additional costs will be your meals and sharing in the cost of gas.

For further details call Margaret Burgess at 281-304-8977 or Margaret Hein at 281-376-1936.

It will be a great trip!

Save the Date

ANTIQUERS & JUNKERS

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

On September 19, we will meet for coffee at Ann Parker's home at 17623 Oaksham Lane, Terra Nova West in Spring. From there, we will carpool to Huntsville, lunch at The Farm House and shop antiques until we drop.

Please let both me and Ann know by September 17, so we can set up carpools and lunch reservations. Ann's number is 281-655-4488 or parkertx@juno.com

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

Bert Forbes
 281-304-2444

afortbesw@aol.com

All are welcome.



2nd VP/Membership—JoEllen Wade

Welcome to the start of a great year for FAN. Your 2012-2013 Membership Directory will be available at the General Meeting. If you are picking up the directory for your best friend be sure and sign your name as the receiver. We will NOT be mailing any directories due to rising cost of postage. Please arrange for your activity leader or friend to pick up your directory in the event you can't make it to a General Meeting.

Nearly 60% get their *FANfare* in living color via e-mail... You can, too!

JoEllen Wade

281-655-9190 or

Joellen.wade@comcast.net

Current Membership is 291

Welcome New Member

Dunn, Sherry	11/28	281-430-4567
1106 Austin Manor Court		sdunn@entouch.net
Spring, TX 77379	(Jerry)	Gleannloch Farms
		cell: 713-857-2131

Wolz, Barbara	12/22	281-257-3665
14503 Sandy Creek Dr		barlee@sbcglobal.net
Houston, TX 77070	(Lee)	Lakewood Forest



FAN Christmas Luncheon

Shirley Acres, December 4

We are asking all members to put your talents to good use and create some unique items for the silent and grab bag auction.

All FAN activity groups will be asked to donate something and now is the time to start thinking how you can participate in this FAN tradition

Barbara Bolz
 281-370-8357



COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

When: September 15, 2012 (Meets the 3rd Saturday each month).
RESERVATIONS are required, **new couples welcome**.
Call Andrea Poncio @ 281-255-9525, Bridge Coordinator
Time: Promptly at 5 p.m.
Where: Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 FM 1960 West



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
Carol Schuster 281-919-1356 DP DD Peggy Heinrich 281-537-2560 DP

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



FAN HIKERS

The group will resume in the fall unless you want to travel to the mountains. Please send me your name so I can put you on the email list and keep you informed of our future hikes.

Jacqueline Webster jwebster1@sbcglobal.net

New Duplicate Bridge Group

If you're interested in learning Duplicate Bridge, we have 2 spots open. We'll be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning September 19 at Hasta la Pasta, time to be announced. There is an \$8.00 supply fee. We are also looking for subs. This will be a fun thing! Please either call (281 251-1682) or email me at katvamicchalski@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

Kathy Michalski

COUPLES DINNER

CANASTA

WHEN: 3rd Saturday each month

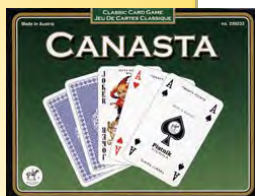
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$2.00 per person,
plus dinner

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

CONTACT: Debbie Laich, 281-251-5212

debbielaich@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

Barbara Bolz 281-370-8357

National League Mah Jongg Group

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

Time: 10 a.m.

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



Wacky Scrappers

At present our "Wacky Scrappers" roster is full. I will keep a wait list if anyone else is interested!

Margie Rogers

rogersmargie@yahoo.com

281-955-8459

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

save the date

December 12, 2012



More details to follow next month.

Lunch Bunch

September 19, 12:00 noon

We will start the year with a bunch. Bring a bunch of food---non-sweet.

Hostess----Marie Nichols

Fun time. Call Marie before September 17 for your reservation: 281-440-5062.

Sharlene Wesson, Chairperson

HOSPITALITY

Ladies, our monthly meetings are beginning. Where did the summer go? Please try to bring one dish to one meeting this year. The sign-up sheets will be located at the sign-in table this year and passed around during the general meetings. It really helps with the variety and planning if more members bring a dish. As always, we will e-mail you a friendly reminder. For the September general meeting, board members will be bringing us treats. Yum, yum.. Happy Baking!

Barbara Kerr

bkerr1974@hotmail.com

Charla Miller

charlamiller@sbcglobal.net



Snap A Smile

Please take pictures of your specific groups. Each group need to be represented in our President's scrapbook. Please e-mail or get pictures to me as soon as possible---the sooner, the better.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Margie Rogers

rogersmargie@yahoo.com

281-955-8459

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 friendly group of ladies, please call Tracy Lalor at 281-374-0206. The Fan Flowerettes has a few openings. We play every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members take turns hosting our weekly group and provide refreshments. You bring your lunch. Hope to meet you soon and may your flowers be many.

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Editor's Note

All articles for the October newsletter should be submitted before **September 14** to bsevans55@yahoo.com. Deadline for last-minute changes is **September 19**.

To update your address, 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