



From the President's Desk



L to R: King Antonio XCVIII Phillip Bakke, Teen Queen Sophia Christiansen, WCSA President Jane Stone, WCSA Vice-president Virginia Van Cleave, Teen Princess Isabella Niño, and El Rey Feo LXXII Thomas Aguillon.



Sophia Christiansen, Fiesta Teen Queen

What an exciting day it was at the Woodward Mansion. Cameras were clicking and faces were smiling. Our lovely queen, Sophia Christiansen, was photographed with King Antonio Phillip Peacock Bakke and our lovely princess, Isabella Niño, was photographed with El Rey Feo Thomas Aguillon. As the entire group was standing outside on the front steps of the Woodward Mansion with multiple photographers snapping pictures, cars on the street came to a near stop and were honking their horns and watching the fun. Momentarily, it felt like the mask had been lifted, and it was like old times. Everyone is invited to the Coronation ceremony on April 11, 2021 at 3 pm at the Scottish Rite Auditorium at 308 Avenue E.

Jane Stone
President



Isabella Niño, Fiesta Teen Princess

Meetings & Luncheons

Virginia Van Cleave, Vice-president

Due to the special precautions with COVID-19:

For the setup it is especially important to RSVP by the prior Monday for the luncheon AND meeting attendance.

Wednesday at the Woodward House: Social time opens at 10:30 and **the meeting begins at 11:00.**

Please RSVP to Karin Fee by the prior Monday @ 12:00 p.m. w/ \$25 payment if including lunch.

April 7th, 2021 ~ RSVP by Monday, April 5th

Program: **HATTITUDE! ~ Award-Winning Fiesta Hats Walk the Walk**

Michael Quintanilla, Emcee

Fiesta's traditional citywide April celebration may be postponed until June, but we're not holding back! Join club member and San Antonio's Mr. Fiesta, Michael Quintanilla, as he emcees our April 7 show and celebration of the WCSA's fundraising signature event, the fabulous Fiesta Hat Contest! Enjoy the splendor of several award-winning hats from past competitions of epic proportions, glamour and creativity in this program on our runway.

Join in the fun by wearing your favorite Fiesta-adorned hat and outfit!

Luncheon Menu:

Caesar Salad
Pork Tenderloin with Cacao Spiced Rub
Confetti Corn
Mexican Red Rice with Butter and Tomatoes
Fiesta Black Beans
Cheesecake

Hostesses: Soiree Round Table

Community Care Concern:

Woodward House Restoration Fund



MICHAEL QUINTANILLA ~ HATTITUDE 2021!

Meetings & Luncheons (cont'd)



May 5th, 2021 ~ RSVP by Monday, May 3rd

Program: "Serenity" and "The New Normal...how do we continue Old Traditions in Today's Times"

Guest Speaker: Richard Ojeda, El Rey Feo LXIV

We are fortunate to have Richard Ojeda as our speaker in May, the month we celebrate our mothers. Richard is multi-talented and could speak on a variety of subjects. He chose to speak about the women we honor in the month of May and ties it to "Serenity", an interesting topic and something we all seek in our hectic lives. Mr. Ojeda recalls the words spoken by his mother that have shaped all aspects of his life. She told him that "wherever you are is where you belong." These words propelled him to succeed in whatever business he entered. Richard is an exceptional caterer and the owner of Black Tie Affairs Catering.

Richard's sister, Sandra Ojeda Medina, serves our Club leading the Charity Designation/Community Relations Committee and the Fine Arts Round Table.

Hostesses: Fine Arts Round Table

Community Care Concern: General Club Expenses

May 2nd, 2021 [a Sunday] ~ The Queen's Reception at the Woodward Mansion

RSVP required on a first come first served basis with 1 guest per member limit. More details forthcoming.

May 13th, 2021 [a Thursday] ~ Golden Girls Luncheon

Program: A time to honor our wonderful members who have achieved the age of 80.

Hostesses: Noontide Round Table

Traditionally this is a buffet of goodies, food will be served plated at this time.

June 2nd, 2021 ~ General Meeting

Program: Presentation of Scholarship Recipients and Memorial Ceremony

Hostesses: The American Home and Garden Round Table

Community Care Concern: General Club Expenses

June 16th, 2021 SUMMER LUNCHEON

Program: Letters to Rose, A Holocaust Memoir ~ Rose Williams

We are so fortunate to be able to hear 93-year-old Rose Williams give a first-hand account of WWII courage and survival. She was subject to the dehumanization of Polish Jews by the Nazis. Guests and family are invited and welcome to be included in this special program.

Board Announcements

Peggy Guerrero
Brick Committee Chair



Karen Ward
Assistant Treasurer

Care and Concern

As reported from Susan Moreland-Goza

Member, Gloria Lopez's husband, Victor Roland Lopez, passed away.

Peter Walski, husband, father-in-law, grandfather to members Barbara Walski, Sue Walski, and Ingenue Bella Walski, passed away.

Harold Christiansen, son and brother to member Johanna Christiansen and Ingenues Sofia and Tessa Christiansen, is recovering from extensive shoulder surgery.

Member, Maida Perkins, underwent knee replacement surgery.

Member, Billie Arredondo's husband's eye surgery was postponed until later this month.

Member, Nancy Cooke, has been hospitalized with post-COVID complications.

Member, Brenda Smith Jaye, is having a heart catheterization for a possible stent placement.

Golden Book

Submitted by Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman

In Honor of the Woman's Club
By Linda Nairn

In Honor of the Woman's Club
By Jaquie Rothermel

In Honor of the Woman's Club
By Barbara Vander



OUR FIESTA TRADITIONS

The Woman's Club of San Antonio
Invites you to Attend the Presentation of:

2021 Royal Court

Fiesta Teen Queen
Sophia Jeanette Schramm Christiansen

Fiesta Teen Princess
Isabella Marina Niño

56th Annual

Teen Queen Coronation

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH
Starts at 3 pm

SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM
308 Avenue E
San Antonio, Texas
masks and social distancing will be required and appreciated
Parking available at metered and pay lots across the street.

56th Annual
Fiesta Teen Royal Court
Coronation is Sunday, April 11
Beginning at 3:00 p.m.

See details on the poster to the left.

[Parking is available at the First Presbyterian Church across the street from Scottish Rite for \$10. Enter your license plate # in the machine, pay at the machine, and put the receipt on your car dash board or the parking management company will tow your vehicle.]



The Woodward Mansion
Our medal ~ Viva Fiesta 2021

The 2021 WCSA Fiesta Medal design celebrates our early Fiesta history and showcases our beautiful home! The Woodward Mansion is a classic revival style home designed by Atlee B. Ayers and built over a two-year period (1907-1908). The mansion was built by David J. Woodward as a gift for his wife, May, who later became a member of the Woman's Club.

Mr. Woodward was prominent in our early San Antonio Fiesta history. At the time the mansion was being built, David Woodward belonged to a men's group that celebrated Fiesta. The men named their group OMALA (Alamo spelled backwards). They had a king and he had a court. The king was King SELAMAT (tamales spelled backwards). The first King Selamat, the first King of Fiesta, was David Woodward. A photograph sketch of King Selamat appeared in the San Antonio Daily News on April 25, 1905.

Fiesta's first event was the Battle of Flowers Parade organized by women who wanted to honor the heroes of the battles for Texas Independence and held April 24, 1891. The Woman's Club of San Antonio, founded in 1898, participated in early Battle of Flowers parades. Men's groups would add many traditions to Fiesta including royal courts. Perhaps as early organizers of Fiesta events David and May entertained a Court of Omala in their new home at 1717 San Pedro. David Woodward passed away in 1925. The Women's Club purchased the home from May in 1926, the same year the Texas Cavaliers was formed. The first King Antonio was crowned in 1927.

To have a 2021 WCSA Fiesta Medal and to give this medal as a gift is a way to share the story of the earliest days of our city's wonderful tradition and of our own organization. Our beautiful 2021 medal with its rich history is for sale for only \$12! Wear it proudly and think about the Woodward Mansion and David Woodward, King Selamat I. [Research by Virginia Van Cleave]



Treasurer's Report	
Marsha Metz, Treasurer	
Income Statement - February 2021	
Revenues	
Dues	75.00
Property Usage	75.00
Round Table Lunch Fees	16.00
Donations - Cash	1,294.55
Donations - In Kind	31.98
Fiesta Program Book	1,250.00
Fiesta Coronation Entry Fees	1,004.50
Fiesta Queens Recep. (Donation)	50.00
General Meeting Lunches	635.13
Interest income	1.88
Dividend income	210.00
Capital Gain Income	486.48
Total Revenues	\$ 5,130.52
Expenses	
Fiesta Medals	597.50
General Meeting Lunches	350.00
Bank Charge Credit Card	35.86
Phone & Internet	239.90
Insurance - House & Liability	1,267.10
Utilities	548.39
Water	260.49
Trash Disposal	105.95
House/Kitchen Supplies	22.20
Total Expenses	\$ 3,427.39
Net Income	\$ 1,703.13



Honors & Kudos

Congratulations to Carolyn Snyder (pictured on the left) who was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, in the category of MILITARY, on Saturday, March 13, 2021.

Buy a Brick

Commemorative bricks for the Woman's Club brick walkway and garden may be purchased for \$60.00. Forms for the purchase of a brick are available on-line at the WCSA webpage: www.thewomansclubofsa.org.



Johanna Christiansen	2
Eileen Marin	3
Sarah Cardenas (Ingenué)	3
Ryan Scrimshire (Ingenué)	3
Madi Moad-Hageman	4
Sharon Alexander	8
Jaquie Rothermel	8
Rosemary Sundeen	8
Nancy J. Cooke	11
Patricia Geppert	13
Patricia Connors	14
Cheryl Conway	16
Jean French	24
Clarice Fisher	26
Muriel England	27
Celeste Brown	30
Heather Hays	30

Recent additions of bricks for the
Woman's Club Brick Walkway
shared by purchaser and inscription as reported by
Peggy Guerrero, Brick Committee Chairman

Rosamaria Reyna - Sanchez (2)

*Coindreau Family
Marianna & Mark
Mason and Bella*

*Beloved Familia
Reyna-Sanchez
Rosemary and Don*

Geppert Family (1)

*In Memory-2020
Sandra Geppert
Soirée Round Table*

Armandina Sifuentes (1)

*Isabella M. Nino
Teen Princess 2021*

Johanna Christiansen (1)

*Sophia
Christiansen
Teen Queen 2021*

Books & Letters Round Table (1)

*Sandra Whittaker
Books & Letters Round Table
2018-2020*

Helen Henderson (2)

*Helen Henderson
House & Grounds
2012-2014*

*Helen Henderson
Books & Letters
2014-2016*

Anonymous (1)

Sisters

Together at the Mansion

March meeting program speaker, Ambassador Sichan Siv, is surrounded by Woman's Club members participating in the Club's 2021 Parade of Nations.



March meeting photo credits: Linda Parsons



1950-52 Parade of Nations in Front of the Woodward House.

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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.

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