



FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960



December 2010/January 2011

FAN General Meetings

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

2010-2011 Meeting Dates

- December 7, 2010
- January 4, 2011
- February 1, 2011
- March 1, 2011
- April 5, 2011
- May 3, 2011

LUNCH

After January General Mtg

Plan to meet at **Oriental Gardens** for lunch after the meeting.



Did you know that

December.....



Flower is
Narcissus
Gemstone is
Turquoise

President's Message

Isn't it so typically "Houston" that we have 90° weather one day, then 45° the next? Keeps life interesting and the wardrobe flexible!

You all looked so festive and colorful at the November meeting—such a highlight of my day to look out to see your smiling faces. What a special treat, too, to have Warren Hanson share his talent

with us and sign his books. Kathy Michalski, you continue to surprise and delight us with your programs!

We had a "spirited" good time October 29 on our "Haunted Houston" tour. During our visit to Birraporetti's, some of us experienced a shivery cold chill as we sat down to eat...wonder if it was REALLY a ghost? Our Precinct 4 Senior bus also took us to Old Town Spring to investigate other "confirmed" haunted places; I'm so glad we went in the day-

time! Thank you, Sharlene, for planning another fun daytrip.

Keep your planners handy so you don't miss a thing during the next few months: Cookie Exchange, Christmas Luncheon and Charity Auction, both in December; then as we move into the new year, the pace picks up—Sharlene Wesson has another fabulous daytrip planned in February, and other activity projects are

in the works. Be sure to check your newsletter for any holiday schedule changes for our regular weekly and monthly group activities.

In closing this last newsletter of 2010, know that I am thankful for all my FAN friends and the blessings of 2010. Remember that our first general meeting of 2011 will be January 4th. See you then!

Debbie Laich

debbielaich@comcast.net





Programs – Kathy Michalski, 1st VP

Many thanks to Jan Batchelor for suggesting Warren Hansen for our November meeting. Wasn't he talented? Many of the program ideas come from FAN members, which make my job so much easier! And speaking of which, Jan Fau told me about the following program.

On January 4, we will be hosting Rosemarie Hubbard who is a retired certified Texas Peace Officer and an FBI Certified Computer Forensics Examiner. She'll talk about digital forensics, as well as the pluses and minuses of working on or using computers and cell phones. She'll also touch on identity theft. This promises to be a very interesting and informative program.



Membership – Audie Brooks, 2nd VP

Hello all --

This FAN year has been so much fun. Those of you who haven't been coming to the general meetings are really missing some great programs. I hope to see many of you at the Holiday Luncheon. In November we had a total attendance of 126 including 91 general membership, 28 board members, 2 new members, and 5 guests. Our membership total is now 313. If you have any membership questions or comments please feel free to call me at 281-225-8977 or email me at audiebrook@aol.com.

New Members November 2010

Davidson, Barbara 11611 Primwood Houston, TX 77070	18-Feb	281-655-0855 Lakewood Forest bdavidson4@att.net
San Luis, Leticia 14655 Champion Forest #1503 Houston, TX 77069	9-Jan	281-537-9670 Champion Forest lettycsl@att.net

Sunshine Corner — Karen Baird

Did everyone see Grace Casagrande at the FAN meeting? She is looking very well but continues to need your positive thoughts and energy as she continues her treatment regimen.

Jo-Ann Campbell and Pat Ramsey's husband, Ken, are sent our well wishes as they make their recovery from medical problems.

Please keep Dorothy Tortorice in your thoughts as she recovers from a fall.

As always, there are those FAN members who do not wish to be acknowledged specifically by name, but need your prayers of support.

Send your Sunshine requests to Karen Baird at jandkbaird@aol.com or to 281-651-6767. I will respond to your request with a telephone call or email.





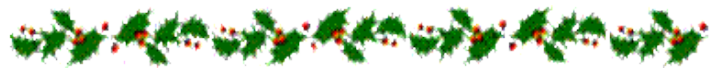
LIVES OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS

Day Trip on February 23, 2011

This is a driving tour by Sandra Lord. It will feature stories of blood money, high society murders etc. in the River Oaks and Montrose areas. Lunch at Luby's Cafeteria and a stop is planned for Central Market shopping too. Leaving Randall's parking lot, Champion Forest & Louetta at 9:15 a.m. Cost \$11.00 plus your lunch

Sign up will be after Dec. 26 or at meeting. Your payment is your reservation.

Sharlene Wesson, 281.251.6940 and Susan Busler



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Dec 7 Christmas Luncheon: "A Fairy Fantasy"
- Dec 14 **Cookie Exchange**
- Jan 4 FAN General Meeting—Lunch at Oriental Gardens
- Feb 1 Fan General Meeting
- Feb 25 **Day Trip**



"A Fairy Fantasy" Christmas Charity Luncheon

December 7, 2010

Shirley Acres Garden Room

10 AM - 2 PM

LAST CHANCE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!!!! —DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS NOVEMBER 30, 2010

We've had a great response to our Christmas Charity Luncheon. But we still have room for more. Many of the wonderful raffle and auction items have already been delivered. We must have all donated and activity group items by November 30th. Please deliver to Margie Rogers, Sue Muller, Belinda Evans, Susan Busler, or Linda Fisher or call for pickup. Please mail your check to Helen Timpe if you need a ticket for yourself or a guest. Please attach approximate value of donated item so we may know where to begin the bidding for the silent auction. We also need approximate cost and a brief description if you have made a handmade craft or promised a homemade baked good.

Don't forget to make plans to bid on our 2 big ticket live auction items. Maybe your activity group would like to get together for the get away weekend to Port O'Connor. Or maybe you and a friend want to take a plane ride for lunch somewhere nearby. We also have a few smaller surprises for the live auction.

Please see attached flyer for specific details. We are looking forward to hosting the best luncheon ever! We will have a delicious buffet meal and great entertainment by Houston Family Arts Center.

We promise a good time for all !!!

Margie Rogers (281-955-8459) and Sue Muller (281-440-5994)

Co-chairpersons, Christmas Charity Luncheon

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to everyone who brought food to the November meeting!

We will not need food for the December meeting, but will for the January meeting. If you can help please let us know.

Helen Timpe: 281-373-3693, htimpe@sbcglobal.net

or Shirley Limbaugh: 281-440-7418

If you would like to receive the FAN newsletter via email instead of snail-mail, please contact Audie Brooks at audiebrook@aol.com or 281-225-8977

"SNAP A SMILE"



With the holidays around the corner, and so much to do with so little time... it's time to take pictures ... and more pictures.... of our Fan friends and activities over the holidays.

"Snap a Smile" and send it on to me with a brief note telling me the date, social event, and even the names of the people in the picture. It's that easy! Email the pictures to me at bsevans55@yahoo.com so we can all go down in Debbie's 2010/11 Fan Memory Book.

Thanks, Belinda Evans

MONDAY AT THE MOVIES

There will be NO FAN movie day for DECEMBER. However, we will definitely plan on going to a movie in January. Our movie day will be the Monday AFTER JANUARY'S meeting or Jan. 10. Call Margaret Burgess, 281-304-8977 for more information. Hope you join us - we always see great movies!

DOES THE FAN NEWSLETTER MEET YOUR NEEDS?

How can the newsletter be improved?

- What information would you like to see in the newsletter that is not in it now? What information do you look forward to seeing in the current newsletter?
- Is there information or a section in the newsletter that you don't really read? Which sections do you read almost every time? **Your comments (and critiques) are WELCOME.**

Please give Adrienne Juno your suggestions at ahjuno@gmail.com or 281.794.4000 .

HAUNTED DAY TRIP



On Oct 29th, members gathered for the Haunted Day Trip. There were witches, a scarecrow, and yours truly in disguise. We were even tattooed (washable of course) when boarding the bus.

This set the mood for a riding, guided tour of Houston's haunted areas. Lunch was at Birraporetti's in the Theatre District. I didn't go into their basement to verify this story but--in the seventies, an actress playing at the Alley Theatre was murdered by a security guard late one night. Her spirit or energy still haunts their basement at night.

The next stop was at Old Town Spring. The area is haunted from the days when it was a real western town --with a judge, saloons and shootings. Today no new building can be erected in the shopping area, in order to preserve the hauntings. But this didn't stop the group from shopping!

Sharlene Wesson

Activities



CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Tuesday, December 14th,
11-2pm

Spring Creek Oaks Clubhouse
6002 Bur Oak Dr, Spring

Directions: Coming from St. Ignatius Church, turn left onto Cypresswood Dr. Go to T. C. Jester and take a left. As you continue driving, you will enter the Spring Creek Oaks Sub-division. The Clubhouse is located on your right on T. C. Jester at the corner of Bur Oak Dr.

Optional: Bring 3 doz homemade cookies, packaged in bags (2 cookies per bag)



COUPLES DINNER

CANASTA

WHEN: 3rd Saturday of each month

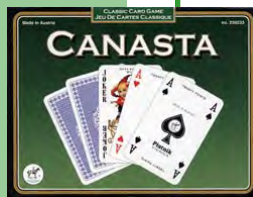
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

COST: \$2.00 per person,
plus dinner

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

CONTACT: Debbie Laich, 281-251-5212
debbielaich@comcast.net

New Couples Welcome !



FAN WINE TASTING GROUP



This month Carolyn & Keith Gibbs lined up some really interesting American wines suitable for the holidays, all of them having at least 90 pts from Wine Spectator, Wine Enthusiast or Stephen Tanzer. Napa, Sonoma, Oregon and San Lucia Highlands were all represented, so it would be very hard to make a choice of only one or two.

Our December meeting is a wine dinner at Chez Roux on Lake Conroe. Chef Albert Roux is almost legendary in Europe and the UK and Chez Roux is his first restaurant in the USA. The Executive Chef, Matthew Gray, is the only Michelin Star chef in Texas. It should be a fantastic evening!

Due to a cancellation, we have room for one more couple on this trip, so if you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

We meet on the first Saturday of each month. Currently the group is full, but we have vacancies on our substitute list, so if you would like to know more about us, please email me at 12gibbs@att.net or call me on 281 890 3948



RAILROAD CANASTA

We will NOT meet in December. See you in January!

3rd Thursday of the month

Fuddrucker's at 10 am

Cost: \$2

For any questions call Susan Hoff at 832-446 6042
or Barbara Bolz at 281 370 8357.

CANASTA I

We will NOT meet in December. See you in January!

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

ALL FAN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

NO RESERVATIONS!

Questions? Call **Carol Well**, 281-251-5223



THE LUNCH BUNCH

Christmas Party and Lunch

Date: December 15, at noon

Hostess: Sue Otteman,
281.586.8733



Bring a non-sweet dish and white elephant (in good shape) gift to exchange.

JANUARY

On January 19th we will eat at Tommy Bahama's in the Woodlands. Questions? Call Sharlene Wesson, 281.251.6940

Meets every 3rd Wednesday at 12 Noon

All welcome, please call for reservations.

Chairperson: Sharlene Wesson

FAN COUPLES GOLF



Perfect weather for GOLF!!! We invite couples to join us either regularly or occasionally for NO-STRESS golf.

We play local courses and look for good deals. After golf we eat at various restaurants. Join us!

Jan Fau, 281-290-9494 or

Cell: 281-728-9948

FAN WEBSITE UPDATE

The new FAN WEBSITE is still a work in progress. It should be ready after the first of the year. Look for more info at the January meeting.

Cindy Ward , Website Manager



COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

When: Saturday, January 15th **Time** 5 p.m.

Where: Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 W FM 1960

Hosts: Rita & Dean May

November Winners

Winners: 1st: Andrea Poncio 2nd: Irene Ziesek 3rd: Nancy McCaig

4th: Neal Thompson 5th: Anne Guth 6th: Jimmy Poncio **Small Slam:** Ann Guth & Steel Nixon

Thank you to our Hosts for November: Joyce and Neal Thompson



We will be taking the month of December off. Have a wonderful holiday season and we will see you in January. If anyone is interested in joining Fan Couples Bridge group, please call Andrea Poncio @ 281-255-9525 or email ajponcio@sbcglobal.net

Happy Holidays



LITERARY REVIEW

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Join us for a delicious brunch when Marie Remik and Margaret Burgess host our Christmas celebration. Please bring a new, gift wrapped book to exchange, a \$10 lunch fee and RSVP to Marie, 713-823-1101, by December 1st.

Date: December 8th at 11:30 AM
Where: 14510 Diven Circle (Longwood)
Directions: On Louetta go west, passing Hwy 249 and Grant Road. Go to Longwood Trace and turn left. Go one street and turn right on Robson Drive. At the end of Robson turn right on Catrose Lane. Go to Diven Circle and turn right.

JANUARY MEETING

Book: The Help by Kathryn Stockett
Date: January 26, 1:00 PM
Leader: Eunice Moore
Hostess: Cynthia Brunson, 281-370-7705
8322 Forest Ridge Road
Memorial Northwest
Directions: From Louetta go north on Champion Forest Drive. Go 8 STOP signs to Forest Ridge and turn left. Cynthia's house is on the right.
Contact: Winnie Mitchell, 281-580-6672,
wam281@earthlink.net



FAN Hikers/Walkers



On Monday, December 6 at 9 am, our walking and hiking group will meet for this fun activity thru the woods. The first Monday of the month is scheduled for this group. We will meet at the Lakewood Crossing Skateboard parking lot which is on Cypresswood about 1/4 mile west of Jones Road before you get to the Lakewood Forest subdivision. The skateboard parking lot sits slightly below street level and is immediately past Cypress Creek. If you are unsure of the location, contact me by email and you can meet me at my nearby home.

Jacqueline Webster, jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net



ANTIQUES & JUNKERS

We will resume our trips in January (the last Wednesday of the month). I need some hostesses for the months of January thru May. Remember, the hostess gets to select where we are going and uses her home for a short pit stop before leaving for wonderful places to shop and eat. If you need ideas, do not hesitate to call me, for there are wonderful places in "our own backyard" as well as in nearby counties.

Carlene Thompson 281-3762651 or carlene1776@sbcglobal.net

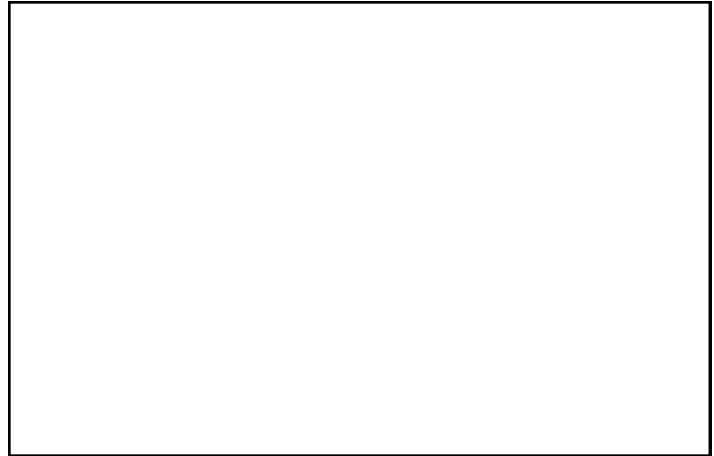


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Editor's Note

All articles for the **February** newsletter should be submitted to the editor (ahjuno@gmail.com) by **January 11th**. Deadline for last minute changes is January 18th

For address label updates, please contact: Audie Brooks.

