

## Rustling Leaves



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### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

A few weeks ago, I actually had the opportunity to sit in the foyer of the Mansion and observe its beauty. As I was waiting for a small, but elegant marriage ceremony to begin, I kept looking at the beauty that filled the space: the carved wood, the staircase, and the columns – all designed in the neo-classical style by famed architect Atlee B. Ayers and completed in 1906. In a way, I could “feel” the strength of the women who had stood in this same space, who I’m sure had scrubbed the floors, dusted the walls and chandeliers, and polished the wood over the past century, just as we finished doing this summer.

Then the wedding party entered the foyer, descending from the staircase. As the bride slowly glided step by step down the stairs, the whole Mansion seemed to burst forth energy from her glow. I thought about that we all know how the Mansion and its beauty also breathes life and energy into our events giving us all a feeling of happiness and joy. With this happiness and joy comes a purpose. A purpose that began with Mary Eleanor Brackenridge and Marin Fenwick. Between Miss Fenwick’s pen for the *San Antonio Daily Express* and Miss Brackenridge’s purse, they redefined the “women’s place” in society.

They did so by creating voluntary organizations that focused on the needs of women and children and the reform of government, including the organization of the Texas Suffrage Association in 1913. Be sure to raise a toast on August 18 when we remember the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment 100 years ago that women fought for: the right to vote. The same women who took care of the Mansion through the decades are the same women who worked tirelessly, sometimes in the face of personal danger, to achieve their goal.

I hope that we can all work together in the same way as these ladies did. We are women who come from different backgrounds, but that diversity is our strength. Our strength becomes stronger when forged together as we navigate the unknown future as we emerge from the pandemic. Yes, I realize it’s hard to be away from the Mansion now since April. But to put it into perspective, the Texas Suffrage Association worked 7 years before women could vote in 1920! We can and will honor the women who were trailblazers a century ago—as we plan, work and enjoy programming in new ways and use technology just as Marin Fenwick did and to dig into our purses to keep the Mansion “humming” just as Mary Eleanor Brackenridge did.

I miss all of you and hope you are staying safe and healthy. Let us remember those who are in need of our prayers. We will not meet in the Mansion this month, but we hope to kick off the first General Meeting of the new membership year in October and elect our 2021 Teen Queen.

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## *Queen Hannah Geppert*

### *King Antonio*

Representing Queen Alice. Her Gracious Majesty,  
 Hannah Clarisse of the House of Geppert  
 Our Fiesta Teen Queen's Royal Court  
 Her Majesty's Escort  
 Master Leo Claude of the House of Geppert  
 Her Majesty's Scepter Bearer  
 Samuel Weston of the House of Atha  
 Her Majesty's Medallion Bearer  
 Richard Michael of the House of Sanchez  
 Her Majesty's Crown Bearer  
 Ryan Winter of the House of Atha  
 Her Majesty's Train Bearer  
 Alexis Ann of the House of Hill  
 \*Her Majesty's Flower Girl  
 Maebry Michele of the House of White  
 \*Her Majesty's Flower Girl  
 Aubrey Skye of the House of Young  
 \*Her Majesty's Train Bearer  
 Paige Pamela of the House of Patton

## *Princess Lillie Medina*

### *King Rey Fec*

Representing the Adventure of Wonderland  
 Herald the Princess of the Royal Court  
 Her Royal Highness Lillie Michelle of the House of Medina

Our Fiesta Princess' Court  
 Her Highness' Page  
 Master Harold Gustav of the House of Christiansen  
 Her Highness' Flower Girl  
 Lauren Elizabeth of the House of Brearley  
 Her Highness' Train Bearer  
 Scarlett Avery of the House of Martin  
 \*Her Highness' Crown Bearer  
 Lavinia Georgette of the House of Reyes

\* Royalty unable to attend but included here in this tale of  
 Wonderland of the 2020 Court.



## 2020 Coronation

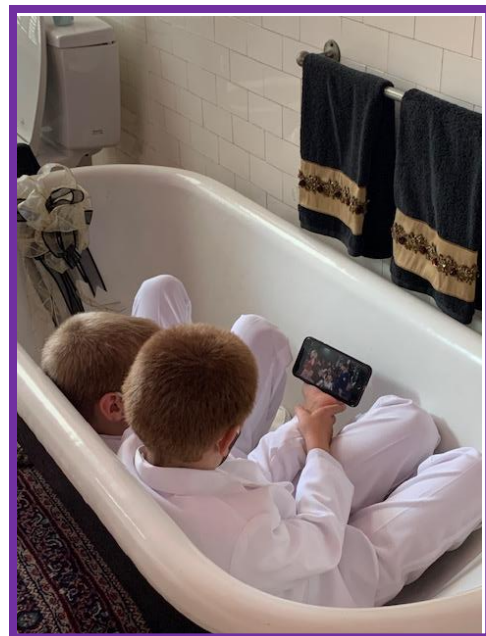
August 2<sup>nd</sup> was a special day at the Woodward House for 36 members of the Court and their families in the challenging times of our 2020 health safety issues. The 2020 Royal Court, Through the Looking Glass, was presented in style thanks to Janice McGraw who did the wonderful stage decorations for the event. The Coronation Committee led by Madi Moad-Hageman organized the amazing, safe celebration with her team Michele Moad-Hageman, Co-Chairman, and committee team members Jane Stone, Virginia Van Cleave, Vanessa Van Cleave, Ferne Burney and Johanna Christiansen.

We were honored to have as our special Royal Guests:

**King Rey Feo LXXII Thomas Aguillon**  
**King Antonio XCVII Phillip Peacock Bakke**



Sophia Gloria, Isabella Grace, and Brittany  
Virginia Van Cleave's granddaughters



James Desbrow and  
Ferne Burney's grandsons



Jeannette Rodriguez Duran and  
Paulina Rodriguez Duran wear  
special fancy masks for their  
Ladies in Waiting finery.

The masks were made by their  
mother Irma Rodriguez Duran



Miss Alexis Hill does a great job to  
carry the Queen's train

The Lord Chancellor and Royal Heralds:  
Lord Chancellor Xavier Jay of the House of Lewis  
Most High Herald Sir James Parker of the House of Desbrow  
Most High Herald Sir Jonah Pascal of the House of Desbrow

The Royal Escorts:  
Sir Reynaldo Marcus of the House of Sanchez  
\*Sir Draco Lee of the House of Means

Presenting the Ladies in Waiting of the Royal Court  
Lady in Waiting Rozlyn of the House of Collins  
Lady in Waiting Jeannette Alejandra of the House of Rodriguez Duran  
Lady in Waiting Paulina Marcela of the House of Rodriguez Duran  
Lady in Waiting Isabella Machaela of the House of Salinas  
Lady in Waiting Jocelyn Adela of the House of Valdez  
Lady in Waiting Isabella Grace of the House of Van Cleave  
Lady in Waiting Sophia Gloria of the House of Van Cleave  
\*Lady in Waiting Peyton Meadow of the House of Reyes  
\*Lady in Waiting Hayden Renee of the House of Salinas

Presenting the Ladies of the Royal Court  
Lady Tessa Louise O'Hanlon of the House of Christiansen  
Lady Jaylene Jasmine of the House of Lewis  
Lady Grace Marie of the House of Lutz  
Lady Ryan Grace of the House of Scrimshire  
Lady Sophia Isabella of the House of Tamez  
Lady Brittany Virginia of the House of Van Cleave  
Lady Isabella Grace of the House of Walski

Presenting the Duchesses of the Royal Court  
Her Grace Sophia Jeanette Schramm of the House of Christiansen  
Her Grace Gabrielle Olivia of the House of Geppert  
Her Grace Giselle D. of the House of Gonzales  
Her Grace Melody Joy of the House of Hays  
Her Grace Laurel Abbey of the House of Miller  
Her Grace Isabella Marina of the House of Niño  
Her Grace Sarah Sophia of the House of Stone  
Her Grace Avery Ann of the House of Walker  
\*Her Grace Madison Iliana of the House of Kiernan

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Wonderland of the 2020 Court.

Each Coronation participant received two goodie bags. One was given by  
Queen Hannah Geppert & Princess Lillie Medina and had their Coronation  
medals and candy. One was from The Woman's Club (put together by  
Vanessa Van Cleave). This goodie bag included a 2020 Woman's Club  
Fiesta Medal, toys and snacks.

Tessa, Harold & Sophia Christiansen - Ingenue  
Children of Johanna Christiansen



Melody Hays – Ingenue  
Daughter of Heather Hays



Isabella Niño - Ingenue  
Daughter of Yvonne Niño



## OUR WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS FOR AUGUST

*August Birthdays*

Mary Corrigan	3	Susan Moreland-Goza	14
Jane Stiles	3	Betty Lewandowski	17
Debbie Hamer	4	Jane Stone	18
Gina Langley	4	Janet James	19
Misty Rios	6	Ferne Burney	20
Caroline Ingram	7	Jeanne Koplan	20
Armandina Sifuentes	9	Ashley Littlefield	25
Vanessa Jourdan	10	Divina Alvarez	28
Debbie Kline	11	Julie Alexander-Shacklett	28
Sandra Ojeda-Medina	11	Michele Moad-Hageman	29
Linda Parsons	13	Dona Liston	30



Vanessa Van Cleave 31

### ANNOUNCING

~ Our newest Life Member of the San Antonio Woman's Club:  
Helen Henderson was named a Life Member at the July 29, 2020 regular board meeting.

~ Finance Committee:  
Carol Carpenter was appointed Member At Large at the July 29, 2020 regular board meeting.

~ Grounds Chairman:  
The nominating committee announced that the position of Grounds Chairman is open. Grounds Chairman is an elected position. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact Patte Pfeiffer. 210-833-6588(c) pattep5215@att.net

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP – THE HEART OF YOUR COMMITMENT

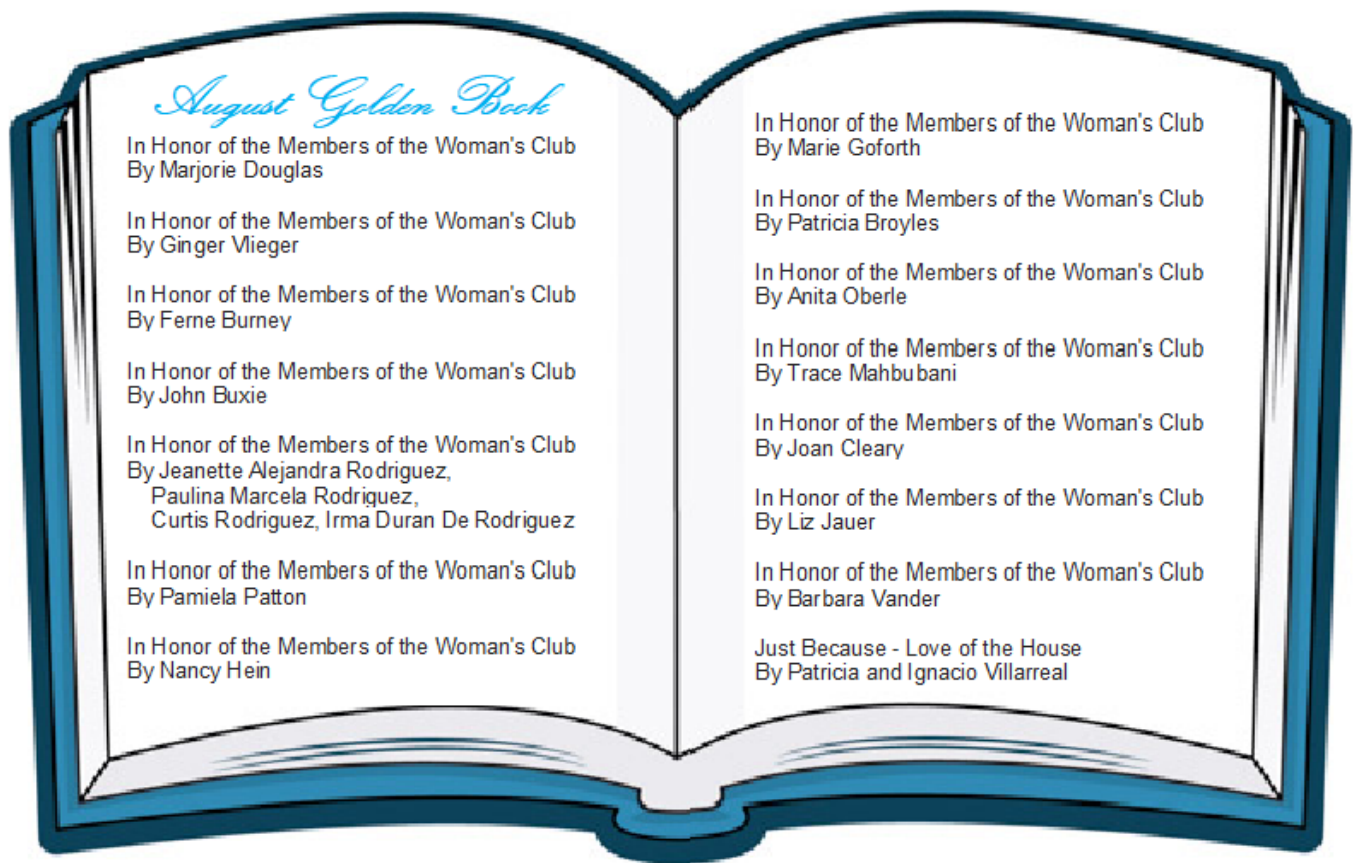
As of mid-July the Woman's Club of San Antonio had 150 memberships. During the pandemic we have not been able to do all the fun things our leadership has planned for our Club. The Club needs everyone to reach out, stay in touch and support our historic home. If you have not made your dues payment, please do so now. The fiscal year for the Woman's Club runs July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Membership renewal was due the end of July. Dues not paid by October 1<sup>st</sup> will result in loss of membership to the Club and any reapplication/reinstatement requires a new initiation fee.

#### General Membership Dues –

\$165 if paid by cash or check August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> (\$169.95 by credit card)

\$180 if paid by cash or check September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> (\$185.40 credit card)

- 1) Check: Please make your check payable to the Woman's Club of SA & include "2020-21 Dues" in the memo line. Mail to the Club - 1717 San Pedro, SA 78212.
- 2) Credit card: Call the Club (210-732-4811) and if no one answers to take your credit card payment, simply leave your name and phone number, and you will receive a return phone call.



Submitted By: Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman

## NEWS OF OUR PROGRAMS

The Coronation Committee was able to make our Fiesta in Wonderland happen for our Fiesta Royalty and their Courts, but major changes were necessary for health and safety. Attendance was limited.

**Professional photography – still pictures and a video were made to share the 2020 Coronation. A selection from our Fiesta in Wonderland will be presented to the membership digitally soon and will be available at the Club when we return in force.**

For the same safety and gathering size issues, our September Fall Luncheon at the San Antonio Country Club has been cancelled. Let's hope we can match calendars with Patsy Torres for her "Almost Patsy Cline" program in the near future.

While the best guidance of our local government and health officials will continue to be observed, our program plans are shared below. Thank You Virginia!

October 7<sup>th</sup>: Presentation & Honoring of Past Presidents, Patrons, & new Life Members

Program: Nancy Hein "A Visit from our Past" History of our Woman's Club from our earliest registered member

Fiesta Teen Queen Election

Luncheon Hostesses: Books & Letters Round Table

Community Care Concern: General Club Expenses

November 4 Program: Dr. Michelle Tabit, Ph.D. "Don't Forget the Ladies: Tennessee, the Final State"

Celebrating the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment

Luncheon Hostesses: Bee Alive Crafters Round Table

Community Care Concern: Seton Home

## *Care and Concern*

Member and President, Jane Stone, had eye surgery.  
Member, Sandra Ojeda Medina, and her husband were hospitalized.

Member, Jean French, underwent an endoscopy.

Member, Sandra Geppert, is having health issues.

Member Marcella Schroder's husband passed away.

Member, Rosemary Sundeen, broke her wrist and was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Because we care about each other – if you have a concern or know a member who might appreciate a card or outreach, please notify Susan so she may share with the Club. [slmoreland@att.net](mailto:slmoreland@att.net)

Susan Moreland-Goza

### TREASURER'S REPORT INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH ENDING 31 JULY 2020

	<u>July 1 - 24, 2020</u>		
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Dues	\$ 5,686.87	* See note below	
Donations - Cash	300.00		
Fiesta Medals	12.00		
Fall Luncheon	150.00	**Will be refunded	
Total Revenues	<u>6,148.87</u>		
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Bank Charge Credit Card	51.67		
Phone & Internet	302.21		
Insurance - House & Liability	1,267.12		
Water	1,015.93		
Trash Disposal	95.40		
House/Kitchen Supplies	29.11		
Elevator Expense	1,289.49		
Total Expenses	<u>4,050.93</u>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$ 2,097.94</u>		
<b>*2020-2021 dues received February - July 2020 totaled \$18,234.35</b>			
<b>**Refund checks will be issued</b>			

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Metz

# Celebrating Women's Right to Vote

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## Special Day and Special Moment

August 18<sup>th</sup> is a special day! It is my birthday. It is my anniversary. And, it is the day women were granted the right to vote. I thank Eleanor Brackenridge for her hard work and perseverance in giving women a better life and a better place in society. I'm sure Eleanor would be thrilled if we all went to the polls to vote; especially since, she worked so hard to give us the right. So, ladies, as you push the "vote" button in the voting booth, think of Eleanor!



**President Jane Stone**



**Vice President  
Virginia Van Cleave**

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## Celebrating the Ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

We are honored to be members of the Woman's Club of San Antonio and to celebrate the 1920 ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment that was so very important to our founder Eleanor Brackenridge. She was born in 1837, in Indiana. Yet, in 1855, she and her family moved to Texas, joining others who GOT TO TEXAS AS QUICK AS THEY COULD. In 1866, she and her mother moved to live with her brother, George, in San Antonio. Eleanor used her considerable energy to work with other women who shared her interest in education and civic work.

Women's Clubs began to grow in Texas in the 1890s. Eleanor Brackenridge and Marion Fenwick organized The Woman's Club of San Antonio on October 1, 1898. Eleanor became the first President guiding the club's activities from literary subjects to civic reform and women's rights. In 1912, Eleanor became the President of the San Antonio Equal Franchise Society and helped organize the Texas Woman's Suffrage Association in 1913. The statewide Texas Association of Women's Clubs endorsed women's suffrage in 1915. In 1918, Eleanor became the first woman to register to vote in Bexar County.

Our August Summer Luncheon was planned to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the day that the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920. Because of the pandemic, our program has been moved to our November General Meeting. The date is quite fitting since it is the day after our presidential election. Dr. Michelle Tabit will be our speaker, and we have other special plans for that day. Please put November 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment was passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate on June 4, 1920. The next step was to have the amendment ratified by 36 states within the year. Texas was the first southern state and the ninth state nationally to ratify the amendment. I firmly believe that the support

and efforts by our Woman's Club played a major role in this vote.

What was so important about Tennessee ratifying the amendment on August 18<sup>th</sup> in 1920? Thirty-five states had already ratified the amendment, and Tennessee would be the decision maker. Harry Burn was only 24 years old and a first term member of the Tennessee General Assembly. He wanted to be re-elected, so he supported those that were against women's suffrage. But when the time came for his vote, he kept thinking

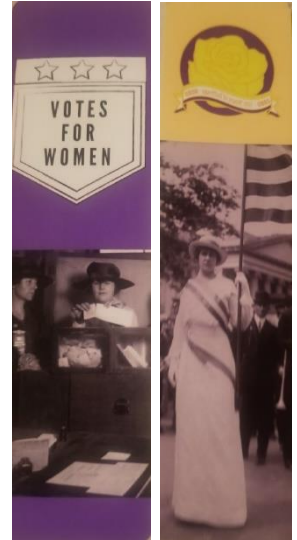
about a letter from his mother that was in his pocket. She wrote her son, "HURRAH AND VOTE FOR SUFFRAGE", and he listened to his mother. His vote guaranteed women the right vote in the United States and ended the tireless campaigning by generations of suffragists. This vote became known as the War of the Roses. The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was certified into the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 1920.

## The War of the Roses



**Sophia Van Cleave**  
Granddaughter of Virginia Van Cleave

I created a time line of individuals who had contributed to the struggle to achieve the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. After the Nineteenth Amendment was passed, 36 states were required to ratify it. The 36<sup>th</sup> state was Tennessee, and this is where The War of Roses was fought. Those that did not want women to earn the right to vote wore RED roses, and those that wanted women to get the right to vote wore YELLOW roses. An individual on my time line was Henry Burn. He pinned a red rose on his lapel because he was against giving women the right to vote, but his mother had asked him to support women. The yellow rose faction in the War of the Roses prevailed with Mr. Burn's vote to support suffrage. I designed a bookmark celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nineteenth amendment and included the yellow rose. My godmother printed my bookmarks in her print shop and I have enough to give all the members of the Woman's Club a bookmark at the November General Meeting. Come to the meeting and get your bookmark!



**1920**

**WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE CENTENNIAL**

**2020**

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified and became a part of the U.S. Constitution, forever protecting American women's right to vote. Our own founder and first president of the Woman's Club of San Antonio, Eleanor Brackenridge, was a local leader in the women's suffrage movement. Eleanor was the first female to register to vote in Bexar County. In Eleanor's honor, exercise your right to vote this November.

Ferne Burney shares her President's plaque with  
Founder, Eleanor Brackenridge.  
Your Woman's Club of San Antonio  
continues to pass the gavel to great leaders.



## 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.

### SUPPORT THE WOMAN'S CLUB WITH YOUR SHOPPING ENJOYMENT

Little ways you can help with the house fixed costs:

- Fill every Christmas stocking with a Woman's Club Collector medal - \$12
- Slip a Woman's Club memorabilia keychain in with a gift to a friend - \$10 (also a great stocking stuffer)
- Honor your alma mater with a brick in our Reflection Garden - \$60
- Honor your graduate, best husband ever, Woman's Club pal who doesn't know you know of her special achievement, your new grandchild ~ with a notice/photo in this newsletter (\$25 for a quarter page)

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