



MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT: Deborah Hepworth



My husband, Mark, and I came to Athens three years ago to help out with our grandkids. We traveled from Texas—where I had lived my whole life. I was born in Dumas, TX (up north in the Panhandle) and went to college in Fort Worth at TCU (Texas Christian University). There I met my honey on my **5th** day of classes! We went on a blind date, but we *weren't each other's date*, and he broke up with his girlfriend at the end of the evening. We dated all four years and married after graduation. Within a year, we bought a home and moved to Arlington, commuting to downtown Dallas where we were both stockbrokers and convinced the manager we needed to work in the same office at Paine Webber! (Husband/wife in same office had never been done!)

Soon we had our first son, and two years later, our second and third sons arrived (twins!!), so we moved to a larger home in Grand Prairie—the middle of the DFW Metroplex. Once all the boys started school, I embarked on a 35-year career as a Mary Kay sales director, where I trained and encouraged a team of 142 consultants while maintaining my own large customer base...and yes, I earned and drove several fancy pink Cadillacs!! I also served our community as chairman of the board for the chamber of commerce, and led a couple other women's social groups as their president. I've always enjoyed being involved!

Our eldest son now lives in Seattle, our twins live in Colorado and in Athens. We have six grandkids—three here and three more in Colorado, and three beautiful daughters-in-law. Now you know why I'm always on the road!

Mark and I absolutely love to travel, spend time with family, and meet new friends. So, if we've not yet met, please come introduce yourself to me.

I'm truly excited to be your president this year and look forward to lots of fun events, lunches and interest group gatherings. Let's get this AFAN year off to a great start. See you at our evening meeting on September 10!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Ward	July 1
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
Yvonne Mitchell	July 18
Ann Stott	July 22
Nancy Treisch	July 22
Cheryl Douglas	July 25
Thelma Raines	July 25
Lynne Peterson	July 29
Elizabeth Phillips	July 29

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Marsha Reilly	August 2
Marianne Watson	August 3
Teresa Trout	August 4
Sharon Deno	August 6
Vicky Schlosser	August 6
Marcia Ruhling	August 8
Grace Swart	August 11
Nedra Zirkle	August 11
Susan Horn	August 13
Melanie Moynan-Smith	August 14
Mariann Sears	August 16
Suellen Denton	August 17
Debbie Lowe	August 17
Jill Leslie	August 18
Margaret Murrey	August 18
Kathy McConville	August 20
Penne Smith	August 22
Catherine Zimmerman	August 24
Jane Newton	August 25
Barbara Moran	August 26
Alice Johnson	August 29
Merilynne Smith	August 30
Judy Billups	August 31
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 your dues are received 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.

2026-2027 AFAN OFFICERS

Executive Committee		
President	Deborah Hepworth	
Vice President	Edna Frost	
Recording Secretary	Karen Robinson	
Treasurer	Barbara Volsko	
Assistant	Laura Ballinger	
Standing Committee Chairs		
Correspondence	Marguerite Kostival	
Membership	Margaret Murrey	
Newcomer's Coffee	Mindy Brudno	
Arrangements	Cindy Royse	
Assistant	Mariann Sears	
Reservations	Sharon Gillogly	
Assistant	Cheryl McCoy	
Interest Groups	Jane Newton	
Publicity	Julie Finlay	
Special Events Co-Chairs	Carol Meek Carol Stoessel	
Fanfare Editor	Janis Tysko	
Mailing Assistant	Claudia Lyon	
Website Assistant	Julie Finlay	
President's Advisors		
Past President	Suellen Denton	
President Appointment	Margaret Murrey	
President Appointment	Jane Newton	

The AFAN board will meet on July 16th and August 20th at 3:00 pm at the home of President Hepworth, 7874 Country Club Rd., Athens.

Call or email Deborah if you cannot attend either of these meetings. Assistants are not required to attend, but may come if they desire.



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

June cards so far have been sent to:

Laura Ballinger Sympathy

Reba McDaniel Sympathy

Jeanne Haseley Sympathy

Amanda Haseley Sympathy

Sue Boyd Sympathy

INTEREST GROUPS

Have you been craving a hobby or group event AFAN doesn't currently offer? We have a wide variety of groups, but we could use more. Be creative, if you are interested in starting a new Interest group, now is the time to implement this. All you need is a group name, chair or leader, and a day and time you'd like to meet. A few suggestions have been named: gardening, walking, hiking, and cooking, etc. What is your favorite pastime? Email or call with your new group information.

Jane Newton, Interest Group Chair

janeknewton@gmail.com or 740-707-3735



Thank you retiring board members for your service to our organization.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Needlework members at an end of the year picnic, sometime in May in the last 10 years!



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