



FANfare

Friends and Neighbors Of FM 1960



October 2011



NEWSLETTER

VIA EMAIL

To receive the FAN newsletter via email instead of snail-mail, please contact Audie Brooks at

Brooks at

281-225-8977 or

audiebrook@aol.com

FAN

General Meetings

Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Ignatius Church, September thru May.

Meeting Dates

October 11

November 8

President's Message

October is rapidly approaching, but the only real indication of autumn's arrival seems to be on the calendar. The changing leaves are dropping, but I think that must be due more to the ongoing drought than the transition of seasons. We'll know fall is truly here when the weather is no longer the main topic of conversation!

Rita May picked a winner with Austin Davis's program in September...great presentation and relevant information about personal safety. We plan to have the microphone and air conditioning issues resolved in time for the next meeting. Apparently the WiFi connection to the mic was acting up, and the speaker chose not to use the hand mic. We also addressed the issue of inadequate seating by requesting additional chairs be placed for the remaining meetings. Thanks to all who quickly pitched in where you saw a need

and resolved the problem for others.

October will be a very busy month of activities: an overnight trip, a daytrip, and a social. New members, come join some of the FAN activity groups and take the opportunity to meet and enjoy fellowship with new friends and long-time familiar ones.

Looking forward to seeing you all on October 11.

Remember the date changes for October & November General Meetings!

Trick
Or
Treat



Debbie Laich

debbielcich@comcast.net



Socials planned for 2011-2012

We are looking forward to some fun this year and hope you will attend at least one of our socials. Couples are welcome.

?? **Saturday, October 29** ?

The Mystery Cafe @ Marriott W Loop Hotel, 1750 W Loop South (Galleria Area).

Includes a 3-course dinner, 4-act play, non-alcoholic drinks, gratuity and parking. Cash bar available. Cost is \$52 per person, as long as we have at least 10 participating.



Saturday, January 29

Sam Houston Raceway Park Winner's Circle. Includes dinner and thoroughbred horse races, admission, gratuity and tax. Cost is \$35 per person.

Saturday, April 14



Houston Family Art Center presents a Mystery Comedy, "The 39 Steps." Cost is \$16 per ticket.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the October 11 meeting. For October's Mystery Cafe, please pay when you sign up or mail a check to Linda Neibel, 15310 Walters Rd, 77068, before October 14. Telephone Linda @ 281-583-5111 for more information.



WINE

TASTING GROUP

Brian and I were hosts for September's meeting when we started off the new FAN year by introducing a selection of wines that we had discovered privately and liked during 2011. We managed to find wines from around the world: Argentina, Chile, France, Spain, Italy and South Africa. We also had a quick quiz, which was fun. To everyone's surprise, almost all of us scored 9 out of 10! Well done - or was it too easy? Chris Normand scored 10 out of 10, so she won the prize of a bottle of wine from our tasting.

Chris and David host our October meeting.

We meet on the first Saturday of each month and currently there is a vacancy in the group, so if you are interested and would like more information, give me a call or shoot me an e-mail.

Sheila Gibbs

12gibbs@att.net

281-890-3948



Whimsical Christmas—Cookie Exchange

Search out your favorite Christmas Cookie recipe for our December Cookie Exchange. Look for details and sign up at our **October 11** meeting.





Looking ahead to
The Christmas Charity Luncheon

"Dreamin' of a Country Christmas"

Tuesday, December 6
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
at Shirley Acres.

Look for the invitation in this newsletter. You can also sign up at the October & November meetings. The cost is \$31, which includes a \$5 donation to our chosen charities. We will vote on the charities at our October meeting.

Please be thinking about donations for the raffle, silent auction and live auction. I know there are lots of crafty FAN members out there!

If you have any questions, please call (281 251-1682) or email me:

katyamichalski@sbcglobal.net

Kathy Michalski



HAPPINESS IS...

... Being a Greeter at the FAN meeting!

Please see Mary Taylor or Shirley Limbaugh to sign up for this rewarding activity.

Shirley Limbaugh—
Chairperson
281-440-7418



ANTIQUERS & JUNKERS

This group meets on the third Wednesday each month for a fun-filled day of antiquing, eating and shopping.

This month we will meet on October 19 at 9:00 a.m. at Carlene Thompson's at 8107 Twining Oaks Lane (Memorial NW) for coffee. We will carpool to Belleville. Lunch to be announced later. Please let us know if you are coming so we know how many cars to plan for and to get our reservations in for lunch. Call Carlene at 281-376-2651 or email carlene1776@sbcglobal.net. Directions to Carlene's will be emailed to the group members.

If you are not a member of this group and are interested or have questions, please contact chairperson, Bert Forbes at 281-304-2444 or 832-334-7727 cell or email me at afortbesw@aol.com

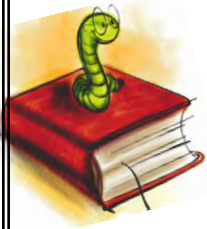
ALL ARE WELCOME!



HOSPITALITY

A BIG thanks to the board/extended board for providing the delicious treats for the September meeting. Those of you who signed up for October, remember the change in meeting date to October 11. There will be a sign-up sheet for November during the general meeting. Feel free to contact JoEllen or Barbara if you would like to volunteer via email.

Jo Ellen Wade
joellen.wade@comcast.net or
Barbara Kerr



LITERARY REVIEW

Date: October 26, 1:00 PM

Book: On the Outskirts of Normal

by Debra Monroe

Hostess/Leader: Charla Hannibal,
281-288-3892

Address: 3318 Wildcandle Drive
Candlelight Hills

Directions: Go east on Louetta pass
Kuykendahl. Stay in right lane and travel
through three lights, passing Ella and Mir-
ror Lake. Turn right on next street, Can-
dlecreek. Brick entrance to subdivision is
here. Third street on the left is Wildcan-
dle. Go to fifth house on the left, a two-
story Victorian.

NOTE: We do not meet in November.

Mark your calendar for December 14 when
we have our Christmas Brunch.

Contact: Winnie Mitchell
281-580-6672

wam281@earthlink.net

Daytime Excursion

October 28

Galveston get away for the day.

We will tour and take part in the Hotel
Galvez 100 - year celebration exhibit. Lunch
will be in the hotel restaurant. Be prepared:

it has been reported
haunted and it's so close

to Halloween... **who
know what
ghostly occur-
rences may happen.**



You don't want to miss viewing the
amazing sculptures from trees on the island
ruined by Hurricane Ike, shopping and much
more.

We will meet at Randall's on Champion
Forest & Louetta. The bus leaves at 9 a. m.

No refunds after October 14.

*The trip is currently full, but I'm
taking a waiting list.*

Sharlene Wesson
281-251-6940



Halloween Fun Facts

Halloween is the second most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.

Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in the U.S.

Black cats were once considered relatives to witches, who protected their powers.

Bobbing for apples is believed to have originated as a Roman harvest festival, which is held in honor of Panoma; the goddess of fruit trees.

There are hundreds of vampire clubs and societies that claim to have real vampires as members.

Vampire bats do exist, but they are not from Transylvania. They live in South and Central America and thrive on blood of cattle, horses and birds.

New Members from September 6 General Meeting:

Boyland, Betty 11819 Cypresswood Dr Houston, TX 77070	12/26 (Mike)	281-257-3689 bettyboyland@att.net (Lakewood Forest) cell: 240-529-8825	Hunt, Denise 6419 Wimbledon Trail Rd Spring, TX 77379	6/9 (Bob)	281-251-4882 dhuntint1@aol.com (Wimbledon Estates)
Collins, Sue 11711 Knobcrest Dr Houston, TX 77070	8/15 (John)	281-370-4461 sbmcollins@aol.com (Lakewood Forest) cell: 832-752-5720	McGrath-Jones, Patty 12422 Vintage Leaf Circle Houston, TX 77070	8/6 (Vernon)	281-955-6461 pattymcgratty@yahoo.com (Vintage Woods) cell: 832-466-4766
Davidson, Barbara 11611 Primwood Dr Houston, TX 77070	2/18	281-655-0855 bdavidson4@att.net (Lakewood Forest) cell: 832-715-2649	McIntosh, Jan 6110 Merry Pine Ct Spring, TX 77379	7/30	281-655-7907 geeka1940@sbcglobal.net (Windrose) cell: 713-906-5472
Dennis, Loni 17319 Village Commons Tomball, TX 77377	1/23 (Murray)	832-422-3085 loni-dennis@att.net (Village Creek) cell: 281-770-0044	Tilson, Mary Lee 4742 Cashel Glen Dr Houston, TX 77069	7/8 (John)	832-484-1178 cell: 504-756-9921
Gardner, Sharon 14103 Blair Ridge Cypress, TX 77429	8/30 (Jim)	832-349-9488 sgardner@entouch.net (Coles Crossing)	Vaughn, Sue 22810 Walden Way Tomball, TX 77375	10/22 (Paul)	281-351-5381 hsuevaughn@msn.com (Walden Wood Estates) cell: 281-989-6328
Heinrich, Peggy 75 Champion Villa Dr Houston, TX 77069	2/12	281-537-2560 heinrichpeg@yahoo.com	Williams, Rev. Dr. Marsha 17507 Ponderosa Pines Dr Houston, TX 77090	12/13 (Stan)	281-537-1883 revmarshavilliams@yahoo.com (Ponderosa Forest) cell: 732-895-9756

Returning from last year:

Popinski, Kathleen 4206 Pin Oak Ln Spring, TX 77389	12/1 (Michael)	281-350-0910 kitoleary@att.net (Spring Stuebner Area) cell: 832-814-6715
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FAN Activities Calendar 2011 - 2012

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First	10a Party Bridge 10a Natl League Mah Jongg	10a General Mtg	9a Bowling	9:30a Mah Jongg (Wright Patterson)		am Couples Golf 7:30p Wine Tasting
Second	10a Party Bridge @1p Movie Matinee 10a Mah Jongg Magicians	10a Mah Jongg Warriors	9a Bowling 1:30p Page Turners Book Group	9:30a Mah Jongg (Wright Patterson) 10a Mah Jongg Marauders 10a Mah Jongg Flowerettes		am Couples Golf
Third	10a Party Bridge 10a Party Bridge V	10a Board Mtg Natl League Mahjongg	9a Bowling 12p Lunch Bunch 1:30p Cover Girls Book Group	9:30a Mah Jongg (Wright Patterson) 10a Duplicate Bridge 10a Railroad Canasta	10a Scrapbooking	am Couples Golf 5p Couples Dinner Bridge 6p Couples Dinner Canasta 7p Friends Enjoying Wine-Bi-Monthly
Fourth	10a Party Bridge IV 10a Mah Jongg Magicians	10a Canasta I 10a Mah Jongg Warriors	9a Bowling 10a Antiques & Junkers 1p Literary Review Book Group	9:30a Bunco 1 9:30a Mah Jongg (Wright Patterson) 10a Mah Jongg Marauders 10a Mah Jongg Flowerettes		am Couples Golf

*Walking in the Woods Group meets on various dates. Theater trips are at the discretion of the group leader

For more information, contact Rosemary Felix, 281.376.5204 or look on the FAN Google Group website: www.FAN1960.org

Programs — Rita J. May, 1st VP

Thank you, Ladies, for being such good listeners for Austin Davis' LAUGHING AT DANGER mini-seminar in September. He was fun AND funny! . Don't you feel much safer and more aware of your surroundings after his talk? I apologize for the microphone problem; it should be better for next program.



October 11, the **second** Tuesday, is the date to remember for FRIENDSHIPS & PUPPETS, presented by Jean Kuecher of Marionette Playhouse. If you are young at heart, please come and enjoy this refreshing program.

See you there, Rita

Membership—Audie Brooks, 2nd VP

Hello, all. We will pass out the new directories again at the October 11 general meeting. Rita May and a few others had a list of names for their respective groups and picked up a number of directories for those not present. What a help! If you do happen to pick up a directory for someone else, be sure to sign YOUR name in their slot. If you would like to have an electronic copy in addition to your physical book, email me and I will send it to you in PDF form. See you all on the 11th.

Audie Brooks--281-225-8977

audiebrook@aol.com

Sunshine Corner — Karen Baird



Our sympathy goes out to Jennifer Penny, whose husband passed away on September 8, 2011. Arthur had been hospitalized for several weeks and had been very sick. Sadly, Arthur and Jennifer were to have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 9th . The Lord works in mysterious ways.

As you remember Jennifer in your prayers, also remember the unspoken needs among our members.

I'm wondering if there are special events occurring with the membership that could be recognized in this column? The birth of a grandchild, a particular anniversary or a birthday marked with a zero that some of us dread. Let's light up this column with events that bring joy and laughter to our faces.

Sunshine requests can be directed to Karen Baird at 281-651-6767 or to jand-kbaird@aol.com. Look for my acknowledgement after the request is sent.

www.FAN1960.org

The Fan website (www.FAN1960.org) is up and running!

You can get copies of the *newsletter*, *membership directory*, *photo slide shows of members*, *info about overnight trip*, *activities groups*, *programs*, *pictures of new members and more!* The website is still a work-in-progress, but take a look! The site is secure, so if you want to view it, send an email to Adrienne Juno at ahjuno@gmail.com, requesting access.

Adrienne, it looks great!



COUPLES DINNER BRIDGE

When: Meets the 3rd Saturday each month.
 RESERVATIONS are required, **new couples welcome**
 Call Andrea Poncio @ 281-255-9525 Bridge Coordinator

Date: October 15, promptly at 5 p.m.

Where Spring Creek BBQ, 4220 FM 1960 West

October Hosts: Irene Zisek @ 281-893-5409

August winners

Suzanne Priddy & Gene Broccard were small slam winners.

1st place Charles Wood	4th place Pat Broccard
2nd place Travis Harris	5th place Steely Nixon
3rd place Pat Unrau	6th place Bill Zisek

Thanks to September Hosts: Rita and Dean May

Want to play Bridge...or play more Bridge?

These ladies want to play with us, so call them when you need a sub.

Cindy Brown 281-440-9136 DP Dora Dean 713-385-7485 DP

Dorothy J Guinn 281-907-6316 DP DD Pat McGrath Jones 281-955-6461 DP EP

Call Joyce King (281-469-0248) to play every Friday at Hunan Restaurant.

Questions? Call Pat Unrau, chairman of the Bridge groups.

281-355-8340 or e-mail Jerryunrau@cs.com

COUPLES DINNER CANASTA

WHEN: 3rd Saturday each month

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

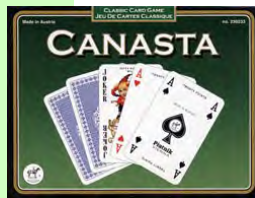
COST: \$2.00 per person,
plus dinner

PLACE: Café Express, FM 1960 in
the Champions Shopping Center.

CONTACT: Debbie Laich, 281-251-5212

debbielai@comcast.net

New Couples Welcome !



RAILROAD CANASTA

Looking for new players!!

We play on 3rd Thursday of month at the Willowbrook Fuddruckers. Cost is \$2 to play, plus \$1 for tip. No reservations needed.

Questions? Call Susan Hoff 832-446-6042 or

Barbara Bolz 281-370-8357

CANASTA I

We play at Willowbrook Fuddrucker's the 4th Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Charge: \$3.00

ALL FAN MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

NO RESERVATIONS!

Questions? Call Carol Well, 281-251-5223



Lunch Bunch

We meet for lunch and friendship the third Wednesday of the month; in October we'll also enjoy a lovely craft show.

October 19 9:30 a.m.

St. Martins Episcopal Church

Craft Show and Lunch

We plan to meet at St. Ignatius parking lot (at 9:30 a.m.) and we will car pool to the craft show. This is a large craft show in beautiful surroundings. The church is on Woodway at Sage. You must call for reservations before October 14.

For more information call
Sharlene Wesson 281-251-6940



"Snap A Smile"

We'd love to feature all FAN activities in the scrapbook and on the Website; we count on YOU to help! Please email photos or copy to a CD for us so that we can manage print quality, cropping and the cost of photos. Bring your CD to us at the meeting or email them to: linden7723@att.net

Lin Fish & Sue Muller, Historians

New and Improved!!

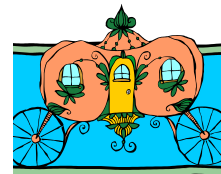
Due to our great activities and crowds at the sign-up area, sign-ups are now on the left side of the room. Sign up start at 9:30 a.m. on general meeting days. Don't be late, you might miss out. ;-(



BEAUMONT/ORANGE OVERNIGHT TRIP OCTOBER 21-23

Don't miss out on our first overnight trip of the new FAN year.

We're going to the Beaumont/Orange area, traveling first class in a motor coach with room for 40-45 ladies. Your payment of \$200 includes two nights at the hotel, coach costs, entry fees to all the attractions, catered dinner one night, one lunch and breakfast each morning.



WHAT THE HECK IS IN BEAUMONT & ORANGE?

The hotel is on a lake that backs up to a wild-life refuge with a large patio and dining room where the group can visit, play games and get better acquainted. There are beautiful historic homes and churches. 'Shangri-La' botanical garden nestled within 252 acres in the heart of Orange will be celebrating its annual scarecrow festival.

To reserve your space, send your check in now along with your roommate's name to:

Linda Fisher
6130 Willow Pine Dr.
Spring, TX 77379

Any questions?? Email to: lpfisher3@aol.com

No roommate? No problem.

**You can ask a non-FAN member
friend to come along.**

HURRY - Deadline for signup is October 1!!!!

For more information go to FAN's new Website

www.FAN1960.org

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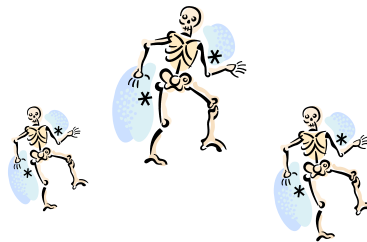


**FRIENDS &
NEIGHBORS**
OF FM 1960

Editor's Note

All articles for the November newsletter should be submitted before **October 14** to bsevans55@yahoo.com. Deadline for last minute changes is **October 20**.

To update address labels, please contact Audie Brooks.



Don't miss out on a fabulous weekend: pajama party, wine, mahjongg, bridge, canasta, cribbage and terrific camaraderie are the icing on the cake of our overnight trip to Beaumont and Orange. FAN's overnight trips are always fantastic fun.

see page 9 for additional information