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PRESIDENT'S POST

Hello, Spring!

If you were unable to attend the March 12 meeting, you missed a great speaker. AFAN member Ann Mulligan spoke about her job as a news announcer for the Armed Forces News while she was living in Germany. We hope to be able to continue to feature some of our members every year during Women's History Month.

At the April and May meetings, I will be placing forms on the tables for suggestions of programs and special events for next year. Please list any idea you may have. It can even be a repeat of something done in the past. If you wish to be on the brainstorming committee, please complete the information needed, so that you can be contacted. We appreciate your contribution and input.

The nominees for next year's Governing Board will be presented for a vote at our next meeting. I give a big thank you to Margaret Murrey for chairing the Nominating Committee. Be sure to come so you can vote.

See you April 9th.

Suellen Denton

APRIL 9, 2026

ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER

****\$15.00/Evening Meeting****

\$5.00 Program only

IF you cancel after Sunday, April 5, you will be charged for the meal

Table Decorations: Origami

Speaker: Teresa Curtiss

ATHENS FOOD RESCUE

Teresa manages the Athens Food Rescue organization. It is an all volunteer group that redistributes surplus food from donors, such as restaurants, hospitals, grocery stores, etc. to local food banks and charities.

REGULAR MENU:

Brown Sugar Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Garden Salad

Bread

Spring Dessert

VEGETARIAN : Vegetable Rice Bake

You MUST register by contacting

Becky Austin (216-978-8752) or

rebeccadaustin@gmail.com

by 6:00 pm on Sunday, April 5, 2026

**PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU WANT
VEGETARIAN OR REGULAR MEAL**

Special Event

April Birthdays

Fehema Abdella	April 2
Ellen Goldsberry	April 2
Vickie Overberg	April 2
Sue Cadamagnani	April 3
Stacia Stutzman	April 3
Sherry McCleary	April 4
Carol Stoessel	April 4
Mary Bailey	April 10
Kim Knapp-Browne	April 11
Alice Pennington	April 13
April Holmes	April 14
Yvonne Mitchell	April 14
Janice Smith	April 14
Joan Mickelson	April 15
Carleen Yocum	April 17
Sue Means	April 19
Irene Miller	April 27



We appreciate our caterers Karen Graves and her daughter Madison.

If you know someone who would appreciate a card for illness, birthday, sympathy, or just thinking of you, please contact Marguerite Kostival, Correspondence Chair at: kostivam@ohio.edu or 740-591-2329.

March cards were sent to:

***Susan Robinette Thinking of You
Vickie McFadden Sympathy***

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

OTHERWORLD

Immersive Art Museum

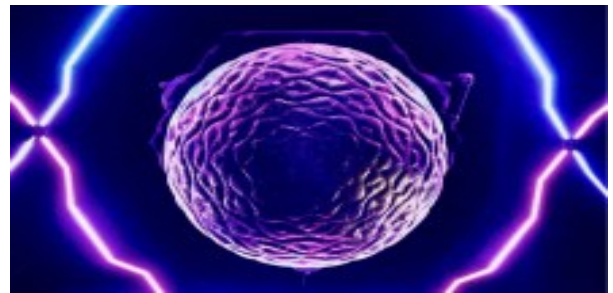
5819 Chantry Drive, Columbus, OH

Meet at Athens Community Center

LEAVE 8:30 Get to Museum 10:00

Tickets \$28; pay at door

This museum is an immersive art and storytelling experience with over 40 rooms. It blends science fiction and fantasy. Explore a surreal world through puzzles, passageways, dreamscapes. It features a 32,000 square foot space to 'play.'



LUNCH—Brew Dog

96 Gender Road, Canal Winchester

RSVP to Carol Meek at skimeek@yahoo.com or 740-707-6250

by Sunday, April 19 at 6:00 pm

Include name, phone, email if you are willing to drive.



PROPOSED AFAN OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027

President: Deborah Hepworth

Vice President: Edna Frost

Recording Secretary: Karen Robinson

Treasurer: Barbara Volsko

Correspondence: Marguerite Kostival

Membership: Margaret Murrey

Newcomers' Coffee: Mindy Brudno

Arrangements: Cindy Royse

Reservations: Sharon Gillogly

Publicity: Julie Finlay

Interest Groups: Jane Newton

Special Events/Co-Chairs: Carol Meek and Carol Stoessel

Fanfare Editor: Janis Tysko

Thanks to Chair, Margaret Murrey, and members Laura Ballinger, Christy Luehrman, and Irene Miller for their work on this Nominating Committee.

This slate of Proposed Officers will be voted upon at the April 9, 2026 meeting. New officers are installed at the May 14 meeting.



FUN PICTURES



Can you determine which Interest Groups or events these pictures are from?



IF your group isn't shown here - SEND ME PICTURES!!!!

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APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm	2 Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm Women Who W(h)ine 5:00-7:00 pm	3	4
5 Reservations due by 6 pm for April 9 meeting See page 1	6 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	7 1st Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	8 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Quilting 10:00 am-noon	9 Monthly Meeting 5:30 pm**	10	11
12	13 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	14 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am Origami 10:00 am-12pm	15 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 p m Wednesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	16 Morning Book Club 10:00 am Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm Board Meeting 3:00	17	18 Gourmet 6:00 pm
19 Reservations due by 6 pm for Special Event See page 2	20 Albany Book & Coffee 10:00-11:30 am Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm Non-Fiction Book Club 6:30-8:00 pm	21 Afternoon Book Club 1:00-3:00 pm Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	22 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm	23 Special Event Meet 9:15 ACC	24 Final Friday Euchre 2:00-5:00 pm	25
26	27 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	28 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am Needlework 1:00-3:00 pm	29 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm	30	**NOTE TIME for this evening meeting	