FANfare

Friends And Neighbors Women's Club
www.fanwomensclub.com

March 2022

FAN General Meetings

FAN meets on the *first* Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (September through May).

Faithbridge Church
18000 Stuebner Airline Rd.
Spring, TX 77379

Social Hour begins at 9:30 a.m.

The next General Meeting is Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Kashmira Sutaria, left, **Barbara Cady**, **Sharon Wiers**, and **Judy Gunn** enjoy Party Bridge VI.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are one busy bunch of belles.... As evidenced by this *FANfare* chock full of news.

Our Nominating Committee has an initial slate of candidates for Executive Board positions to present to you at the March 1 General Meeting. Nominations will continue to be accepted through March 31. The final slate of candidates will be presented for your vote at the April General Meeting. Thank you, **Jennifer Banks**, for chairing the committee.

Our Charity Chair gave a list of charities to the Board for review, and three where selected for the membership to vote on. See page 7 for details. Thank you, **Linda Comeaux**, for timely solicitation from our members and keeping your eyes and ears open to identify local charities for us to consider.

Our Spring Luncheon Chairs are busy with plans for our May 3 event. I look forward to signing up for one of the committees because it is a FANtastic way to meet members outside my usual activity groups. Thank you, **Diane Webb, Elsie Colwell** and **Sue Ann Lurcott** for making this event happen.

As if we don't have enough to do, our Membership VP will kick off the membership renewal campaign in March. We have **Claudia Gallagher** to thank for our outstanding membership growth and renewal rate this year... 67 new members, so far!

I cannot close the March message without sharing an old Irish proverb: "Life is like a cup of tea; it's all in how you make it."

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Kathy Court, President

PROGRAM

Pearl Fincher | **Museum of Fine Arts**

Courtney Gardner, Museum Director at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, is our guest speaker at the March FAN General Meeting on Tuesday, March 1.

The mission of the Pearl Fincher MFA is to provide direct, first-hand access to original works of art and other culturally, historically and aesthetically significant objects to a regional, national and international audience. The Pearl offers outstanding, inclusive educational and public programming.

Admission is always free.

Ms. Gardner will present the history of the Pearl Fincher MFA, describe the Student Art Contest and detail how the museum has grown over the years, including its recovery from the unwelcome Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The museum offers many programs to educate and interest those of all ages, from children to adults, with many "hands-on" projects, too.

Look forward to welcoming Ms. Gardner and learning more about "one of the hidden treasures" in northwest Houston.

Sherry Dunn, 1st VP Programs

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Randee Saber	3/1
Sandy Remson	3/6
Barbara Rogers	3/6
Sharlene Nelson	3/11
Betty Horelica	3/13
Barbara Hey	3/18
Marie Remik	3/18
Brenda Hannah	3/22
Debi Swaney	3/25
Diane Wofford	3/15
Penny Clissold	3/19
Mary Rosser	3/28

50/50 RAFFLE

February General Meeting

Winners:

Emma Rice	$80.00
Karen Lewis	$80.00
FAN Funds	$160.00
Total Collected	$320.00

Come by the Treasurer's table, buy a few tickets and you could be our next lucky winner!

SUNSHINE

We have sent Thoughts, Prayers, Sympathy or Sunshine Wishes to these members:

Kim Gerrish's father passed away.

Charla Hannibal's son passed away.

Sharlene Nelson's husband, Larry, passed away.

Graduation is approaching! Please send me your graduate's names for the May FANfare.

Thoughts & Prayers,
Shelley Gross, Sunshine Chair
(Text 832-428-3027 for Sunshine needs)

MEMBERSHIP

"Friendship is one of the sweetest joys of life."

As of February 1, we have the following membership:

247 Total Members
180 Renewing Members
67 NEW Members (27% of total)

February General Meeting Attendance:

80 Attendance
0 Newly Joined Members

Remember to tell your friends and neighbors about FAN and encourage them to come to an activity or meeting with you so they can see for themselves what a nice group we are!

Please contact me at claudiagallagher@yahoo.com with Directory information updates and the information will be corrected. You will receive an attachment to your *FANfare* with any updates, plus new member information.

Claudia Gallagher, 2nd VP Membership

SUPPORT FAN: Write a Google Review

Writing a Google review is the same as telling your friends and family what you love about FAN...and I'm sure the list is long! When potential FAN members are looking online for a new women's club to join, Google reviews help them learn more about what we individually enjoy about our membership. Reading the reviews hopefully will lead them to give FAN a try!

How do you write a Google review? There are several different ways to access Google reviews, and I'm providing just one example. But if you know another way, use whatever way works for you.

If you have a Google account (Gmail, YouTube, Google Play, Google Drive) proceed as shown below. If you don't have a Google account (for example you have a Yahoo email), you will reach a point where you are asked to sign in to your Google account. See the third bullet for how to address this (you don't need a Google account).

- From your cellphone, open the app Google Maps (or download the app if you don't have it). Then search for Friends And Neighbors Women's Club (FAN). Scroll down on the listing to find the five empty stars and tap on the stars for your rating (hopefully 5 stars!). You can then leave comments to complete the review.
- From your computer, go to Google Maps and then search for Friends And Neighbors Women's Club (FAN). A window will appear on the left side showing details about FAN. Scroll down to where it says "Review Summary" and then click on More Reviews. A button will appear that says Write a Review, so click it and a window will open on the screen. Click the stars to rate FAN and then type to leave a full review.
- <u>If you do not have a Google account:</u> when the screen appears that says to sign in to your Google account, click on the button at the bottom right that says "**Create account**." Then choose "For myself." Instead of creating a Google account, look a few rows down and select choose "**Use my current email address instead**." Once you're able to log in, go back and follow the instructions above.

Laurie Nimberger, Web Manager

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee met to develop a slate of officers to present to members for voting at the April General Meeting. The slated candidates will be introduced to you at the March General Meeting. Nominations will continue to be accepted until March 31.

Enrich your FAN membership by becoming even more involved. Help plan events, select this year's charity, set policies and recruit new members. If you are imaginative, organized and love to have fun, then you are a perfect candidate

Consider giving your name to the Nominating Committee as a prospective officer for 2022-2023. Board members work hard and play hard, often enjoying no-host lunches following Board Meetings. Many have developed stronger, deeper friendships as a by-product of their work.

The major responsibilities of the elected Executive Board positions are:

President: Presides over General and Board Meetings, and appoints Extended Board members. Guides the officers and committee chairs in managing the organization to improve members' experience.

1st Vice President: Plans programs of interest to the members at General Meetings. Introduces speakers and oversees the meetings' arrangements. With the president, secures a venue for General Meetings. Manages a budget for speakers' fees or honoraria, and venue rental.

2nd Vice President: Manages membership functions such as maintaining a roster, collecting dues, hosting registration at General Meetings and responding to inquiries. Requires experience with Excel and Word.

Secretary: Records minutes at Board and General Meetings for review and approval. Requires experience with word processing software.

Treasurer: Documents all club income and expenses, pays invoices and maintains the checking account. Works closely with the Auditor and chairs the Budget Committee. Requires experience with Quicken or other accounting software.

Auditor: Reviews Treasurer's reports and prepares year-end records for accounting firm.

Newsletter Editor: Organizes, designs and prints the monthly newsletter, using information provided primarily by Board members and Activity Group Leaders. Requires use of MS Publisher.

Historian: Documents FAN fun with photos at events and encourages members to submit photos of their FAN activities. Creates a memory book for the retiring President.

Advisor: A past president advises the Board, providing great continuity and context.

For more detailed job descriptions, see the Bylaws beginning on page 48 of the 2021-2022 Directory or contact any incumbent officer.

Jennifer Banks, Nominating Committee Chair

DAY TRIP

Tour of Round Top Festival Institute in Round Top, Texas
Friday, March 11

Are you ready for a FAN Day trip? We only have a few spots left so sign-up by February 25! We're going to Round Top, famous for its antique shops, as well as its concerts by renowned musicians held at the Festival Hill Institute. Founded by pianist James Dick in 1976, the campus offers visitors shadowed lakes, picnic areas, jogging trails and wonderful herb gardens. In addition to the School Building (1956), the only building on the original 6-acre site, the William Lockhart Clayton House (1885) from La Grange, and the Menke House (1902) from Hempstead, came to Festival Hill soon after its creation and today provide lodging, meeting, rehearsal, dining and practice space for the Young Artists, faculty and staff. In 1994, the Edythe Bates Old Chapel (1883), formerly the Travis Street United Methodist Church of La Grange, was added to the campus. The landscaping is spectacular, generously planted with thousands of trees and bushes of various species. More recent additions to the property include the Texas/ Mediterranean Albert and Ethel Herzstein Stone Chapel and Memorial Plaza, the Log House and the three Artist's Residences.

We are scheduled for a 90-minute guided walking tour starting at 10:30 a.m. The campus tour includes the 1,000-seat magnificent Festival Concert Hall, similar to grand European architecture with its ornate woodwork, grand staircases, hand-crafted chandeliers and keen attention to detail. The tour includes the David W. Guion and Anders and Josephine Oxehufwud Museum Rooms, the Edythe Bates Old Chapel with a 1835 Henry Erben Organ and a 1863 Traugott Wandke Organ, and the Menke House parlors. Low-heeled walking shoes are recommended. Masks are suggested but not required. **The cost of the tour is $10.00** ($8.00 entrance fee + $2.00 Bus Driver's lunch.)

After the tour, there will be free time in Round Top for shopping and lunch (your cost) at Royer's, The Bake Shoppe or a restaurant of your choice.

The bus will depart from the parking lot at Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Dr., at 8:15 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m.

Sign up ASAP to Noemi Sirisaengtaksin at noemits@gmail.com. **The deadline to pay is Friday, February 25, after which no refunds can be made**. To sign up, mail a **$10** check **payable to FAN** and this Reservation Form to **Noemi Sirisaengtaksin.** Final details will be emailed to each participant by March 4. This exciting tour is being coordinated by Day Trip Chair, **Noemi Sirisaengtaksin**, and **Carolyn Grimes**.

_____ Clip & Mail with Check to Noemi Sirisaengtaksin at her address in the Directory _____

RESERVATION FORM
Friday, March 11 Tour of Round Top Festival Institute, Round Top

NAME: (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #: _____

CHECK #: _____ Amount: _____ Date: _____

SOCIAL

Saturday, April 9

5:15 p.m. Doors Open

Spouses and Guest Welcome

$28.99 per person

Includes Winners Circle Entrance Fee, Dinner, Tax and Tip

The tables fill up quickly so please pay in advance **ASAP** by sending a check payable to FAN and mail immediately to **Debi Swaney**.

The Winner Circle Experience offers Window Seating which is close to the action with an amazing view of the track. Each table is provided with a server and flat screen television. The elaborate beverage menu is extra and features spirits, wine and premium bottled beers. The dinner menu will be posted earlier that week at shrp.com.

Place your own personal wagers or just enjoy watching Live Thoroughbred Racing for 1 or all 10 races between 6:45 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Prizes for the most original derby bonnet and funniest hat!

Free Parking

Payment must be received on or before March 1 at the General Meeting! No refunds. Please email me at jacquie1942@att.net if you have any questions.

Jacquie Stamates, Social Chair

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 18

New FAN Members will receive an email with details.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR FAN MEMBERSHIP

Please COMPLETELY fill in the Membership Form on Page 11 of the *FANfare* and return with your $25 check to me by mail or at a General Meeting.

Claudia Gallager, 2nd VP Membership

CHARITY

Six charities were submitted from our membership for 2022-2023. The Board discussed each selection and chose three charities for your consideration. Please take the time to visit each charity's website for detailed information. Ballots will be distributed at the April General Meeting.

Bridging for Tomorrow
5351 W. Richey Rd., Houston, TX 77066
281-203-0830
Bridging For Tomorrow

Offers programs and services to the underserved in the community. Adults work towards confidently managing day-to-day tasks so their children are free to be children through health screenings, clubs, mentoring, counseling, enrichment classes, literacy classes and a food pantry.

Moving Waters—Houston
13831 Campwood Ln., Cypress, TX, 77429
832-790-7499
Moving Waters Houston

Improves the quality of life for the unhoused in the Houston—Galveston area by providing private individual space for showers via a mobile shower service and a well stocked hygiene kit. All of this within a safe, friendly environment with fellowship and respect to promote long-term dignity.

Shield Bearer
12337 Jones Rd., Suite 114, Houston, TX 77070
281 894-7222
Shield Bearer

Promotes individual growth and development through counseling services. 92 cents of every dollar directly helps victims of human trafficking, 1st Responders, veterans, families, suicide ideation, marriages in crisis, severe depression, PTSD, complex trauma and domestic violence.

Linda Comeaux, Charity Chair

May 3

11:30 a.m.

$45.00

Includes Lunch and Dessert
Wine Available

Shirley Acres

217 Woerner Rd.
Houston, Texas 77090

Mark Your Calendar

Registration begins at the March General Meeting

LINE DANCING

Kickin' up the dance floor in January were **Maggie Farhadi**, left, **Elsie Colwell**, **Cathy Harrison**, **Kashmira Sutaria**, **Sharon Crum**, **Kim Gerrish**, **Barbara Rogers** and **Emma Rice**.

NO Experience? NO PROBLEM! Boots NOT REQUIRED! We'll start from the beginning, and you'll be dancing in no time.

COME JOIN THE FUN ! ! !

When: 2nd & 4th Monday each month

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts
6815 Cypresswood Dr.
(adjacent to the library)

Contact me at fan.maggie48@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.

Maggie Farhadi, Line Dancing Lead

BOOK CLUBS

Literary Review—Closed Group
Date: March 23
Time: 1:30 PM
Hostess: **Barbara Hine**
Book: *The Dig*
Author: John Preston
Discussion Leader: **Becky East**

Kathy Court, Literary Review Lead
kacourt@att.net

Page Turners—Closed Group
Date: March 9
Time: 1:30 PM
Hostess: **Helen Timpe**
Book: *American Dirt*
Author: Jeanine Cummins
Discussion Leader: **Helen Timpe**

Adrienne Juno, Page Turners Lead
ahjuno@gmail.com

Happy Hour Gals get together on the 3rd Thursday each month. **Helene Levar**, left, **Tanya Russell** and **Rena Malinowski**.

Two week before, we were ready to send this new set of Mah Jongg tiles back to the store because NO ONE was making a Mah Jongg. Finally, **Jennifer Banks** broke the spell. Then **Sherry Dunn** became our 'Mah Jongg' Queen with four Mah Jonggs! Pictured left is **Carolyn Grimes**, left, **Sherry Dunn**, **Jacquie Stamates** and **Jennifer Banks**. Pictured right is **Sherry Dunn** showing off her one of four Mah Jonggs.

NATURE WALKERS

As the weather warms up you'll enjoy more of what the upcoming spring has to offer going on a nature walk. Getting outside to experience the birds singing, flowers blooming and grass turning green can motivate you to start or continue an outdoor walking routine. When looking for an easy way to incorporate physical exercise into your day, there's no easier and inexpensive way than to head outdoors and meet with the FAN nature walkers. We walk at a comfortable pace in the many Precinct Four parks. Walks are scheduled twice a month on a day that the majority chooses. Send your email address to jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net to be put on the email list and come walk with us.

Jacqueline Webster, Nature Walkers Lead

Nature walkers **Heather George**, left and **Sue Collins** enjoy the outdoors in January.

ANTIQUERS AND JUNKERS

Everyone is invited to join us for a shopping trip to the shops in Tomball.

Wednesday, March 16

9:00 a.m.

Meet at Bert Forbes' home for coffee. We will carpool and each person is responsible for her own lunch and $5 to her driver.

Please let Bert and me know by Sunday, March 13, 12:00 noon if you are attending. I'll email you more information and a list of who is going for carpool arrangements.

Loni Dennis, Antiquers and Junkers Lead

These two Mexican Train gamers laid down all their tiles during their first move. **Noemi Sirisaengtaksin**, left, was first and **Etta Gager**, right, followed.

Share your Activity Group photos; get a RAFFLE! ticket!

Email your best photos of your Activity Group in action to Historian **Lin Fish** and you'll receive an extra raffle ticket at the next General Meeting. One ticket per member, please!

Showing off completed canastas are **Carolyn Grimes**, left, **Jeanne O'Sullivan**, February's 1st Place Winner and **Mary Ales,** pictured right.

Railroad Canasta players **Claudia Gallagher**, left, **Rena Malinowski**, February's 2nd Place Winner, **Sherry Dunn** and **Noemi Sirisaengtaksin**.

GARDENING FOR FUN

Meet on the 4th Tuesday, each month

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Plants for All Seasons

21328 State Highway 249

The following topics were discussed during the 1st meeting in February:

- Should we meet earlier in the day IF this venue stays available?
- What should we call our group? Name suggestions?
- What are your primary interests in regard to gardening?
- How much experience have you had in gardening? Green thumb or just learning?
- Suggestions for outings or activities.

Come join our group and see what fun activities are planned for Spring!

Sign-up at the General Meetings or contact me at fan.maggie48@gmail.com.

Maggie Farhadi, Activities Group Chair

♥♣♦♠ RAILROAD CANASTA ♠♦♣♥

Tuesday, March 8

$2.00 + cost of lunch

Would you like to join in? Please contact me if you are not already on the list at kimgerrish@yahoo.com to RSVP by March 4.

Kim Gerrish, Railroad Canasta Lead

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All New and Renewing Members must complete this form.

2022-2023 Application: New Member ___ Renewing Member ___

Section 1: Member Contact & Personal Information

Name *(First/Last)*			
Address			
City		**Phone Number- HOME**	
Zip Code		**Phone Number- CELL**	
Subdivision		**Birthday** *(Month/Day)*	
Email		**Spouse's Name**	

Section 2: Membership Information

A.		Annual dues are $25 covering the period of **June 1 through May 31**. **Make check payable to FAN.** **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 any of 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 web site: https://www.fanwomensclub.com/. An email with a link to the newsletter is sent to members when a new issue is posted.
	a.	**Sign here if your ONLY available method of receiving the newsletter is by U.S. mail. _____**

Section 3: Volunteer Interests *(check all that apply)*

____ Be a Greeter / Help at the Sign-in Table	____ Computer Skills – Word, Excel, Publisher
____ Set-up for Special Events	____ Event Planning / Organizing / Decorating

Section 4: FAN Activities of Interest – currently participates or would like to join *(check all that apply)*

___ Crafting	___ Book Clubs	___ Gardening	___ Line Dancing
___ Antique Outings	___ Day Trips Outside Houston	___ Day Trips in Houston	___ Happy Hour Outings
___ Nature Walkers	___ Movie Outings	___ Lunch in Restaurants	___ Lunch in Member's Homes
___ Technology Lessons	___ Mexican Train	___ Railroad Canasta	___ Bridge
___ Bunco	___ Mah Jongg: Wright-Patterson	___ Mah Jongg: National	___ Evening Social

Return form to: Claudia Gallagher at 17102 Silverthorne Lane Spring, TX 77379

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FAN 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.

EDITOR'S NOTE
All articles for the **April 2022** newsletter should be submitted before **March 11** to **Kim Gerrish** at **kimgerrish@yahoo.com**