



The President's Letter

The Woman's Club of San Antonio is a charter member of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission and has been involved in Fiesta Week for over 117 years. We are proud to host three official Fiesta events. Our first event was the coronation of our Teen Queen, one of only seven official Queens of Fiesta!

The Fifty-eighth Annual Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation, held on March 5th, was absolutely beautiful! Our Gracious Majesty Laurel Abbey Miller and our Royal Highness Melody Joy Hays made their regal entrances at the beginning of the coronation so they were able to see the entire 2023 Royal Court as they marched, bowed and took their seats. King Antonio Clyde Johnson IV, Rey Feo Larry Kurth and your Woman's Club President also were on



the stage and could see the pageantry and excitement of the audience as more than 40 participants entered the Carver Auditorium. Our thanks to Past President Robin Steinhauser and her committee for a glorious coronation that ended with spontaneous dancing led by our own Mr. Fiesta, with his crown and train, Michael Quintanilla and our member and emcee extraordinaire Elizabeth Ruiz.

Our 107th Annual Fiesta Flower Show, the Wheel of Time, opens on Friday, April 21st at 2 p.m. after our official ribbon cutting ceremony held on the front steps of our Woodward Mansion. The Flower Show

will be open to the public on Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, April 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please come and bring friends to see the wonderful arrangements created by our members. If you have the time, perhaps you can call the office and offer to sign up as a hostess for Friday afternoon or anytime on Saturday. We welcome our guests to see this mansion which has been our home since 1926. This year we will also be having a plant sale to raise money for our beautiful grounds. This Fiesta event is an oasis of beauty, fragrance and tranquility. I look forward to seeing you at our Fiesta Flower Show!

Our final event is our popular Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon which celebrates our 125 Years “STAYIN’ ALIVE”! The luncheon is being held at the Westin San Antonio, 9821 Colonnade Blvd., on Wednesday, April 26th. Doors to the ballroom open promptly at 11:30 a.m. Members and guests are already reserving their tables and their seats. Some committee members are making table decorations, others are writing letters for auction items, members are getting items for swag bags, and working on getting raffle items. Plans are being made for our music and our entertainment. Everyone is working on having another fabulous luncheon. BUT there are also many members and friends who are working frantically on their fantastic hat creations! Join the FUN! Tables are for ten, tickets for regular seats are \$80 per person and VIP seats are \$130. VIVA FIESTA!!!

Virginia
President 2022-2024

TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE

Vice President's Message

Hello Ladies, our calendars indicate that on March 20th, Spring begins. These last few days have felt more like Winter days, but Jack Frost has come and gone, so Happy Spring! For Texans, one indication of Spring is our wild flowers. The bluebonnets have bloomed and have decorated our Texas landscape. Before leaving March, I hope that each one of you has embraced our history in Texas history and the impact we, as women, have helped to establish. Through the years, our Woman's Club has accomplished many of the goals dedicated to its purpose. In our yearbook, page 8, please read the many goals listed. As an educator of 42 years, I am especially proud that we provide annual scholarships to aid deserving students in furthering their education. On that point, where does the needed money come from?

Our fundraisers help us to meet those financial obligations we extend into our community. Our Christmas Faire and our Official Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon help to provide most of the needed money. So, I hope you have April 26th marked on your calendar to attend our Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon, at the Westin S.A. North. As usual, the hats will be marvelous...Michael Quintanilla will be wearing something outrageous and many of our members will take the runway wearing that hat that will make us say “aw, how beautiful is that”. How can you help? Advertise our event on social media, word of mouth, sharing copies of our event flyer with your other clubs, etc. Secondly, we need auction items: vintage furnishings, gift cards, jewelry, etc. You can take your items to our mansion and place them in the office. If each one of us does our part, we will have a successful event. Call Tina and make your reservation for April 26th.

Taking a look at the entire month of March:

- ❖ We had a marvelous speaker at our general meeting, Dr. David Carlson, a Texas historian who provided much information on the women of The Alamo.
- ❖ Our 2023 Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation was well attended. Thank you Robin Templeton for coordinating this traditional event. Liz Ruiz and Michael Quintanilla wrapped things up with a lively song and dance, yes, dancing on stage and off. A huge thank you to our many dedicated members who provided the lovely reception that followed.
- ❖ It was a first that many of us, 15, attended the Rey Feo Candlelight Ball. I love the fact that our Queen and Princess have taken such a delight in going to these many Fiesta events. They give us pride in always looking amazing.



- ❖ We had such a delightful Friendship Tea on March 7th with hats galore and some wearing gloves, thank you Linda Parsons and committee. Our auditorium with the beautiful decorations and table cloths looked elegant. Thank you to Rosie Bella Gastelum for her reenactment of Eleanor Brackenridge. Another highlight was the display of exquisite dolls shared by Sandra Bradley.
- ❖ March 26th, Queen's Reception. Make plans to come, it's always so festive with the many dignitaries we receive as well as Royalty.
- ❖ Have you noticed our basement area, yes, it's becoming a garden. Thank you to all Round Tables that contributed to this lovely idea.

Ladies, we have fun in so many different ways, come join us! Hope to see you at our general meeting on April 5th...Fiesta in the air!

"Be of good cheer", Sandra

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Johanna Christiansen	Apr 2
Eileen Marin	Apr 3
Madi Spengler	Apr 4
Sharon Alexander	Apr 8
Jaquie Rothermel	Apr 8
Nancy Cooke	Apr 11
Patricia Geppert	Apr 13
Patricia Connors	Apr 14



Cheryl Conway	Apr 16
Lili Villaneuva	Apr 23
Jean French	Apr 24
Hilary Pattan	Apr 26
Muriel England	Apr 27
Celeste Brown	Apr 30
Heather Hays	Apr 30

Our March meeting was a fascinating presentation by historian Dr. David Carlson. He busted a few myths, provided historical context, and told us of some of the women and other less reported on occupants of the Alamo.



Upcoming Luncheons and Events

Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice-president

RSVP to the Woman's Club office @ 210-732-4811 for credit card payment

Join Us for



*Merriment,
Medals,
and More with current and former
Fiesta Royalty*

*at The Woman's Club of San Antonio
on Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Social-10:30 am/Meeting-11:00 am*

Please make reservations for Lunch (cost is \$30.00) no later than
12:00 Noon the Monday prior to the Wednesday Meeting by
calling 210-732-4811 or online at

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/april-general-meeting/>

Menu

Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Charro Beans, Sopapilla Cheesecake



The annual Friendship Tea was hosted by the Friendship Round Table on March 7th. The event featured beautiful displays of vintage dolls and tea sets, delicious finger food, live music, poetry recitations, vintage clothing, and much more. Congratulations to Linda Parsons and her team for a job exceptionally well done!



Care and Concern.

As reported from Barbara Vander

Reminder: Please send Care and Concern requests to Barbara Vander, barbjvan.WCSA@gmail.com. Due to privacy, only announcements approved by a family member will be published. If you are aware of an Event of Concern, please send this information directly to Barbara and she will make sure what information the family wishes to share. If concerning death, please give information related to funeral and preference for gifts/flowers. Please let her know who the member is, relationship to person and where cards and messages should be sent.

- ❖ Our dear member Karen "Kat" Hanson passed away February 27, 2023. Her Memorial Service was held March 11. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. You may post condolences, stories and pictures on her obituary link: www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/san-antonio-tx/karen-hanson-11176505
- ❖ Marshall Stone, husband of our Past President Jane Stone, has been in and out of the hospital. Please send cards for his recovery to: 1614 Poets Corner, San Antonio, TX 78232
- ❖ WCSA member, Linda Parson's brother passed away March 7th 2023. Cards and condolences may be sent to: 13950 Walnut Canyon, Helotes, TX 78023

Prospective Members

We have received applications for membership in the Woman's Club of San Antonio for:

- ❖ Loretta Shivers
- ❖ Diana Marbach
- ❖ Diana Leach
- ❖ Sabrina Ross
- ❖ Rose Corley

Their applications will be presented for a vote to the Board of Directors. If anyone has any questions, please contact Membership Chair Jen Brearley.

Golden Book

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman

- ❖ In memory of our deceased member Karen Hanson by the Woman's Club of San Antonio
- ❖ In honor of our March speaker by the Woman's Club of San Antonio

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Members are invited to submit relevant photos of people or events for possible use in the newsletter and/or Facebook to womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com. **Advertising in Rustling Leaves is available** at the following rates: full page - \$100; half page - \$50; and, quarter page - \$25. Your ad may include business cards, recognition/celebrations, and announcements of upcoming events. The deadline for submission and payment for advertising is the 15th of the month prior to the publication month.



IT IS TIME FOR ALL THINGS FIESTA!



Reason to Attend the Fiesta Luncheon and Enter the Hat Contest

Fiesta List for 2023

Laugh with my Friends

Show Off My Beautiful Outfit &

Don't forget my Shoes!

Oh My! and My Hat

Shop in the Club Boutique

Bid in the Auction (even if I don't need it) but what fun!

Enter the Hat Contest Strutting My Stuff
or Skipping Down the Runway in a Group

8 Categories

Glitz & Glamour, Most Beautiful, Vintage
Small Group, Large Group, Youth
Spirit of Fiesta, Texas Toppers

My Opportunity to Shine!

Remember to Buy Tickets for Fiesta Luncheon

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/fiesta-hat-contest-and-luncheon>

SILENT AUCTION

We will be conducting a **Silent Auction at the Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon**. Remember, Silent Auctions are *PURE PROFIT* for our Club, but we depend on our members to donate unique, new and unused items – think wine, jewelry, gift baskets, and **gift cards/certificates**. Everyone likes to eat out (restaurant gift certificates!) and get hair and nails done (salon gift certificates!). You can leave items in the Office with Tina in a container labeled “Fiesta Luncheon Silent Auction Items.” Please fill out the paperwork showing the donor and the value of the item donated. Our proceeds will be used for scholarships, charity donations, and Mansion care. We need your donations and would appreciate receiving them no later than **Monday, April 3, 2023**.

Contact Sandy Salinas our Silent Auction Chair, at 210-365-5536 or ssalinas@hts-tx-com for additional information.

Volunteers Needed for Helping with Fiesta Hat Contest

If you are not purchasing tickets to attend or eat lunch, but would like to be involved this is a fun event to help make successful.

Time: 10am-2pm

Please text or email Sandra Bradley

210-326-7673 sandjohn@satx.rr.com

I would like to take my volunteers to lunch afterwards as a Thank you.

**107TH ANNUAL FIESTA FLOWER SHOW
"THE WHEEL OF TIME"
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF HERITAGE AND HISTORY
APRIL 21ST & 22ND
FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

April 21st from 8:00 to 10:30 am you may bring your entry/exhibit to the Mansion for judging. The Flower Show will be open to the public from 2:00-4:00pm.

April 22nd the Flower Show will be open to the public from 10:00 am-4:00pm. Pick up your entry between 4:00 - 5:00 pm.

We encourage you to enter the show. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the club. Members are happy to help anyone new to the Flower Show with design ideas. You are also welcome to bring your beautiful horticulture entries from your own garden. Upon signing up you can pick up your copy of the A Change of Time program and exhibit rules at the Mansion.

Please direct any questions to Committee Chairman Linda Oliver at 210-725-9088.

The Fiesta Flower Show is coming faster than you think. Be sure to sign up your entry in the foyer of the Mansion. The committee and interested parties will meet at 9:00 am on April 20 to set up the house for the show. Soon an electronic survey will circulate for those who wish to help and/or provide donations. A paper copy will also circulate at the April 5 General Meeting. Every club member is invited to enter the show. Horticulture is open to nonmembers. Any questions concerning the show call Linda Oliver, 210-725-9088.



FIESTA PLANT SALE

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 22
10:00AM - 4:00PM**

**LOCATION: FRONT DRIVEWAY OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB
BEAUTIFUL HANGING BASKETS AND SPRING FLOWERS
AVAILABLE**

DONATIONS WANTED FOR FIESTA PLANT SALE

**DO YOU HAVE POTTED PLANTS YOU NO LONGER WANT TO KEEP ALIVE?
DO YOU HAVE EMPTY POTS YOU ARE JUST TRIPPING OVER?**

**DONATE THEM TO THE FIESTA PLANT SALE!
ONLY LIVING PLANTS IN POTS WILL BE ACCEPTED
EMPTY POTS MUST BE RINSED OUT AND REASONABLY CLEAN**

**DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE CLUB ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21
10:00AM - 4:00PM**

The Coronation and reception were held on March 5th. Johanna Christiansen and her Committee did a wonderful job decorating the house and providing lots of tasty nibbles for the hungry Coronation participants and attendees.





**Tickets for the
102nd Patriotic & Historical Ball
Are Now Available!**
Presented by the State Association of Texas Pioneers
An official Fiesta San Antonio Event
Saturday, April 22, 2023, 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
San Fernando Ballroom
231 W. Commerce Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205



Women Club members receive the same rates as our Pioneers. Request a code or let them know if purchasing directly. There are two options to purchase tickets. We regret that no tickets will be sold at the door:

1. If you live in the San Antonio area, you can visit Alamo Mini Storage at 1999 Gulfmart during office hours (Mon – Friday 8-5, closed 12:30 -1:30 for lunch, or Saturday 9-1). In addition to event tickets, you can purchase table sponsorship packages and medals! Individual tickets are \$40. Tickets will be available through the close of business at 1 PM on Saturday, April 22nd.
*Discounted pricing available for members in good standing.
2. Tickets are also available online at <https://texaspioneers.ticketleap.com/patriotic-historical-ball-2023/>
Online tickets are also \$40 and a small convenience fee will be added. Tables of ten tickets at three different levels of amenities are available online as well Dues paid Pioneer members and members of similar lineage organizations can receive a code for a discount on online ticket and table purchases. Request the code by emailing ball@texaspioneers.org

Round Table Corner

Be sure to notice our new basement entryway décor. The American Home and Garden Round Table took the lead in redecorating. Other Round Tables and individuals donated to the cause allowing for new furniture and a whole new look!



On May 8th Carousel Round Table will be meeting at Paesanos 1604, 3622 Paesanos Parkway, at 11 AM. All Woman's Club members are invited to join them. If interested, please RSVP to Diane Lewallen at 210-857-2425.

On March 21st, Books and Letter Round Table members, Patty Landacre and Eva Anderson, made a trip to Arnold Elementary School to drop off a donation of new and used books to help tutors develop children's reading skills. We would welcome anyone who enjoys reading and giving the gift of literacy to young people to join our book discussions. For more information, contact Patty Landacre at 210-279-0477



April House Calendar

A reminder – most Round Tables DO NOT meet in April due to Fiesta events.

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Apr 1
Queens Reception	● 11:30am Fine Arts	● 10am San Antonio ● 11:30am Modernis	● 10am Combined F			● 2pm Gargotta Sho
2	3	4	● 11am WCSA Gene	SAWF Board Mtg ● 6pm Acts mod lod	7	8
9	● 11am Carousel Ro	● 11:30am Friendshi	● 11:30am Americar	● 10:30am Noon Tid	● 10:30am San Anto	15
16	17	● 6:30pm Soiree Ro	● 10am Combined F 3 more	● 11:30am Books an	Fiesta Flower Show	Especial Parade - Ing
23	● 11:30am Fine Arts	● 10am San Antonio ● 11:30am Modernis	Fiesta Hat Luncheon	27	● 10am Bridge Roun	29
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