

# FANFARE



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## PRESIDENT'S POST

Happy New Year! As an AFAN member, we are not only celebrating the year of 2026, but we also celebrate AFAN's 57th birthday at our January luncheon. Our organization began in 1969. Some things may have changed, but we still have over 200 members and an assortment of interest groups.

The January luncheon will be our annual potluck, at the Athens Community Center. Please do not bring a dessert, as we will have a birthday cake! Salads, side dishes, meats, and casseroles are requested.

During these snowy months, please remember to check your email the morning of the meeting. Email is the only way we have to let everyone know if there is a cancellation. If you do not have email, call someone you know, or call a board member. I certainly hope there is no snow on January 8th!

See you in the new year!

Suellen Denton, President

**JANUARY 8, 2026**

**ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Doors open at 11:30 am**

**Brooke McDonough  
Switchback Properties  
Speaker**

**Table Decorations:  
Duplicate Bridge**



**EVERYONE MUST register so we know  
how much cake to provide!**

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY  
Sunday, January 4  
Potluck Lunch (NO cost)  
Please bring main or side dishes  
NO dessert needed**

**There will be birthday cake!  
Members MUST register by contacting  
Jane Newton 740-707-3735 or  
[janecknewton@gmail.com](mailto:janecknewton@gmail.com)**

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Judy Harmon</i>	<i>January 1</i>
<i>Barb Kostohryz</i>	<i>January 1</i>
<i>Aubrei Krummert</i>	<i>January 2</i>
<i>Linda Williams</i>	<i>January 2</i>
<i>Janice Wilson</i>	<i>January 2</i>
<i>Maggie Yute</i>	<i>January 11</i>
<i>Michele Hudson</i>	<i>January 15</i>
<i>Julia Long-Yahn</i>	<i>January 16</i>
<i>Susan Hazen</i>	<i>January 18</i>
<i>Kathy Skinner</i>	<i>January 19</i>
<i>Anne U. Walker</i>	<i>January 22</i>
<i>Paula Helsel</i>	<i>January 23</i>
<i>Sherry Blankenship</i>	<i>January 24</i>
<i>Cheryl McCoy</i>	<i>January 24</i>
<i>Linda Mitchell</i>	<i>January 26</i>
<i>Andrea Moser</i>	<i>January 26</i>
<i>Carlyn Rickey</i>	<i>January 29</i>

*Lovely creations from the  
Origami Group.*

*What dedicated, creative  
members they have.*

# SPECIAL EVENT

## HOCKING HILLS PAINT PARTY

**With Rachel Gray**

**26808 US Highway 33**

**Rockbridge, OH**

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**MEET 9:15**

**Athens Community Center**

**leave by 9:30**

**Get to Rockbridge by 10:00**

**\$25 cost (payable at site - cash, credit,  
check)**

**Lunch at 58 West, Logan**

**RSVP to Carol Meek at  
[skimeek@yahoo.com](mailto:skimeek@yahoo.com) or 740-707-6250  
by Sunday, January 18 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](mailto:kostivam@ohio.edu) or 740-591-2329.

December cards were sent to:

**Marguerite Kostival      Sympathy**

### **Morning Book Club Donations**

The Morning Book Club donated almost 450 pounds of food and \$425 to the Athens County Food Pantry (ACFP) after our November meeting. They also collected books for My Sister's Place and donated them recently. They again thank everyone who contributed to these worthy causes.



**New AFAN member Laura Lively with ACFP staff**

**Books sent to My Sister's Place to be used as gifts**

### **WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS**

**(please add to your directory)**

Carolyn Haugen  
8800 Johnson Road #135  
The Plains, OH 45780  
509-990-5439  
[carolynhaugen41@gmail.com](mailto:carolynhaugen41@gmail.com)

Member since 2019 Bday May 20

Penne Smith  
P O Box 82  
New Marshfield, OH 45766  
H: 740-664-6300 C: 740-517-5765  
[Smith45766@gmail.com](mailto:Smith45766@gmail.com)

Member since 2025 Bday August 22

Beth Ward  
20 Meadow Lane  
Athens, OH 45701  
740-591-0307  
[dozerpearl@yahoo.com](mailto:dozerpearl@yahoo.com)

Member since 2015 Bday July 1



### **Lunch Bunch at the OU Inn**



### **Needlework at LuLu's Casa El Camino**



# JANUARY 2026

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
				1 	2 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	3
4 <b>Reservations due by 6 pm for January 8 meeting</b> See page 1	5 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	6 1st Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	7 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm	8 <b>HAPPY 57th BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON</b> 11:30 am ACC 	9 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	10
11	12 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	13 Helpful Packers 10 am-12 pm Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am	14 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Quilting 10:00 am-noon	15 Morning Book Club 10:00 am Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm	16 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	17 Gourmet 6:00 pm
18 <b>Reservations due by 6 pm for Special Event</b> See page 2	19 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**	20 Afternoon Book Club 1:00-3:00 pm Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	21 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm Wednesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	22 <b>Special Event Meet 9:15 ACC</b>	23 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	24
25	26 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	27 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am Needlework 1:00-3:00 pm	28 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm	29	30 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm Final Friday Euchre 2:00-5:00 pm	31

\*\*Non-Fiction Book CHANGE IN DATE 3rd Monday 6:30-8:30 pm