

# FANfare

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOMEN'S CLUB

## FAN General Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday,  
February 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.



Be mine

## President's Message

Kim Gerrish,  
President



We welcomed 2025 at the January General Meeting with a loud Happy New Year! Guest Speaker Glenn Wilkerson, President of Cypress Creek Cultural District, gave us a wonderful oral history on the development of the Cypress Creek Cultural District. An idea and vision became a beautiful development, benefiting so many of us today!

So, what's going on next you ask? Tracy Bradford is our guest speaker to answer the big question on all our minds, Do Your Kids Really Want Your Treasures? We will also start accepting reservations for our annual Spring Luncheon which will take place on May 6th at Northgate Country Club (see page 8). Lots of fun you don't want to miss!

Look for more happenings in this FANfare:

- **Donna Morris**, Activity Chair, has several activity opportunities.
- The deadline is January 24th to sign up for **Carolyn Grimes'** Day Trip on February 7th to the 'George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum.'
- **Mary Ales**, Charity Chair, is seeking Charity Recommendations for 2025-2026.
- The Nominating Committee, chaired by **Kathy Court**, is accepting nominations for the 2025-2026 Executive Board.

Give lots of kisses to your sweetheart.  
**See you later ...**



## February General Meeting Program: Collections and Do Your Kids Really Want Your Treasures?

Sandy Darst, 1st Vice President of Programs



Barbara and Tracy Bradford

Join us as we welcome Tracy Bradford who will share his expertise and knowledge of collectibles, and what we can do when our families don't want our treasures. Tracy has a long list of activities and interests including teaching at the Lone Star College Academy for Lifelong Learning (deltiology); operating a postcard

business; selling art and antiques; participating as a member at large for the board of directors for a Houston choral group; acting as a professional Santa Claus; and most recently, being named as secretary/treasurer for the International Federation of Postcard Dealers (IFPD). As a retired CPA, Tracy also continues seasonal work in the tax field. He and his wife, Barbara, have been in the postcard, antique and art business for more than 25 years. Together they operate booths at several different antique malls in North Houston, Spring and Conroe.

## Membership Updates

**Gayla Baker,**  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Membership

As of January 14, 2025, we have 291 paid members who have renewed or joined for the 2024-25 season of FAN.

At the General Meeting on January 7th, we had 111 ladies in attendance, which included 105 members, 4 guests who joined our club, and 2 who we hope will join next time.

All our members are loving the meetings and meeting new people, so keep coming to the meetings and attending the activities. 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 November newsletter:

- **Susan Austin**
- **Corinne Smith**
- **Jane Linden**
- **Barb Tuley**

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!

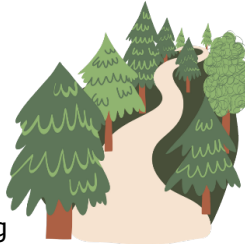
They can also check us out at [www.fanwomensclub.com](http://www.fanwomensclub.com) or email us at [fanwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:fanwomensclub@gmail.com).

*Hugs 'til next month!*

## Nature Walkers Group

**Jacqueline Webster,** *Nature Walkers Lead*

Old Man Winter has already come knocking and many of us are bracing for what's to come. Just because cold air is nipping at your nose and the temperatures are dropping doesn't mean you should forgo a walking practice. Winter walking is actually quite good for you. It lifts your mood naturally while getting Vitamin D, your immune system is activated and you get a boost of energy without the caffeine. The FAN Nature Walkers invite you to start walking with us thru the many Precinct 3 parks. Walks are scheduled on days when most of the group can participate. Send your email address and cell phone number to [jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcwebster1@sbcglobal.net). Hope to see you in the great outdoors.



## 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 [www.fanwomensclub.com](http://www.fanwomensclub.com) and enter the password FANTASTIC (use all caps).

## 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](mailto:debi.swaney6@gmail.com).



Blaire Calabro	2/1
Helene Levar	2/1
Robin Hudson	2/1
Patricia Natole	2/2
Elizabeth Rice	2/2
Debbie Blailock	2/6
Sharon Wiers	2/6
Joycelyn Allmon	2/8
Olga Conwell	2/9
Eva Grigg	2/12
Mary Ales	2/13
Elaine Jones	2/14
Patsy Justice	2/14
Sandy Dusang	2/14
SJ Lewis	2/15
Marsha Muller	2/15
Kathy Ghiselli	2/16
Patti Suitt	2/16
Heather Graham	2/17
Tiffany Cady	2/18
Christel Clark	2/23
Haroline Hatley	2/25
Heather George	2/26
Cynthia Overstrom	2/26
Valerie Minyen	2/28

## January 50/50 Raffle

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

Winners (each won \$51 x 3): \$153  
 FAN Funds: \$154  
 Total Collected: \$307



**Sharon Glasgow**

**Jennifer Banks**

**Susan Kleimann**

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## Looking for a Purpose?

### FIND IT BY JOINING THE FAN BOARD

**Kathy Court**, Nominating Committee Chair

If you are interested in being part of the leadership team of FAN and want to share your skills and experience to make FAN an even more dynamic, vibrant and active club, become a Board member.

The FAN Nominating Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on the FAN Executive Board for 2025-2026. While many of our current Executive Board members would enjoy continuing to serve in their current positions, they have reached their two-year term limit requiring them to step aside. In any event, all positions are open for nominations and those are:

- **President**—presides over all Club meetings
- **1st Vice President Programs**—arranges a suitable location and programs for the General Meetings
- **2nd Vice President Membership**—responsible for membership data base, annual membership drive and meeting attendance records
- **Secretary**—records and publishes minutes for all General Membership and Board meetings
- **Treasurer**—in charge of all Club financial matters
- **Auditor**—reviews bank statements and reconciliations of expenditures and income
- **Newsletter Editor**—gathers articles and photos for publication in monthly FANfare newsletter
- **Historian**—keeps pictorial record of all Club activities and events for the year
- **Advisor**—typically a past President

The 2025-2026 Nominating Committee members are:

- **Kathy Court**—Chair
- **Gayla Baker**—Member
- **Laurie Nimberger**—Member
- **Carla Moore**—Member
- **Tina Snodgrass**—Member
- **Char Marks**—Member
- **Leslie Pelezo**—Alternate
- **Dot Parmenter**—Alternate

Additional information about these positions and the nominating process will be available at the Nominating Committee table at the February General Meeting. Come talk to us, even if it's just to say Hi. If that's not convenient, feel free to contact any committee member.

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## Dirt Divas: *Butterfly Museum*

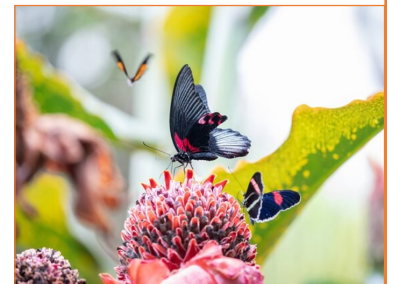
**Etta Gager**,  
Dirt Divas Lead

On **Thursday, February 25th** the Dirt Divas will visit the Butterfly Museum.

**Joanne Elliott** and **Char Marks** are

hosting the trip and will send an email in early February. Everyone will need to carpool.

For information about Dirt Divas, contact me at [egager8@yahoo.com](mailto:egager8@yahoo.com).



# Charity

Mary Ales, Charity Chair

This has been an exciting year for our 2024 Charity, the Montgomery County Women's Center.



Thanks to everyone who supported them throughout the year with donations, purchases and participating in our fundraisers. The total amount we will contribute will be announced at our March meeting. Stay tuned...

Now it's the New Year and it is time to pick a new charity for 2025-2026. There are a lot of wonderful and worthy charities in our area that need our support, but I need your help now. Please nominate a local charity that you know about or have worked with. Just fill out the attached form and return it to me by March 9th.

Any questions, please contact me at [maryales13@gmail.com](mailto:maryales13@gmail.com). Thank you.

## Help Recommend the Charity That FAN Supports in 2025-2026

Mary Ales, Charity Chair

We are accepting charity recommendations for our 2024-2025 fundraising efforts. The Charity Committee, led by **Mary Ales**, will review completed forms and information, provide all choices to the Board, then submit three choices for members to vote on at the April General Meeting. **The deadline for submissions is March 9th.** Please complete this form and email to [maryales13@gmail.com](mailto:maryales13@gmail.com), or turn the form in at the February and March General Meetings.



**Name of Charity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Charity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Charity Contact Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Charity Website and Social Media Pages (Facebook, etc.):**  
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**Who does the charity benefit? Why is this charity a good choice for FAN?**

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

## FAN Activities

**Donna Morris,**  
Activities Chair



FAN members have shown lots of interest in the many FAN Activity groups including some new groups.

- The new Pickleball group will be led by **Emma Rice**.
- **Mary Lynne O'Brien** has started a new Cribbage group.
- **Linda Musthaler** will be starting a Rummy group this spring.
- We are looking for a new leader for the Couples Social group, let me know if you would be interested.

Contact these ladies for more information or sign up at the Activity table at the FAN General Meeting.

## Railroad Canasta

**Kim Gerrish,**  
Railroad Canasta Lead



Next date: Tuesday, February 11th  
\$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](mailto:kimgerrish@yahoo.com).

### January Winners:



1st Place  
**Gayla Baker**

2nd Place  
**Claudia Gallagher**

3rd Place  
**Cathy Harrison**



**Mark your calendar for these upcoming FAN events!**

- February 4:** **General Meeting** featuring Tracy Bradford discussing 'Do Your Kids Really Want Your Treasures?'
- February 7:** **Day Trip** to George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum
- March 4:** **General Meeting** featuring Ailene Myers 'The Art of the FAN: Learn the Language of the Japanese Fan'
- April 1:** **General Meeting** featuring Jim Parsons, Director of Programs at Preservation Houston
- May 6:** **Spring Luncheon**

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

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## Rays of Sunshine

Jennifer Banks, *Sunshine Chair*

***Keep your face to the sunshine  
and you cannot see a shadow.***

Recently sent caring thoughts to our FAN friends **Barbara Pack, Mary Papageorge, Sandy Darst** and **Brenda Van Derbur**. We also wish continued Sunshine to our friends dealing with family and personal health issues.

If you or a FAN friend have good news or need support during a difficult time, please contact me, at [jennb6@aol.com](mailto:jennb6@aol.com).

## Antiquers & Junkers: Cypress/290



**Etta Gager,**  
*Antiquers & Junkers Lead*

The February outing for Antiquers & Junkers will be **Wednesday, February 19th** with a trip to the Cypress and 290 area. The trip is hosted by **Claudia Gallagher** and **Kathy Court**, and they will send an email out the first week of February. We do not have a Precinct Bus reserved for this trip so everyone will need to carpool. Contact [egager8@yahoo.com](mailto:egager8@yahoo.com) for any questions.

The ladies recently visited The Heights: (*standing*) **Claudia Gallagher, Carol Eiermann, Dorothy Parmenter** and **Shelley Gross** (*seated*) **Linda Comeaux, Gaye Ires, Etta Gager** and **Mary Ales**.



## Literary Review Book Club

**Kathy Court,** *Literary Review Lead*

Date: February 26th  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Hostess: **Dana Montroy**  
Book: *Whereabouts*  
Author: Jhumpa Lahiri

## Page Turners Book Club

**Adrienne Juno,** *Page Turners Lead*

Date: February 12th  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Hostess: **Susan Busler**  
Book: *The Rose Code*  
Author: Kate Quinn



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

**Carolyn Grimes**, Day Trips Chair

We have reservations for a self-guided tour of the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum in College Station starting at 10:30 a.m. George Herbert Walker Bush was sworn in as the 41st President of the United States on January 20th, 1989, and served one term until 1993. From 1981 to 1989, he served as the 43rd Vice President under Ronald Reagan.

The library is filled with many exhibits preserving history and his legacy promoting public service. The newest addition is the 29,000-square-foot Marine One/4141 Locomotive Pavilion, which features a retired Marine One helicopter and the Union Pacific 4141 Locomotive.

We will have lunch at Billy's Grille & Bar in Bryan.

Depending on the weather, after lunch we will have some free time to browse/shop at some of the antique stores near the restaurant in Bryan.

The Precinct 3 bus will depart from the George H. W. Bush Community Center located at 6827 Cypresswood Dr., Spring. The bus will be available for boarding at 8:00 a.m. and will depart at 8:30 a.m. We will have a rest stop en route. We should return home around 4:00 p.m. or earlier.

Sign up at a General Meeting or by mail. The deadline to pay for this tour will be Friday, January 24th, after which no refunds can be made. Please bring a check for \$8.00 payable to FAN 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 January 31st.



**RESERVATION FORM:** Mail to **Carolyn Grimes** at 8838 Leaning Hollow Lane, Spring, TX 77379  
**Friday, February 7th, 2025: George H.W. Bush Library & Museum**

Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address (Street, City, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**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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*Laurie Nimberger  
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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.