

FANfare

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S CLUB



FAN General Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 4th.

George H.W. Bush Community Center
6827 Cypresswood Drive

Coffee & Social Mixer Starts at 9:30 a.m.
Club Business & Program Starts at 10 a.m.

March General Meeting Program: The Art of the Fan

Sandy Darst,
1st Vice President of Programs



We welcome Aline Myers to our March 4th General Meeting for her presentation on the beauty and artistry of Japanese fans.

The language of Japanese fans encompasses traditional art, intricate designs, and symbolic gestures. These fans are renowned for their aesthetic qualities, and serve both practical and ceremonial purposes.

Aline developed her fascination with the language of fans after moving to Houston, where the warm climate made fans an essential part of her wardrobe. She finds the traditional act of fanning oneself to be enchanting. Aline's passion lies in art and in teaching the language of the fan. She is British and French and grew up in both cultures but spends most of her holidays in France. Aline worked in fashion design and formally trained at Westminster College in London. She is a former teacher at Woodland's Preparatory School and, more recently, works at a clinic for autistic children.

President's Message

Kim Gerrish,
President



I really enjoyed Guest Speaker Tracy Bradford as he answered the big question on all our minds, Do Your Kids Really Want Your Treasures? Purses, figurines, china, linens... and if you have more than three, then you have a collection! I came home, looked around, and started thinking of a strategy so the grandkids will want my "stuff!"

LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER *Let the Good Times Roll* at the March 4th General Meeting! It's Mardi Gras...think purple, green & gold for FAN's 46th Anniversary Celebration and Member Appreciation! The fabulous FAN Line Dancers will wow us with their fantastic footwork, and the Montgomery County Women's Center will be on hand to accept the FAN 2024-2025 Charity Donation check. Guest Speaker Aline Myers will let us in on The Art of the FAN. I just can't wait! Lots and lots of excitement for everyone.

Don't forget to sign-up for the April 25th Day Trip to the Harisumiran Mandir (a new Hindu Temple) and St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church, and the May 6th Amicizia Spring Luncheon! Also, send in your Charity and Executive Board Nomination suggestions.

I'm bringing the beads! *See you later ...*



Membership Updates

Gayla Baker,
2nd VP of Membership

Greetings Ladies,

As of February 12th, we have 298 paid members who have renewed or joined for the 2024-25 season of FAN.

At the General Meeting on February 4th, we had 117 ladies in attendance, which included 110 members, 7 guests, 5 of whom joined our club, and 2 who we hope will join next time.

All our members love the meetings and meeting new people. There's more excitement and fun to be had, and we continually seem to be adding new activities to enjoy.

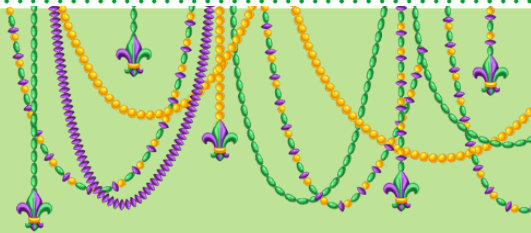
We wish to extend a warm welcome to our newest members who have joined since the February newsletter:

- **Jonell Ault**
- **Doris Hardwick**
- **Brenda Miller**
- **Nancy Stietenroth**
- **Traci Weirich**

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 'til next month!



Randee Saber	3/1
Gayle McMaster	3/2
Marge Mitchell	3/4
Jeanne Remik	3/7
Mila Walker	3/7
Lyle Evans	3/8
Courtney Ires-Cohen	3/9
Cynthia Payne	3/9
Eddie Pratz	3/9
Judy Williams	3/10
Sharlene Nelson	3/11
Kay Wilson	3/14
Diane Wofford	3/15
Nancy Strange	3/16
Linda Musthaler	3/17
Barbara Hey	3/18
Marie Remik	3/18
Cathy Salyers	3/19
Connie Diaz	3/22
Brenda Hannah	3/22
Mary Lynne O'Brien	3/24
Ila Dennis	3/25
Dana Montroy	3/25
Debi Swaney	3/25
Leslie Brass	3/29
Jane Linden	3/29
Nik Cattin	3/31

Railroad Canasta

Kim Gerrish, Railroad Canasta Lead

Next date: Tuesday, March 12th
\$2.00 + cost of lunch



Would you like to join? Trained players get together on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you need training or want to be added to the contact list, just email kimgerrish@yahoo.com.

February Winners:



1st Place Duo
Claudia Gallagher & Cathy Harrison



2nd Place
Susan Kleimann



3rd Place
Etta Gager

Rays of Sunshine

Jennifer Banks, Sunshine Chair

A ray of sunshine was sent to **Carole Corey**. We continue to keep all our FAN friends in our thoughts as they deal with life's challenges, whatever that may be. If you or a FAN friend have good news or need support during a difficult time, please contact me at jennb6@aol.com.



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

FAN Executive Board Election of Officers

Kathy Court, *Nominating Committee Chair*

The FAN Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the 2024-2025 FAN Executive Board:

Position	Nominee
President	Sandy Darst
1st Vice President - Programs	Ernye Zawitkowski
2nd Vice President - Membership	Marybeth Magallanes
Secretary	Barbara Pack
Treasurer	Laurie Nimberger
Auditor	Idalia Skates
Newsletter Editor	Tiffany Cady
Historian	Kathy Court

At the March 5th General Meeting, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor for any office by any active member, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained in advance. Nominations will remain open through March 31st. If you or someone you know is interested in filling a board position, please talk to anyone on the Nominating Committee. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have about duties and responsibilities.

Your Nominating Committee: **Kathy Court**, **Gayla Baker**, **Laurie Nimberger**, **Char Marks**, **Carla Moore** and **Tina Snodgrass**.

Facebook Pictures

Debi Swaney, *Social Media Chair*



I want to share your Activity group photos and news on the FAN Facebook page, so please send them to me at debi.swaney6@gmail.com.



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FANS in a Pickle!

Emma Rice, *Pickleball Lead*



FAN's first Pickleball group had an organizational meeting on Monday, February 10th. Dinking begins on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting) at the Memorial Northwest Clubhouse Pickleball courts. Let us know if you would like to join this fun group!



Pictured: **Amanda Frueh**, **Susan Kleimann**, **Sally Holberg**, **Cynthia Payne**, **Yvonne Rogers**, **Debi Swaney**, **Donna Morris**, **Nancy Stietenroth**, **Rena Malinowski**, **Tina Snodgrass** and **Emma Rice**.

Charity News

Mary Ales, *Charity Chair*

We will be presenting a check to the Montgomery County Women's Center at our March 4th General Meeting.

It could not have happened without your support and commitment to MCWC and FAN. **Thank you!**

Now I need your help in selecting our next FAN Charity for 2025-2026. There are a lot of wonderful and worthy charities in our area that need our support. Please nominate a local charity that you know about or have worked with. Just fill out the form shown below and return it to me by March 9th.

If you have any questions, please contact me at maryales13@gmail.com.



Diego Popoca, the Manager of Las Mañanitas, presented **Mary Ales** with a check for \$400 after our MCWC fundraising event!

Help Recommend the Charity That FAN Supports in 2025-2026

Mary Ales, *Charity Chair*

We are accepting charity recommendations for our 2025-2026 fundraising efforts. The Charity Committee, led by **Mary Ales** and committee members **Jennifer Banks** and **Dorothy Parmenter**, will review completed forms and information, provide all choices to the Board, and then submit three options for members to vote on at the April General Meeting. **The deadline for submissions is March 9th.** Please complete this form and email it to maryales13@gmail.com, or turn it in at the March General Meeting.



Name of Charity: _____

Type of Charity: _____

Charity Contact Information: _____

Charity Website and Social Media Pages (Facebook, etc.):

Who does the charity benefit? Why is this charity a good choice for FAN?

Please provide written material such as a brochure. Thank you!

FAN Day Trip Review: 'George H.W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum' on Friday, February 7th, 2025

Carolyn Grimes, Day Trips Chair

On February 7th, twenty-three ladies spent a beautiful day touring the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum including the grounds where President Bush, First Lady Barbara, and daughter Robin are buried. The library is filled with many exhibits preserving history and his legacy promoting public service. We also had a delicious lunch at Billy's Grille and Bar in Bryan.



Ladies attending in alphabetical order: **Gayla Baker, Courtney Bryan, Tiffany Cady, Linda Comeaux, Dawn Dodson, Sandra Dusang, Linda Frank-Gearon, Claudia Gallagher, Kim Gerrish, Carolyn Grimes, Judy Gunn, Susan Kleimann, Sue Mason, June McMillin, Donna Morris, Annette Murray, Jeanne O'Sullivan, Cynthia Payne, Linda Putback, Pat Ramsey, Idalia Skates, Susan White, and Sharon Wiers.**



Left: **Claudia Gallagher** in a replica of the Oval Office of President George H.W. Bush.

Above: Gravesite of President George H.W. Bush, First Lady Barbara Bush and daughter Robin who died of leukemia at age 3.

FAN Activities News!

Donna Morris,
Activities Chair



- **Tiffany Cady** has offered to plan a theater outing for couples (FAN members with a plus one) if there is interest. Please sign up at the March meeting at the Activities' table for these groups.
- The new Pickleball Group will be meeting on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. at the Memorial Northwest Pickleball Courts on Theiss Mail Route Rd. Contact **Emma Rice** for more information.
- I will be starting a list for a new Book Club and a new Lunch group since FAN members have been on a wait list for several months in some cases. Also, we will be assessing interest in continuing the Couples Social Group with one or two activities a year.

Please note: If you signed up for a group in the past, you do not need to sign up for THAT specific group again. Thanks!

DID YOU KNOW?

You can view old newsletters, meeting minutes, and more in the member's only section of our website. Click on 'FAN Member Login' at the bottom of the home page at www.fanwomensclub.com and enter the password FANTASTIC (use all caps).

February 50/50 Raffle

We choose 3 winners in the raffle to receive cash prizes!

Winners (each won \$68 x 3): \$204
 FAN Funds: \$201
 Total Collected: \$405



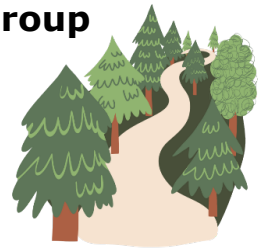
Noemi Sirisaengtaksin

Cynthia Blackledge

Ana De La Garza

Nature Walkers Group

Jacqueline Webster,
Nature Walkers Lead



Come and join the FAN Nature Walkers to enjoy the tranquility of walking along a forest path, to notice the natural beauty of the area surroundings, to listen to the sounds of nature, and to be in the serene atmosphere of nature. We meet twice a month, on days weather permitting, and walk at a pleasant pace for about 60 to 90 minutes in various locations of our Precinct Three parks. Submit your name and email address to jqwebster1@sbcglobal.net to be put on the walkers list.



Mark your calendar for these upcoming FAN events!

- April 1:** **General Meeting** featuring Jim Parsons, Director of Programs at Preservation Houston
- April 25:** **Day Trip:** Harisumiran Mandir and St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church
- May 6:** **Amicizia Spring Luncheon**

Many thanks to **Susan Butler** for proofreading the newsletter!

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Antiquers & Junkers: *Tomball*

Etta Gager,
Antiquers & Junkers
Lead



The March outing for Antiquers & Junkers will be **Wednesday, March 19th** with a trip to Tomball. The trip is hosted by **Susan Kleimann** and **Debi Swaney**, and they will send an email out the first week of March. We do not have a Precinct Bus reserved for this trip so everyone will need to carpool. Contact egager8@yahoo.com for any questions.

Literary Review Book Club

Kathy Court, *Literary Review Lead*

Date: March 26th
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Hostess: **Kathy Court**
Book: *She Wanted It All*
Author: Kathryn Casey

Page Turners Book Club

Adrienne Juno, *Page Turners Lead*

Date: March 12th
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: **Betty Carew**
Book: *Music of the Bees*
Author: Eileen Garvin



Mexican Train II

Randee Saber, *Mexican Train II Lead*

Our group is open to new members. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. at Oriental Gardens Restaurant. Please contact me for more details.



Mexican Train III

Barbara Pack, *Mexican Train III Lead*

Our group is open to new members. Join us on the 4th Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Las Mañanitas Restaurant. Please contact me for more details.

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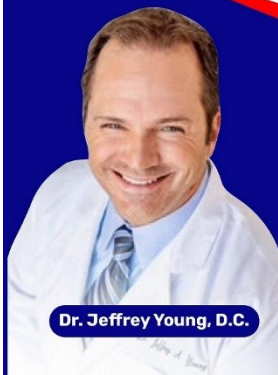


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Dirt Divas: *Enchanted Forest*

Etta Gager,
Dirt Divas
Lead

On **Thursday, March 25th** the Dirt Divas will visit the Enchanted Forest in Richmond to



see the beautiful spring flowers. **Linda Comeaux** and **Gail Stone** are hosting the trip and will send an email in early March. Everyone will need to carpool. For information about Dirt Divas, contact me at egager8@yahoo.com.

FAN Day Trip: 'Harisumiran Mandir and St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church' on Friday, April 25th, 2025

Carolyn Grimes, Day Trips Chair

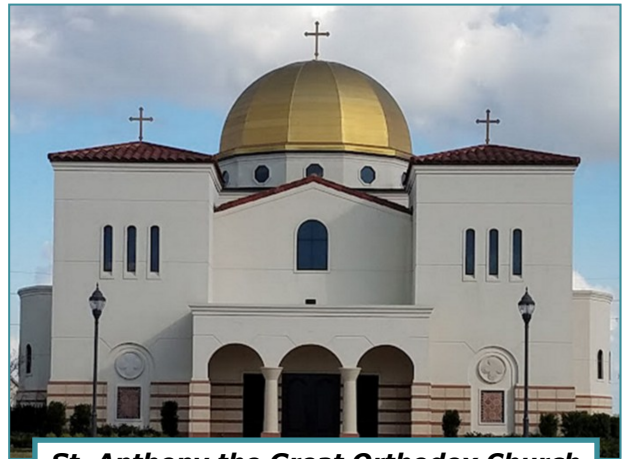
We have reservations to tour the Harisumiran Mandir, a Hindu Swaminarayan Temple at 10:00 a.m. followed by Chai Tea and Samosas. This is a new temple that opened in our area in August 2024.

We will have lunch at Luby's Cafeteria.

After lunch, we have a 1:00 p.m. tour of St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church.

The Precinct 3 bus will depart from the George H.W. Bush Community Center located at 6827 Cypresswood Drive in Spring. The bus will be available for boarding at 9:15 a.m. and will depart at 9:45 a.m. We should return home around 2:30 p.m. or earlier.

Sign up at a General Meeting or by mail. The deadline to pay for this tour will be Friday, April 11th after which no refunds can be made. Please bring a check for \$2.00 payable to FAN or cash to the GMs or mail it to Carolyn Grimes, 8838 Leaning Hollow Lane, Spring, TX 77379. Final details will be emailed to each participant by April 18th.



St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church



Harisumiran Mandir



RESERVATION FORM: Mail to **Carolyn Grimes** at 8838 Leaning Hollow Lane, Spring, TX 77379
Friday, April 25th, 2025: Harisumiran Mandir and St. Anthony the Great Orthodox Church

Name (Please print): _____

Full Address (Street, City, Zip): _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Tel. #: _____

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Deadline to turn in form with payment OR to cancel is **April 20, 2025**.

Turn in the form below along with payments to reserve up to 10 per table.

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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.