



The President's Letter

Our 2023 Woman's Club Fiesta has come and gone, leaving us with beautiful lifetime memories. Our first official Fiesta event was our 58th annual Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation headed by our Chairman Robin Steinhauser and our Coronation Co-Chairman Madi Spengler and their committee. It included our two member emcees Michael Quintanilla and Elizabeth Ruiz. Our Gracious Majesty Fiesta Teen Queen Laurel Abbey of the House of Miller and her Royal Highness Melody Joy of the House of Hays presided over the coronation with about 50 participants. As Fiesta progressed, I could see the girls gain confidence and really enjoy meeting new people and talking about our Woman's Club and our 125th anniversary.

Our second Fiesta event was our 107th Annual Official Fiesta Flower Show. Our chairman was Linda Oliver and assistant chair was Betty Lewandowski. They had many committee chairs including Sir Oliver Smith, Helen Jones, Kathy Littlefield, Belinda Herbst, Eva Anderson, Helen Henderson, Karen Ward, Barbara Vander, Linda Parsons and Darcy Scrimshire. These ladies also helped decorate the outside of the Woodward Mansion. I was told that in the past, plant sales had been part of the flower show, and this was revived this year. Heather Hayes, our Grounds Chairman, oversaw the sales and Iris Francis and Cyndi Munch were her assistants. This brought a lot of color to our front porch and money to purchase plants for our grounds. I was especially pleased to see some of our judges purchasing our plants to take home and plant in their gardens.

Our 28th Annual Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon, our third official Fiesta event, "125 Years/Stayin Alive" was a very popular event with 415 guests in attendance. As President and Vice-President, Sandra Ojeda Medina and I worked on this together, our largest fundraiser of the year. Sandy Salinas chaired the Silent Auction, Eva Anderson and Cora Martinez chaired the Raffle, Karen Ward with Tina Zimmerman chaired the Registration and Mickey Tovar was in charge of Decorations. Sandra Ojeda Medina and Jen Brearly took charge of the VIP Swag Bags. Sandra Bradley organized the Hat Contest, made all the awards, and her entire family assisted as needed. Angela Pfeiffer and her team had a fabulous boutique for our guests who wanted to shop. The Picture Screen/Photographer and Table Favors were handled by Iris Francis. Member Ashley Wash, the Hotel Catering Manager assisted us in countless ways throughout our event. Our Emcees, Michael Quintanilla and Elizabeth Ruiz, and our DJ David Rios brought so much excitement and energy to our event. One of our four judges, Marvin Hurst, KENS anchor/ reporter, summed up our event in this way: "The Fiesta Hat Competition is one of the most festive events on the Fiesta San Antonio calendar. The sheer energy, creativity, spectacular showmanship, and unbridled joy complement the show stopping hats on the runway. I always leave this event feeling better than I arrived."

Our thanks to Ronnie Bitterly, the owner of the 1926 Model T, who drove our President and our two Ingenues who will be seniors next year in the Battle of Flowers parade. The car was decorated single-handedly by our creative RosieBella Gastelum with beautiful multi-colored roses depicting a Royal Garden Party. WOW!! Our Ingenues rode on their own float in the Fiesta Flambeau parade. Ingenue members and their parents worked together to create and decorate a beautiful float for our girls, at no cost to the WC.

The lifetime memories of Fiesta 2023 were captured by Karin Fee in our 2023 WCSA Magazine. She wants to thank the Round Tables and our members who purchased beautiful ads. We appreciate all of YOU for what you did as we celebrated our 125th Anniversary during this year's Fiesta. VIVA FIESTA!!

Virginia
President 2022-2024

TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE

Vice President's Message

Hello Lovely Ladies...Hope your month was positively a-May-zing! Thank you to all who supported our three Official Fiesta Events in some way because the events were successful. As we reflect on all of our events throughout the year, think about the many volunteers it took to plan, initiate and conclude and yet, more volunteers were needed. Ladies, we need more of you to help. We exist because we know that we must provide money, service and our talents. "Unity Is Our Strength" (WCSA Motto). What is a volunteer?

- * V – Valuable is the work you do
- * O – Outstanding is how you always come through
- * L – Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer
- * U – Untiring in your efforts throughout the year
- * N – Notable are the contributions you make
- * T – Trustworthy in every project you take
- * E – Eager to reach your every goal
- * E – Effective in the way you fulfill your role
- * R – Ready with a smile like a shining star Special and wonderful, that's what you are!

June 7th is our Scholarships and Memorial Ceremony.

Our Summer Luncheons will occur on:

- * Wednesday – June 21 – Fashion with Michael Quintanilla
- * Wednesday – July 19 – Motivational Speaker with a Song
- * Wednesday – August 16 – Writer of Romance Novels

Our Fall Luncheon is TBD.

During our summer months our Ways and Means Chair, Iris Francis, wants to play BUNCO. Stay tuned to dates.

Wishing everyone a very merry month of June.

With warm regards,
Sandra

On May 31st the Finance meeting will begin at 10am followed by the Board Meeting. Kathy Littlefield, Past President, and chair of our 125th ANNIVERSARY GALA will have a GALA Meeting immediately following the board meeting. Bring a bag lunch. Anyone interested in planning our 125th ANNIVERSARY GALA PLEASE COME TO THIS EVENT. SEE YOU SOON!

Prospective Members

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

- ❖ Carla Riedl
- ❖ Anmarie Pfiefer

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 Rose Hoelscher, by Marie Soules
- ❖ In memory of Russell Christiansen, by Marie Soules
- ❖ In honor of our May speaker by the Woman's Club of San Antonio
- ❖ In honor of member Rosie Bella Gastelum by Karen Ward
- ❖ In honor of the Fiesta Flower Show Committee by Helen Henderson
- ❖ In thanks for ladies from the round tables and Woman's Club members that donated to the Hat Luncheon Silent Auction, by Sandy Salinas, Silent Auction Chair.

At our May General Meeting Kelly Palmer from the San Antonio State Hospital spoke. For more information on the State Hospital's Volunteer Services Council, check out the Modernist Round Table article in the Round Table Corner of this newsletter.



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 our June 7, 2023, Meeting at
The Woman's Club of San Antonio
Social at 10:30 a.m. and Meeting at 11:00 a.m.*

*We will be announcing our
Scholarship Recipients
and
Remembering Members we have recently lost*

*Reservations for Lunch (\$30.00-payment MUST accompany your
reservation) should be made no later than 12:00 Noon on Monday,
June 5, 2023, by calling 210-732-4811 or online at*

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

MENU

Meals will be served with rolls and seasonal salad or soup

*Chicken Crepes
Rice Pilaf
Summer Vegetable Medley
Cherry Ice Cream Pie*



IT WAS TIME FOR ALL THINGS FIESTA!
FIESTA HAT LUNCHEON AND CONTEST







JUNE BIRTHDAYS

BJ Duncan	June 3
Carol Habgood	June 3
Hannah Geppert	June 5
Elizabeth Ruiz	June 5
Diana Reyes	June 6
Cynthia Benton	June 9
Julie Jordan	June 9
Lou Anne Olmos	June 11
Lisa Wahrmond	June 17
Stephanie Hobbs	June 19



Eleanora Saenz	June 20
Deborah Kunetz	June 22
Elizabeth Neely	June 24
Sarah Komet	June 25
Rosie Bella Gastelum	June 26
Marvinette Smith	June 26
Molly Allen	June 27
Arabella Dalton	June 28
Marianna Coindreau	June 30
Peggy Guerrero	June 30



How our garden grows! Beautiful color thanks to rain and the efforts of our Grounds Chairman Heather Hays.

Round Table Corner

The Modernist Round Table of the Woman's Club of San Antonio

“As traditional as yesterday and as modern as tomorrow!”

The Modernist Round Table is one of twelve Round Tables in the Woman's Club. It was organized in 1923 and has been meeting for 100 years. The primary focus is on mental health issues and community resources for families and individuals of all ages.

Modernist meets on the fourth Tuesday at 11:30 AM in the months of October to May with April being an exception due to Fiesta Season and Events. During the May 3rd General Assembly meeting this year we were your hostess Round Table. We provided decorations and set up dining rooms, tables, and entrance. During the meeting, we lead the pledges to the US and Texas Flags and selected the Volunteer Service Council of San Antonio State Hospital (VSC of SASH), as the Community Care and Concern for this meeting. Thanks so much for your generous monetary donations of \$345.00.

Our partnership with the San Antonio State Hospital, for patients with Mental Health Disorders, began circa 1951, when SASH reached out to the affluent Woman's Club of San Antonio, requesting funds for a new stove in a patient unit. The Modernist Round Table volunteered to pursue this project and raised \$250.00 for this new state of the art stove. Within the next year, SASH reached out to the Modernist Round Table, requesting gently used clothes for the patients, and once again, they received many donations of clothes from the generous Woman's Club members. Before long, so many clothes, shoes, household items, linens, and more were donated in such quantities, that the Modernist requested permission to open a Thrift Store on Campus. SASH agreed and provided building space to set up a Thrift Shop. Pretty soon, these ladies set up the shop, and started monthly 'Trinkets and Treasures' (TNT) sales on campus. In 1952, they formed the Volunteer Service Council of SASH, and in 1953 became a 501c-3 non-profit organization. The VSC of SASH operates under the Department of Community Services & Support of SASH. TNT Sales are the 1st Tuesday of the month from August to June, 0830 AM – 2:30 PM, in Logan Hall.

The monies raised from TNT sales and community donations are used in support of patients and staff as: toiletries, special need items, snacks, and beverages; a birthday and Christmas gift bag to each patient, every year. An annual Pizza Party, Ice-Cream Party, and “Patients and Families Thanksgiving Lunches” on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of November with all the fixings, DJ music, dancing, and photo booth. The VSC volunteers, Community Service Department and kitchen staff prepare and serve the lunches to all attendees. Annual staff recognition during Health Care Workers Weeks, Administrative Workers, and Grounds-crew Recognition Week. The VSC provides financial assistance for patient's travel when discharged from the hospital, and for family visits as needed. In addition, VSC provides monetary support for repair and upkeep of two campus cemeteries. Thanks to the Woman's Club of San Antonio members for the generous monetary and in-kind donations during the past 72 years to the VSC of SASH. For more donation information, contact Karen Ward via text or phone call at: 210-218-4029.

Round Table Corner



On May 8th Carousel Round Table met at Paesanos 1604 for “Fun, Fellowship and Food”. All Woman’s Club members were invited to join them. Looks like they had a great time. First row left to right, Tinker Mass, Pat Porter (Carousel Secretary), Diane Lewallen (Carousel Chair), Johanna Christiansen (Carousel Vice President), Carol Carpenter; second row left to right, Billie Arredondo, Elaine Staller, Mickey Tovar, Jean French, Belinda Pena Bosquez, Flora Tallmon, and Linda Parsons.

For their May meeting, American Home and Garden Round Table made candles. They were led in their creative efforts by Susan Gargotta



June 2023 House Calendar

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Jun 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
			● 10am Comb			
4	5	6	7 ● 11am WCSA	8	9 ● 10:30am Sa	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Culligan Delive	22	23	24
25	26	27 ● 10am San A	28 ● 10am Comb	29	30	Jul 1

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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.

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Membership Dues Notice and Request for Changes in Yearbook Information

The Woman's Club of San Antonio Membership Dues for 2023-2024 are due and payable
on July 1, 2023

Please respond with a check or credit card payment submitted to the Club office by the deadline.

\$150.00 (\$154.50 CC) If paid by July 31, 2023

\$165.00 (\$169.95 CC) If paid after August 1, 2023 and before September 1, 2023

\$180.00 (\$185.40 CC) If paid after September 1, 2023 and before October 1, 2023

Dues not paid by October 1, 2023 will result in a loss of membership in the Club.

Dues paid **BEFORE** August 1, 2023 will ensure that the member's profile is included in the new yearbook.

Life Members may become a Patron by paying \$150.

Please indicate any changes needed for the 2023-2024 Yearbook:

Name: _____ Husband: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ CELL: _____

Email: _____

Birthday (M/D): _____

Year joined the WCSA: _____

Make checks payable to The Woman's Club of San Antonio.

Please note in the memo line "2023-2024 DUES."