

Dear Future Member,

Thank you so much for expressing an interest in The Woman's Club of San Antonio. We are looking forward to having you join us. Our general membership meetings are held once a month on the first Wednesday from October through June at the Woodward House. At these meetings we discuss upcoming events and take care of club business. The meetings include a program followed by an enjoyable lunch. Summer luncheons and programs are held on the third Wednesday in June, July, and August. Our fall social season begins with a luncheon on the third Wednesday of September at the Oak Hills Country Club and includes a fashion show and silent auction. We also have smaller groups called "Round Tables" that gather each month. These groups focus on a variety of interests and offer a great opportunity to make new friends in a more intimate setting. One round table meets in the evening.

Following the Fall Luncheon, the club members began preparation for our *Christmas In The Mansion*. We bake and prepare gingerbread houses to be sold, and the house is beautifully decorated for Christmas. Decorating starts the weekend before Thanksgiving. This Christmas Faire is open to the public and its success is possible through the efforts of all of the member volunteers. It is a four-day event with two luncheons served each day. Approximately thirty vendors occupy the second floor, selling their goods; The Woman's Club boutique is held in the Gold Room and a Bake Shop in the Library with members donating baked goods, jams and jelly. This is a festive affair that puts everyone in the Christmas spirit and provides a wonderful opportunity to shop for unique and beautiful gifts.

The citywide Fiesta celebration brings about many activities. As charter members of the Fiesta Commission, we sponsor and present one of seven official Fiesta Queens, our Fiesta Teenage Queen. This elegant coronation is held at The Playhouse (formerly The San Pedro Playhouse) where she is crowned by King Antonio and her court presented. Royalty represent members of The Woman's Club. This is a free event open to the public. The Woman's Club hosts the official Fiesta Flower Show (which began in 1913) in the Woodward House and the official Fiesta Hat Contest, Luncheon & Fashion Show. We participate in the Texas Cavaliers River Parade, the Battle of Flowers Parade, the Fiesta Flambeau Parade and the Pilgrimage to the Alamo. All of these special events offer fun opportunities to volunteer and to get to know other members of The Woman's Club.

Our Bylaws require that membership applicants must attend a meeting and luncheon prior to filling out an application and be sponsored by a member with three member signatures on the application. This gives you an opportunity to examine our organization more closely and gives our members a chance to meet you as well. We do not keep track of hours or require a certain amount of participation. Most find that member activities and volunteer opportunities are enjoyable, and membership is more meaningful when the member is active.

Annual dues are \$150.00 with a \$100.00 initiation fee. Dues may be paid semi-annually in July and February. October through June luncheons are \$20.00 per person. Round tables have their own dues, and other events vary in cost. Again, thank you for your interest. We hope you will join us and become a part of The Woman's Club of San Antonio. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

Cordially,

Carol Chapman-Ryan, Second Vice President, Membership

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO
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Date of application _____

Last Name _____ First Name: _____ MI _____

Husband's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Emergency _____

Birthday _____ Birthplace _____

Occupation _____

Special Interests _____

Membership in Other Organizations _____

Children _____

Grandchildren _____

By Whom Presented (3 member Sponsors required) _____

Name to be used on Membership Badge _____

This application to be accompanied by an initiation fee of \$100 and the membership dues of \$150. (Dues may be paid at \$75 semi-annually) Total Received: _____, Return this application to the Membership Chairman, Carol Chapman-Ryan (210) 605-8981