



FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960

October 2016

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.

FAN

General Meetings

FAN meets on the *first* Tuesday of the month
(September thru April) at

Faithbridge Church
18000 Stuebner Airline Rd.

Social hour begins
at 9:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be on
October 4, 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am so excited! The September General Meeting was a blast and I loved the Salvation Army Harbor Light Choir. I think we all got excited about the new year. Our attendance was about 130 members and guests. Great job to all!

Lin Fish has invited **Jo Middleton** to talk to FAN on October 4. Jo is very knowledgeable on Medicare and Social Security so the meeting should be very good.

We have a position I really need to fill ... Overnight Trips. If you would be interested or know someone who would like to fill this position, please let me know. It's only two trips, one in the Fall and one in Spring, and is always a fun thing to do.

Cissie Alexander is a new member of our Executive Board as Newsletter Editor. Please send your articles to her e-mail at mpalex1@swbell.net. **Sharon Plescia** did a great job for 2 ½ years on our newsletter, but she needed a break. Thanks, Sharon, for all your hard work!

There will be budget information in this newsletter which we believe will answer some questions asked at the last meeting. **Myrle Kozlowski** and **Sherry Dunn** are working to help everyone understand our budget a little better. Thanks, Sherry and Myrle.

Enjoy October and have a safe and fun Halloween. I am looking forward to seeing everyone next month and hope we will have some cooler weather!

Carol Huddleston, President

Greeters

Wow! What a great first meeting for the new FAN year. I would like to thank my September greeters, **Loni Dennis** and **Susan Ivins**, for their assistance making our first meeting in our new Faithbridge location go so smoothly. If greeters have a change in their contact information, please let **Sherry Dunn** know so all records can be updated. Hoping to see everyone at the October meeting. Lunch after the meeting will be at Campioni's.

Sharlene Nelson



"Christmas in Paris" Charity Luncheon

**Tuesday, December 6, 11:00 a.m.
Northgate Country Club**

Enjoy a buffet luncheon, grand entertainment, fun raffle and silent auction! Five dollars of your \$40 ticket will go directly to the charity that members will select in October.

Register at the October or November General Meeting. Forms will be available at Meetings, on the Website and in the Newsletter.

RESERVE A TABLE FOR 10: You may purchase a table (10 seats) for \$400 and the table will be RE-SERVED for those 10 people. FAN activity groups, in particular, may wish to take advantage of this opportunity. Just organize a group of 10, and reserve with 10 checks of \$40 each or one check for \$400. Individual seating is always available, of course, and your seat also will be reserved.

You can download **the registration form** from our FAN website <https://fan1960.wordpress.com>, or find it in this newsletter. You also may register at the General Meeting where committee members will be happy to assist you.

Send Order Forms and Checks made out to FAN by **November 24** to:
Sharlene Nelson, 12110 Hodges Grove Lane, Tomball, TX 77377.

No Refunds after November 30.

SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

OUI, OUI!!! What a wonderful Christmas Charity Luncheon it will be as we pretend we are in Paris! This is our annual fund raiser and a list of great ideas for donations is in this newsletter. We also welcome other great ideas from you or your group! Please take a look and decide what you might contribute. Or, let us know if you have something else you feel would be perfect for the raffle or silent auction.

Please remember that space is limited and choose to donate only those items you'd giftwrap for a friend or maybe for your sister. Gently used upscale handbag? Sure. Regifting from last Christmas? But, of course! "Unique" painted vase sent by Aunt Eleanor? Please, no!

We've received a number of lovely donations from area businesses and, of course, FAN Activity Groups will be creating wonderful gift baskets for the silent auction, so we have limited of space for raffle items.

Contact **Markett Harkinson, Sharon Schumann, Sue Behnke** or **Carol Huddleston** to pick up donated items before Thanksgiving. Let's make this Christmas Charity Luncheon one to remember!!!
Ooh la la!!

It's YOUR turn to choose the FAN charity

The Board has selected three worthy charities for FAN members to consider as the recipient of funds raised at this year's Holiday Charity Luncheon on December 6 ... "Christmas in Paris."

The charities will be highlighted and ballots will be distributed at the October 4 General Meeting, so plan to be there to vote *your* preference.

“CHRISTMAS IN PARIS” REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Holiday Luncheon and Charity Fund-Raiser

Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.

Northgate Country Club, 17110 Northgate Forest Drive, Houston 77068

Please make checks payable to FAN.

You may give your check to a committee member at the October or November meeting,

OR

Mail it to: *Sharlene Nelson, 12110 Hodges Grove Ln, Tomball TX 77377.*

Please have your registrations in by November 24, Thanksgiving Day.

No Refunds After November 30.

RESERVED Single Registration @ \$40:

Name

Phone

Email

RESERVED Table for 10 People @\$40 = \$400:

Name

Phone

Email

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER DECEMBER 6

RAFFLE ITEMS YOU CAN GET: *Keep a brochure in your purse! It describes our club and charity work.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Restaurant Gift Cards ➤ Gift Items from Stores, Shops, Vendors ➤ Nail/Hair/Spa Salon Gift Cards ➤ Items on Super-Sale – If you find a really nice item on super-sale, think about buying to donate for the fund raiser ➤ Golf - Party at the 19th Hole OR Free Round of Golf donated by your golf club ➤ Game Tickets (basketball, football, hockey – whatever) ➤ Lake or Beach House Weekend - Loan your vacation home for a weekend (or week) ➤ Home Accessories – New preferably in their box (re-gifting perhaps) ➤ Crystal Item - Vase/Bowl, etc. ➤ Cook A Meal - If you are a chef, give a certificate for a date they work out with you ➤ Fix A Special Dish - If you have something you are especially good at, give a certificate for a date they work out with you | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Quilt ➤ Private Tour of Something – Do you have connections that might provide an opportunity ... something historic or especially interesting? ➤ Car Washes ➤ Dry Cleaning ➤ Floral – Ask your florist if they might contribute free floral arrangement/s ➤ Theater Tickets – Movie or live theater – do you have a contact? ➤ Wine Tasting Event ➤ Know someone who gives lessons? Perhaps they would contribute for a good cause. ➤ Signed Memorabilia ➤ Concert Tickets ➤ Personal Trainer – Know someone who does this and might contribute services? ➤ Make Over or Makeup/Perfume ➤ Jewelry – New |
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SILENT AUCTION BASKET THEME IDEAS YOU CAN CREATE: *Sign up to avoid duplication!*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chocolate • Theater • Automobile • School • Hunting (gift for the guys) • Alcohol: Wine • Alcohol: Cosmopolitans • Alcohol: Margaritas • Mini Bottle Bar • Memo Board • Gardening • BBQ • Summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter • Hot Coco • Coffee • Tea (teapot etc) • Handyman Tool Box • Ballgame/Sports • Pool Fun • Basket of Purses • Mexican OR Pasta Food • Ice Cream Sundae • Travelers • Books/Reader • Your Own Idea |
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FAN Website: *For members only*

The FAN **members'** Website is <http://fan1960.wordpress.com>. As events unfold in our FAN community, I will post them to your FAN **members'** Website. You can always find current and archived copies of the newsletter, the membership form as well as elected board and extended board members' names and their pictures. I will continue to post social events as they unfold this year. Be sure to add the FAN Website to your "Favorites" or "Bookmarks" on your computer. You just may find your picture on the Website! Contact me with any news or concerns.

We're on Facebook, too!

I have created a Facebook page for FAN. If you are a member of Facebook, in the Facebook SEARCH bar type "**Friends & Neighbors of FM 1960 Women's Club,**" and our Facebook page will come up. Please **like** the page and add comments or happenings/events about your activity groups if you wish.

Barbara Kerr, Web Manager, Bkerr1974@hotmail.com

Find the BEST Medicare coverage for your individual needs

A majority of FAN members are "ladies of a certain age" so securing the best Medicare, prescription and dental insurance coverage is an important decision each year. Our October 4 General Meeting will feature an expert to help us wade through the options and select the best personal plan.

Jo Middleton, CSA, CBC, SGS, is a Certified Senior Advisor with Trademark Insurance Agency, Benefit Specialists. Medicare selections must be made by December, making the fourth quarter the busiest time of Jo's year, but she has graciously agreed to generally speak about questions to ask and options to evaluate.

Each person's insurance needs are specific, so Jo will **not** be able to provide answers to individual situations, but will offer general advice on how to approach making the right choice for you. So don't be late! And *not too early*, if you please. Beverage service begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting convenes at 10:00. Drive around the church to the right rear. Walk down the tree-lined walkway on your left between buildings, and you'll see doors on the left marked "Faithbridge KIDS." That's just kids enjoying the day with our buddies!

Lin Fish, First Vice President - Programs

Dear Members:

Please take an extra moment to thank advertisers in our FAN Directory when you use their services. Their "support" with their ads totaled \$930!

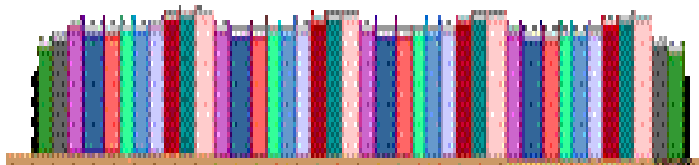
Thank you.

Shirley Limbaugh
Ad Chair - Retired!

Christmas Cookie Exchange

The Cookie Exchange will be on **Tuesday, December 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at Spring Creek Oaks Clubhouse on T.C. Jester.

The theme is "*A European Christmas*" and each person is asked to bring 40 cookies individually wrapped. You can sign up at the October meeting. If you have any questions you can call **Margaret Hein** at 281-376-1936 or **Margaret Burgess** at 281-304-8977.



FAN BOOK CLUBS

These books are being read by our FAN Book Clubs for October 2016.

Literary Review **Charla Hannibal**

Date: October 26, 2016
Annual trip: Holly Hall Book Review
Book: Abby A. Rockefeller: The
 Woman In the Family
Author: Bernice Kert
Professional book reviewer is Nancy Ashley.
We will carpool down and have lunch after.
Contact: Charla - 281-2883892

Cover Girls **Maria Bocchino**

Page Turners **Adrienne Juno**

Date: October 12, 2016
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Book: The Promise
Author: Anna Weingarten
Hostess: Margaret Hein

Women of Mystery **Trish Torgersen**

Date: October 3
Book: A Killing at Cotton Hill
Author: Terry Shames
Hostess: Trish Torgersen



SENDING SUNSHINE WISHES TO OUR FRIENDS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the friends and neighbors who are ill or recovering OR have good news to share.

Virginia Stork, mother of Betty Horelica who is a past President, needs our prayers. She is battling Cancer. Please keep Virginia and Betty in your thoughts and prayers.

Please contact me at getjudijeske@yahoo.com or call me at 281-687-4548 with news to share.

Judi Jeske, Sunshine Chair

Historian's Corner

Ladies, I would love to have your pictures! Take pictures in your groups and events and send them to me. Also, if you would like me to come to you to take photos, let me know. My goal is to have as many of you as I can in the President's Scrapbook.

Sharon Schumann, Historian
schumannsharon@gmail.com
281-370-5582

SNEAK PEEK !!! Silent Auction/Raffle Items To Look Forward To At Our Luncheon:

Rounds of Golf for four from Northgate and Hearthstone Country Clubs

Wine Tasting for six at WineStyles

Baskets: Teapot, Gardening and Coffee

\$60 Gift Card, Fratellini Restaurant

\$50 gift card, Spring Monogramming & Gifts

\$25 gift cards from Oriental Gardens and Rico's Mexican Restaurants

And Much More – **Sign up today!**



It's the season for award-worthy movies; don't miss out!

Now is the time of year when movie studios traditionally release films they think may earn Oscar buzz and you can see them with your FAN friends!

We take in a matinee on the third Monday each month, and we may add other dates as the really good movies are released this fall and winter..

Get in on the fun by advising **Lin Fish** of your interest and you'll receive email notices every time an outing is planned. Contact her at linden7723@att.net to "get on the list"!

NEEDLEARTS LOVERS

If you enjoy any type of needlework (cross stitch, knitting, beading, quilting, embroidery; hook work such as crocheting, hook rug, latch hook, etc. or sewing (save your hemming and other handwork and bring it), and want to double your fun, come join the Needle Arts Lovers group.

We like working on projects while sharing joy and our latest works-in-progress. We enjoy conversations with those who share an appreciation for needle arts.

We get together on the first Wednesday and the third Monday each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Prior to each meeting, we announce where the meeting will be held. If you cannot make it by 10 a.m., just come when you can, even if it's for only an hour. The hostess provides beverages, but no food. Sometimes, we go out to lunch.

Sign up at a FAN meeting at the Activities Desk or call **Pat Quackenbush** at 281-350-0429 or email patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net.

DIRECTORY EDITOR NOTE

We still have directories available. We want to be sure that everyone receives her copy this year. Therefore, we will continue directory distribution at the October General Meeting. Plus, I will contact activity group leaders over the next couple of months to further distribute directories to members who have not received a copy. This will assist members who are not able to come to the monthly General Meetings. Or, if leaders would like to contact me before I get to their group, please to call me (281-787-2246) or email patquackenbush@sbcglobal.net.

There was some concern pages were missing from the directory. I have done a random check of some copies and found that all pages are present. However, if you received a copy that is missing pages, please bring the incomplete copy to me and we can swap for a complete copy.

Pat Quackenbush, Directory Editor

LUNCH BUNCH October 19 at 12:00 Noon

Hostess is **Sherry Dunn** - 281-430-4567.
Call Sherry for reservations before October 17.

Bring a non-sweet dish to share. Fun, food and friendship.

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS!!

Party Bridge VI needs bridge players, whether on a regular basis or as subs. Also, we are considering offering lessons to any ladies who would like to get back into playing Bridge or those who are interested in learning.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month in each other's homes. No one has to prepare lunch as we each bring our own lunch. The hostess provides drinks (iced tea, water, lemonade, etc.) and a light dessert. However, if you do not want to host in your home, our group is amenable to playing in a restaurant with a private room.

This group is VERY laid back and laughs a lot. We have great fun and would love to expand our membership. If you are interested, please give me a call or shoot me an email.

Sherry Dunn, 281-430-4567, sdunn1128@gmail.com

REPORT FROM PREVIOUS TREASURER AND CURRENT TREASURER

At the September General Meeting, questions were asked about the bank balance, the Holiday Luncheon last December and the Spring Luncheon in May. Here is bank balance, and detailed financial information for each event.

Balance in our Chase Bank account as of 5/31/2016 was \$8,211.22.

CHARITY LUNCHEON, December 2, 2015

Expenses:

Northgate Country Club	\$5,620.00
Decorations	289.37
Quartet	240.00
Snowflake ornament favors	255.00
Programs printed	93.37
Bags	<u>4.33</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$6,502.37*</u>

Income:

Tickets Sold	\$6,680.00
Silent Auction	2,930.00
Raffle	1,148.00
Centerpieces sold	<u>440.00</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$11,198.00</u>

Amount allocated from FAN	\$ 1,000.00
Income less expenses	6,502.07
Donation made to Reach Unlimited	<u>(5,000.00)</u>
Net income over expense	<u>\$ 695.63</u>

SPRING LUNCHEON, May 10, 2016

Expenses:

Northgate Country Club	\$4,120.00
Decorations	702.55
Supplies	<u>5.38</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$4,827.93*</u>

Revenue:

Tickets Sold	<u>\$3,990.00</u>
Total Revenue:	<u>\$3,990.00</u>

Amount allocated from FAN	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Income less expenses	<u>(\$ 237.93)</u>

*NOTE: There were many expenses were "absorbed" by committee members to make the events profitable.

MAINSTREET AMERICA.

UPDATE

The social sold out at the September meeting! Thank you.

Those of you attending, remember it is **Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m.** Please be there promptly for a short presentation and a map of the site. Also, you can pick up your nametag, check off the attendee sheet and get a MainStreet brochure. If you are late, stop at the information desk.

Lunch is \$16 cash. This includes a deli-style box lunch, bottled water, coffee service, tax and gratuity. The Member's lounge will be open for us the second half of the tour, with a cookie tray, coffee and vending machines if you need a snack later.

You may use credit cards to purchase items you see as everything, even the homes, are for sale at below retail price.

You will tour the houses on your own; it is not a guided tour. You can stop and rest whenever you choose and leave whenever you want. The venue is open until 6:00 p.m. There are 12 fully decorated homes and a design center. Only four of the 12 homes are two-story so you may choose not to climb any stairs.

The address is located on the 18750 Interstate 45, on the northbound I-45 feeder, north of FM 1960. There is a huge sign and plenty of parking. There will be no re-funds after October 10. This is going to be a fun social, so dress casually and wear your walking shoes. See you there.

Jacquie Stamates and June McMillin

Treasurer's Report

Wow! Thank you, ladies, for being so generous with our first **50/50 Raffle** of the year. At our September meeting the grand total was \$218. Of that amount, \$109 goes into the FAN bank account while the other \$109 was divided between our raffle winners, **Barbara Hay** and **Lena Habiby**, who received \$54.50 each.

Thank you for participating in this monthly fund raiser!

Myrle Kozlowski, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome to FAN!! Our membership now totals 237, with 12 new members. Here is a list of the renewing and new members who didn't make it into the 2016-17 Directory. You might want to keep this list with your Directory so you will have contact information for everyone.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Phone Contact</u>	<u>Alternate contact information</u>
Sheila Boehm	713-208-2129	sheila_boehm@yahoo.com
Darlene Buchanan	281-586-8763	rbuchanan8@comcast.net
Nanette Buckley	713-817-2745	naniebuckley@gmail.com
Sandra Castillo	713-805-6783	281-256-6006
Christel Clark	832-655-2356	christelncclark@gmail.com
Susan (Sue) Collins	832-752-5720	sbmcollins@aol.com
Jean Fauntleroy	281-444-2084	jfaunt4@yahoo.com
Carole Garrigan	281-610-1064	carole5134@gmail.com
Jean Heineman	281-507-2378	dheineman@sbcglobal.net
Linda Lagerquist	281-753-1536	elseequist@sbcglobal.net
Carol Maratea	832-477-0721	carolmaratea@att.net
Judith McAllister	832-562-1630	judithmcallister@icloud.com
Valerie Murray	832-515-5933	vsfinishingtouch@aol.com
Judith Sergi	281-222-0166	judi_sergi@yahoo.com
Josetta Smith	713-828-4002	281-807-9499
Kathy Winn	713-299-4699	kathywinn@yahoo.com

Good news! There is still time to join. You may mail a check to me with your membership application or bring them to the October meeting. As you enter Faithbridge Church at the right rear door, you will find a Membership table for members and guests to sign in and pay dues.

If you know anyone who would like to join, tell her how to contact me, and I can give her any information she needs. If you need a membership application, one is always available on our website. Or, you can provide her with one of our new brochures.

Contact me if you have any changes in your address, phone or e-mail! Call me at 713-857-2131 (leave a message if I'm not available) or me email at sdunn@entouch.net.

Sherry Dunn, Second Vice President – Membership



DAY TRIPS Yellowstone Paddle Wheeler Cruise/Dido's Lunch Trip Friday, October 21

The cost of this trip is \$25.00 per person. You may call me to sign up or at the October general meeting. It might **not** be possible to refund after October 13.

Lunch is on your own, with prices from \$10 to \$15, and a 20% tip added. We are going to cruise for an hour and one-half on one of Texas' small rivers—the San Bernard. The Yellowstone is USCG (United States Coast Guard) certified and certainly embodies the spirit of the 1800s.

We leave at 8:30 a.m. SHARP, from the Fitness Connection at Champion Forest and Louetta. All members are welcome.

Sharon Wesson, 281-251-6940

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Cissie Alexander

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**FRIENDS &
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OF FM 1960

EDITOR'S NOTE

All articles for the
November 2016 newsletter
should be submitted before
October 13 to
Cissie Alexander at
mpalex1@swbell.net.

Deadline for last-minute
changes is
October 20.

Faithbridge staff proves most welcoming to FAN

September's first meeting at Faithbridge Church revealed improvement opportunities, so the church staff and FAN Board have taken steps to improve our comfort.

First, the Board is adding ice water in lieu of nearby water fountains, and we'll take another look at that after the October 4 meeting.

Second, we will have access to a large ladies room in the East Building, directly across the tree-shaded plaza from our meeting room.

Remember: drive to the *right rear* of the church and look for the tree-shaded walkway. FAN meets in the Kids' Zone building on the *left*. Look for the balloons! And, as always, our smiling greeters will be watching for you!