



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



I am so thrilled that the Woman's Club was able to gift San Antonio College Empowerment Center ten \$1,000 scholarships. Pictured above, President Jane Stone, Scholarship Chairman Sandra Whittaker, Vice President Virginia Van Cleave, and member Helen Henderson presented Dr. Mary Helen Vera, Director, and Dr. Robert Vela, President of San Antonio College, with a \$10,000 check. Two days later, we went to SAC again to be part of their ceremony where the scholarships were given to the students. The students were so excited to receive the scholarships.

I am pleased that we now have a working relationship with SAC. They allow us to use their auditorium for our Coronations at no cost, and in turn, we support their students by giving scholarships.

Dr. Vela and Dr. Vera presented the Woman's Club with a beautifully engraved vase in appreciation for our support. The engraving says, "presented to THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO—San Antonio College—In appreciation for your dedication and commitment to our students." It will be a treasure for the Mansion.

I am so excited! We now have a brand new parking lot! It is something that I have wanted for a long time for the safety of our members and guests. Our House Chairman, Susan Gargotta, made it happen. We now call it the Stone-Gargotta parking lot. It will be appreciated for years to come.



Jane Stone, Susan Gargotta, & the paving contractor inspect the finished product – where you will park on your next visit to the Club!

One more piece of good news: The numbers are in from our Fiesta Hat Show. We made more money from this Hat Show than we ever made before. Who would have ever thought that we would do so well after being totally closed two year ago due to Covid. We should feel very blessed.

It seems somewhat surreal for me to be writing my last president's message for the newsletter. I am completing my two-year term as President of the Woman's Club. I call myself the Covid President. By that, I mean that nothing was normal or the same, and everything was always changing. When I started, the club was closed and there was no staff or members around. The house was dark and empty. The first thing I did was to go to all of the vendors of the club and asked for a discounted price. To my surprise, I got it. I was most pleased to get the elevator service reduced by a thousand dollars a year. Through all of this, I am very proud of my Board of Directors. They signed up and took turns working in the club office 3 hours a day. They dusted the furniture, scrubbed the floors and cleaned the toilets. I forwarded the club phone to my cell phone and I took all of the calls 24/7. Everyone went over and beyond and made the best out of a bad situation.

The city finally allowed groups to start meeting with restrictions. We sanitized door handles, elevator buttons, signed waivers, wore masks, and sat everyone 6' apart. We used our tape measures and measured 6' between the chairs. We used paper goods at our luncheons instead of china and silverware. Our big events in 2020, like the Fall Luncheon and Christmas Faire were canceled. However, Dona Liston and Michael Quintanilla came and did a beautiful job decorating the Mansion for Christmas 2020. Dona brought her big Santa and sat him in front of the Christmas tree. Little by little we were able to work our way back to what was somewhat normal. By Christmas 2021, we were back and Janice McGraw turned the Mansion into a Christmas Wonderland.

Again, I can't say enough about my board. To me, they are the best board ever and certainly the hardest working board. They have made good decisions. At every meeting there were issues they needed to discuss and address. They realized the importance of attending the meetings because they were the ones who would move this club forward.

The homeless were always a big problem for us. I made friends with the people in the coffee shop across the street. They would call me if they saw something irregular happening at the club after hours. I am very proud of the safety enclosure our House Chairman, Susan Gargotta, thought to put up across the back of the house to keep the homeless off of the back porches. They loved making the back porches their home. They left their trash, broke things and their behavior was often times concerning.

I am so happy that we have Tina Zimmerman as our House Supervisor and Chef. The house looks so clean and organized and her meals are delicious. We hope that she loves us enough to continue her services for a long time. She is definitely a golden nugget.

I also want to thank our members for stepping up and loving and supporting their club. We need many helping hands to make our monthly meetings and major events throughout the year a success.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my Vice President, Virginia Van Cleave. We have worked together so well. She has been respectful to me as President and always willing to help. We always carried our cell phones on our hip and felt free to call each other day or night. That's what it took to get this club through the unprecedented last two years.

Jane Stone
President

WITH THIS ISSUE

Membership/Dues Renewal Form ~ Attachment 1 to the newsletter. The 2022-23 due date is 31 July 2022.

Meetings & Luncheons

Virginia Van Cleave, Vice-president

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

June 1st: Memorial Service of Members We Have Lost, Presentation of Scholarship Recipients, Installation of 2022-2024 Officers

Tickets: \$30 ~ Purchase by noon Monday, May 30th.

Pay with TicketLeap – just click on this link:

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

As new officers of the Woman's Club are installed in June, this will be the last general meeting of President Jane Stone's administration. Incoming President Virginia Van asked Jane to select her favorite menu for the luncheon.

Jane's Favorite Luncheon Menu:

Opener: Italian Chopped Salad

Entrée: Lightly Breaded Shrimp in a Butter Sauce,
Pasta Primavera, Asparagus

Dessert: Fruit Fill Layer Cake

Beverage: Coffee, Iced Tea, Iced Water or Wine

Program Presenter: Virginia Van Cleave

Hostesses: The American Home and Garden Round Table

Community Care Concern: Woodward House General Fund

The Woman's Club of San Antonio Presents:

Summer Luncheon Series

A wonderful opportunity to gain a unique perspective from the author/creator of many popular romantic fiction novels and Hallmark Channel Original Movies. She is a 2022 inductee into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame and an Eyewitness to the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Guest Speaker

BEST SELLING AUTHOR

TERI WILSON

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

11:00 AM

Lunch to follow

Woodward Mansion

1717 San Pedro Ave.

\$40

Make your reservation by
calling (210) 732-4811



June 15: First Summer Luncheon of the Season ~ Author Teri Wilson

Luncheon tickets: \$40.00

To pay with TicketLeap just click on this link:

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/june-summer-luncheon/>

During social time at this luncheon, Virginia Van Cleave will have a display set up:

"EYEWITNESS ~ QUEEN ELIZABETH II"

This display will feature Queen Elizabeth II and Royal Family memorabilia.

Menu with a Royal Flair:

Opener: Scriveners Broth and Cheese Cracker

Entrée: Poulet Reine Elizabeth, Dressed Rice &
Pea Salad

Dessert: English Trifle

Beverage: Coffee, Iced Tea, Iced Water or Wine

Hostesses: The Ingénue Round Table

Wednesday, July 20th

Second Summer Luncheon

Michael Quintanilla presents:

An Encore Performance of: "Fashion's Cultural Connection -- Timely or Timeless"

The program is a feast on fashion from the 1940's to the 1990's. Walk stately through time with us at this event.

And what could be more fun than a sale? A *member* hat sale is planned with this summer luncheon. Do you need more hats? Do you have too many hats (is there such a thing?)? Bring your hats to the Mansion for this special sale and give a percentage of the proceeds for restoration and upkeep of our home, the Woodward Mansion. The July Hat Sale co-chairs are Peggy Belasco, Linda Champagne and Iris Francis.

Members Hat Sale!

Members Hat Sale!
When: July 20th Summer Luncheon
Open to all members. Members will receive 80% of their sales and 20% will go to WCSA. Limit 20 hats per member. Hats should be in good shape!
Members will help tag their hats and Set up on July 19 at the Club. 10 til 2
Members will assist in selling the day of the sale! And responsible for Clean Up after the sell!

FUN
Register and save a space!!!
Call and leave a message or text Iris Ann Francis. **210 846 80030**
This is going to be a WIN WIN sale!
Come and Sell or come and Buy!
Or both!!!! Who doesn't love a HAT SALE?

GOOD TIMES

WE HAD FUN IN MAY



Club president, Jane Stone, is pictured with Armandina Sifuentes, the winner of the diamond necklace, and Janice McGraw.

Photo credit: Johanna Christiansen

The Golden Girls Luncheon -

A special time for members and the Golden Girls we honored.

Thank you to our hostesses, the Noontide Round Table, for a wonderful party and this Woman's Club tradition. The celebration filled the first floor of the Woodward mansion where the tables were decorated with flowers and balloons provided by Chula Boyle. Ginger Vlieger was at the reception table ensuring each Golden Girl received her handmade corsage and that her portrait was taken by Vickie Kinder. Guests were treated to a showcase of memory books/bios of our Golden Girls through the efforts of Gail Jarratt.

Following a blessing led by Betty Lewandowski, guests enjoyed a lovely, social luncheon gathering. Angela Pfeiffer and her kitchen team produced a wonderful lunch for over 90 people. Patte Pfeiffer helped with plating and making everything coming out of the kitchen a beautiful presentation. Robin Templeton played music that set the tone for the special day.

With all the talk about a labor shortage in America today, our Golden Girls were honored by being served by doctors. We thank newly graduated Pharmacists, Dr. Briden McGraw and Dr. Sabra Atkinson, for volunteering to help serve and clear for this luncheon as

they are ready for a career of service in their field.

This year a special raffle was part of the luncheon. Noontide chairman, Janice McGraw donated a diamond necklace. Marshall Stone assisted with the acquisition and setting of the diamond. Thanks to the many members and friends who bought tickets, proceeds of the raffle will endow the Noontide Round Table with funds supporting future Golden Girls celebrations.

A Special Portrait Has Been Dedicated for the Presidents' Room

At the May 2022 General Meeting, the Club was presented with a painting of Laura Sistrunk (1923-2017), Life Member, Patron and benefactor. The portrait was painted by Neka Scarborough-Jenkins. With the presentation, Tawana Timberlake shared stories of both the lady in the painting and the lady who painted the portrait. Following are excerpts from Tawana's presentation:

Laura Sistrunk joined the Woman's Club in 1988, serving tirelessly for 29 years. She was always an enthusiastic participant at any of our events, whether it was as a sexy flapper or sporting an angelic poodle skirt, she always delighted all with her choice of attire. But mostly she was known for her hats, and her classic and elegant style, but with a bit of sass! Though never holding the office of president of the Club, she served on many boards and Round Tables.

Laura loved the Woodward mansion and she loved its history. She believed in the purpose of this Club. Her tireless support wherever, whenever needed is well known. She provided financial support including finishing the elevator purchase, the final check for the completion of the driveway under porte cochere, the work on the back of the house and much more. Her generosity continues to this day. Laura's \$150K endowment collects interest annually which goes to the Restoration Fund for the house, with principal intact, as per her instructions.



Laura Sistrunk and Nan Sistrunk with meteorologist Bill Taylor at the Woman's Club
Photo credit: Neka Scarborough Jenkins

On the day Laura's daughter gave the painting to Tawana, her daughter said that since her mother's heart and soul was with the Club for almost 30 years, the Club was the perfect place for the painting to be. She told Tawana that she was so glad Tawana organized the dedication that she wanted her to have the white hat mother is wearing in the painting.

Neka Scarborough-Jenkins, the painter and a skilled photographer, took many photos at club events after joining in 2012. Her mother, Nan Sistrunk, joined the Woman's Club to spend quality time with her daughter at these events. Tawana asked Neka, "What inspired you to paint Laura? Was it the fact that she had the same last name as your mom Nan Russell Sistrunk, or was that just a coincidence?" Neka's written response included:

"I think there are no such things as coincidences. Laura Sistrunk and my dear departed mama, Nan Russell Sistrunk, became fast friends as soon as they were introduced, since they both married extraordinary Sistrunk men who may or may not have been related in their ancestry. I loved watching them talk and talk with their eyes sparkling like two teenage girls, chattering about their boyfriends, in spite of the fact that they were octogenarians." ...and...

"On the day Laura whisked by me in her crisp white suit with the whimsical red boa and sassy hat, I stopped her and asked permission to take her picture, she swirled around and gave me the relaxed yet confident pose you see in my painting. Of course, I was inspired to paint her. It had already been painted in my mind, where the image of Laura and her inspiration to all remains to this day."



Tawana Timberlake (wearing the white hat), Virginia Van Cleave, Jane Stone

San Antonio Women's Federation Volunteer of the Year Awards

Look who's having a great time at the Women's Federation luncheon at the Petroleum Club! Kudos and a red rose to our three members, each nominated by a different organization, on receiving a Volunteer of the Year Award. Many of our Woman's Club friends were there to enjoy the presentations and party with our honorees.

L – R:

Karen Ward – by The Women's Federation

Helen Henderson – by The San Antonio Musical Club

Ferne Burney – by the Woman's Club of San Antonio



Round Table News



In May the American Home & Garden Round Table took a field trip to the San Antonio Museum of Art. Their tour started with a viewing of the marble Roman bust that was purchased at a Goodwill store in Austin and found to be authentic. The bust has been on loan to SAMA and will be returned to its German home next year. The American Home and Garden Round Table ladies were then treated to a docent led tour of the Asian Art Exhibit. This tour through the Asian Art Wing consisted of works from the Japanese, Southeast Asian, Korean, Chinese, Imperial China and Early China cultures.

Lunch followed at Tre Trattoria. It was a beautiful day for the tour and lunch.

(Narrative shared by Jeanne Koplan.)

L -R: Patricia Broyles, Jeanne Koplan, Marsha Metz, Sandra Whittaker.

And in May We Welcomed Five New Members to the Woman's Club of San Antonio!

Eva Barrera of Kingsville, TX (Sponsored by Divina Alvarez)

Eva Mickler of San Antonio, TX (Sponsored by Kay Turner)

Maritza Recuero of San Antonio is a retired registered nurse. (Sponsored by Elaine Staller)

Diana Reyes of San Antonio is a retired curriculum specialist. (Sponsored by Sandra Ojeda Medina)

Ashley Wash of San Antonio (Sponsored by Jane Stone)

We Are So Happy that You Have Joined Us Ladies!



Care and Concern:
As reported from Sandra Whittaker

Member Pamela Patton has passed away.

Julie Davis' husband, Kevin Davis, has passed away.

Carol Chapman-Ryan's husband, James, has passed away.

David Anguiano, husband of our friend Bella Anguiano, has passed away.

Irma Duran's husband, Curtis Rodriguez Harlan, suffered a back injury and is bedridden for an indefinite period of time.

Orbilia Hayes' husband, Bob, broke his leg and is recuperating at University Hospital.

Helen Jones is at her home suffering from shingles on her face and eye.

Barbara Neimann was hospitalized with double pneumonia.

Judy Willingham had surgery on May 18th and is doing well.

Patti Villarreal's husband, Nacho, has been in the hospital.

Trace Mahbubani's mother-in-law has been in the hospital.



Golden Book

Submitted by: Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman

In Memory of member Pamela Patton
By The Woman's Club

In Memory of Aaron Nicholas Pfeiffer, grandson of Angela Pfeiffer
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

In Memory of James Ryan, husband of Carol Chapman Ryan
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

In Memory of David Anguiano, husband of Bel Anguiano
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Helen Henderson for coordinating a successful & beautiful Fiesta Flower Show
By Virginia Van Cleave

In Honor of Angela Pfeiffer for the delicious meal that she & her Team prepared for The Queen's Reception
By Virginia Van Cleave

In Honor of The Fiesta Flower Show Committee & all the hard work that helped make the Flower Show such a success
By Helen Henderson

For quick healing wishes for Helen Jones
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

For quick healing wishes for Barbara Niemann
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of our April speaker Freddy Cervera
By The Woman's Club

Bridge Anyone?

Starting in June, BJ Duncan will be offering *bridge lessons* to all who would like to know more about the game. If you just need a refresher or start from scratch. Please call BJ to let her know of your interest.



B.J. Duncan

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Carol Habgood
Hannah Geppert
Elizabeth Ruiz
Diana Reyes
Cynthia Benton
Lou Anne Olmos
Rose Hoelscher
Edna Peasley
Stephanie Hobbs

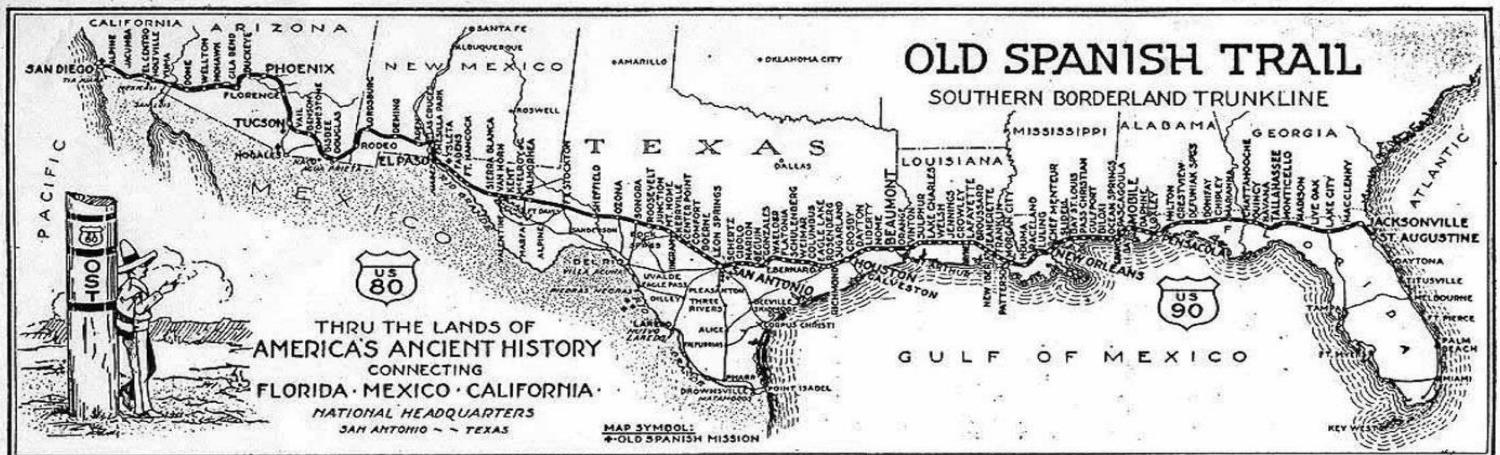
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Molly Allen
Marianna Coindreau
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OLD SPANISH TRAIL

The Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration Association met in late 2021 to discuss the Centennial with local interested organizations. An invitation was sent to The Woman's Club and vice president Virginia Van Cleave attended. In the early 1900s the Old Spanish Trail (OST) movement was organized to promote a paved automobile highway across the southern United States connecting 6 centers of historical interest.: St. Augustine, San Antonio, El Paso, Tucson and San Diego. In December 1915, in Mobile, Alabama, interested parties met to connect New Orleans to the east coast of Florida. In July, 1919, a conference was held in San Antonio to lead movement across Texas. Harral Ayres was chosen as the Managing Director, and the Gunter Hotel would be the headquarters. June to December 1922, Mr. Ayres was in Washington D.C. gathering signatures of senators and congressman to declare the OST a basic trunk line of the US system assuring that every mile of the OST be included in Federal Aid management. In March 27, 1924 Texas Gov. Pat Neff dedicated a zero-mile marker stone of OST on San Antonio City Hall grounds. Today, the goal of this association is to implement the 1924 reenactment in 2024. They want local organizations to participate in this effort. Local Women's clubs organized the event in 1924 and the stone marker was signed by Mrs. Beretta, the president of the San Antonio Women's Federation, Inc. More information to come. (Contributed by Virginia Van Cleave)



EDITOR'S NOTE

Today I close my biennium as editor of Rustling Leaves, the newsletter of the Woman's Club of San Antonio. My term would not have lasted two weeks without the help, guidance and encouragement of so many of you in the Woman's Club.

Patsy Pelton welcomed me to the position with a complete notebook and a "thumb drive" listing the responsibilities, sharing traditional calendars, and providing several years of samples of so many wonderful versions of your newsletter. With her help you remained unaware of many of my spelling and grammar gaffes, while you were informed of important coming events that I would not, on my own, have known to include. Thank you, Patsy for being a wonderful mentor and for making sure that our members who do not use email received paper copies of our publication every month.

Virginia Van Cleave always made sure I had the information needed for you my readers to be enthusiastically informed of all the wonderful programs coming to the Woman's Club. TicketLeap links and menus worked with Tina Zimmerman's input became standard copy. Virginia, I hope you are pleasantly surprised that I FINALLY made the fit to publish your article on the Old Spanish Trail. The centennial of the dedication of the Trail will occur during your term as president of our Club and we look forward to learning more about the coming reenactment of its dedication. Best wishes on your biennium as President of the Woman's Club of San Antonio.

Jane Stone's insights, presentations and important messages have begun every issue of the newsletter this biennium. Thank you, Jane for your flexibility and for reviewing and approving each issue as we went along over these months. Thank you also for your encouragement and for always providing great photographs to include with your letter and elsewhere in the newsletter. It was quite a trip through the Covid constraints but you always made so much happen and reopen again.

I cannot hope to recount all of the members who supported their monthly official communique with photographs, stories, advertisements and round table event reports. Many thanks to Trace Mahbubani, Karin Fee and Tina Zimmerman for ensuring the electronic version of Rustling Leaves was distributed to you, dear reader.

And now for the future ~ several of us rascals retiring from the board are behaving like seniors before commencement. My plans include to first, pay my 2022-'23 dues, get it out of the way and forget about it. Second, for the coming biennium I plan to: meet and welcome every new member; wear more hats; join a new Round Table; and, support others as I have been supported. And finally, I am so happy to welcome Carolyn Snyder (who always made your newsletter available at the WCSA website) back to the position of Editor of the Rustling Leaves newsletter!

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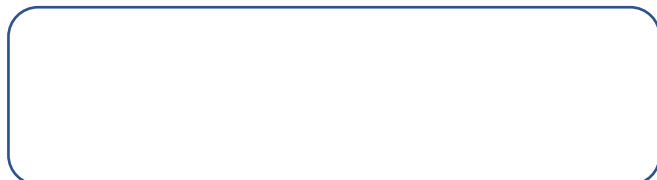
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Membership Dues Notice and Request for Changes in Yearbook Information

The Woman's Club of San Antonio Membership Dues for 2022-2023 are due and payable
on July 1, 2022

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, 2022

\$165.00 (\$169.95 CC) If paid after August 1, 2022 and before September 1, 2022

\$180.00 (\$185.40 CC) If paid after September 1, 2022 and before October 1, 2022

Dues not paid by October 1, 2022 will result in a loss of membership in the Club.

Dues paid **BEFORE** August 1, 2022 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 2022-2023 Yearbook:

Name: _____ Husband: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: LANDLINE? _____ 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 "2022-2023 DUES."