

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



RUSTLING LEAVES

MAY 2019

¡¡VIVA FIESTA!!

By the time you read this, Fiesta will have passed, but I need you to keep that spirit rolling just a bit as we reflect on what is going on at the Club.

Thank you, thank you, **Sandra Ojeda Medina** for such a lovely Coronation of our Fiesta Teen Queen. We had a bumper crop of little ones this year, but with the help of **Michele** and **Madi Moad-Hageman**, the program was as entertaining as it was majestic. Thanks for all of the hard work and coordination.

Our Fiesta Flower Show and Fiesta Hat Contest were next on the agenda, and each was different and special in its own way. Our members stepped up, and for the first time in my memory, our Hat Contest and Luncheon **SOLD OUT**. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and spread the word along about our fabulous event. Time to save the date for 2020!

As I was reflecting in April and trying to keep all of the Fiesta appointments straight, my eyes turned to the news of the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. None of us could believe that this was actually happening. I truly liken it to my reaction to the news of the World Trade Center bombing. But why was all of this so stunning? We never thought we would be without either place. These are landmarks that, for different reasons, stood for a remarkable achievement in culture: they would never leave us. As I thought of all of these things, my mind turned to our beloved Woodward House, our mansion. It seems that every time we address a repair, a new problem arises. We need to take care of each unless we want to face a building that is no longer there. Our mansion is iconic, a step back into Victorian times, a reflection of the beautiful and brave women who were our founders.

As I said at the Coronation, we are an anachronism in many ways, but those ways are ones that our culture needs. And as such, we are working on new ways to raise the funds to make the repairs to the house. A doll house now rests in the foyer of the mansion. It has a slot in the top to receive donations for repairs to the windows, the balconies, and the walls of our beloved clubhouse. At the Fiesta Hat Contest, we sold a "piece of the rock" in the form of spindles, representing the balconies of our home.



All proceeds will go to house restoration. All gifts to the restoration fund are tax deductible. Thank you **Janice McGraw** for your creative idea and design.

I love your continued support of our club. When we meet again at our May meeting, I hope you will have rested just a bit from the "Party with a Cause" and are ready for more work and fun at The Woman's Club of San Antonio. And as always, get your calendars ready to celebrate Derby Day on May 4 and our Golden Girls on May 9. And of course we remember all the "mothers" in our lives as well this month.

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May Birthdays

Kathy Swanson	2	Sandra Baskin	18
Gloria Acosta	3	Carolynn Snyder	18
Carol Bray	3	Hilda DeHoyos	21
Iris Ann Francis	3	Blanca Welborn	21
Elizabeth Moad	4	Nadine Barrientos	24
Miranda Nelka	4	Melody Joy Hays	24
Kim Engler	5	Carol Chapman-Ryan	25
Lari Nelson	5	Carol Castillo	29
Lisa Head	8	Nelle Still	30
Lillie Medina	8	Jamie Whitfield	31
Rhonda Gennarelli	13		
Signa Johnson	15		
Mercedes Bentle	17		



Care and Concern

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- ❖ Julie Jordan is recovering from back surgery.
- ❖ Patti Villarreal is recovering from breast cancer surgery
- ❖ Belinda Pena-Bosquez's husband had another mini-stroke.
- ❖ Anita Oberle's husband suffered a mini-stroke.
- ❖ Member Deana Somerville passed away April 8. Service was held April 23.
- ❖ Member Harriett Ellerbee, chairman of the Bricks Committee, passed away April 12.
A celebration of her life will be held at the Woman's Club of San Antonio at a later date.

More information about each family above has been emailed to all members from Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Goza. Contact her at slmoreland@att.net.

Golden Book

To our members: A gift to our Golden Book fund is always available to you to honor or remember a loved one. Donations are always printed in each month's newsletter and a card is sent to the family per the giver's instructions. Gifts are distributed to the House Restoration Fund unless otherwise designated by the donor. Contact Johanna Christiansen at johanna.a.christiansen@baml.com for more information about the Golden Book fund. Forms are also available at the Club from Martha.

Due to Fiesta events and newsletter deadlines, this month's Golden Book gifts will be included in the **JUNE** newsletter. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY EVENTS



PROGRAM SPEAKER Jennifer Allen is the founder and CEO of "Aspergers101." With an extensive background in broadcast news and television production, she left her career over 10 years ago to care for her newly diagnosed Autistic son. With her focus on her family, Jennifer later turned her attention to help and inform others going down the path of raising a child on the spectrum.

GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, May 1:

10:30 AM: Come and enjoy the Club and friendship
11 AM: Business Meeting: VOTE ON BY-LAW CHANGE
11:30 AM: Program
Noon: Luncheon is served. Cost is \$25.

RSVP FOR LUNCH BY MONDAY APRIL 29 at 10 AM --

PLEASE READ: New policy now in effect: If you make a reservation with a promise to pay, and then do not attend, you will be billed for the \$25 luncheon. This policy was voted upon by the Board at the December Board meeting. That is why all reservations are requested to be PAID IN ADVANCE. We must pay for what is reserved. Thank you for your help with our budget and keeping us fiscally responsible.

Hostesses: Books and Letters Round Table
Community Care Concern: Beacon Hill Elementary
School Library



DERBY DAY AT THE CLUB SATURDAY, MAY 4

3-7 PM

Watch the race "live" cheering
in your best Derby attire!

THE SMALL PRINT: \$5 per person entry--NO RSVP required. If your last name is A-M, bring a dessert to share. If you are N-Z bring finger food/appetizers. AND ALL BRING A FRIEND!

GOLDEN GIRLS LUNCHEON – THURSDAY, MAY 9 at 10:30 AM

This is a very special luncheon lovingly prepared by the hands of the members of the Noontide Round Table to honor all the ladies who have reached the bright and shiny age of 80 and beyond. Please join us in celebrating these extraordinary women. And since we all look younger than we are—you may have to tell us if you are a "new" Golden Girl please! **Reservations are required by Tuesday, May 7** by calling Martha at the Club. Payment is cash or check only. Our Golden Girls are of course complimentary and all other members and guests are \$20 each. The Golden Girls are encouraged to invite family and friends.

May 9: We will start at **10:30 a.m.** for visiting and photographs, followed by a program and lunch at noon.

This grand event is open to all Woman's Club members and guests. Questions? Call **Gloria Tate** 210-382-1926 or **Angela Pfeiffer** 210-683-6749.

FIESTA 2019 – WE COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT!

Teen Queen Coronation & Reception – April 7



Thank you to all the hardworking volunteers who made this day possible for our Royalty!



The Woman's Club of San Antonio
presents
The Fifty-fourth Annual
Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation

Presenting the Coronation of
The 2019 Royal Court

April 7, 2019
3:00 pm
Jo Long Theater
Carver Community Center



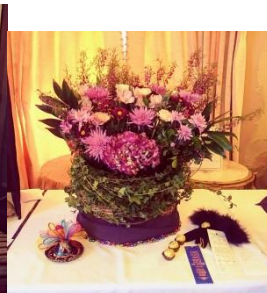
Historic Flower Show – April 19-20



Our first flower show to be recognized by the National Garden Club. Thank you Jamie Whitfield.



Congratulations to all our winners! Very proud of our new members who entered!



We look forward to even more entries next year!

**My Fair Fiesta Ladies – Absolutely ‘lovely’!
Hat Contest hits record attendance and fun**



Fiesta Hat Contest – April 24 at the Omni Hotel at the Colonnade



Eliza Doolittle:

“Come on, Dover, move yer bloomin' arse!” Keep your hats close at hand and....

JOIN US ON DERBY DAY MAY 4 AT THE CLUB!

Woman's Club Royalty –

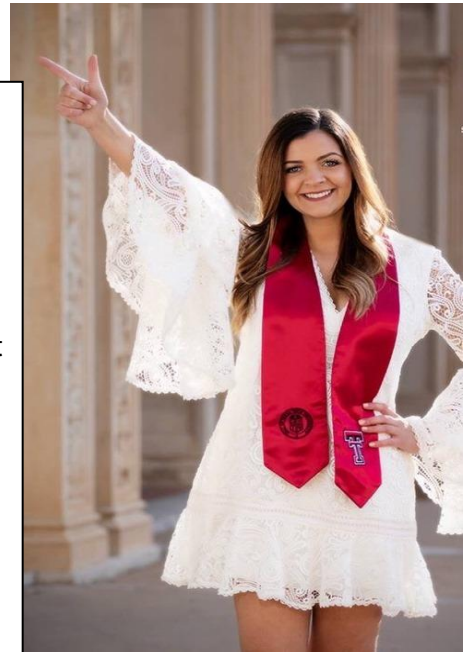


Queen Katie Stepke

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our 2010 Teen Queen Katie Stepke will graduate this month with her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Katie is the daughter of member Gretchen Stepke and granddaughter of past president Rose Hoelscher.

Our 2015 Teen Princess "Liv" Gennarelli will graduate this month from Texas Tech University. Her mother Rhonda Gennarelli is a past Teen Queen and her grandmother is past president Nelle Still.



Princess Olivia Gennarelli

MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



2017 Achievement Award for Marvinette Smith



Marvinette Smith was honored at the Van Courtlandt Foundation 4th Annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon on March 17, 2019 for her determination to reduce illiteracy in the primary grades of San Antonio's low performing schools. Concerned with the poor self image of inner city children, Marvinette donates countless hours mentoring and tutoring "at risk" students and solicits the help of others in the community. Marvinette has served the San Antonio community in numerous prestigious positions. She has been a dedicated Van Courtlandt Auxiliary (VCA) member for over 50 years and has served as VCA President. She served as the 28th President of the San Antonio Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and she is only the second female to hold this office in its over one hundred years history. Marvinette is considered a "jewel" among precious gems. Congratulations Marvinette! – **Sandra Ojeda Medina**

Welcome to our newest members: L-R Terri Quick and Missy Fredrickson, who were introduced at the April General Meeting.

After the May program meeting when the vote on ByLaws takes place, be sure to take advantage of the new dues structure to invite new members and check out the new Round Table "Bee Alive Crafters."

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING AVAILABLE – We now accept paid advertising for the newsletter. Rates are \$25 for ¼ page, \$50 for ½ page, and \$100 for a full page. Advertising space is limited and subject to content approval. Email womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com.

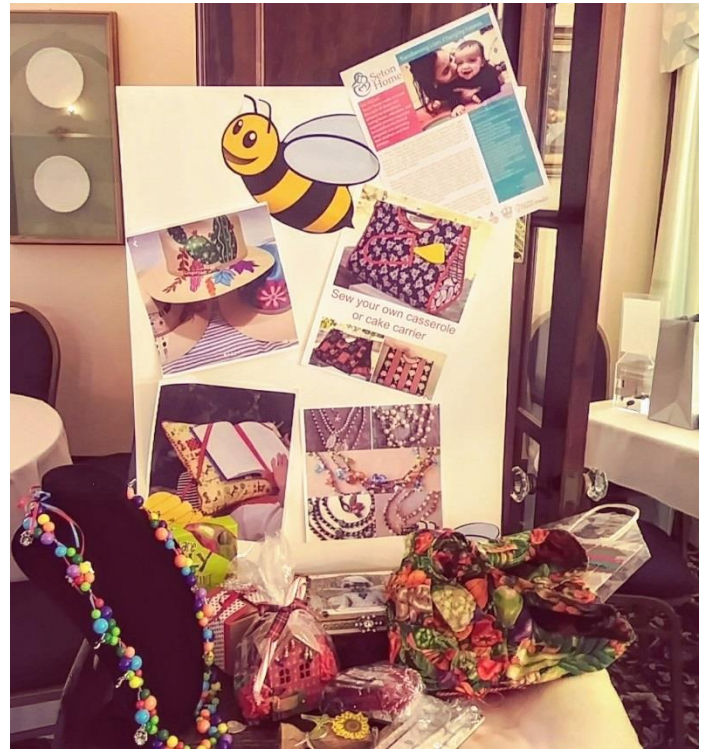
NEW ROUND TABLE ANNOUNCED – “BEE ALIVE CRAFTERS”

Our mission: To promote fellowship while being creative. To form community relationship with our nonprofit organization, Seton Home, established in 1977 for unwed mothers and their children. Busy Bees supporting mothers and their babies!

INITIATIVES: (1) To tour Seton Home; (2) To create blankets for all the children in the home; and (3) Teach the children a craft at the Child Development Center. **MEETINGS: Third Tuesday**

of the month – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch and drink. This will provide more time for crafting! Fees for presenters and materials will vary each month. GOALS: (1) To have fun while learning a new craft and (2) Create crafts that can be taught to residents at Seton Home. Shown are “some” of the ideas of projects that can be made at the meetings. Questions? Call Iris Ann Francis at (210) 846-8003 or Signa Johnson (210) 313-7540.

FIRST MEETING IS MAY 21. Dues (\$10) will be collected and calendar planned for 2019-2020.



Our founders' mission continues as the Woman's Club of San Antonio works to provide mentoring, networking and scholarships for San Antonio College students. **HOW YOU CAN HELP:** (like Ferne did March 29 on “networking” in photo) May 7: Present session on ‘table manners’ May 17: ‘Networking’ session at the 18th Women Empowered Conference at SAC. May 22: Help with the Club providing the graduation luncheon for SAC students at Woodward House. Contact Ferne for more information. ferneburney@hotmail.com

BRICKS, BRICKS, BRICKS

This is a great time of the year to make a lasting memory or to honor a special someone for the affordable price of \$50. Ask Martha Aguirre at the office for the form to complete and make payment.

We especially remember fondly our “Brick Lady” Harriett Ellerbee, who recently passed away, as well as several other members this year. At our June General Meeting, we will conduct the annual Memorial Ceremony as part of our program.





**WE ARE HEADED TO THE
MANSION FOR MORE FUN!**

May 1—General Meeting
May 4—Derby Day
May 9—Golden Girls Luncheon
June 5—General Meeting

SUMMER LUNCHEON SERIES

- June 19: "A Conversation with Sheryl Sculley"
Reflections from the former City Manager of San Antonio
- July 17: "Pearls of Polish" with Diane Gottsman
Learn how to polish your social skills from a nationally recognized etiquette expert
- August 21: "Summer Beauty Boot Camp Day"
A group of beauty experts will help you survive and sparkle

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 under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

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