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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
janeknewton@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 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 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.

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
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
Member since 2025 Bday August 22

Beth Ward
20 Meadow Lane
Athens, OH 45701
740-591-0307
dozerpearl@yahoo.com
Member since 2015 Bday July 1



New AFAN member Laura
Lively with ACFP staff

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





Lunch Bunch at the OU Inn



Needlework at LuLu's Casa El Camino



JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	3
4 Reservations due by 6 pm for January 8 meeting 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 HAPPY 57th BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON 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 Reservations due by 6 pm for Special Event 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 Special Event Meet 9:15 ACC	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**