

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



RUSTLING LEAVES

MARCH 2019

WHAT'S IN IT FOR "U"?

When you take a job (or join a club), take a long look at the people you're going to be with. Odds are that you are going to become like them; they are not going to become like you. Yale University studied this group dynamic and discovered that altruistic behavior ripples through networks and so does cruelty. Networks will magnify whatever they are seeded with. They will magnify Ebola and fascism and unhappiness and violence; but they will also magnify love and altruism and happiness and information. We have at our forefront a statement about kindness.

At a recent Federation of Women's Club meeting, I was struck with how similar our Collects are: they both remind us to be kind. Perhaps it is because the same people wrote both, or perhaps it is because it is a reminder worth having.

We all form our circles. I think that is natural. But when your circle cannot be broken, when another member feels left out and alone, then something has to give. We need to be kind. Why not form a "U" instead of a circle? Those tight friends are important, and you keep them together, and that is good. But if you make a "U", others can be brought in and new friendships can be forged. I hope you will give it a try.

FRIENDSHIP TEA – MARCH 12

Speaking of new friendships, remember to invite a friend to our annual Eleanor Brackenridge

Friendship Tea on March 12 at 2 p.m. Please join us for the annual celebration of the birthday of our founder, Eleanor Brackenridge. We celebrate her love of her community, rights for women, care for school-age children, and the general good of humanity. We honor her memory with an old fashioned tea that is free and open to the public. You will find a bit of an anachronism as many of our members will be dressed in period attire, and many others in hats and other finery. We welcome you to our stately home. Come enjoy delicious sweets and a cup of tea!

ON THE ROAD TO FIESTA

And while our "U"s are moving along, let's remember that this is a month to tie up loose ends and get everything ready for the busy month of March and the even busier month of April and our THREE Official Fiesta Events! Please check out the details in this newsletter. You have some important deadlines to remember, and we need every bit of help that you can give us.

And while we're at it: **Erin Go Bragh!!**

Warm regards,
Ferne
Ferne Burney, President

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jacqueline Bonney	1	Kim Keller	10
Margaret Thompson	1	Martha Mass Schutlz	11
Alicia De La Fosse	2	Gloria Tate	13
Jocelyne Jackson	3	Robin Templeton	13
Leona Maples	4	Martha Dabbs	14
Mallory Mulder	5	Patte Pfeiffer	15
Donna Adams	6	Marcella Schroder	16
Eleanor Brackenridge*	7	T.J. Hageman	21
Maida Perkins	7	Orbillia Hayes	21
Barbara Vander	7	Angelica Docog	22
Judy Ann Willingham	7	Cathy Carroll	29
Janice McGraw	8	Maria Moore	29
Linda Oliver	8	Teddy Westrom	31



Celebrating Women's History Month in March

*Suffragist Eleanor Brackenridge wasn't afraid to make waves to get what she wanted. "Foolish modesty lags behind while brazen impudence goes forth and eats the pudding," Brackenridge, the first woman to register to vote in Bexar County, once said. Besides helping lead the crusade for women's suffrage in Texas, Brackenridge worked to promote temperance, children's welfare and education. Born Mary Eleanor Brackenridge in 1837 in Indiana, she moved to San Antonio after the Civil War. Her brother George W. Brackenridge was a business leader and philanthropist who donated the land that became Brackenridge Park; he named Eleanor a director of the San Antonio National Bank and the San Antonio Loan and Trust Co., making her one of the first female bank directors in the country. In 1898, Brackenridge and her friend Marin Fenwick, a *San Antonio Express* columnist, founded the Woman's Club of San Antonio. At the time, such clubs were springing up around the country to allow women to engage in civic work and promote cultural events; the clubs also gave women a way to organize politically and orchestrate larger social reforms. Brackenridge served as president of the Woman's Club here for seven years and helped found more around the state. The club's members worked to get women on the school board and to have police matrons hired at the city jail to handle incarcerated women, according to the Texas State Library and Archives. A strong believer in education for women, Brackenridge helped establish the College of Industrial Arts, now Texas Woman's University, in Denton. She and two other women were appointed to the first board of regents — the first female regents on a university board in Texas — and she lobbied for the Legislature to support the school.

In 1919, Texas became the ninth state to ratify the 19th Amendment, which granted women the vote. It was the culmination of years of tireless crusading by Brackenridge and her fellow suffragists.

Brackenridge died at 86 on Valentine's Day 1924. In her obituary the next day, the *San Antonio Express* called her, "in many respects, the foremost woman citizen of Texas" and said she was remarkable for her mentality, sound judgement and unfailing gentleness, reaching into far corners of not only Texas but also the United States."



MISS M. ELEANOR BRACKENRIDGE

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See <https://www.expressnews.com/sa300/article/Eleanor-Brackenridge-worked-for-women-s-rights-12618001.php>

GENERAL MEETING – RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 4 at 10 A.M.



“TOURING THE PACIFIC WITH 5,000 OF MY CLOSEST MALE FRIENDS” – Come and share the adventure with speaker Carolynn Snyder, who was the first woman selected by the Navy to go to sea on an aircraft carrier. It's Women's History Month!

Community Care & Concern: We will pass the basket for American Diabetes Association.

Hostesses: Newcomer/Fiesta Round Table

BONUS: Graciela from Graciela at The Yard will be filling our library with her beautiful and colorful hats and bespoke fascinators. We want to thank Graciela for donating part of her proceeds back to our Club.

SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL MEETING on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6:

10:30 AM SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP at the Boutique and with Graciela's hat sale in the Library.
11:00 AM General Meeting and Program Speaker: Carolynn Snyder
Noon Lunch – MENU for ASH WEDNESDAY: Asparagus soup, spinach quiche, fruit, pear tart

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME FOR PAID RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

Luncheon reservations OR cancellations must be made no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019, by email or phone (210-732-4811). Making a reservation guarantees payment of \$25 unless the cancellation deadline is met. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

A colorful poster for a 'Hats Off' fundraising auction. The background is yellow with a blue banner at the top that says 'Hats Off' in pink and purple. The text in the center reads: 'The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Welcomes YOU March 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Center of Hope Fellowship Hall 519 West Elmira St. San Antonio, TX 78212 Lunch is \$25 Please R.S.V.P. by March 13 to Sandra Ojeda Medina via email sojedamedina@gmail.com'. To the right of the text are two hats: a purple hat with a pink band and a green hat with a white band. At the bottom right is a red hat with a white band. The bottom left text says: 'This is a fundraising auction. Bring a hat (as many as you'd like) to donate to the auction then bid on a new hat for yourself! Bring a friend or two!'. There is a red signature 'SO' at the bottom right.

The above is a paid advertisement.

NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



In February we welcomed 4 new members to the Club. Membership Chair Iris Ann Francis introduced (L-R) Margaret Duncan, Patricia Broyles and Cyndi Munch. Not shown in the photo is Trace Mahbubani.

At the March meeting the following 7 new members were announced and welcomed:

Carol Castillo
Sharon Gee
Annette Ivy
Kim Keller
Lou Anne Olmos
Pam Patton
Patti Rangel

WATCH FOR NEW YEARBOOK INFO!

GAMES DAY FUN!



The sounds of friends, good food and fun filled the House on Feb. 19 for our Games Day. The cold weather outside did not dampen the warm spirits inside at all!

And as Ferne promised, a rousing game of bingo ended the day! We look forward to setting up another games day!

Send in your photos, reports or paid ads to Newsletter Chair, Patsy Pelton at womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who set up and came to enjoy!



**ROYALTY COMES TO THE MANSION SUNDAY,
MARCH 3 for our Fiesta Teen Queen's Reception**
PLEASE **JOIN US FROM 4 to 6 PM**

Chairmen Johanna Christiansen, Diane Lewallen and Harriett Ellerbee have been working hard for this special event along with Committee members: Angela Pfeiffer, Chula Boyle, Kathy Littlefield, Ferne Burney, Leslie Doyle, Carol Keller and Kim Keller. Thank you!



Deadline for our **Fiesta Ad Book IS MARCH 5.** Send all ads to wcsafiestaadbook@gmail.com Please submit ads in either .jpeg or .pdf format. Payments can be made at the club in person or by phone (210) 732-4811. Please pick up the ad form in the office. Or print the electronic version that was emailed to you, and make a copy of the completed form for your customer as well as for the club office. Do not use the Club email. Use the special email above. Thank you!

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – It's Coronation time! We invite you to participate in the 2019 FIESTA Teen Queen Coronation to be held at the Carver Community Cultural Community Center. The Royal Court will be celebrating with the theme of "My Fair Fiesta Lady." The reception is held at the Woman's Club. For a registration form, go to our club website at <http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org> where you can download it, complete and send it via email ONLY with a photo of child in jpg format ONLY to this address: WCSAFiestaCoronation@gmail.com. Thank you for sharing your beautiful and talented children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, it's an experience of a lifetime.-- Sandra Ojeda Medina, Coronation Chairman, (210) 883-4882. DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.

APRIL 19 – 20 Fiesta Flower Show This Official Fiesta Event, more than 110 years old, will be held at The Woman's Club and will feature creative flower and horticulture displays from our members. SIGN UP TO DESIGN for the show by putting your name into one of the openings on the board in the dining room. The categories are described for each of the divisions of the show, and a sample of the type of design is included.

APRIL 24 - Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for the Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon. Reservations are REQUIRED and can be made at the Club office. Your payment ensures your reservation. General admission tickets are \$75 and VIP tickets are \$125 per person. Tables are for 10. VIP admission gives you a swag bag, complimentary parking, two drink tickets, a WCSA Fiesta medal, and "ringside" seating. Get your friends together for a table!! The luncheon features a silent auction, our world-famous Boutique, a wine pull, and many other fun activities. And do not forget to get your plans together for your hat judging category: Most Beautiful, Vintage, Glitz and Glam, Texas Topper, Spirit of Fiesta, Youth, Gentlemen, Small Group (4 or less), and Large Group (5 or more).



ROUND TABLE REPORTS



Ingenues and moms and grandmoms made valentines for our Golden Girls to receive.



Elvis made an appearance at the Fine Arts Round Table in February to fill the room with "love."



Winners for the January Bridge RT:

1st Place: Betty Lewandowski

2nd Place: Kathy Littlefield

3rd Place: LaRue Terry

4th Place: Elanor Skelly

Hostesses: Muriel England, Jackie Bonney

Winners for the February Bridge RT:

1st Place: Muriel England

2nd Place: Elsie McTee

3rd Place: Shirley Rice

4th Place: Stephanie Hobbs

Hostesses: Stephanie Hobbs, Shirley Rice

New Member Cyndi Munch joined us!

Remember what you can do at the Club to help provide funding for scholarships and restoration:

- Give a Golden Book donation in honor of/ in memory of some one. You can select which fund you would like the gift to be credited.
- Order an engraved brick in honor/ in memory that will be placed outside.
- Buy a cookbook published by the Woman's Club members. Cost \$15.
- Buy a bag of pecans for all your spring baking. Cost \$12.
- Buy an original Woman's Club FIESTA medal. Cost \$11 (includes tax).

Golden Book

Submitted By:

Johanna Christiansen, Golden Book Chairman
Diane Lewallen, Golden Book Committee

In Memory of **Faye Fox**, Past President
of The Woman's Club

In Honor of **Susan Moreland-Goza**,
for doing a great job of Care and Concern
In Honor of **Patsy Pelton**, who gives me the newsletter
with all Woman's Club of San Antonio news
By Anita Oberle

In Memory of **Nell Craighead**
By The Woman's Club

In Honor of **Lisa Court**, February speaker
By The Woman's Club

Care & Concern

Submitted by Susan Moreland-Goza

Nell Craighead passed away Feb. 19.

Deana Somerville has stage 3 lung cancer
and is also awaiting heart valve surgery.

Sandra Baskin's husband, Tom, fell while
on a cruise, fracturing 3 ribs and was in
the hospital.

Jean French, who is still homebound
and recovering from her fall in December,
was diagnosed with severe Diverticulitis

Billie Arredondo was in the hospital for
EEG and other brain tests. Her major oral
surgery is set for March 15.

You're invited to



Sponsored by The Sembradores of San Antonio

Omni Hotel
at the Colonnade

Saturday,
March 23, 2019

Boutique 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p. m.

Program begins at 11:45 a.m.

Lunch is served at 12:30 noon

General Tickets \$65
Couture Tables \$1000

Reservations:
Isabel Bernal
210-884-3030

The proceeds from this event will benefit

The Sembradores of San Antonio Education Foundation

P.O. Box 100674 San Antonio, TX 78201

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Contact WCSA member Isabel Bernal for more information.

FRIENDSHIP TEA – WE NEED YOU



The annual Eleanor Brackenridge Friendship Tea will be held on **Tuesday, March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.** This is the party, sponsored by Friendship Round Table, which celebrates the birthday of our founder. The party is free and open to the public, and we invite many of the friends in the community that Eleanor helped during her life.

What do we need you to do?

- Bring a beautifully decorated layer cake or Bundt cake. Each Round Table is responsible for one cake, but others are welcomed.
- Bring finger sandwiches, whatever kind you like.
- Bring chips.
- BRING YOURSELVES AND YOUR FRIENDS! And WEAR a HAT!

Dress in Edwardian period style if you like. This would be as if Eleanor were still alive, and let's make it fun. Questions? Contact Kathy Littlefield, mzkitty506@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ★ March 3: Teen Queen Reception, 4 -6 PM
- ★ MONDAY, MARCH 4 – **DEADLINE at 10 AM** for reservations or cancellations for MARCH 6 LUNCHEON
- ★ March 5: **DEADLINE for ADS** for our FIESTA BOOK
- ★ March 6: GENERAL MEETING – Buy a Fiesta medal, buy a hat from Graciela, buy a treasure from the Boutique and sit “BY” a friend at lunch!
- ★ March 29: BE A MENTOR in MARCH—Meet at the San Antonio College Empowerment Center with selected students who need a mentor. Watch your email for details on how you can help shape a student’s future!
- ★ April 1: No Fooling – **Deadline at 10 AM** for reservations or cancellations for the APRIL 3 GENERAL MEETING with speaker Jeanne Travis from the Fiesta Commission.



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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