

# FANFARE



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## PRESIDENT'S POST

We had a wonderful assortment of homemade dishes at our annual January potluck. Our speaker, Brooke McDonough, was very informative, showing us how an old school building in Chauncey will be turned into a brewery, restaurant, and event space.

The AFAN Board is now getting together a nominating committee for next year's slate of nominees. If you have never served on the Board, please consider doing so. We are a team, and we work together to make these meetings and interest groups successful. If you have served in the past, you can also serve again! Margaret Murrey is chairing this committee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any board member. We are here for you, and we listen to all concerns.

See you on the 12th!

Suellen Denton, President



**FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

**ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Doors open at 11:30 am**

**\$15.00/Lunch \$5.00 Program only**



**Speaker Leslie  
Brooks**



**Table Decorations: Pickleball**

**Menu**

**\*\*\*Lasagna/Vegetarian Lasagna\*\*\***

**Salad/Bread**

**Valentine Themed Dessert**

**Drinks**

**You MUST register by contacting  
Becky Austin (216-978-8752) or  
[rebeccadaustin@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccadaustin@gmail.com)**

**by 6:00 pm on Sunday, February 8**

**\*\*\*PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU WANT  
VEGETARIAN LASAGNA\*\*\***

## ***FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS***

<b>Connie Davidson</b>	<b>February 5</b>
<b>Patricia Meyer</b>	<b>February 5</b>
<b>Karen Morgan</b>	<b>February 12</b>
<b>Vivian Dodson</b>	<b>February 13</b>
<b>Lorraine Neuser</b>	<b>February 14</b>
<b>Patricia Blaschak</b>	<b>February 15</b>
<b>Ruth Fernow</b>	<b>February 16</b>
<b>Jean Lewis</b>	<b>February 22</b>
<b>Paula Inman</b>	<b>February 24</b>
<b>Teena Thornton</b>	<b>February 24</b>
<b>Phyllis Lorubbio</b>	<b>February 28</b>
<b>Sandra Scott</b>	<b>February 28</b>



**Albany Book and Coffee had a LARGE crowd of 12 at Threefold Roasters enjoying their books and coffees.**

# ***SPECIAL EVENT***

## ***ZENNER HOUSE TOUR***

**30 Utah Place, Athens, OH**

***Thursday, February 26, 2026***

**This is a restored 1929 Tudor Revival home (event space)**

**Meet at the Ohio University Inn at 10:45 to carpool (limited street parking for an hour tour)**

**There are some stairs in the house, but plenty to see.**

**Tour limited to 20 people**

**Lunch at the Ohio University Inn**

**RSVP to Carol Meek at [skimeek@yahoo.com](mailto:skimeek@yahoo.com) or 740-707-6250 by Sunday, February 22 at 6:00 pm**

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





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.

December/January cards were sent to:

<i>Myrdith Sherow</i>	<i>Thinking of you</i>
<i>Barb Taylor</i>	<i>Sympathy</i>
<i>Cheryl McCoy</i>	<i>Thinking of You</i>
<i>Tish Wagner</i>	<i>Thinking of You</i>

The AFAN Nominating Committee will be starting to work on a slate of officers for the 2026-2027 year. Margaret Murrey from the current board will be chairing this committee. If interested in serving on the committee or joining the board, contact her at: 740-517-3603 or email at mfmurrey48@gmail.com.



**The History and Antiquing Group recently spent time at Henderson Hall in West Virginia. They all seem thrilled with this trip.**



**The Quilting group showing off their materials and finished products. Nice work, ladies!**



**WELCOME NEW  
AND  
RETURNING  
MEMBERS**  
(please add to your directory)

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# FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	3 1st Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	4 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am  Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm	5 Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm  Women Who W(h)ine 5:00-7:00 pm	6 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	7
8 Reservations due by 6 pm for February 12 meeting See page 1	9 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	10 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am  Origami 10:00 am-12pm	11 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am  Quilting 10:00 am-noon	12 Monthly Meeting  11:30 am ACC	13 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	14
15	16 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm  Albany Book & Coffee 10:00-11:30 am  Non-Fiction Book Club 6:30-8:00 pm	17 Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm  Afternoon Book Club 1:00-3:00 pm	18 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am  Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm  Wednesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	19 Morning Book Club 10:00 am  Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm	20 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	21 Gourmet 6:00 pm
22 Reservations due by 6 pm for Special Event See page 2	23 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	24 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am  Needlework 1:00-3:00 pm	25 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am  Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm	26 Special Event Meet 10:45 am OU Inn	27 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm  Final Friday Euchre 2:00-5:00 pm	28