

## THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



**RUSTLING LEAVES**

**JUNE 2020**



Here we are at our final General Meeting for the 2019-2020 Membership Year! ***Thank you all for coming once again to a virtual meeting of The Woman's Club of San Antonio.*** WCSA members and their guests walk up the majestic steps to the **GLISTENING polished** ballroom...and are greeted by the smile of our President Ferne Burney as she states: "It is now 11:00, so I am calling this **JUNE 3** meeting to order. Thank you all for reading today. We may be separated by the current threat to our health, but we will continue to communicate with each other in creative ways. Be sure to OPEN the YouTube links in this newsletter to be able to HEAR and SEE your officers speaking to you from the Club! Before we begin, let us ask our outgoing Chaplain, **Jean French**, to lead us in prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, We ask that you be with us today as we celebrate our newly elected officers and thank those past officers who have served so well. As it is written in Psalms, "This is the day that the Lord has made. I will be glad and rejoice in it." Let us begin each day with open hands of faith, ready to receive all that You Father God are pouring into this brief portion of our lives. Help us to be careful not to complain about anything, even the weather, since You are the author of our circumstances. The best way to handle unwanted situations is to thank the Lord for them. This act of faith frees you from resentment and frees God to work His ways into the situation so that good emerges from it. God understands our human frailty and knows that we can bear the weight of only one day at a time. Do not worry about tomorrow or get stuck in the past. There is abundant life in His presence today. As it says in Scripture: "Be still and know that I am God." God bless our city, its leaders and those who are ill and hurting. Bless our first responders for their protection and medical teams who help provide healing as we travel through this perilous time. Let us be the light in the darkness. Use us as your instrument of peace. We pray all this through our Lord's precious name. +Amen.

Thank you, **Jean**. We are grateful that you are feeling well from your recent hospital stay to lead us in prayer this morning.

We move on to Committee Reports:

**Susan Moreland-Goza**, will you give us a report on your correspondence for Care & Concern?

Jean French underwent exploratory surgery. She is feeling better and recovering at home. Virginia Van Cleave's aunt passed away. Billie Arredondo was admitted into the hospital for diagnostic testing. Linda Oliver's sister, Evelyn, who lived in Alabama, passed away last month.

**Johanna Christiansen**, will you give us a Golden Book report?

## GOLDEN BOOK GIFTS

**Submitted By:**

**Johanna Christiansen, Golden Book Chairman**

**Diane Lewallen, Golden Book Committee**

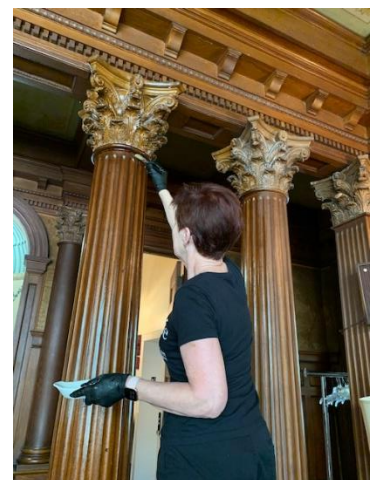
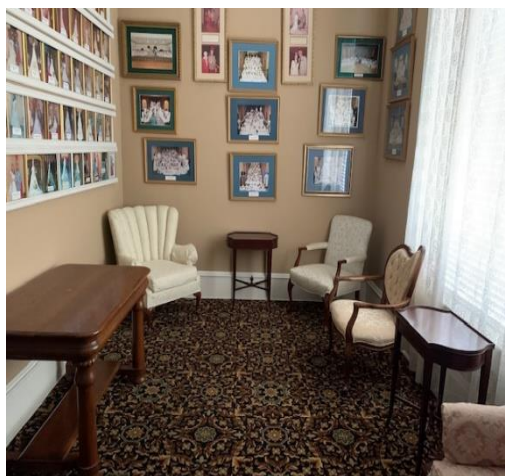
In Honor of **Ferne Burney** for being a wonderful Woman's Club of San Antonio President  
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of the May Birthday of **Paula Byars**  
By Patsy Pelton

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club** to thank all for their prayers, cards and concern  
By Jean French

**Helen Henderson:** Will you update us on the progress of the House restoration?

HELEN: We hit our challenge of \$50,000!! Because of your generosity, matched by Kathy Littlefield, we were able to get done the major repairs and painting. My gratitude to all you wonderful members who have contributed to our fund. It couldn't have been done without you! During our "stay home, work safe" quarantine, a group of ladies stepped out and added the final sparkle to our beautiful home and scrubbed, dusted, polished and polished again every base board, every corner, every picture frame..no dust bunny was left behind! My gratitude goes to **Ferne Burney, Leslie Doyle and Patte Pfeiffer**, who worked with me to absolutely perform magic inside our closets, kitchen, bathrooms and more! We even purchased new carts for use in the House. We have sorted and re-organized every floor and closet that there is a rumor afoot that we might even be ready for another garage sale some time in our future!



## CLEANING DAY SET FOR JUNE 9

We still have much wood needing tung oil application. We also need some general cleaning in other places (think dusty chandeliers). We would love for about 10 people to come help on that day. Please email the Club at [womansclubofsa@aol.com](mailto:womansclubofsa@aol.com) if you can come or have questions.

**Marsha Metz:** Would you please present the Treasurer's report?

The Woman's Club of San Antonio  
Income Statement  
For the Eleven Months Ending May 31, 2020

<b>THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO</b>		
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>		
<b>May 1 - 31, 2020</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>		
Dues	\$3,904.08	
Initiation Fees	400.00	
Commission - Graciela's Creations (3/2020)	97.80	
Donations [see below]	2,434.84 *	
Boutique Sale	35.00	
Interest income	1.91	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$6,873.63</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Name Tags	60.00	
Bank Charge Credit Card	16.79	
Dues [SAWF]	20.00	
Office Supplies [donated]	47.33	
Phone & Internet	296.99	
House /Kitchen Supplies [337.98 donated]	373.92	
Insurance - House & Liability	1,267.00	
Utilities [CPS Energy, 2 payments]	907.42	
Water	465.40	
Trash Disposal	98.00	
Maintenance & Repairs [see below]	1,950.00 **	
Pest Control	50.00	
Insurance - Workers Comp. [refund]	(266.54)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,286.31</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,587.32</b>	
<b>*Donations</b>		
For painting library	1,850.00	
Other cash donations	197.50	
In kind donations	387.34	
	<u>2,434.84</u>	
<b>**Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>		
Painting library	1,850.00	
A/C service call (3/2020)	100.00	
	<u>1,950.00</u>	

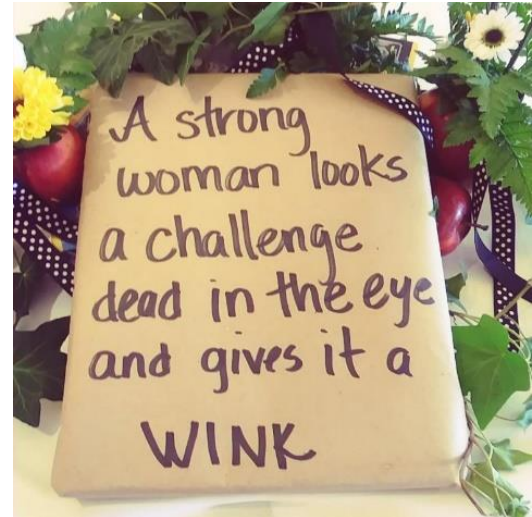
PLEASE REMEMBER TO AVOID LATE FEES ON YOUR 2020-2021 DUES.  
They must be paid by July 31 to be "on time."



**Before we move into our program today, allow me a few moments with you:**

**Nothing is as it should be.** We stop, we hesitate, we have to remember and to think: I can no longer do things that way. As much as it has made me sad, angry, tired, or frustrated; we are doing all these things for the preservation of our lives and the care of our society. But MAN! What a way to end my term in office!!

When Lou Holtz was a young coach at the University of Arkansas, he had an opportunity to watch his team have the socks knocked off them by Bear Bryant and the mighty football team from the University of Alabama. At the end of the game, Holtz said that Bear Bryant approached him and said, "My boys never played better." Somewhat sarcastically, Holtz replied, "I am glad I was here to see it!"



Members, we started this term with windows that were cracking and threatening the Gold Room frescoes and walls. Then we realized that the wallcovering in the library was cracking and falling away. I had occasion to go to the third balcony early in my presidency and realized that the railing was being held together with duct tape! As we were getting things patched and redone, we had invasion of not only cats but also rats. Then we realized that the house needing painting all over outside. I will agree with Holtz, "Gee, I am glad I was here to see it." But our membership rallied, we had one major donation from Kathy Littlefield, and the funds needed to address it all were raised. Thank you for each penny, and yes, I was glad to be there to see that.

The Board of Directors, and especially the Executive Board, has been working hard to upgrade the office, the procedures of staff, and very importantly, the Woodward House itself. We have had an opportunity to commit to many things when we were not busy coordinating plans for luncheons, meetings, and the myriad of other activities that make up The Woman's Club of San Antonio. I hope you will look at the photos in this issue of the newsletter to marvel at the renewed beauty of our clubhouse. It is a delight to behold!

We are not certain of how and when we will return to the clubhouse again as a large group. Our hope is that as we loosen restrictions within our community, we will discern that the danger has passed and that we can return given some limitations. I expect that we will be adding masks as a major fashion accessory along with our hats for some time to come. We will follow protocols and guidelines to the letter so that our members can feel confident that we are looking out for their best interests.

As I close this term with my last message to you, I think of the story of the blind men and the elephant. If you recall the story from long ago, each of five blind men touches a part of the elephant and decides what the animal looks like. The one holding the trunk is convinced that the elephant looks like a snake, the one with the ear thinks it must be like a fan, the one with the side thinks that it is like a wall, the one with the leg thinks it is like a tree, and the one with the tail thinks that it is like a rope. Each of them is correct for the part that they know. But not one of them knows the whole story! As we work together and hear so many things buzzing through our little community of a club, let's remember to ask questions, to forgive, and to try to understand each other as we know that we don't know necessarily what is going on with another. We can grow and even thrive despite the things going on around us, and that is my hope for this wonderful club.

**At this time, I would like to make a special presentation to some of our members.**

Please open this link to watch this previously recorded event last week at the Club:

<https://youtu.be/C-OMRG5o8g>

Thank you to my entire Board, but a special thank you goes to Jane Stone, Helen Henderson, Leslie Doyle, Kathy Littlefield and Sandra Whittaker.

Ferne Burney | 2018-2020 President

Our program for our June meeting will now continue.

I would like to ask Jane Stone to the podium to preside over the remembrance of our members who passed away this year.



We remember the following members who now live in our hearts as we see an empty chair at our table:

Barbara Jean Dillman

Sharon Greene

Margaret Thompson



The gift of friendship needs no further words....

We thank all who served on the 2018-2020 Board either as an elected, appointed or Board Committee member.

We congratulate the incoming 2020-2022 Board, led by President Jane Stone. Please now open this link to view a special presentation to outgoing President Ferne Burney from Jane Stone, previously recorded at the Club:

<https://youtu.be/01h16YJEo5k>





**AND NOW the 2020-2022 President of the Woman's Club of San Antonio would like to send her greetings to each of you... Please open this link to listen to Jane's first address as president, recorded previously at the Woodward House:**

<https://youtu.be/2naYsG5x6b0>

**We present the 2020-2022 Board of Directors:**

Vice President	Virginia Van Cleave
Membership Chairman	Patricia Villarreal
Yearbook Chairman	Gail Jarratt
House Chairman	Annette Ivy
Grounds Chairman	Martha (Tinker) Mass Schultz
Public Relations Chairman	Janice McGraw
Newsletter Chairman	Cyndi Munch
Notification Chairman	Karin Fee
Recording Secretary	Trace Mahbubani
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Moreland-Goza
Treasurer	Marsha Metz
Assistant Treasurer	Sandra Geppert



Although the Club will be closed in June and July, President Jane Stone and Vice President Virginia Van Cleave look forward to seeing you soon! At our August program, we will mark the centennial of women's right to vote and more fun is planned for our annual Fall Gala too. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and check our website for more information.

<http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org/>



**Embarrassing our kids,  
that's just one of the  
services we offer!!!!!!**

At our June meeting, we also are proud to introduce the recipients of the \$10,000 Scholarship Fund presented to students of San Antonio College each year.

Names	Major	GPA	Profile
Allyn Gay	Biology/Pre-Professional	4.00	Allyn is not from Texas, but as the saying goes, she got here as soon as she could! Her goal is to be a pediatrician.
Farzaneh Azazil	Biology/Pre-Nursing	3.88	Farzaneh is an immigrant from Iraq, pursuing a degree in nursing
Arzo Nasiri	Nursing: Generic	3.14	Arzo is an immigrant from Afghanistan. She is working hard to complete her prerequisites for the nursing program.
Teresa Rojas	TX Teacher EC-6, 4-8, EC-12	3.88	Teresa is a first-generation college student.
Erika Gonzalez	Biology/Pre-Nursing	4.00	Erika is a first-generation college student and a mother of four. She was recently accepted into the Nursing program at SAC.
Daniela Rios	CRJT: Law Enforcement	3.50	A mother and a survivor of human trafficking., Erika is pursuing a degree in Law Enforcement.
Margaret Suther	TX Teacher EC-6, 4-8, EC-12	3.43	Self-employed in-home day care and is a mother of three, Margaret's goal is to become an educator.
Cheryl Woodworth	Business Administration	3.76	Cheryl is the primary provider of her family's support.
Crystal Saldana	Info Assurance & Cybersecurity	3.62	A full-time mother of three children, Crystal is determined and achieves what she sets out to do.
Monet Hinojosa	Biology Pre-Professional	3.76	Monet successfully completed her academic goals this spring semester as a first time in college and a first-time parent.

Congratulations to each one of these students who will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship toward their expenses this fall. We remain true to our Club's mission statement.

If there is no further business to be brought before the club, this meeting stands adjourned.

If you are able, please do send in your "luncheon" gift for the Club's Restoration Fund. And stay at home and stay healthy!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Monica Bridges



Vanessa Jourdan



Darcy Scrimshire



Margaret Cluck

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Baust	2
B.J. Duncan	3
Carol Habgood	3
Hannah Geppert	5
Cynthia Benton	9
Julie Jordan	9
Aline Kundrotas	9
Lou Anne Olmos	11
Rosemary Hoelscher	17
Stephanie Hobbs	19
Deborah Kunetz	22
Kathy Scoggin-Swallow	22
Elizabeth Neely	24
Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins	25
Marvinette Smith	26
Molly Allen	27
Marianna Coindreau	30



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ALL members are encouraged and invited to submit your photos from Woman's Club events for possible use in the newsletter and/or Facebook. Email us at [womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com).

It has been my privilege and honor to document our 2018-2020 history. **-Patsy -30-**