



From the President's Desk

San Antonio's Fiesta begins its 10-day run at the end of March and what excitement it brings to our city. Our first event, Teen Queen Coronation, will be **Sunday, February 27, at 3 PM in the McAllister Auditorium on the San Antonio College campus.** We are so proud of our three young ladies who will represent the Woman's Club of San Antonio this year in all of the Fiesta activities. Our Queen Avery Walker, our Princess Gabriella Geppert, and our Duchess Sarah Stone will be officially crowned by King Antonio, El Rey Feo, and the Fiesta Commission president. The Coronation theme is "Celebrating the Children of Fiesta," with 41 children participating in the event. A huge thank you to Coronation co-chairmen Madi Spengler and Michele Moad-Hageman for an exceptional display of beauty and pageantry for this year's Court. Many thanks to Johanna Christiansen and her team for arranging the reception at the Woodward Mansion following Coronation. These events are free and guests are welcome. The Auditorium is large enough to ensure social distancing for guest groups.



In March we also celebrate Women's History Month when we reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. One of the amazing contributors to San Antonio and Texas history is our founder, Eleanor Brackenridge, who dedicated her life to fighting for women's rights. She was able to get women into positions that were always held by men. She believed that Woman's Clubs should have a purpose. She started the PTA, helped established the College of Industrial Arts (now Texas Woman's University), and lobbied to give women the right to vote. Eleanor was the first woman in Bexar County to register to vote. She was born 185 years ago on March 7th. Two decades after her passing, Texas Governor Lee O'Daniel issued a proclamation that Friendship Day would be celebrated on her birthday for all Federated Clubs.

This year during Women's History Month, KLRN will be doing a program on Eleanor and I will be interviewed concerning her founding of our Club. On International Women's Day, **Tuesday, March 8th between 2 and 4 PM we will honor Eleanor with our 2022 Friendship Tea at the Mansion.** Our Friendship Round Table led by Patricia Broyles has been working diligently to honor Eleanor at this annual tea. The event is free and you may bring a guest but please RSVP so the Round Table will know how much food to prepare. Details are on page 4 of this newsletter.

My friends, keep reading because this newsletter includes details on so many fun events at our Club this month and next including: the Queen's Reception—March 27 at the Mansion; the Fiesta Flower Show — April 1 and 2 at the Mansion; and, the Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon — April 6. I hope to see many of you at these events over the next few weeks.

Jane Stone
President

Meetings & Luncheons

Virginia Van Cleave, Vice-president

For the Wednesday General Meetings, social time begins at 10:30 & the meeting begins at 11:00.

Luncheon reservations are due by the prior Monday with \$30 payment.

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

RSVP & pay with TicketLeap at this link: <https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/march-general-meeting-03022022/>

March 2 ~ "Happy Birthday Texas!"

Presenters: Bill and Lisa Dante



Bill Dante Lisa Dante

March 2nd marks the 186th Anniversary of Texas declaring its freedom from Mexico by signing the Texas Declaration of Independence in 1836.

Our March meeting will share a celebration of all things Texas with Bill and Lisa Dante. During Bill's career as a meteorologist and news anchor with NBC, he was involved with Fiesta from Royalty (serving as Prime Minister to Rey Feo) to his current role as Chairman of the Board. He held the rank of Captain with the Former Texas Rangers Foundation. In the March program he will be sharing news of the Texas Rangers Heritage Center now under construction in Fredericksburg.

Lisa Dante is also former Fiesta Royalty and she is currently serving as a Lieutenant in the Former Texas Rangers Foundation. Lisa is Editor-in-Chief of Texan Magazine and has served as Gala Chairman for area non-profits.

Luncheon Menu

Opener: Greek Salad

Main Course: Shrimp in a Lemon Cream Sauce, Garlic Parmesan Pasta, & Creamed Spinach

Dessert: Cheesecake with an Apple and Caramel Topping

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea, Iced Water or Wine

Hostesses: Bridge Round Table

Community Care Concern: Christian Assistance Ministry



Alamo china from Joan Headley's collection

Our luncheon will offer the opportunity to view and dine on china from Joan Headley's Texas plate collection. Mrs. Headley has been a student of the History of the Alamo since childhood and for many years has hosted a party at her Terrell Hills home on the anniversary of the fall of the Alamo (March 6th).

During lunch we will have a Texas quiz, winners will receive a prize. Attendees may also enter the "Guess How Many Texas Pecans" contest. Kathy Tarkington will be announcing the winner who will go home with the pecans. Happy Birthday, Texas!



Kathy Tarkington with Texas pecan gift
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Care and Concern:
As reported from Trace Mahbubani

Member Billie Arredondo's husband, Tony, had knee surgery.



Golden Book

Submitted by: Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman

In Memory of Rosemary Sundeen, Past President of the Woman's Club
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold and Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Tawana Timberlake for a Speedy Recovery
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold, and Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Susan Moreland-Goza for a Full and Complete Healing
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold, and Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Jean French's Grand Daughter, Kristin for a Full and Complete Healing
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold, and Tessa Christiansen

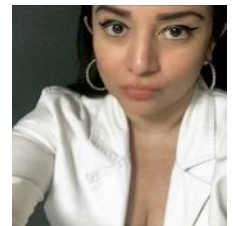
In Honor of Sophia Christiansen for Her "19th" Birthday
By Brian, Johanna, Harold, and Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Angela Pfeiffer for the Gingerbread Houses for My Grandchildren
By Theresa Casiano

New Member Announcements

Patricia Villarreal, Membership Chairman

Christy Hackenberry ~ Christy is a nurse practitioner and a MedSpa owner. She belongs to several professional nursing organizations including AANP, AMSPA, TNP and ISPAM. A native San Antonian, she enjoys music, travel and reading hardcover books. Christy and her husband, Tristen, are raising their three children (ages 13 to 20) in La Vernia.



Adelia Rodriguez ~ Del is an accountant with a human resources background. An active member of her church she enjoys cooking, dancing and arts and crafts. She was a member of the Windcrest Woman's Club and is currently a member of the SA Hispanic Women, the Dominion Club and has recently joined the Petroleum Club. Del and her husband, Arthur, have two children and three grandchildren.

All for You ~ Calendar of Events



March 8 —Eleanor Brackenridge Friendship Tea Hosted by the Friendship Round Table

The Friendship Tea

Each Round Table is asked to bring at least one cake. Donations of cakes and finger sandwiches are genuinely appreciated. We have sent out 478 invitations and hope to have a good turn out. It is requested that all donated items be brought to the club on Monday, March 7th between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (the day before the Tea). All members are invited to the Friendship Tea on Tuesday, March 8th between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - an afternoon tea - it's a come and go affair - hats and gloves appropriate! **The Boutique will be open** so bring a friend and come and shop!

If you have questions or if you will be bringing cookies or finger sandwiches, please call the Club office @ 210-732-4811 and leave a message for Patricia Broyles, Friendship Round Table Chairman.

Sunday, March 27 —Fiesta Teen Queen Reception ~ The Woodward Mansion

This event honors our Fiesta Teen Royalty: Queen Avery Walker, Princess Gabriella Geppert, and Duchess Sarah Stone. The Fiesta Commission, Military Ambassadors and our members are invited to a fajita buffet. The reception is from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Please contact Reception Committee co-chairs Diane Lewellan & Johanna Christiansen if you have any questions.



April 1 & 2 —Fiesta Flower Show ~ The Woodward Mansion

Theme: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Free to the Public

April 1st from 8:00 to 10:00 am you may bring your entry/exhibit to the Mansion for judging. On this day the Flower Show will be open to the public from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



April 2nd from 10: am to 4:00 pm the Flower Show is open to the public. Pick up your entry between 4:00 and 5:30 pm.

We encourage you to enter the show. **The sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the club.** Members are happy to help our "novices" design formal floral entries, and everyone is welcome to bring your beautiful horticulture entries from your own gardens. Your copy of the "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" program and exhibit rules is waiting for you at the Mansion.

Don't be late for this very important date!

Please direct your questions to Committee Chairman Helen Henderson.

Wednesday, April 6 —Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon ~ Westin North Hotel (I-10 @ Wurzbach)

DIVA FIESTA!

What a great theme for the party and the contest. Who doesn't want to be a Diva with a *New Hat*? Oh, the design possibilities! It isn't too soon to start working on your hat and your runway strut. Ask about the categories at our March general meeting. This luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to bring friends and family for a special day. In addition to our program, we will be joined by Fiesta Royalty and there will be special shopping and raffle opportunities including:



Silent Auction @ The Fiesta Hat Contest & Luncheon



It's Silent Auction time for the fabulous Fiesta Hat Show and Luncheon. Remember, Silent Auctions are *PURE PROFIT* for our Club. Please remember to drop your Silent Auction items off at the Office with Tina **prior to Monday, April 4th**. Attach paperwork showing donor and value of item. We depend on our members to donate unique, new and unused items for the kitchen or decorative items for the home or personal items. This year, we will also have a special section dedicated to Gift Certificates! Everyone likes to eat out (restaurant gift certificates!) and get hair and nails done (salon gift certificates!). If you have questions or need pick-up service, please give me a call.

Ginger Vlieger, Silent Auction Chairman

Be sure to get your Hat Contest luncheon tickets early – we anticipate a sell out!



Golden Member Luncheon

Plans are underway to honor our most valued Members with a wonderful Luncheon in May. If you would like to be included in the annual Woman's Club tradition and have recently turned 80 years old, please let us know. We want to include everyone!

Contact Noontide Chairperson Janice McGraw

Thursday, May 12

**The Golden Member Luncheon
Hosted by
the Noontide Round Table**

“Scene” at the Club in February



Virginia Van Cleave, Madame Marie-Paule Renoir, Jane Stone, & Nathalie Farinola

February Luncheon

We cannot thank Nathalie Farinola and her mother, Madame Marie-Paule Renoir, enough for their fantastic display and presentation at the February meeting. Their program on the Fine Art of Lithography was specifically related to the work of Pierre Auguste Renoir. The displays they set up circled the ballroom with rare Renoir family photos, hand pulled lithographs, rare books, artifacts and antique Renoir family china. Please reach out to Virginia Van Cleave if you would like information on the last lithographic run of Renoir's work now here in Texas.



Valentine's Day Masquerade Party

Members and friends at this wonderful party enjoyed hors d' oeuvres, a dance demonstration by the C & C Ballroom Dance Studio, a rumba lesson and a Masquerade mask contest.

Ingenu Melody Hayes (left) danced the night away. Here she is dancing with dance club member Kevin Vied.

Bill and Virginia Van Cleave (right) won first place in the Masquerade mask contest.

Thanks to the Ways & Means Committee for hosting this event.





Our Sign Is New Again!

“Thank you” to the members of the Noontide Round Table.

A great group to join to share your interest in world news and current events.

Step out on the balcony or the front porch when you come to one of our March activities to see this handsome gift “up front and in full view” of our San Antonio friends driving on San Pedro Avenue.

Thank you Noontide RT!

Who Takes Care of You?

The **Modernist Round Table**, a group that enjoys things as traditional as yesterday and as modern as tomorrow, met in January for a program and lunch at the Woodward Mansion.

Pictured here are the guest speaker Kerri Joy Haigood and the RT chairman Barbara Neiman.

Kerry Joy is a musician and the Wellness and Fitness Director at Franklin Park Alamo Heights Senior Community.



A Round Table Centennial Year

In 1922 Eleanor Brackenridge was busy enriching education in San Antonio & so was the **Books and Letters Round Table**. Chairman, Patty Landacre, shared that in 2022 the book club meets at the mansion on third Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. At their March 17th gathering they will be discussing Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende. The club will not have an April meeting but will be together again May 19th. All Woman’s Club members are welcome to join the discussion and may contact Patty or Sandra Whittaker to let them know you are planning to come.



Happy Birthday March Celebrants

Jaqueline Bonney	1	"Tinker" Mass Schultz	11
Jocelyn Jackson	3	Gloria Tate	13
Leona Maples	4	Robin Templeton	13
Donna Adams	6	Patricia Pfeiffer	15
Maida Perkins	7	Patricia Baron	16
Barbara Vander	7	Marcella Schroder	16
Judy Willingham	7	T.J. Hageman	21
Janice McGraw	8	Orbilvia Hayes	21
Linda Oliver	8	Angelica Docog	22
Kimberly Keller	10	Erika Haskins	22



Cathy Carroll 29

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