### Rustling Leaves



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#### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Happy new year! What, that sounds a bit strange, doesn't it? But July 1 signals our Club's "new year." I am excited that I will be serving you as your president for the next 2 years. It seems quite appropriate that with our "new" Board now in place, that our beautiful Woodward House is looking "new" and sparkles even brighter these days. Thanks to your generosity to the Restoration Fund and the sweat equity offered by some of our members (including Ferne Burney, Leslie Doyle and Helen Henderson) who polished, cleaned, and dusted places that have not seen a dust or polishing cloth in years! We can't wait to welcome all of you back into the Club.

Welcome back – that brings us to the biggest challenge facing us – how to keep all of us safe in this pandemic. The Board decided not to hold our monthly General Meetings in April, May, and June. We did not have a June Summer Luncheon and will not have one in July. With the staggering increase in COVID-19 cases at the end of June, we are looking at how we can do safely an August Summer Luncheon. Our new Vice-President Virginia Van Cleave has scheduled an appropriate program for the August luncheon as the great State of Texas will observe the centennial of the women's right to vote amendment passage in 1920. Watch your emails for more information as we get closer to August.

New beginnings also mean a new House Supervisor for us. We are excited to announce that Tina Zimmerman will begin August 3 as our new House Supervisor. You may have already met her since she is also the caterer for our Club luncheons. Look inside for more about her role in the Club now wearing "two hats" and how her varied experiences will enrich our Club.

One of the few "normal" items of business remains that your dues are now due by July 31 to avoid any late fees. Now more than ever, we need you to "show us your shoes" – that is, pay your dues and let us know you are going to stand by your Club at perhaps one of the most difficult times ever in our history. I miss seeing all of you. Take care and be safe.

Jane Stone

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#### HOUSE RESTORATION - 1717 SAN PEDRO AVENUE

Helen Henderson, 2018-2020 House Chairman thanks all who contributed to the 2020 People, Purpose, and Possibilities campaign. Our goal of \$50,000 of gift matching funds was met and exceeded and we are finishing up the projects made possible with restoration funds. The commemorative plaque for all who contributed by the end of our fiscal year (June 30<sup>th</sup>) is being engraved. Helen was quick to note appreciation of all those who have given not only funds but "sweat equity" to the maintenance and beautification of our clubhouse.

June 9<sup>th</sup> was wood restoration day. Work was not limited to the that one day. Many hours, many days, many hands have worked at the Woodward House during the summer. Join Helen in thanking the following volunteers:

Sandra Bradley Ferne Burney Johanna Christiansen Sophia Christiansen (Ingenue Member) Emily Crighton Leslie Doyle Susan Gargotta Helen Henderson Annette Ivy Helen Jones Jeanne Koplan Diane Lewallen Sandra Ojeda Medina Cyndi Munch Patte Pfeiffer Pat Porter Karen Ward



<<< Diane Lewallen on day four of her work applying tung oil to the wood!

Social distancing was observed but friendly voices can carry far enough to make the work fun.

Members pitched in and applied tung oil to the trim, paneling and built ins all day! The wood was thirsty and loved the pampering.





In the photo above, Ferne Burney is reaching high to finish the bookcases around the fireplace.

In the photo to the left, Jeanne Koplan, Annette Ivy, and Sandra Ojeda Medina are giving a much needed coat of tung oil to the railings and paneling on the grand staircase.

The house benefitted from the many, many hours of volunteer effort; and, over \$100,000 in 2020FY donations, including the matching funds, to enable the many repairs and upgrades accomplished professionally.

A few items of work remain to be completed in the funded 2020 house repairs list but the House Restoration team can't wait for all members to have the opportunity to see the restored, reorganized and shined Woodward Mansion. The repaving of the parking lot may be a 2021 project with additional fundraising needed.

#### **CARE AND CONCERN**

As you may wish to reach out to your Woman's Club friends Corresponding Secretary, Susan Moreland-Goza, shared the following:

- ~ Jean French had exploratory surgery and is recuperating at home
- ~ Billie Arredondo was hospitalized for diagnostic testing
- ~ Virginia Van Cleave's aunt passed away
- ~ Linda Oliver's sister passed away
- ~ Carol Keller's aunt passed away
- ~ Barbara Vander's brother-in-law passed away
- ~ Rose Hoelscher still suffers from a previous fall
- ~ Jane Stone had eye surgery in July
- ~ Belinda Pena-Bosquez's cousin passed away



#### SUMMER & FALL LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Going Forward Together with Virginia Van Cleave Mark your calendars!

August 19th 19th Amendment Wednesday Luncheon @ the Woodward House A celebration of the centennial of women's right to vote.

September 16th

"Almost Patsy Cline"

### Fall Gala

Wednesday Luncheon @ the San Antonio Country Club Featuring vocalist Patsy Torres

October 7th Fall Luncheon

Wednesday Luncheon @ the Woodward House Nancy Hein, our longest registered member, presents: "A Visit to the Past" Woman's Club memories

Suffragette - 1920

**Patsy Torres** @ the San Antonio Country Club

Virginia has so many great plans for our luncheon programs and themes this year. We will be complying with the current health directives as they evolve. In May, Virginia prepared a video highlighting our 2020 summer and fall luncheons. You may view the video at: https://youtu.be/gux1Zlq6yS8

#### ~ Introducing ~

The Woman's Club is pleased to announce the hiring of a new House Supervisor. Our caterer, Tina Zimmerman, applied for the position and demonstrated she is a multitasker with much organizational experience. Tina is also able to accept a flexible, shorter schedule during our mandated curtailments of group events for COVID-19 concerns. Tina will begin her new responsibilities the first week in August and in July board members will continue to handle the office duties and responsibilities.



#### **2020 FIESTA TEEN QUEEN CORONATION**

Our national pandemic has necessitated more changes to this important event. So much work and exciting programming is going into the Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation that is planned for Sunday, August 2nd. Forty-four young people signed up for the Coronation. The Board is working on a special celebration for our Court with family and safety. Watch for more information.



We have two fun things to share about our long participation in the San Antonio Fiesta events. <u>First</u>, the Woman's Club has been given a Fiesta Medal display case with our Club medals dating to 1991. The display also includes two commemorative pins sponsored by the Club. This special gift of Sandra Bradley is on display in the Celebrity Room where all can share the memories. The gift has space for another fifteen years of medal memories so we can look forward to filling in more of this special

display each year. And <u>second</u>, it was just announced that Ferne Burney has been selected to serve on the 2021 Fiesta Commission! (more on this later)

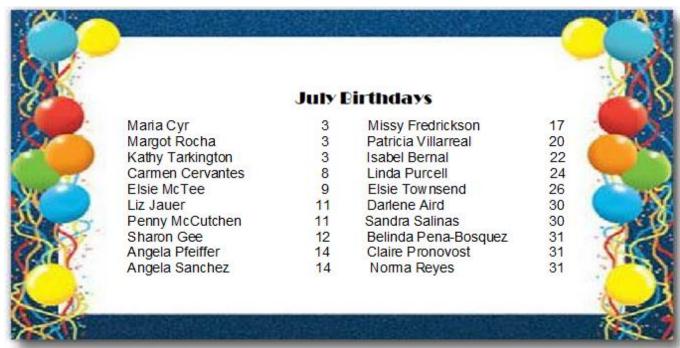
Did you remember our 2020 Fiesta Medal is for sale at the club? The party was postponed in April but we still have our tradition to celebrate. Our own 2020 Fiesta Medal is a great way to send cheers to a friend, decorate a gift wrap, say thanks for a favor, or add to your Fiesta door wreath.

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Your purchase of this one of a kind gift will also support your Club with fixed expenses at a time when regular event revenues have been curtailed. Medals are \$12

and may be picked up at the club.

The 2021 Fiesta Medal Design Contest has been delayed. Just as nothing is "normal" right now, the Board is re-working the guidelines for the 2021 Fiesta Medal Contest. Normally we would be asking you to submit your creative design ideas by the end of July, but we instead are asking for your patience until the new form is in place for all to use. We appreciate your understanding.



#### Your 2020-2022 ELECTED OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS



Jane Stone President



Virginia Van Cleave Vice President



Marsha Metz Treasurer



Trace Mahbubani Recording Sec'y



Susan Moreland-Goza Corresponding Sec'y



Annette Ivy House Chairman



Patricia Villarreal Membership Chairman



**Gail Jarratt** Yearbook Chairman



"Tinker" Schultz Grounds Chairman



Janice McGraw Public Relations Chairman Newsletter Chairman Notification Chairman



Cyndi Munch





Sandra Geppert **Assistant Treasurer** 

#### 2020 - 2021 Dues ~ Last Call

The fiscal year for the Woman's Club runs July 1st to June 30th. Dues are due the last day of the first month of the year. For your information to be included or updated in the Yearbook, dues payments and updates should be received by July 31st. (Send Yearbook photos and updates to: gailjarrett@msn.com) Life Members - No 2020-21 Dues.

#### **General Membership Dues –**

\$150 due by July 31st by cash or check (\$154.50 by credit card)

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

\$180 if paid by cash or check September 1st – October 1st (\$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.
- 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.

Dues not paid by October 1st will result in loss of membership to the Club & reapplication/reinstatement requires a new initiation fee. [POC for dues questions: Sandra Geppert ~ sandrageppert@yahoo.com]

Ingenue Dues - \$40 due by July 31st. Please make your check payable to "Ingenue Round Table" and mail to Johanna Christiansen/22 Sable Heights/San Antonio, TX 78258. Please contact the Round Table about applications for new Ingenues (must be daughter or granddaughter of a Woman's Club member)

# June 2020 GOLDEN BOOK GIFTS

#### Johanna Christiansen, Golden Book Chairman Diane Lewallen, Golden Book Committee

In Honor of the **2018-2020 Woman's Club Officers** in appreciation of their service In Honor of the **2020-2022 Officers** for their acceptance to serve By Diane Lewallen

## In Honor of **Ferne Burney, Leslie Doyle, Patte Pfeiffer and Sandra Bradley** For being the "Queens of Clean" in the cleaning of The Woodward House

By Helen Henderson

#### In Honor of The Members of The Woman's Club

By Sophia Christiansen

In Honor of the High School Graduation of **Lillie Michelle Medina**, 2020 Fiesta Teen Princess By Sandra Ojeda Medina

To thank **all the members** who sent me cards and notes of condolence on the death of my aunt By Virginia Van Cleave

#### In Honor of **Madi Moad-Hageman**

By Michele Moad-Hageman

In Memory of **David Brian Head**, father of Reagan Head and Allison Head In Memory of **Peggy Ann Butler**, sister of Peter Walski and sister-in-law of Barbara Walski By Nelle Still Pichler

In Memory of **David Brian Head**, father of Reagan Head and Allison Head By Barbara Walski

In Honor of **Diane Lewallen**, for serving on the Golden Book Committee By Johanna Christiansen

In Honor of **Hannah Geppert**, 2020 Fiesta Teen Queen, for her constant grace and patience during her Teen Queen year dealing with COVID-19
By Janice McGraw

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**By Robin Templeton

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club** By Millie Moad-Hageman

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club** By Madi Moad-Hageman



#### The Brick Walkway

Have you taken a walk down the front steps of the mansion and over to the fountain? There by the small arbor is a bench where you can sit and relax and read the bricks where tributes have been etched by/for our members. You too may have a memory – or would enjoy a way to be a part of the restful place by the house. To buy a brick, print what you would like etched (include any upper/lower case and punctuation distinction) on your request for a brick, and mail it with your check for \$60 payable to the Woman's Club – 1717 San Pedro Avenue, SA, TX 78212. See attached form for Buy a Brick.

#### 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 <a href="www.thewomansclubofsa.org">www.thewomansclubofsa.org</a> under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

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