



FANfare



Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

October 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.

October 2
November 6
December 4
(Christmas Luncheon)
January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7
(Installation Luncheon)



NEWSLETTER

VIA EMAIL

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

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281-655-9190 or

Joellen.wade@comcast.net

President's Message

What a great start to our FAN year – Banjos & a Sing-along. FUN!!

The membership also passed our 2012/13 budget. You'll be happy to hear that we are fiscally sound this year. One of the major reasons is the cost of printing the newsletters is down considerably due to the number of members who receive the newsletter by email. The budget will be posted on the FAN website.

While about a third of our members attend the monthly meetings, what makes FAN so unique are the many activity groups that meet regularly all year long.

On September 14, the FAN Wine Tasting group celebrated its 20th Anniversary at Carolyn & Keith Gibbs' home. Carolyn is the founder of this group. Some other original members who still participate are Bobbie & Dave Ballard and Arlene Skaggs. They were joined shortly afterwards by Chris & David Normand, Patricia & Leo Fraske, Sheila & Brian Gibbs, Jacqueline & Ed Webster and Jan & Norm Odam. The group consists of 12 couples who meet on the first Saturday of the month and take turns hosting. It's always an enjoyable, informative, tasty evening. At an average of 7 different wines tasted each month over the years, that comes to about 1680 different wines tasted. WOW!!



Here's a picture of Keith, Carolyn Gibbs' husband. You can see what real oenophiles we are!

I hope to see you all at the October 2 meeting.

Kathy Michalski

President

Gratz on 20 years



Day Trips Scheduled

Friday, October 26

The October 26 day trip to West Columbia for Hogg Plantation tour ending with Victorian Tea is full.

For those already signed up for the trip, a reminder that the bus leaves at 8:45 a.m. from Randall's parking lot at Louetta & Champion Forest.

In case of any cancellations, I am taking a waiting list. Call me if you would like to be put on the waiting list for this great outing.



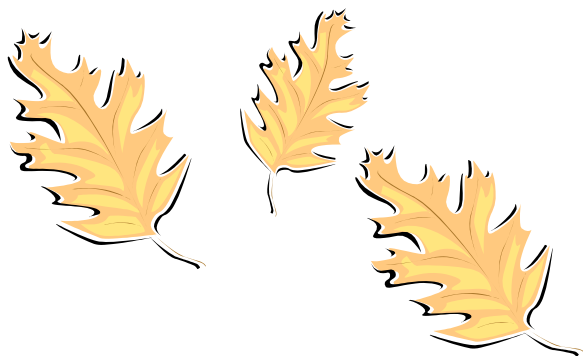
Friday, November 30

Come enjoy Christmas shopping and the decorations at The Galleria. We will have lunch there; you will then have 2 hours to shop or ice skate or do your own thing. We will be home before 3:30 p.m.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, sign up at the October General Meeting. We will meet at Randall's parking lot at Louetta and Champion Forest; the bus leaves at 10:15 a.m. Cost for your ride is \$2.00.

For additional information on these two day trips please contact:

Sharlene Wesson, Chair
281-251-6940



Sending sunshine wishes to our friends



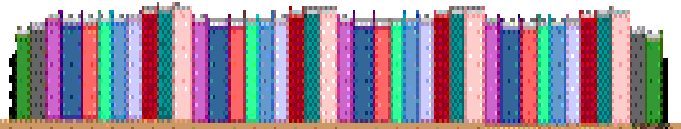
For the first time as Sunshine rep., there were no illness or prayer needs given to me. That's great! But, members, please email or phone me if you have needs or blessings as that is the only way I will know.

Blessings:

It was great seeing Karen Baird at the September meeting. Welcome back.

Our FAN family cares and wants to know about your needs and blessings. 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

Thunderstruck

By: Eric Larson

Hostess: Patsy Justice

Cover Girls Maria Bocchino

Page Turners Adrienne Juno

Society

By Michael Palmer

Hostess: Bonnie Reddehase

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 of each month at a different hostess' house for coffee, then onto 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.

On October 17, we will meet at Sheila Gibbs' home at 11619 Regency Forest Dr. Cypress TX 77429 at 9:00 am. From there we will carpool to Alvin to the two antique malls. Lunch will be at the new tearoom in the Alvin Antique Center. Please let Sheila and me both know by October 15 if you are coming so we can set up carpools and lunch reservations. Sheila is at 12gibbs@att.net or 281-890-3948.

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

Bert Forbes
281-304-2444
aforbesw@aol.com

All are welcome.



Lunch at Hasta La Pasta

After our October 2 meeting, enjoy "Dutch Treat" lunch at Hasta La Pasta, 6915 Cypresswood Drive with your fellow members and guests. Sign up before the meeting begins so that we can advise Hasta La Pasta how many to expect. Look for the lunch sign up sheet near the coffee service at our general meeting.

When you arrive at Hasta La Pasta, please tell the hostess that you are with FAN.

FAN Christmas Luncheon

December 4



Shirley Acres
217 Woerner Road
Houston, TX

"Silver Bells" will be ringing for FAN's traditional Christmas Luncheon, an event so many members eagerly anticipate each fall.

Reservations will be taken at the October and November General Meetings, so be sure that you are part of the merriment! Bring your reservation form (included in this newsletter) to the meeting, along with your check for \$31, of which \$5 will be donated to our chosen charity. To that, FAN adds the proceeds from the silent auction and raffle at the luncheon.

The creativity put into the auction and raffle items is part of the fun, and we are asking members to put your talent to use; create some unique, beautiful or quirky items to contribute. FAN activity groups are asked to donate something, too, and now is the time to start thinking about how you can participate in this FAN tradition. For ideas about items to donate or to arrange pick-up of your donations, please call me.

If you cannot make the meeting, please mail your reservation form and check to Sheila Gibbs at the address on the reservation form.

Barbara Bolz
281-370-8357

Varied activities enrich FAN membership

Sharon Schumann, Activities Chairman

From bridge and canasta to hiking and wine-tasting, FAN's many special activity groups really enrich the value of our membership. Take a minute at the October General Meeting to consider adding another activity to your schedule. In addition to the dozens of returning activities, here are two new ones.

Monday Munch 'n' Matinee Movie

Meet up for lunch and a movie matinee on the third Monday each month. Movie title, time and location will be emailed over the preceding weekend and, if there is not an acceptable movie playing locally, we'll just enjoy lunch together at a restaurant named in the email notice. Sign up at General Meeting or email Lin Fish, linden7723@att.net to receive notices.

Couples Cribbage

Enjoy this fast-paced, easy-to-learn card game with three or seven other couples. Those signing up will select which Saturday to play, as well as the time, location and whether to include dinner. Lessons available for those not familiar with this terrific game.

Sign up at General Meeting or email

Lin Fish, linden7723@att.net.

Do you have an idea for a new activity? Let me know and we'll see if other FAN members want to join you in launching something new.

Sharon Schumann

281.370.5582 or

schumannsharon@gmail.com

1st VP/Programs—Lin Fish

Discover new ideas for finding joy at FAN's October meeting

Members of FAN – Friends And Neighbors – and their guests will discover new ways to “Find Joy in Our Lives” when Carmalyn McCracken, MA, presents her uplifting proposals for finding joy in everyday life at the October 2 General Meeting.

A Certified Life Coach, Carmalyn offers “Life Improvement Services” on her Web site, daily twitter feed and when she speaks to community groups and corporate events, delivering an inspiring yet humorous message about opening oneself to the delight that surrounds us.

Carmalyn's presentations are fun-filled and thought-provoking. She has spent more than 20 years helping people challenge themselves and achieve more. She strives to support people in discovering their hidden dreams and to help them live more fulfilling lives. She challenges listeners to learn more, laugh more and be more.

Among her many community activities, Carmalyn coordinates volunteers for Golden Gatherings, a respite care social program for those with Alzheimer's and their care givers, held monthly at Northwoods Presbyterian Church, where she is Director of Member Ministries.

For FAN, she will explore ideas for finding balance, energizing oneself and, perhaps, concepts for simplifying in order to find greater joy.

The program is set for 9:30 a.m. October 2 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 7810 Cypresswood Dr. Refreshments will be served, and guests are welcome.



2nd VP/Membership—JoEllen Wade

We are off to a great start with the FAN new year. Our current membership has increased to 302. Your 2012-2013 Membership Directory is available at the General Meetings. 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. Also, the updated directory is available via the Website.

A special thanks to Winnie Mitchell for donating the art work for the cover of this year's directory. Winnie has made this donation for many years in the past and it is greatly appreciated.

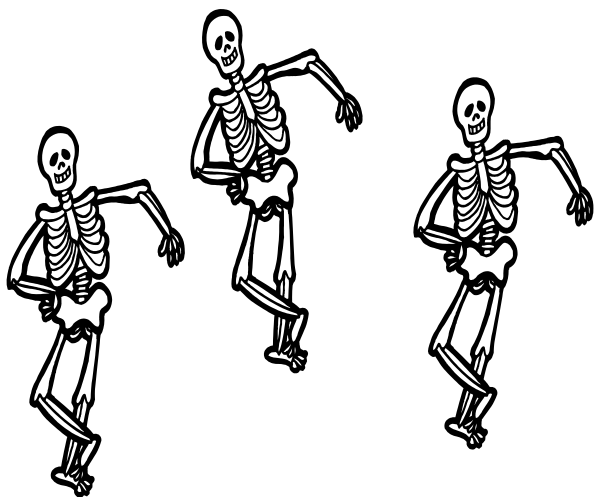
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Returning Members not listed in Directory

Jones, Jean 17607 December Pine Spring, TX 77379	3/28 (Rich)	281-379-5543 beadlover30@att.net Memorial NW cell: 713-962-7980
Popinski, Kathleen 4206 Pin Oak Ln Spring, TX 77389	12/1 (Michael)	281-350-0910 kitoleary@att.net Spring Stuebner Area Cell: 832-814-6715
Ruskell, Rosemary 8123 Wimbledon Ln Houston, TX 77070	7/3 (Jim)	281-469-4896 zrosemary78@gmail.com Prestonwood
Yoesel, Claudia 20106 Mayfair Park Ln Spring, TX 77379	8/15 (Harold)	281-251-1699 cyoesel@sbcglobal.net Windrose

New Members not listed in Directory

Adcock, Gail 6219 Cash Oaks Dr Spring, TX 77379(Dale)	12/2	832-559-3305 daleadcock@aol.com Wimbledon Champions Park cell: 713-705-2549
Chaudoir, Leah 17206 Oak Dale Dr Spring, TX 77379	1/20	281-320-9653 jechaudoir@yahoo.com Spring Creek Oaks
Hamel, Fran 11723 Normont Dr Houston, TX 77070	7/16 (Richard)	281-370-3113 hamel.frances@att.net Lakewood Forest cell: 281-370-3113
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Lee, Pat 19239 Hollis Garden Dr Tomball, TX 77375	9/24	832-698-1674 plee54@comcast.net Pinecrest Cell: 832-630-2324
Pierson, Susan 11207 Lorton Dr Houston, TX 77070	2/16 (Jerry)	281-370-3435 jleepierson@sbcglobal.net Lakewood Forest
Wolz, Barbara 14503 Sandy Creek Dr Houston, TX 77070	12/22 (Lee)	281-257-3665 barlee@sbcglobal.net Lakewood Forest



COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

When: October 20, 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

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.

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 katvamichalski@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

Kathy Michalski

COUPLES DINNER CANASTA

WHEN: 3rd Saturday each month

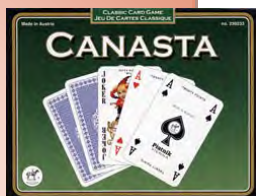
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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



FAN HIKING GROUP

We will be planning hikes at Burroughs Park, Mercer Arboretum, Spring Creek Greenway, Jesse Jones Park and other trails you suggest. We are outdoors for at least ninety minutes to a few hours. This group is flexible and will accommodate hikers at different levels. You can always find someone who walks the same pace as you.

If you wish to join us, please send me your email address, phone number and days of the week you are available. The plan is to have two or three hikes in the month of October. I hope to plan one to two hikes a month. I will contact the hiking group via email with date, time and location for our next hike. If you were on my email list last year, you will remain on my list until I hear from you otherwise.

Thank you for your interest and I look forward to hiking the trails in the cool fall weather.

Jacqueline Webster

jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net

HOSPITALITY

A big thank you to the FAN Board for bringing wonderful treats to the September General Meeting and thank you in advance to the wonderful ladies who have signed up to bring us snacks for the October meeting. We appreciate your support as we venture into this new FAN year. Please try to bring one dish to one meeting this year. The sign-up sheets will be located near the sign-in table and passed around during the general meetings. Drop off your fares at the Hospitality tables by 9:30. All food left at the end of a meeting is donated to the church. As always, we will e-mail you a friendly reminder. Happy baking!

Barbara Kerr

bkerr1974@hotmail.com

Charla Miller

charlamiller@sbcglobal.net

"LET IT SNOW!"

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Attention all cookie bakers and lovers!! Unpack your ugliest Christmas sweater for the annual FAN Cookie Exchange and Luncheon to be held on :

Wednesday, December 12

11:00 a.m.

Spring Creek Oaks Clubhouse

Cost for admission is \$14.00 plus 3 1/2 dozen homemade cookies.

Sign up at the October general meeting; we will be limited to the first 48 ladies. Your check made payable to FAN is your reservation.

(No refunds after November 20)

Co-Chairs: Linda Fisher

& Sue Muller



Lunch Bunch

October 17, 12:00 noon

Hostess----Judy Hemker

Bring a bunch of food---non-sweet.

Call Judy before October 15 for your reservation:
281-379-2937.

We are a group that enjoys good food and a healthy exchange of ideas. We meet in homes three times a year or head out to different restaurants other months, enjoying good food and friendships.

Sharlene Wesson, Chairperson
281-251-6940

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Editor's Note

All articles for the November newsletter should be submitted before **October 14** to bsevans55@yahoo.com. Deadline for last-minute changes is **October 17**.

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