



The President's Letter

We have all heard “THAT APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS.” This saying comes from the northeast where most of our nursery rhymes originated. San Antonio usually gets the most rain from May 15th to June 15th . We have had unseasonably low temperatures and scorching heat in April, but also some rain. We usually get about two inches of rain in San Antonio during April. A more popular saying for us in Texas could be “April showers feed our Bluebonnet flowers.”



The Woman's Club of San Antonio was the founding member of the San Antonio Federation of Women's Clubs in 1904. It was founded as a club of clubs, an organization for organizations, a force multiplier for civic betterment. On April 1, 2023, the San Antonio Women's Federation held their annual Volunteer Luncheon to honor their club's Volunteer of the Year. Thirteen women were recognized, and I was so proud to see that four of our Woman's Club members were honored. Our honoree was Karen Ward who always stays late to complete any job that needs to be done. The

Alamo Couriers Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, honored our member, Sandy Salinas. The San Antonio Musical Club honored our member Linda Purcell and the Salvation Army Auxiliary honored Mickey Tovar. At our April General meeting the four honorees were introduced, thanked, and presented with a 2023 Fiesta Medal. We have so many wonderful members that give so much time to our Woman's Club. Did you know we currently have 263 members on our roll? Marie Soules, a member since 1987, was also honored by being named a Life Member. We are so lucky to be a thriving organization, in our own Woodward Mansion, during these changing times in our society.

When you receive this May newsletter, Fiesta will already be in full swing. The Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon has been a popular event for television this year! We hope the publicity will bring more guests to our luncheon. KSAT interviewed Ronnie Bitterly, the owner of the 1926 Model T, which he drives each year for the Woman's Club in the Battle of Flowers parade. I spoke about our 125th anniversary of our Woman's Club and our mission. Johanna Christiansen and RosieBella Gastelum were shown putting decorations on the car for the theme ROYAL TEA PARTY. Good Day Austin Fox 7 came to San Antonio to the Woodward Mansion to learn more about our Hat Contest and Luncheon and hear Michael Quintanilla talk about Fiesta Hats. Later that evening at “Fiesta, Fiesta” our

Teen Queen and I were interviewed by KSAT. At 5am the morning of our Hat Luncheon KENS5 is coming to the WCSA to see some of the hats that will be in the contest that day. I have recently attended several Fiesta events and our Teen Queen Laurel Miller, and our Teen Princess Melody Hays have done an excellent job representing our organization.

Virginia
President 2022-2024

TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE

Vice President's Message

Hello Lovely Ladies, here we are in the late days of April with Fiesta in full bloom. At our general meeting, we enjoyed some professional Mexican folk dancing, an appearance by Charro Queen Anika Chapa, who is a WC Ingenue, and Rey Feo Larry Kurth. It was a fun Fiesta event to start the occasion. Our Fiesta Flower Show was quite a success with visitors coming and going, constantly. All the show entries were spectacular; our house was filled with extra beauty. The new addition to our show was the Plant Sale and it too was a success. As our guests approached the porch, there was an aroma of flowers., beautiful flowers. Thank you, Linda Oliver, Fiesta Flower Show Chairman, and her committee for a job well done. Our Queen, Laurel Miller and Princess, Melody Hayes, continue to represent us well, thank you, young ladies.



As we look to May, our guest speaker, for our general meeting, will be Kelly Palmer from the San Antonio State Hospital. She comes highly recommended by several members of the Modernist Round Table. Many of our members volunteer at the state hospital. May 3 is the day, come listen to Kelly's story.

At this time, I am planning our Summer Luncheons and our Fall Luncheon. The day of the month is different. We will meet on the third Wednesday, June – August and the date in September is to be determined. Stay tuned.

Ladies, please remember: * call in your rsvp for lunch by noon on the Monday before the general meeting on Wednesday (food shopping gets done that day) * with your rsvp, be prepared to pay at that time * if you must, use place cards to save your dining seat (it's always welcoming to sit at a random table and make new friends)

Little Bits of Wisdom: Times we enjoy are joys we remember. Live life and stop to smell the roses!

With warm regards,

Sandra

Prospective Members

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

- ❖ Rose Vela
- ❖ Roxana Vargas

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

Care and Concern:

- ❖ Our dear member and past President Rose Hoelscher left this world on March 23rd. Her obituary can be accessed at: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sanantonio/name/rose-hoelscher-obituary?id=51472742>
- ❖ Member Angela Sanchez was hospitalized and then in rehab for left leg issues. Cards of support may be sent to: 6222 Pow Wow, San Antonio, TX 78238
- ❖ Member Muriel England's daughter and Cheryl Conway's sister, Margaret Canfield, had emergency gallbladder surgery removal and is recuperating. Please keep the family and all entrusted with her care in your thoughts

Golden Book

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman

- ❖ In memory of our member and past president, Rose Hoelscher by the Woman's Club of San Antonio
- ❖ In honor of our April speaker by the Woman's Club of San Antonio
- ❖ In memory of Rose Hoelscher, by Patsy Pelton
- ❖ In memory of Rose Hoelscher, by Kathy Tarkington
- ❖ In memory of Rose Hoelscher by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In memory of Betty Huff by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In memory of Jason Roszell by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

On April 1st, The San Antonio Women's Federation held their annual Volunteer Luncheon at the Petroleum Club. Karen Ward was recognized as the WCSA volunteer of the year.



Upcoming Luncheons and Events

Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice-president

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

The Woman's Club of San Antonio

Welcomes

Kelly Palmer from San Antonio State Hospital

Their Volunteer Services Council is a Charity of The Woman's Club

Wednesday, May 3, 2023



Social at 10:30 a.m.
Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Please make reservations for
Lunch (cost is \$30.00-payment
MUST accompany your
reservation) 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/may-3-2023-general-meeting/>

Menu

Salad

Meatloaf with Five Spice Glaze

Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Parmesan Zucchini and Corn

Triple Chocolate Cake



IT WAS TIME FOR ALL THINGS FIESTA!

From Queen's Reception/Coronation Reception Co-chair Johanna Christiansen: Thank you so much to all of those that helped with the Queen's Reception and Coronation Reception!! Thank you to everyone who donated food, monetary donations, and their time for these events!! The Queen's Reception/Coronation Reception Committee worked so hard and I would like to thank them! The committee planned, set up, decorated, shopped, and cleaned. Thank you to Diane Lewallen for being my super awesome co-chair! Diane helped with everything along with polishing the club's silver trays to make the dessert table sparkle. Thank you to Angela Pfeiffer as the club is so lucky to have the benefit of Angela's talents (especially with her incredible food) and we could not do these receptions without her! Thank you to Chula Boyle who made massive batches of delicious rice and for all of your help! Thank you to Pat Porter and Betty Lewandowski who helped cook and can turn any area into being beautifully decorated. Thank you to Helen Jones and Gretchen & Alexis Hill who donated all the wine for the receptions, decorated, and set up. Thank you to Carolyn Snyder who set up & decorated. Thank you to Darcy Scrimshire for decorating the outside and inside of the house and for lugging chairs with me from the attic for set up. Thank you to Brian Christiansen for moving tables, chairs, and decorations to and from the attic. Thank you to Tina Zimmermann for helping us with everything. Thank you to Viki Hatcher, Gail Jarratt, and Leslie Doyle for cooking/shopping. Thank you to Stacey Bradford Miller for being so easy to work with, donating money/supplies, and to Murray Miller for cooking the fajita meat and cleaning up. Thank you to Heather Hays for putting together a beautiful photo backdrop, your awesome decorating skills, and setting up/cleaning up. Thank you to Sandra Bradley, Kathy Littlefield, and Elaine Staller for always helping. Thank you to Sandra Ojeda Medina for your help and for introducing all the Fiesta Royalty. Thank you to Virginia Van Cleave for leading the lovely program and for your great guidance. Thank you to Lea Fagin for composing/reading the lovely poem. I want to also compliment the Ingenues as I was so proud of our Teen Queen Laurel Miller, our Princess Melody Hays and our Ingenues Ryan Scrimshire, Tessa Christiansen, Paulina Rodriguez, Jocelyn Valdez, and Jeannette Rodriguez that greeted the guests at our Queen's Reception! They were so welcoming and did a great job interacting with the 135+ guests, Fiesta Royalty, and Military Ambassadors. During the program portion of the reception, Princess Melody did a wonderful job on stage answering President Virginia's question and Queen Laurel's speech was very inspiring! Viva Fiesta!!!





Out and About During Fiesta



Our Fiesta Flower Show was held at the Mansion on April 21 and 22. This year it also included a plant sale. Heather Hays worked hard to get the yard cleaned up and planted to look good for all our Fiesta events. The ribbon cutting was attended by Fiesta Commission leaders and Fiesta Royalty. Thank you to all of the Flower Show participants, Committee Members, and technical support – we are talking about you Smitty – expert in all things green and flower show! And a great big thanks to Flowerama for the GORGEOUS flower arrangements in the foyer. <https://www.floweramasanantonio.com/>





MAY BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Sanchez	May 1	Rhonda Gennarelli	May 13
Carol Bray	May 3	Mercedes Bentle	May 17
Iris Francis	May 3	Angie Gonzalez	May 18
Miranda Nelka	May 4	Carolynn Snyder	May 18
Kimberly Engler	May 5	Hilda De Hoyos	May 21
Lari Nelson	May 5	Carol Chapman-Ryan	May 25
Georgia Grubb	May 7	Stacey Miller	May 29
Lisa Head-Hackett	May 8	Carol Castillo	May 29
Verna Quaranto	May 8	Nelle Sill Pichler	May 30



Sandy Salinas, the Silent Auction Chair for the Fiesta Hat Luncheon, sends a hearty **THANK YOU** to all the individuals and Round Tables that donated items for the Silent Auction and for the Wine Pull. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and we know that those items will raise much needed funds for the WCSA!

Round Table Corner

Be sure to notice our ever evolving 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! The latest additions include a new screen covering the entry way to a storage room, a white wicker etagere donated by Gail Jarratt, and a chest donated by Sandra Whittaker.

On May 8th Carousel Round Table will be meeting at Paesanos 1604, 3622 Paesanos Parkway, at 11 AM for “Fun, Fellowship and Food”. All Woman’s Club members are invited to join them. If interested, please RSVP to Diane Lewallen at 210-857-2425 or dlandlew@satx.rr.com



For their March meeting, American Home and Garden Round Table visited the San Antonio Gourmet Olive Company located at 1913 Hackberry St, followed by lunch at the Little Red Barn. It is a great little shop with a large variety of olive oils, balsamic vinegars, jars of olives, etc. <https://www.sacurrent.com/food-drink/day-in-the-life-christine-arredondo-of-san-antonios-gourmet-olive-oils-2249960>

For their March meeting, the Fine Arts Round Table got their creative juices flowing. Powered by a salad luncheon, members received painting instruction and were encouraged to let their creativity run wild.



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SUN 30	MON May 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6	
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May House Calendar							
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
		● 6:30pm Soir	● 11:30am Fie	Happy birth ● 10:30am SA ● 11:30am Bo			
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			● 10am Comb				

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