

## THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



**RUSTLING LEAVES**

**JANUARY 2019**

On December 13, our members hosted a luncheon for 46 guests from the Empowerment Center at San Antonio College. We have sponsored scholarships for their Women in Transition program for several years. When Scholarship Chairman Helen Henderson and I realized that they needed additional help with their GED program, we offered to host the luncheon.

Nearly 20 students had completed the program and passed the tests to qualify for GED certification. We celebrated their accomplishments, their families who sacrificed time from them, and their plans for continued education. Further, we helped them honor their director and their instructors. They, in turn, honored us with a beautiful statuette of a woman in a hat (of course), spelling out their gratitude on the base. We were floating on air with the good feelings in the ballroom.

But we were not done. Aline Kundrotos, Karen Ward, Michael Quintanilla, Virginia Van Cleave, and Patricia Broyles (not even an official member yet), joined Helen Henderson and me in preparing and serving a lunch to everyone. The students and families expressed their thrill with the house, still decorated from the Christmas Faire, and the luncheon. Be sure to enjoy the photos in this newsletter. Program Director Debbie Middleton ended the luncheon for us by presenting a giant card filled with messages of thanks and a quote from Maya Angelou:

*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

I am not sure who was the most blessed with this event, the students or us. We were all glowing with the good feelings all around. We promised our continued support of their program and will search for ways to expand it.

The weekend following the luncheon was filled with the usual crazy activities of the Holiday Season. I had an opportunity to share lunch on Sunday with friends who do not know about The Woman's Club. Once again, I started to talk about the things we do, and what do you think drew the most interest? — this very program and the work all of us have been doing to support it. Twice in the last week, as we discussed our efforts, I have heard wonderful women who are not yet members say, "I want to be a part of that." We have an opportunity for real charity, and I hope that you will embrace it.

So, we begin our new year with finally catching our breath after the holidays. But saddle up, Buttercup! We have a springtime filled with exciting new events and opportunities to help!

I truly believe that Eleanor would be proud.

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## January Birthdays

Carolyn Sanders	1	Glynnis Richter	18
Briana Beserra	3	Donna Murphy	19
Margaret Stypko	9	Sophia Christiansen	20
Allison Head	10	Jane Pollock	20
Blanche Jackson	10	Barbara Niemann	21
Eileen Potts	10	Jeannine Wangler	24
Sarah Sheppard	10	Linda Champagne	25
Gretchen Stepke	11	Carmen Ingram	25
Patty Landacre	12	Michael Quintanilla	25
Joan Cleary	13	Leslie Doyle	27
Karen Ward	13	Shadia Khoury	27
Elizabeth Sklencar	14	Irma Rodriguez	27
Gabrielle Geppert	18	Elaine Staller	27



## Care and Concern

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- ❖ Elaine Wood had hand surgery.
- ❖ Belinda Pena-Bosquez's sister-in-law passed away.
- ❖ Divina Alvarez's brother passed away.
- ❖ Maria Henderson and her husband, Bill, continue to struggle with health issues.
- ❖ Jean French suffered a very serious fall and had shoulder surgery.
- ❖ BJ Duncan's sister had a heart procedure.
- ❖ Billie Arredondo is having mouth surgery for dental implants.
- ❖ Norma Reyes is having complications due to surgery.
- ❖ Sharon Grooms had heart surgery and her brother-in-law passed away.

(list as of Dec. 14, 2018)

**More information about each family above has been emailed to all members from Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Goza. Contact her at [smoreland@att.net](mailto:smoreland@att.net).** (To our members: A gift to our Golden Book fund is always available to you to honor or remember a loved one. Donations are always printed in each month's newsletter and a card is sent to the family per the giver's instructions. Contact Johanna Christiansen for more information about the Golden Book fund.)

# JANUARY GENERAL MEETING



**PROGRAM SPEAKER** Susan Beavin, president of the San Antonio Conservation Society, will share with us what the Society does that you may not realize. It's more than NIOSA and building preservation efforts. Come and find out more. And bring a friend with you!

Start the new year off right with attending the first General Meeting of 2019 at the Club.

**Wednesday, Jan. 9:**

10:30 AM: Come and enjoy catching up with friends!

11 AM: Program begins

Noon: Luncheon is served. Cost is \$25.

**RSVP FOR LUNCH BY JAN. 7 NOON --- PLEASE READ:**

New policy now in effect: If you make a reservation with a promise to pay, and then do not attend, you will be billed for the \$25 luncheon. This policy was voted upon by the Board at the December Board meeting. That is why all reservations are requested to be PAID IN ADVANCE. We must pay for what is reserved. Thank you for your help with our budget and keeping us fiscally responsible.

Hostesses: Noontide Round Table

Community Care Concern: American Cancer Society

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ➤ Christmas Faire Bake Shoppe

Chairman Marsha Metz thanks all who donated goods to the 2018 Christmas Faire Bake Shoppe, and all who supported the Club by buying! Special thanks go to her helpers: Sandra Whittaker, Mercedes Bentle, Helen Henderson, Jean Koplan, Betty Lewandowski, Connie Linville, Rose Martinez, Kim Rees, and Virginia Van Cleave.

### NUTS, NUTS AND MORE NUTS!

Bagged pecan and walnut halves are still available at \$12.00 per pound for pecans and \$10.00 per pound for walnuts. They freeze well so stock up and clean out our pantry! See Martha Aguirre in the office to make a purchase.

### ➤ Directory – do you have yours?

Please be sure to check the directory table in the Club to find your copy. Each directory is labeled for easy pick up. Also be sure to email Gail Jarrett at [gailjarratt@msn.com](mailto:gailjarratt@msn.com) if you have any changes.

### ➤ Membership

**Dues:** If you opted to pay your membership dues in 2 installments, the final half is due Feb. 1. Please be sure to mail it on time. Thank you!

### Welcome new members!

At the December Board meeting, these women were voted into membership:

Diana Balli-Taylor

Joanne Baust

Susan Gargotta

Cyndi Mann

Erminia Uviedo

### ➤ San Antonio Women's Federation

On Saturday, Jan. 26, member **Cecily Macdonald** will be honored as the Woman's Club of San Antonio "outstanding volunteer" at the SAWF luncheon. Congratulations Cecily! If you would like to attend the luncheon, reservations are due Jan. 11. Cost is \$40 with the event starting at 11 a.m. at the Petroleum Club. Payment to SAWF can be mailed to WCSA Member Helen Henderson. Questions? Email Karen Ward at [franceskarenward@gmail.com](mailto:franceskarenward@gmail.com).



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Meet Marsha Metz, member since 2007 and currently Treasurer and Chairman of Finance and Endowment.** Thank you Marsha for all the hours over the years of crunching numbers for the Woman's Club of San Antonio! Often you can find her sitting at the small desk inside the Club office trying to make sense of the many invoices and notes left there from members to process. As a practicing tax attorney, she is very serious about her Board positions and we appreciate her dedication to keeping us out of the red! She has also been extremely active in the Christmas Faire the past several years, helping in various roles. But you will see the lighter side of Marsha if you visit The American Home & Garden Round Table where Marsha serves as Chairman. She brings her love of home décor, gardening and handiwork to share with all the members. (She is a past president of the San Antonio Needlework Guild.) Often the hats you see her wearing she has made herself! One month the speaker for American Home & Garden could not attend at the last minute, so Marsha quickly pulled together some of her own handiwork and offered an outstanding program explaining her beautiful creations. Thank you Marsha for being one of the Shining Stars of our Club!

*Iris Ann Francis, Membership Chairman*



"Fiesta" stitched by Marsha Metz. Part of her program samples shown at The American Home & Garden Round Table last year.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS – FIESTA is coming!

**MARCH 3** – FINAL DEADLINE for the Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation. NO exceptions. The Woman's Club of San Antonio announces the entry form is NOW AVAILABLE on its website <http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org> where you can download it, **complete and send it via email ONLY** with a photo of child in jpg format ONLY to this address: [WCSAFiestaCoronation@gmail.com](mailto:WCSAFiestaCoronation@gmail.com).

**APRIL 7** Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation at The Carver Community Cultural Center

**APRIL 19 – 20** Fiesta Flower Show at The Woman's Club of San Antonio

**APRIL 24** Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade



## Spotted at the Club in December...

December 13, 2018 - A date for the Club's history books when members hosted the end of semester celebration for the students from the Empowerment Center of San Antonio College. (see president's column on the front page for more details). Our Club has also provided \$10,000 in scholarship funds for the Center's "Women in Transition" program in the past. We look to continue to help the students in the months ahead and look forward to another celebration in May.



Above left: Program Director Debbie Middleton addresses the students. Above right: The volunteers who prepared and served the luncheon that day.



Above left: The honorees for the day! Above right: Helen Henderson and Ferne Burney admire the statuette given in gratitude to the Club. See more photos on our website [www.womansclubofsa.org](http://www.womansclubofsa.org).



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR RESPITE CARE CHILDREN – sponsored by the Ingenue Round Table – December 16 at the Club



When the young people are in the Club, we rejoice for the gift of charity and hope for the future! Thank you to all who made this day possible! {{ Do you remember in last month's newsletter the fishing pond at left was built by the Ingenues?? }}



ROUND TABLE REPORTS AND PHOTOS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE SEND THEM  
BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH TO [womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com).



# Golden Book

## Submitted By:

Johanna Christiansen, Golden Book Chairman

Diane Lewallen, Golden Book Committee

In Honor of **The Woman's Club**

By Linda Kay Purcell

In Honor of the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Sophia Christiansen**

By Brian, Johanna, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of the birthday of **Marjorie M. Douglas**

By Ginger Vlieger

In Memory of **Laura Sistrunk**, Patron/LIFE member

By Laura Skeen

In Honor of **Cristina Pena Walls**

December program

By The Woman's Club

In Memory of **Billye Ruth Harris**, member of The Woman's Club

By Janet James

In Honor of the birthday of **Shirley Rice**

In Honor of **Kathy Littlefield** for her many hats as Chairman of the Christmas Faire and for being a wonderful Past President (2010-2012) including all she does for the Club

By Anita Oberle

## December General Meeting Highlights

Vice President Jane Stone continues to deliver one successful program after another! Not only were we inspired by the presentation given by H-E-B Cristina Pena Walls, but she brought us gifts too!



Cristina shared some of her stories from traveling to 56 of the 81 countries where H-E-B buys products. The far photo shows “we protect the women’s interests around the world.” In the other photo, Cristina shared how their team works and plays together too as they set a world record for an ice cream dessert. She showed how H-E-B lives their slogan: “because people matter.”

## LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 6 – General Meeting  
Speaker: Lisa Court,  
Director of Donor Development  
Shriner's Hospital for Children

March 6 – General Meeting  
Speaker:Carolynn Snyder  
"Touring the Pacific with 5,000  
of my closest male friends!"

WATCH FOR A SPECIAL FEBRUARY GAMES DAY ---  
you asked for more fun in the Club and the Board listened!

March 7 – Fiesta Teen Queen Reception

March 12 – Miss Eleanor Brackenridge Friendship Tea

The Woman's Club of San Antonio was organized October 1, 1898. We consistently strive to live up to our mission statement: For mutual improvement and cooperation in all charitable and educational undertakings that pertain to the greater good of humanity. We welcome new members all year to come and join us! Visit our website at [www.thewomansclubofsa.org](http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org) under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

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