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Newsletter of the Woman's Club of San Antonio

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From the President's Desk

What a year 2020 has been! I am proud to say that our members have worked hard and kept our club moving forward.

This time reminds me of the 1950's when the polio vaccine was discovered and given to millions of people to save them from the dreadful disease. I still have flashbacks now when I drive by my old school gym in my home town, where at the time, hundreds of local people lined up to receive their polio vaccinations. Soon thereafter, the medicated sugar cube was used. Did you know the sugar cube was the inspiration for the tune titled "A Spoonful of Sugar Makes the Medicine Go Down" from the hit movie *Mary Poppins*? The musical score was in the process of being written by the Sherman Brothers. The song they first wrote for the scene where the children take their medicine was kicked out by the studio. As the Sherman Brothers were trying to think of something else, Robert Sherman's son came home and told his father that the children in his class received medicine on a sugar cube and it didn't hurt. That gave the Sherman Brothers the idea to write "A Spoonful of Sugar Helps the Medicine Go Down." The rest is history...with a vaccine for polio AND a song that makes us smile.

I am hopeful that many of us will be standing in line to receive our COVID-19 immunizations so we can resume the life and the activities we love. When that happens, it will be as sweet as a spoonful of sugar.

Until then, on behalf of myself and your Board of Directors, we want to wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year.

Jane Stone
President



Mr. Neil Reitz gives a donation of \$3,000 to the Woman's Club in memory of his wife Leanna Reitz.

Meetings & Luncheons

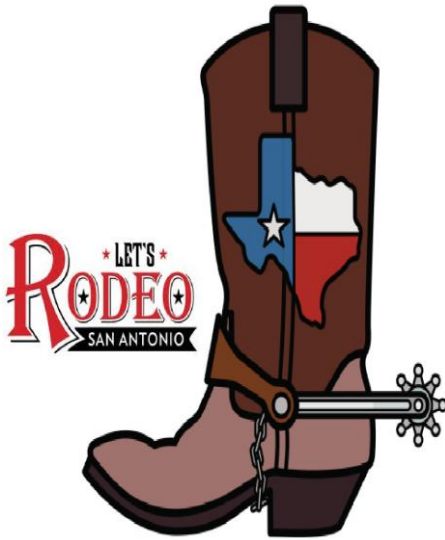
Virginia Van Cleave, Vice-president

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 @ 10:00 a.m. w/ \$25 payment if including lunch.



January 6th, 2021 ~ RSVP by 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 4th

Program: GETTING THE INSIDE SCOOP IN YOUR SAN ANTONIO RODEO

Welcome Jackie Van De Walle, Lifetime Assistant & Director of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Jackie first volunteered with the rodeo in 1979 following in the steps of her grandfather who was with the team that incorporated our rodeo. Jackie is excited about speaking to us and is bringing door prizes to share with our members at the January 6th meeting.

Theme: "Ladies, if you like, please don your rodeo attire."

Menu: Santa Fe Coleslaw
Peach BBQ Chicken, Baby New Potatoes with Salsa Verde
Red Pepper Cornbread Wedge
Texas Sheet Cake

Hostesses: Carousel Round Table

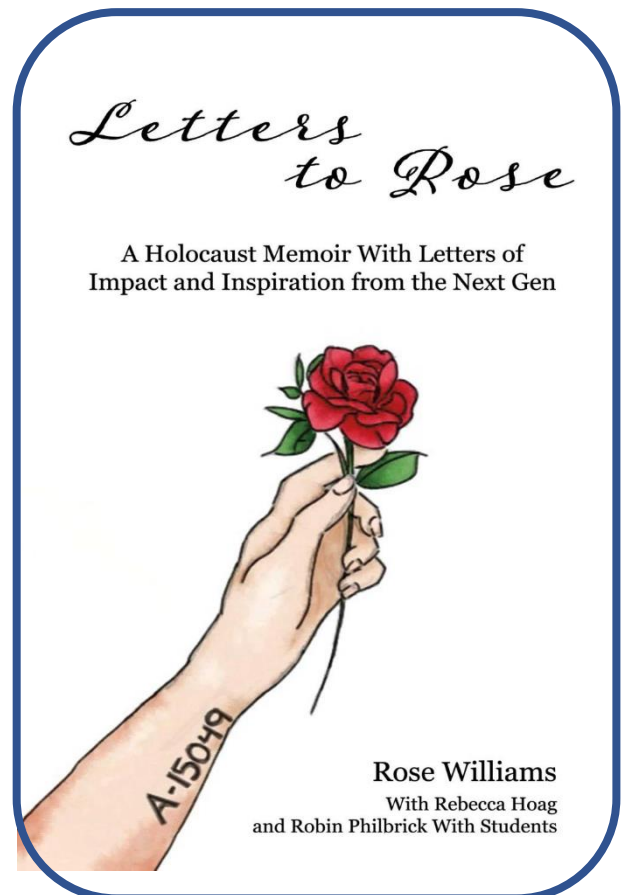
Community Care Concern: Woodward House Restoration Fund

February 3rd, 2021 ~ RSVP by Monday, February 1st

Program: LETTERS TO ROSE, A HOLOCAUST MEMOIR

"When Rose Sherman Williams was just twelve years old, the Nazis invaded her hometown in Poland. Subject to the ravages of World War II and the dehumanization of Polish Jews by the Nazis, each day was a fight for survival. Rose is 93 years old, but this remarkable woman continues to share her story in hopes that it inspires courage and resilience, and touches the lives of those who hear it. For six years, the teenager whose childhood had been stolen from her fought both oppression and depression. She endured physical beatings, starvation, and transfers from one labor camp to another. In 1944, having been deported to the notorious Auschwitz extermination camp, she had a bizarre encounter with the Angel of Death, Dr. Josef Mengele, himself. A death march ultimately led her to one of the most despicable camps of all: Bergen-Belsen. But miraculously, she survived to be liberated. Now, her retelling vividly recalls one of the darkest moments in human history, but her message is as equally important as her tale. "

We are so fortunate to be able to share in this first-hand account of WWII courage and survival. Guests and family are welcome to be included for this special program.



Meetings & Luncheons (cont'd)

February 3rd, 2021 (cont'd)

Luncheon menu: Savory Chicken Florentine Crepes, Asparagus & Snap Peas, Rice Pilaf, Spring Mix Salad w/ Vinaigrette, and Cherry Chocolate Tort

"Bee" on the lookout: The Bee Alive Crafters Round Table has made mugs that will be for sale in the Boutique.



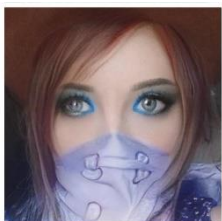
Pictured above: Virginia Van Cleave presents a silver framed certificate of appreciation to Molly and Joey Groff for sharing their music program with the Woman's Club.

Pictured on the right: Aline Kundrotas, Santa and Elf Virginia make a great Christmas trio posing for the camera at the December luncheon. Looks like Santa got lots of attention with photo ops at the December gathering at the Woodward House. After the photo – masks on!

The **December** meeting & program at the Woodward House was lots of fun. In his musical program Joey Groff played an audience participation game with our club members. He played parts of three songs and the person who was the first to identify the song received a gift. And the winners are...

- 1) Elizabeth Neely guessed the opening of the Alfred Hitchcock television show winning a glass phonograph ornament.
- 2) Dorothy Akers guessed the "Beer Belly Polka" winning an ornament of a barrel with ice filled with liquor bottles, entitled "Your Bucket List."
- 3) Signa Johnson guessed the "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse" song winning a Mickey Mouse ornament.

Many thanks to Joey and Molly Groff for bringing their special show to the Woman's Club.



*January Style
Real cowgirls wear masks.*

*Let's be kind and consider
the feelings and safety of
our members by wearing a
mask.*



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Club Reports

The Ingenue Round Table



Standing (L – R): Tessa Christiansen, Avery Walker, Bella Niño, and Ryan Scrimshire
Seated (L – R): Brittany Van Cleave, Melody Hays, Santa, and Sophia Christiansen

Ingenue Chair, Julie Alexander-Shacklett, wanted to share what the Ingenue Round Table has been up to. The girls are continuing traditions, fellowship and service to community safely and with grace and determination.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving the Ingenue Round Table held a Friendsgiving potluck at the Woodward House. While they enjoyed fellowship together, they made almost 50 greeting cards and sympathy cards for the Woman's Club's "Golden" members, and members with health issues or family issues.

The Ingenues met again the Sunday before Christmas and the girls wrapped gifts to deliver to the Respite Care home in lieu of our annual Christmas party for the children.



It is great to be sharing the pictures taken during the 2020 holiday season. Many poses favored the three trees in the foyer courtesy of Dona Liston, owner of the Lambermont House on Grayson Street. We again thank Dona and her Club helpers Janice McGraw, Michael Quintanilla, Mickey Tovar and Jane Stone. Throughout the year, your photographs may be submitted to the newsletter [\[womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com\]](mailto:womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com) with the names of people in the picture and description. Your editor is happy to give photo credits when provided with the pictures.

Care and Concern

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

As reported from Susan Moreland-Goza

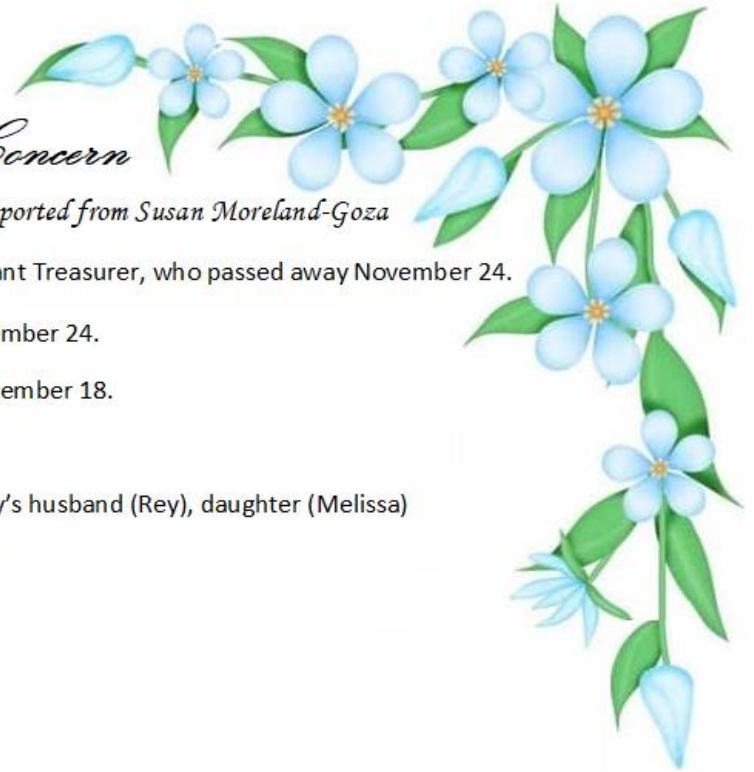
The family of member Sandra Geppert, Woman's Club Assistant Treasurer, who passed away November 24.

The family of member Jackie Helmke, who passed away November 24.

The family of member Elise Townsend, who passed away December 18.

We share concern for:

Member Sandy Salinas is hospitalized with COVID-19. Sandy's husband (Rey), daughter (Melissa) and son-in-law have each been hospitalized due to COVID.



The Golden Book

Submitted By:

Patte Pfeiffer

Golden Book Chairman

*In Memory of Sandra Geppert
By Johanna Christiansen*

*In Memory of Sandra Geppert
By the Woman's Club*

*In Memory of Jackie Helmke
By Diana Lewallen*

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By the Woman's Club*

*In Memory of Leanna Reitz
By Neil Reitz*

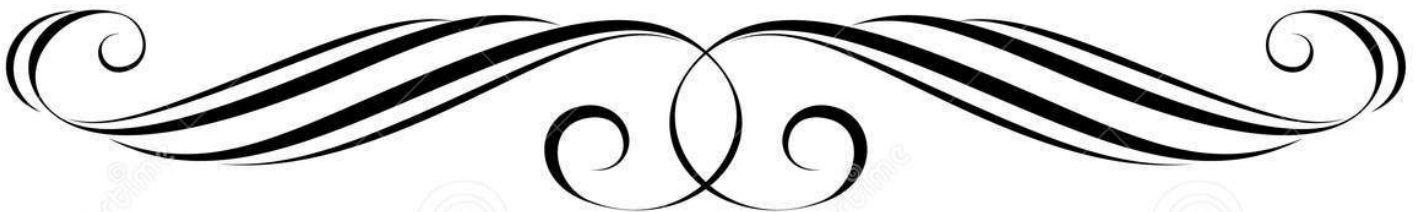
*In Honor of the Woman's Club Members
By Victor and Theresa Casiano*

*In Memory of Elizabeth Neely's Daughter - Michelle
By Johanna Christiansen*

*In Honor of Kathy Littlefield - Past President and the very model of strong leadership
By Ferne Burney*

*In Honor of the Woman's Club Members
By Angela Pfeiffer*

*In Honor of the Woman's Club Members
By Johanna Christiansen*



**Women's Federation of San Antonio
January Luncheon**

Congratulations to Ferne Burney who has been named the Woman's Club of San Antonio Volunteer of the Year by the WCSA Board. On January 23, 2021, Ferne will be recognized for her service along with other outstanding volunteers from the Women's Federation of San Antonio's 15 member organizations. When we honor Ferne at the Federation's Annual Luncheon at the Petroleum Club, her commitment to the community over the past two years will be highlighted. This luncheon/meeting will be from 11:00 to 1:30. However, depending on Covid-19 restrictions status in January, the program may be presented as a Zoom meeting. By mid-January The Woman's Club will provide an update on this special annual event



Sandra Carson-Miller	1	Sara Fitzgerald	16
Carolyn Sanders	1	Glynnis Richter	18
Pamela Patton	3	Jane Pollock	20
Patricia Broyles	9	Trace Mahbubani	21
Margaret Stypko	9	Barbara Niemann	21
Eileen Potts	10	Jeannine Wangler	24
Gretchen Stepke	11	Linda Champagne	25
Victoria Hatcher	12	Carmen Ingram	25
Patty Landacre	12	Michael Quintanilla	25
Joan Cleary	13	Leslie Doyle	27
Karen Ward	13	Irma Duran de Rodriguez	27

Elaine Staller

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IT'S YOUR NEW YEAR!

It's a drive by!
Happy birthday Kim Rees.



Kim was surprised by Kathy Littlefield, Leona Maples, Helen Jones and Helen Henderson (standing behind Kim). Betty Lewandowski and Karin Fee joined the party.

Treasurer's Report
November Income Statement
Marsha Metz

	<u>November 2020</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	
Property Usage	285.00
Round Table Lunch Fees	106.00
Donations - Cash	939.00
Donations - In Kind (house supplies)	21.76
Fiesta Medals	28.44
General Meeting Lunches	643.80
Boutique Sales	202.59
Christmas Faire Bake Shop	2,026.92
Christmas Faire Donations	370.00
Attic Sale Income	109.32
Interest income	1.99
Dividend income	209.08
Commemorative Bricks	<u>120.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>5,063.90</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Christmas Faire Bake Shop	135.23
General Meeting Lunches	378.00
Name Tags	36.00
Bank Charge Credit Card	37.75
Office Supplies (recycling)	(2.00)
Postage	55.00
Phone & Internet	238.44
Insurance - House & Liability	1,324.24
Utilities	490.47
Water	457.84
Trash Disposal	104.35
House/Kitchen Supplies	21.76
Pest Control	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>3,527.08</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,536.82</u>

Christmas Faire Bake Shoppe Update

Christmas Bake Shoppe sales totaled \$2,703 from sales of gingerbread houses, biscotti, pickles, jellies, peanut brittle, chocolate candies, and Mazurka cakes. Contributors were the gingerbread house ladies, Marsha Metz, Patricia Villarreal, Karen Ward, Bill Van Cleave (Virginia's husband), Kathy Littlefield, Gretchen Hill, and Betty Lewandowski.

Open Board Positions with the Woman's Club of San Antonio

The following Board positions are open. If you would like to know the position description or if you would like to express an interest in either of the open positions please contact Patte Pfeiffer, Nominating Committee Chair.

Open Board Positions

- Assistant Treasurer
- Yearbook

Memorial Bricks Added to the Woman's Club Memory Garden

The Woman's Club has added some memorial bricks to our memory garden. In the February newsletter there will be an update of the Memory Garden and your editor hopes to include a photo with the 2020 brick additions.

Perhaps you have a special event to commemorate or person to honor. Bricks are inscribed to your specifications and the \$60 contribution is tax deductible. The club will also send a gift card to the honoree with the information provided on the order form. And where is that form whenever you need it? The link to the form is on the homepage of the Woman's Club of San Antonio webpage: thewomansclubofsa.org

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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