

# FANFARE



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## PRESIDENT'S POST

Spring is in the air. Flower bulbs are popping through the ground, and more birds are chirping than usual. Soon we will be able to pack away our coats.

March is Women's History Month. In celebration, our speaker will be one of our own members! She spent many years living and working in Europe. I hope you plan to attend so that you can learn about her unique experiences.

The March meeting will be our last **daytime** meeting of this year. In April, we will resume our evening schedule.

I hope to see many of you on March 12th!

Suellen Denton  
AFAN President



**MARCH 12, 2026**

**ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**NOON MEETING—DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM**

**\$15.00/Lunch \$5.00 Program only**

***AFAN Member Ann Mulligan***

**American Forces Network Europe:  
Bringing News to Americans  
Overseas**



**Table Decorations:**

**History & Antiquing**

***Menu:***

***Irish Stew/Vegetarian Irish Stew***

***Fried Cabbage/Vegetarian Fried Cabbage***

***Irish Soda Bread***

***St. Patrick's Day Dessert***

**You MUST register by contacting  
Becky Austin (216-978-8752) or  
[rebeccadaustin@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccadaustin@gmail.com)  
by 6:00 pm on Sunday, March 8**

**PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU WANT  
VEGETARIAN OR REGULAR MEAL**

# SPECIAL EVENT

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Gay Fad Glass Studio and

The Olde Shoe Factory

Antique Mall

Lancaster, OH

Meet at the Athens Community

Center 9:00 am, leave 9:15 am



Lunch, Ale House 1890



RSVP to Carol Meek at

[skimeek@yahoo.com](mailto:skimeek@yahoo.com) or 740-707-6250

by Sunday, February 22 at 6:00 pm

Include name, phone, email if you are willing to drive.

## March Birthdays

Judith Svendsen	March 2
Sue Boyd	March 4
Annie Endick	March 4
Kira Burns	March 6
Judy Kelly	March 6
Sharon Perry	March 6
Beth Martin	March 10
Patricia Betz	March 12
Paula Bragga	March 18
Patsy Dearing	March 19
Jeanne Haseley	March 28
Susan Czeiszperger	March 30
Nancy Nottke	March 30
Mary Abel	March 31

The AFAN Pickleball Group has grown, but still having fun each Wednesday from 8:30—10:00 am. Come join us!! You can learn.



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.

January/February cards were sent to:

*Reba McDaniel*    *Thinking of You*

*Carol Stoessel*    *Thinking of You*

*Jane Wayner*    *Thinking of You*

*Andrea Moser*    *Sympathy*

*Pam Goldsberry*    *Sympathy*

*Sharon Deno*    *Thinking of You*



**Lunch Bunch enjoys time together at Eclipse in The Plains. Lots of laughter, good food and fun times.**

**Ransom Euchre, always lively and always fun!!**



# MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	3 1st Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	4 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 pm	5 Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm	6 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	7
8 Reservations due by 6 pm for March 12 meeting See page 1	9 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	10 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am Origami 10:00 am-12pm	11 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Quilting 10:00 am-noon	12 Monthly Meeting 11:30 am ACC***	13 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	14
15	16 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm Albany Book & Coffee 10:00-11:30 am Non-Fiction Book Club 6:30-8:00 pm	17 Tuesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm Afternoon Book Club 1:00-3:00 pm	18 Helpful Packers Meet 9:15 am Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Bridge Buddies 1:00-4:00 p m Wednesday Euchre 2:00-4:00 pm	19 Morning Book Club 10:00 am Ransom Euchre 12:30 pm	20 Lunch Bunch Meet 10:45 am Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm	21 Gourmet 6:00 pm
22 Reservations due by 6 pm for Special Event See page 2	23 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	24 Majors & Minors Bridge 10:00 am Needlework 1:00-3:00 pm	25 Pickleball 8:30-10:00 am Duplicate Bridge 12:30 pm	26 Special Event Meet 9:00 ACC	27 Bridge Sub Club ONLINE 1:00 pm Final Friday Euchre 2:00-5:00 pm	28
29	30 Grand Slam Bridge 6:30-8:30 pm	31		***NOTE MARCH IS A NOON MEETING,		