

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 2nd for the new FAN season!

George H.W. Bush Community Center • 6827 Cypresswood Drive
Coffee & Social Mixer at 9:30 a.m. • Club Business & Program at 10 a.m.

President's Message

Kim Gerrish, President

I know I speak for everyone that we could have listened f-o-r-e-v-e-r about Houston's history from the funny, charming, and informative Jim Parsons. FAN members also welcomed the newly elected Executive Board and selected Camp Shield as the 2025-2026 Charity. Such an excellent final General Meeting of the year!

A HUGE thank you to the current Executive Board for their time and talents as volunteers for FAN. **Sandy Darst** planned wonderful programs for our General Meetings and **Gayla Baker** drove membership to over 300 – WOW! **Marybeth Magallanes** documented General and Board Meetings. **Karren Sims** kept our money in perfect order with **Gail Stone** checking up on the bookkeeping. **Laurie Nimberger** created magazine style FANfare newsletters each month to keep us in-the-know and **Claudia Gallagher** photographed FAN activities for pictorial history. **Kathy Court** stepped in to assist in all areas.

The Extended Board put their hearts into making FAN extra special for members. **Donna Morris** kept Activity Groups organized with Leads and Members. **Mary Ales** was our voice with the Montgomery County Women's Center. **Carolyn Grimes** continued to plan outstanding Day Trips. **Barbara Pack** sold lots of ads to pay for the Membership Directory. **Susan Butler** executed a sparkly *Glitter and Spice* Goodie Exchange. **Susan Kleimann** made sure you were greeted for each meeting. **Carol Peterson** organized an exceptional *Let It Snow* Holiday Charity Luncheon with snowballs and snowflakes. **Merry Keith** arrived early to have coffee and tidbits ready for General Meetings. **Debi Swaney** maintained the FAN website and Facebook posts. **Jennifer Banks** sent cards to members who were ill, having surgery, lost loved ones, or needed a lift. And then there's me. I'm filling in as the organizer for the May 6th *Amicizia* Spring Luncheon with lots of volunteers helping to wrap up the year with our friends.

I'm thankful for each one of you for letting me serve as FAN President over the past two years. So many of you happily said yes when asked (or as **Donna Morris** calls it "voluntold") to help. So many of you happily brought joy to our organization because you said yes. A big part of being happy in FAN is being excited to be an integral member. Be excited for everything – volunteering for a committee, playing cards or mah jongg, planning an outing, eating lunch, or making friends. The list is endless. Just be excited. Just be happy. Just be a good friend and neighbor. **See you later ...**



Membership Updates

Gayla Baker,
2nd VP of Membership

Greetings Ladies,

As of April 8, 79 paid members had renewed or joined for the 2025-26 season of FAN. **This is the beginning of our 2025 -2026 campaign, and we will collect dues by June 30th for those who want to be included in the new directory.** If you want to be included, please pay your dues prior to that date.

At the Monthly meeting on April 1st, 102 ladies were in attendance, including 11 guests, 8 of whom joined our club.

Please stay tuned for the Spring Luncheon in May. Hopefully, you have all signed up to join the activities you are interested in, and there is more fun to be had in the coming summer.

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

- **Debi Davis**
- **Dianne Flemming**
- **Sylvia Foster**
- **Nancy Jackman**
- **Deborah Maly**
- **Barbara Molinaro**
- **Kathleen Morris**
- **Bobbie Washburn**
- **Janet Wenckens**
- **Kathryn Wright**

Let all your friends and neighbors know about our club and encourage them to come to an activity to see what a great group we are!

They can also check us out at www.fanwomensclub.com, or email us at fanwomensclub@gmail.com.

Hugs!



Sylvia de Hek	5/1
Mary Jane Cunningham	5/2
Emma Rice	5/2
Danielle Cook	5/4
Jane Hanlon	5/4
Debbie Charbonneau	5/6
Mary Ellen Cox	5/6
Margaret Burgess	5/12
Carole Garrigan	5/13
Sharon Crum	5/15
Ernestine Zawitkowski	5/17
Betsy Wilks	5/18
Donna Morris	5/19
Brenda Van Derbur	5/19
Emily Carter	5/22
Brenda Miller	5/24
Kristy Munoz	5/26
Charlotte Duff	5/27
Jeannette Loverdi	5/30

April 50/50 Raffle

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



Winners (each won \$54 x 3): \$164
FAN Funds: \$164
Total Collected: \$328

Raffle Winners
(left to right):

Donna Nichols,
guest Becky
Brown and
Susan Butler.



Rays of Sunshine

Jennifer Banks, Sunshine Chair

Condolences were sent to **Olga Conwell**, and speedy recovery to **Merry Keith**.

Congratulations to all our high school graduates especially Logan Gross and Andrew Sohrt.

A total of 41 cards were sent out to FAN members during my tenure as your Sunshine Chair.

Signing off and sending sunshine to you all!

FAN's New Charity Selection for 2025-2026

Mary Ales, *Charity Chair*

I am pleased to announce our Charity for 2025-2026 is **CAMP SHIELD**. Camp Shield's Mission is collaborating to empower Women Veterans emotionally, socially, and physically to ensure she thrives after Military Service. They work to reduce the risk of Women's Veterans' homelessness and suicide by providing a secure and comfortable recovery environment for the Veterans and their children to heal and recover.



Contact Info: Camp Shield • 2929 McKinney Street • Houston, Texas 77003

For more information, donations or volunteering:

www.campshield.org | info@campshield.org | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/campshield) | [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/campshield)

Nature Walkers

Jacqueline Webster,
Nature Walkers Lead

The FAN Nature Walkers will continue its walks through the spring and summer, weather permitting. We will meet at any of the Precinct 3 Parks (see <https://www.pct3.com/Explore/Parks>) and walk at a comfortable pace anywhere from 60 to 90 minutes in the morning or late afternoon. Evening walks are also an option. There is no set schedule because walks are participant and weather dependent. If you want to be included on the email list, please send your email address to jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net and I will be happy to invite you to our walks. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, connect with old friends, get some exercise and have interesting conversations. See you on the nature trails!



Literary Review Book Club

Kathy Court,
Literary Review Lead

Date: May 28th
Time: 1 p.m.
Hostess: **Gail Stone**
Book: *Suffs*
Author: Shaina Taub

Page Turners Book Club

Adrienne Juno,
Page Turners Lead

Date: May 14th
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: **Margaret Hein**
Book: *The Women*
Author: Kristin Hannah



The Classic Lunch Bunch recently enjoyed a meal at The Hobbit Café. First table left side: **Gaye Ires, Etta Gager, Dorothy Parmenter, Kathy Michalski, Kathy Court, Gail Stone** and **Courtney Ires-Cohen**. Second table: **Marybeth Magallanes, Valerie Minyen, Mary Dewitt, Cynthia Payne, Margaret Burgess, Sherry Dunn** and **Jacqueline Stamates**. Photo taken by Classic Lunch Bunch member **Claudia Gallagher**.

Mexican Train II

Randee Saber,
Mexican Train II Lead

There are still openings for our Mexican Train II group which meets at 11 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Oriental Gardens. They have good food at reasonable prices. We only count the number of wins, and not the dots remaining in your rack. It's much easier and more fun that way. Reminders are sent ahead of time each month, and we play during the summer. Email randeesaber@comcast.net for more info.



Antiquers & Junkers: **Livingston**

Etta Gager,
Antiquers & Junkers Lead

The May outing for Antiquers & Junkers will be **Friday, May 30th** with a trip to Livingston. The trip is hosted by **Eddie Pratz** and **Carol Peterson**, and they will send an email out the first week of May. **Please note this is a DATE CHANGE so we can ride on a Precinct Bus.** Contact egager8@yahoo.com for any questions.



In each newsletter, we will feature our Membership Directory advertisers. Show them your support!

FAN Activities News!

Donna Morris, *Activities Chair*



Calling all card players! We are starting up a new group to play Rummy. We are looking for 8–12 players to start the group. These founding members will decide the time and day of the month for play, and players will rotate hosting duties. The game is easy to learn and play, so no experience is necessary. Email **Linda Musthaler** at lmusthaler@sbcglobal.net if interested.



Chair Yoga will meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the GHWB Community Center. Contact **Phyllis Doran** at phd459@msn.com for info.



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Ladies celebrating "All Things Spring" at the April 3rd FAN Lunch Bunch Potluck hosted by **Barbara Alcamo**. Left: **Pat Ramsey, Kathy Michalski, Sandy Darst, MaryAnn Lucas, Kathy Court, Margaret Burgess, and Claudia Gallagher.** (photo taken by *Barbara Alcamo*)

IMPORTANT

Renew your FAN Membership before June 30th to be included in the Membership Directory!

Railroad Canasta

Kim Gerrish, Railroad Canasta Lead

Upcoming date: Tuesday, May 13th
\$2.00 + cost of lunch

Would you like to join?

Email kimgerrish@yahoo.com if you need training or you're not already on the contact list.

April Winners:



1st Place:
Etta Gager

2nd Place:
Linda Frank-Gearon

3rd Place:
Laurie Nimberger



The FAN Casino Queens visited the Naskila Casino in Livingston for a day of gambling and fun! Left to right: **Maybelline Carpenter, Carla Moore, Tiffany Cady, Evelyn Speruzzi, Lois Redford, Rosanne Brumley** and Casino Trips Lead **Ernestine Zawitowski**.

As always, thanks to Susan Butler and Kim Gerrish for proofreading the FANfare newsletter each month!

This is my last newsletter as the FANfare Editor. I want to thank everyone for working with me to create a fun and informative newsletter for our FAN members. Without those who submit articles and photos each month, this newsletter would not happen...so thank you for being such great collaborators!



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Dirt Divas: *The Heights*

Etta Gager,
Dirt Divas Lead

On **Tuesday, May 27th** the Dirt Divas will be going to Joshua's Native Plants & Garden Center (502 W 18th St) and Buchanan's Native Plants (611 E 11th St). They both sell plants indigenous to Gulf Coast along with containers and vintage garden decor. **Etta Gager** will send out an email the beginning of May. We do not have a bus so we will have to carpool. For information about Dirt Divas, contact me at egager8@yahoo.com.





Friends And Neighbors Women's Club

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All New Members must complete this form.
Renewing Members use this form only to update changes to your directory listing.

2025-2026 Application: New Member ____ Renewing Member ____

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

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

Section 2: Membership Information



A.	Annual dues are \$25, covering the period of June 1 through May 31 . Payment options: pay via check payable to FAN, Zelle using the QR code shown, or pay via credit card on the FAN website (<i>fees apply for all credit card transactions</i>). Note: Membership dues are not deductible contributions.
B.	Membership information must be received by June 30 to be included in the directory.
a.	Sign here if you do NOT want your information in the directory. _____. Note: The Directory is not distributed to anyone outside of FAN.
b.	The Membership Directory will be available at the FAN general meetings. Directories are not mailed.
C.	Newsletters are available on the club website: https://www.fanwomensclub.com/ . 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)

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

Return form to: Marybeth Magallanes at 4415 Sanctuary Halls Drive • Spring, TX 77388



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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.