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PRESIDENT'S POST

Summer greetings to all of you!

I hope you are enjoying these warmer days. It is time to get outside and enjoy the fresh air — when it is not raining!

The AFAN Board will have its first meeting of the year in July. By then, the brainstorming committee will have met, and we should have some programs and special events already scheduled. We do appreciate all of the ideas submitted on the surveys. Your input is important.

Jane Newton is our new Interest Group Chair. If you have an idea for a new interest group, please contact her.

Our Fall Reception will be on September 11. Please prepare to come, see old friends, and sign up for your favorite interest group(s).

If you want to be listed in the directory, please pay your dues by September 30.

See you in September!

Suellen Denton

THANK YOU RETIRING AFAN BOARD MEMBERS



Special thanks go out to these four women who have served on the AFAN Board. We will miss their friendliness, expertise, and general knowledge for their positions:

Charlotte Benz, *Correspondence Chair*

Cindy Royse, *Publicity Chair*

Pam Goldsberry, *Vice President*

Lynda Bentley, *Interest Group Chair*

JULY BIRTHDAYS

June Wirtz	July 1
RuthAnn Althaus	July 4
Suzanne Borchard	July 4
Sharon Colvin	July 4
Dorothy Green	July 5
Lainie Cargould	July 6
Deborah Lucas	July 7
Bonnie Lackey	July 12
Jana Chapman	July 14
Tish Wagner	July 15
Janet Bedilion	July 17
Susan Payne	July 17
Cheryl Douglas	July 25
Thelma Raines	July 25
Lynne Peterson	July 29
Elizabeth Phillips	July 29
Anne Roberts	July 29
Martha Johnson	July 30
Mary Ann McKibben	July 30



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Marsha Reilly	August 2
Judy Billups	August 3
Marianne Watson	August 3
Teresa Trout	August 4
Vicky Schlosser	August 6
Marcia Ruhling	August 8
Grace Swart	August 11
Nedra Zirkle	August 11
Pat Cook	August 12
Melanie Moynan-Smith	August 14
Suellen Denton	August 17
Debbie Lowe	August 17
Jill Leslie	August 18
Margaret Murrey	August 18
Ina Slone	August 24
Jane Newton	August 25
Barbara Moran	August 26
Alice Johnson	August 29
Merilynne Smith	August 30
Karen Robinson	August 31



If you haven't paid your dues yet, they are due by September 30 to be included in the directory. IF you pay your dues by August 31, you will be included in a drawing to get your membership dues back. The membership form is included with this newsletter and also on our website for you to download and complete. Send to Margaret Murrey, our Membership Chair. Her address is on the form. Check out the updated Facebook site and follow us there.

AFAN website: www.athensfriends.com **Facebook:** **Athens Friends and Newcomers**

2025-2026 AFAN OFFICERS

Executive Committee

President	Suellen Denton	
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Assistant	Laura Ballinger	

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Past President	Christy Luehrman	
President Appt.	Jane Newton	
President Appt.	Margaret Murrey	

The AFAN board will meet on July 17th at 3:00 pm at the Athens Public Library. Let Suellen know if you cannot come to this meeting.

The August 21 meeting will also be at 3:00 pm, at the Athens Public Library.

If you know someone who would appreciate a card for illness, loss, or just thinking of you, please contact our Correspondence Chair:

Marguerite Kostival 740-591-2329
kostivam@ohio.edu

May/June cards so far have been sent to:

Janet Bedilion *Get Well*

Family of Martha Vickers

Sympathy

Greta Hanesworth *Sympathy*

Lorraine Neuser *Get Well*

April Special Event

The special event to Last Chance Corral led by Victoria was a very popular trip in April. The beautiful weather added to everyone's enjoyment of the horses, and especially the colts.



Women Who W(h)ine is ALWAYS a popular interest group.



Lynne Genter's home for May

Bethany Ridge Winery for June



Patiently Waiting
For Wine (or a picture)

Pickleball is still active, even in the summer.

