

FANFARE



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PRESIDENT'S POST

We had over 100 shoppers at FanFair. There were new vendors, as well as returning vendors. I give my thanks to Beth Martin for organizing this event and to all of our AFAN vendors for making it a success.

We will begin our daytime meetings on December 11th at the Masonic Temple on Carpenter Street. Registration will begin at 11:30 am, with the meal and program at 12:00 noon. The reservation deadline is a little sooner than usual — **Dec. 4, by 6:00 p.m.** Remember, this is not a buffet; it is a seated meal. It is important to get a correct head count.

Some members have not picked up their directory. They will be available for pick up at the December luncheon. You may also pick one up for a friend or neighbor.

The holidays are approaching. It is time to get together with friends and family. If you will be traveling, please drive carefully.

Happy Holidays to all! I hope to see you on December 11th.

Suellen Denton, President

DECEMBER 11, 2025

MASONIC HALL

12 W. Carpenter St. Athens

**Don and Teresa
South will
entertain us
with holiday
music.**



Doors open at 11:30 am

Table Decorations: Bridge Buddies

Cost \$20 for Lunch/\$5 Program Only

Salad

Parmesan Chicken/Vegetarian Lasagna

Green Beans/Mashed Potatoes

Cake/Drinks

**EVERYONE MUST register and indicate
if you want Chicken or Lasagna**

**RSVP to Becky Austin (216-978-8752)
Email:**

rebeccadaustin@gmail.com

By THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 at 6:00 pm

**NOTE DEADLINE FOR
RESERVATIONS**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Rhodes	December 1
Lillian Collins	December 9
Candy Stebbins	December 11
Mindy Brudno	December 12
Kay Taylor	December 12
Florence McGeoch	December 13
Carla Young	December 14
Kathy Berry	December 19
Nancy Dunham	December 23
Kathleen Marinelli	December 26
Shirley Bartone	December 29
Susie Chapman	December 29
Susan Cole	December 30
Kathy Hecht	December 31



REMEMBERING BETTY CRADDOCK

Betty Craddock passed away on October 26th, the day before her 94th birthday. She was a Past President of AFAN, serving as our President from 2003-2004. She had joined AFAN in 1995 and enjoyed her friends and the group.

When her husband left her with three young children to raise, she worked hard at the OU Physics Department for about 40 years and then enjoyed her retirement. She and friends went out to eat on Tuesdays, probably the 'original' Lunch Bunch. She also loved to play bridge and Mahjong. Her friends were her world after her children were grown and on their own. Although Mahjong wasn't an AFAN group, it was her favorite pastime.

You are missed Betty.



**The Origami Group getting silly
with their folded creations!**

FOOD DONATION

The Morning Book Club collected four trunk loads of food and about \$425 at the November meeting for the Athens County Food Pantry. They thank everyone who brought food, donations, and thoughts for those who need food this time of the year.



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 call 740-591-2329.

October/November cards were sent to:

Family of Betty Craddock **Sympathy**

Maureen Wootton **Sympathy**

Angie Dioguardi **Thinking of You**

Debbie Lowe **Thinking of You**

Beth Martin **Thinking of You**

Margaret Murrey **Thinking of You**



ABC (Albany Book & Coffee) enjoyed visiting each other, sharing new book ideas and of course some type of coffee!



WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

(please add to your directory)

Krummert, Aubrei
6272 Shelley Drive
Athens, OH 45701
C: 740-249-9123
aubrei@realworldorg.com
Member since 2025 Bday: January 2

LaJohn, Heidi
15626 Bucks Lake Road
Guysville, OH 45735
C: 740-856-1299
himatlock54@outlook.com
Member since 2025

Lee, Hai Kyung
107 University Estates Blvd.
Athens, OH 45701
C: 815-474-8446
haikyunglee@gmail.com
Member since 2025

Malott, Laiyee
34 Cable Lane
Athens, OH 45701
C: 740-590-0391
laiyeemalott@gmail.com
Member since 2018

McKibben, Mary Ann
3848 Fox Lake Road
New Marshfield, OH 45766
H: 740-664-3632 C: 740-541-3632
mamckibben@frontier.com
Member since 1982

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12601 Strouds Run Road
Athens, OH 45701
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sprighi@gmail.com
Member since 2023

ADDRESS CHANGE

Ellen Goldsberry
Hocking Hills Dr., #112
The Plains, OH 45780

The History and Antiquing Group recently visited the Georgian Mansion in Lancaster and enjoyed lunch at the Cherry Street Pub.

DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	2 1st Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	3 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm	4 Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm Helpful Packers 9:15 am Women Who W(h)ine 5:00-7:00 pm Reservations due for Luncheon by 6:00 pm (see page 1)	5 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	6
7	8 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	9 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am	10 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Quilting 10:00-12:00 pm	11 Holiday Luncheon 11:30 am	12 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm History & Antiquing TBD	13
14	15 Albany Book & Coffee 10:00-11:30 am Lunch Bunch 11:30 am Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	16 Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm Afternoon Book Club 1:00-3:00 pm Non-Fiction Book Club 6:30-8:00 pm**	17 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm Wednesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	18 Morning Book Club 10:00 am Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm	19 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	20 Gourmet 6:00 pm
21	22 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	23 Needlework 1:00-3:00 pm	24 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am	25	26	27
28	29 	30	31 Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm	 <i>Happy New Years!</i>		

Non-Fiction Book Club

6:30-8:00 pm**

CHANGE IN DATE