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PRESIDENT'S POST

Greetings fellow AFANers!

I hope you've enjoyed a fabulous summer with relaxing downtime, maybe a fun and memorable vacay, some special visits with family and friends...and yet, I also hope that you can't wait till we are all back together next month as we launch another exciting and entertaining year together!

Your AFAN Board has been hard at work to bring you loads of engaging "interest group" gatherings, along with some fabulous monthly speakers/programs.

Please join us at 5:30 on Thursday, September 10, at the Holy Family Center behind Christ the King Church, which is located on the corner of Mill and Stewart Streets, for finger foods. You can eat, then register for all the groups that you plan to experience this year! Since this is a new location from the past few years, please enter from 140 Mill Street for ease of traffic and park in the lot.

Deborah Hepworth
AFAN President

FALL RECEPTION

SEPTEMBER 10

HOLY FAMILY CENTER**

Behind Christ the King Church

75 Stewart Street

(enter from 140 Mill Street)

5:30 registration

It's our kick-off meeting

Sign up for Interest Groups

Door Prizes

**** NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION**

MENU/COST

Finger Foods

\$10 per member

NO cost for newcomers

**You MUST register by contacting
Sharon Gillogly 740-331-9925 or
email sharongillogly78@gmail.com**

By 6 pm Sunday, September 6

September Birthdays

Sue Poarch	September 2
Linda Rothman	September 2
Sheila Mark	September 3
Brenda Ruth	September 3
Diana Hobden	September 5
Judith Roman	September 6
Christina Newman	September 7
Betty Thompson	September 7
Donna Thompson	September 9
Maureen Wootton	September 13
Jane Denbow	September 14
Jane Wayner	September 16
Julie Finlay	September 27
Edna Frost	September 27
Nancy Schell	September 28
Neva Kemplin	September 30

Please renew your dues by September 30 to be included the directory. The membership form is attached or print it out from our website (see front page.) Each newsletter costs over \$1.80 to print and mail, thus the \$10 surcharge. If you renew by August 30, you might win back your dues. Contact Margaret Murrey, Membership Chair, at mfmurrey48@gmail.com or call her at 740-517-3603.

***SAVE THE DATE
NEWCOMER'S COFFEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21***

SPECIAL EVENT

When: Thursday, September 24

**Where: John and Annie Glenn Museum
72 W. Main St. New Concord, OH**

**Time: Meet at The Plains, behind
McDonalds, LEAVING at 9:00 am**

**Sign Up: Email or text Carol Meek
at skimeek@yahoo.com or 740-707-6250**

**(include your email, phone number and if
you are able to drive.)**

**Lunch: Scott's Diner, Main St.
New Concord (best diner in Ohio)**

**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
call her at 740-591-2329.**

July/August Cards Sent:

Ruth Fernow	Get Well
Andrea Moser	Get Well
Paula Helsel	Get Well

**Check out the AFAN Facebook and
website pages for info.**

**You can send pictures for inclusion on either
site to Julie Finlay: jafinlay@gmail.com**

Addresses for each on the front page!

**Come to the Fall Reception on Thursday,
September 10 at 5:30 to join your favorite
interest groups and look at some new ones!!**

Dominoes, Walkers & Hikers, Scrapbooking, Euchre

**The History and Antiquing
group enjoyed a tour and
information at Serpent Mound
near Waverly, Ohio in July.**

INTEREST GROUPS



**First Tuesday Euchre group does meet in
the summer!**



**Women Who W(h)ine met in August at
the home of Janis Tysko. They enjoyed
lots of wine, trains and great food!**



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1st Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	2 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm	3	4	5
6 Reservations due for Fall Reception by 6 pm (see page 1)	7 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	8 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am	9 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Quilting 10:00-12:00 pm	10 Fall Reception 5:30 pm Christ the King—Holy Family Center	11	12 Foodies 6:00 pm
13	14 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	15 Afternoon Book Club 1:00-3:00 pm Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	16 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm Wednesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm Non-Fiction Book Club 6:30-8:00 pm	17 Morning Book Club 10:00 am Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm AFAN Board 3:00 pm	18	19
20 Reservations due for Special Event (see page 2)	21 Albany Book & Coffee 10:00-11:30 am Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	22 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am Needlework 1:00-3:00 pm	23 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm	24 Special Event Leaving at 9:00 am	25 Final Friday Euchre 2:00-5:00 pm	26
27	28 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	29 Final Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	30 Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm			