

# Rustling Leaves



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

This month it is so refreshing to be able to look forward to something “normal” in our rhythm of life at the Club we love so much. I am so excited to announce our upcoming election of our 2021 Fiesta Teen Queen that will take place. Usually we hold the election in person at our October general meeting, but we want to ensure each and every one of you has the opportunity to vote so we will have ballots counted and tabulated by our Elections Chairman, Molly Allen, BEFORE that meeting. Included with this newsletter is your ballot to vote. Please read the directions carefully. We have two lovely, beautiful, and talented young ladies running for the title. I am so proud of these ladies. They have written their bio and included pictures in this issue of Rustling Leaves for you to read and to get to know them better. We will announce the winner on October 7. We may go live on Facebook at the Club with the results. One girl will become our queen and the second girl will become our princess. The queen and her court will serve as an ambassador for the Club during Fiesta 2021.

I am also excited about our new Fiesta medal for 2021. Our beautiful Woodward House mansion is the focus, and the colorful medal is cheerful, historical, and can't help but make you proud to be a member of Woman's Club of San Antonio! The 2021 medal is sure to be a COVID-19 collector's item. Why? When we see it, we will look back and remember the time when nothing was “normal,” and we supported the Mansion even if we were not able to be inside it very often. I'm sure that Eleanor Brackenridge and our other charter members are proud of all the effort that we did to plan our events in a way that may have “looked different” but held safely.

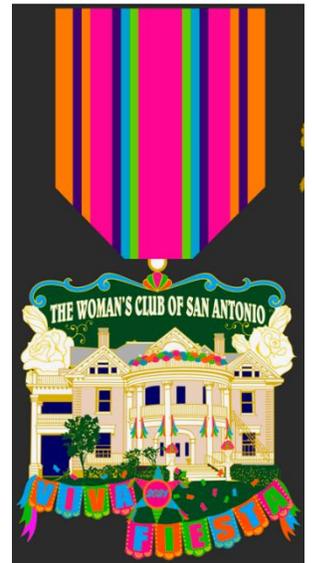
Our Club's financial picture has become tight. I have made it my mission to dive headfirst into all the contracts that the WCSA has with vendors. My conversations with them have gone well. Some of them have reduced their rates to half price. They understand the impact COVID has dealt to all of us. We appreciate your continued gifts to the Golden Book Fund, and you can designate in which area you want your gift to be placed.

I'd like to welcome two people to our Club. First, LIFE member Heather Hays has accepted the position of Grounds Chairman. Tinker Mass-Schultz had to resign from that position due to her work schedule. Welcome Heather! It is always exciting to announce we have a new member who the Board recently approved. Stacey Bradford has joined our growing membership. We love our new members. Welcome Stacey!

We are hoping to have our General Meeting on Oct. 7 at the Club. Watch your emails for further information as we get closer to the end of September. We are also hoping to have our yearbooks ready then. And as with so many other “new” ideas, the parents of the Ingenue Roundtable members have graciously volunteered to deliver the 2020-2021 yearbook to your home. Thank you!

As the leaves begin to fall this month, let's remember this is a season to plan for the spring to come. Let's stay healthy, be safe and check in on each other. We look forward to the day when we can all be together in our Mansion.

*Jane Stone*  
President



# The Woman's Club of San Antonio season opening 64 years ago



Photo Montage from the San Antonio Light  
October 7, 1956

# 2020 Fall General Meetings

## October 7, 2020 ~ General Meeting

- ~ 2021 Teen Queen Election Results Announced
- ~ Presentation and Honoring of Past Presidents, Patrons, and new Life Members ~
- ~ Committee Reports
- ~ Program: Nancy Hein "A Visit from our Past" History of our Woman's Club

We open our season with a program about us. Our speaker, Nancy Hein, has been a member of the Woman's Club since 1966 and is our longest tenured member. She is looking forward to sharing some of her memories of the San Antonio Woman's Club over the years. Nancy will also be an honoree at the October meeting as she is a Life Member of our Club.



Seating will be placed in accordance with distancing guidelines  
Nancy Hein

Hostesses: Books and Letters Round Table  
Community Care Concern: General Club Expenses

## November 4, 2020 ~ General Meeting



Program: Dr. Michelle Tabit, Ph.D, "Don't Forget the Ladies: Tennessee the Final State", Celebrating the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment

Our speaker, Dr. Tabit, is an associate professor of history at the University of the Incarnate Word. She maintains an active research agenda that focuses on using popular culture to teach history. She presents annually at the American Popular Culture Association's international conference and recently published an essay "Where No Woman Has Gone Before: Kathryn Janeway Breaking the Glass Ceiling or Reinforcing Stereotypes?" She is an active member of the UIW community, a member of the Women and Gender Studies Advisory board and regularly teaches women's history. Tabit holds a PhD in history with an emphasis on US and women's history, with a master's degree in Public History. Both degrees are from Washington State University.

Dr. Michelle Tabit

Hostesses: Bee Alive Crafters Round Table  
Community Care Concern: Seton Home

## Board and Committee Announcements

Heather Hays  
Grounds Chairman



Patricia Broyles  
Member-at-large  
Finance Committee

## REAL WOMEN VOTE

Though they are not old enough to vote, our Ingénues took time to honor the women who fought for their right to vote. They joined Jane and Virginia to honor the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment being ratified by tying white ribbons around the trees at the Woman's Club. Pictured in the photo are (L-R): President Jane Stone; Ingénues: Tessa Christiansen, Sophia Christiansen, Gabby Geppert, Ryan Scrimshire, Bella Niño, Brittany Van Cleave, Melody Hays; and, Woman's Club vice-president Virginia Van Cleave.



## *Announcing ~*

The Woman's Club welcomes Stacey Bradford-Miller into membership. Although a new member, Stacey has been involved with the San Antonio Woman's Club for some time through family. Stacey's mother Kaye Bradford has been a member of the Woman's Club since 1986 and her daughter Laurel is one of our Ingénues.

## *September Birthdays*

*Linda Nairn ~ 1*  
*Kyndal Keller ~ 5*  
*Micaela Tovar ~ 5*  
*Brenda Jaye ~ 10*  
*Erminia Uviedo ~ 12*  
*Maria Ramirez ~ 17*  
*Anita Oberle ~ 24*  
*Vickie Kinder ~ 26*  
*Billie Arredondo ~ 27*



*Lee Perry ~ 28*

*Sandra Geppert ~ 2*  
*Yvonne Nino ~ 5*  
*Sandy Massey ~ 6*  
*Sue (Zulema) Walski ~ 11*  
*Diane Lewallen ~ 17*  
*Helen Henderson ~ 24*  
*Dorothy Akers ~ 26*  
*Karen Rogers ~ 26*  
*Ann Le ~ 27*

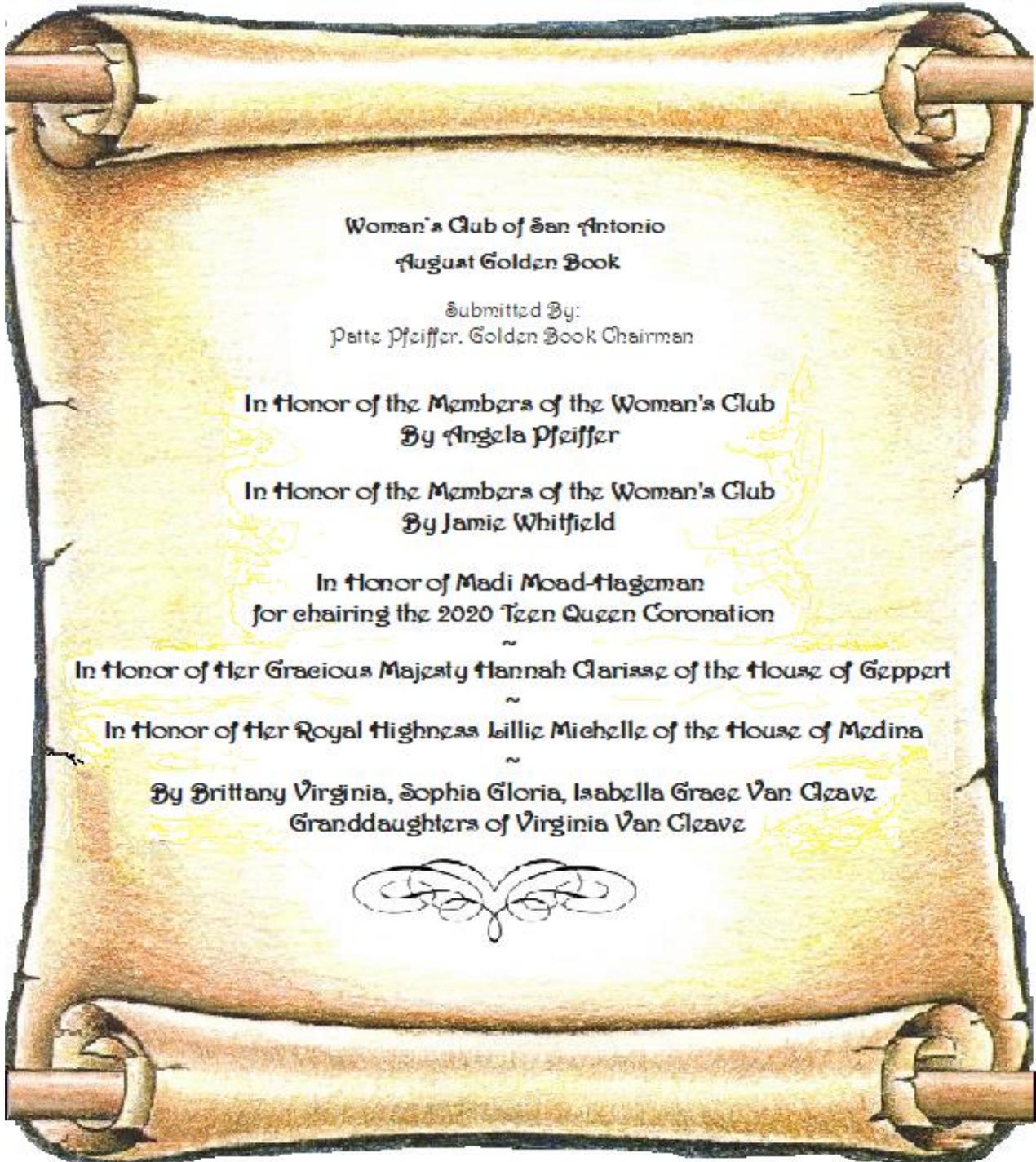


## *Care and Concern*

Susan Moreland-Goza

Nancy Scofield was hospitalized.

Because we care about each other – if you have a concern or know a member who might appreciate a card or outreach, please notify Susan so she may share the information with the Club.  
slmoreland@att.net (Susan Moreland-Goza)





### LAST CALL FOR 2020-21 WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO DUES

The fiscal year for the Woman's Club runs July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Dues not paid by October 1<sup>st</sup> will result in loss of membership to the Club and any reapplication/reinstatement requires a new initiation fee.

We value your membership and hope you will continue to keep the Woman's Club strong with your support. At a time when many sources of revenue must be deferred for health concerns, memberships help carry the day.

#### General Membership Dues –

\$180 if paid by cash or check September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> (\$185.40 credit card) (This includes a late fee.)

- 1) Check: Please make your check payable to the Woman's Club of SA & include "2020-21 Dues" in the memo line. Mail to the Club - 1717 San Pedro, SA 78212.
- 2) Credit card: Call the Club (210-732-4811) and if no one answers to take your credit card payment, simply leave your name and phone number, and you will receive a return phone call.

### DO YOU NEED A YEARBOOK UPDATE FOR 2020-21?

Send your latest photo, new address, email or phone information to Gail Jarratt, Yearbook Chairman, [gailjarratt@msn.com](mailto:gailjarratt@msn.com). Gail should have any new information by September 30<sup>th</sup> for publication in the 2021 WCSA Yearbook.



### SUPPORT THE WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE FIXED COSTS WITH YOUR SHOPPING ENJOYMENT.

- Fill every stocking with a Woman's Club Collector medal - \$12 – bag of 10 for \$100 (WCSA classic medals also available)
- Slip a Woman's Club memorabilia keychain in with a gift to a friend - \$10 (pattern shown: First Love)
- Honor your alma mater with a brick in our Reflection Garden - \$60
- Honor your graduate, best husband ever, Woman's Club pal who doesn't know you know of her special achievement, and/or your new grandchild with a notice/photo in this newsletter (\$25 for a quarter page)



# INTRODUCING INGENUES:

Isabella Marina Niño



Hello members of the Woman's Club. I am Isabella Marina Niño. I am 17 years old and attend Alamo Heights High School as a Senior. My parents are Carlos & Yvonne Niño, Woman's Club member. My Grandparents are Jerry & Armandina Sifuentes, Woman's Club Member. I've enjoyed being a member of the Ingénue Round Table and have participated in the Coronation for the last 7 years. The Fiesta Flower Show is one of the most exciting events in which I placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have represented the Woman's Club in the River Parade, the Battle of Flowers Parade and the Alamo Pilgrimage. Every Christmas, I enjoy participating in the Christmas Party for the Respite Care children at the beautiful historic Woman's Club house. I would like to extend my appreciation to all the Members for allowing me to represent you in the past and hope to continue to represent you as your future Teen Queen for 2021.

I have accomplished the following awards: The National Honor Society, the National Arts Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society, the Presidential Volunteer Service Award – Gold level (500 hours). I received the Students of the Year Candidate Award and Mission Award for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. I have been a member of Girl Scout Troop 77 for 13 years and accomplished the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award, as well as the Trifecta Award which is the highest achievement. As my Gold Award I created a movement to spread awareness to prevent child hot car deaths which is called #C.A.R.E. four steps to save a child's life - Child Alert Review Exit.

In January 2019, as a Candidate for Students of the Year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, I coordinated 13 fundraisers, supervised 16 team members, volunteered 550 hours of community service and raised funds over \$22,000 in 7 weeks to help find a cure for blood cancers. This experience has led me to minor in non-profits and to one day have my own non-profit organization. During this pandemic and these times of uncertainly, blood cancer patients and their families need our help more than ever. I have dedicated myself during this time as the Campaign Manager for Dr. Brandi Lindsey, DDS, for the Man & Woman of the Year Campaign 2020 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. I will also continue to be on the Task Force Leadership Team for the second year and mentor the LLS Students of the Year Candidates for 2021.

I am a member of the CBC Church and Campus Life Youth Group. I was Former Chaplain and I am presently the Ways & Means Chairperson of the CRT - Alamo Couriers Chapter. I am a Junior Member of the Canary Island Descendants Association for 17 years. I am a Junior Member of the Fiesta Commission for 7 years. In 2011 I was former Princess for Feria De Las Flores LULAC #2. In 2019 I was Vice President of Alamo Heights Student Council. I am also a Junior Member of the Conservation Society of San Antonio for 2 years. I also take part in the Alamo Heights community service group Teens Give Back for the past 4 years helping feed our homeless and single parent families, Under the Bridge and Snack Pack 4 Kids.

In closing, it would be an honor to represent the Woman's Club of San Antonio as your Teen Queen for 2021. It is my greatest hope that we can all overcome this pandemic and make up for Fiesta 2020!!

# Sophia Christiansen



Hello! My name is Sophia Christiansen and I am a senior at Reagan High School. I am so grateful for all of the wonderful Woman's Club members that I have met who are amazing mentors and friends! The Woman's Club Mission Statement "for mutual improvement and cooperation in all charitable and educational undertakings that pertain to the greater good of humanity" is very important to me because I love to serve others in the community.

I have volunteered in many ways with The Woman's Club. I have been very involved with The Ingénue Round Table including volunteering each year at the annual Christmas party that the Ingénues host for the children of Respite Care of San Antonio, a Woman's Club charity. I also select the gifts the children receive at the party and coordinate the gift wrapping to ensure each child has a special gift. I expanded my involvement with Respite Care by partnering with a business called Hardy Oak Storage and I created a Supply Drive where storage customers donated needed items. I picked up the donations and delivered them to Respite Care throughout the year. This past December, I loaded and delivered a U-Haul truck full of needed supplies, books, toys, bikes and furniture for the children at the Respite Care home. I was proud to make a direct positive impact on the lives of the Respite Care children. I served and cleaned up at numerous Woman's Club luncheons, worked in the kitchen assembling food, worked on cleaning the club house several times including dusting baseboards and oiling the woodwork, decorated the club for holidays, worked at The Woman's Club garage sale, help run the games for the Soirée Round Table Christmas parties, helped with the setting up of many club receptions (Agarita Reception along with Coronation and Queen's Receptions), made icing for the gingerbread houses & cookies for the Christmas Faire, participated for multiple years in the Flower Show & Pilgrimage to the Alamo, represented the club in the River Parade & Battle of Flowers Parade, donated to the Restoration Fund, and volunteered in The Woman's Club office answering phone calls & making copies. I have participated in the annual Woman's Club Fiesta Coronation for 14 years since I was four years old.



I serve as a Team Captain of my high school's Varsity Swim Team earning Academic All District and Academic All State distinctions. I have been involved on my club swim team for 12 years and I am a certified Water Safety Instructor, so I truly am an advocate for women in sports and educating children in water safety. I give weekly swim lessons to young children, including two children with Down syndrome, because I am passionate about water safety. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional and preventable death in children ages 1 to 4. I believe that water safety is important and that every child should learn how to swim in a safe and fun manner. I volunteer as a swim coach to children for a summer league swim team to help improve their skills, coach swim clinics, and work as a lifeguard. I am a Vice President of the National Honor Society (NHS) at my school. I love this leadership position because I am in charge of organizing volunteer opportunities for NHS members including work with Animal Care Services. I was honored by the Reagan High School PTA with the Remarkable Rattler Award, given to students for outstanding contributions and achievements. I serve my fellow students as a senior Class Officer and have served as a Class Officer the past 3 years. I also volunteer as a Sunday School teacher to elementary school children at my church and have done so for the past 6 years. I am a member of the National Spanish Honor Society and National Science Honor Society.



My grandmother, the late Jeanette Atkinson, served on The Woman's Club board and was very involved with the club as is my sister's Godmother/cherished friend Diane Lewallen who invited my grandmother and mother to join the club many years ago. My mother, Johanna Christiansen, has served on The Woman's Club board several times. She is a very involved member of the Woman's Club serving as Counselor of Round Tables, Chairman for multiple years of the Queen's and Coronation Receptions, a member and officer of several Round Tables and served as Golden Book Chairman. I plan to attend Texas A&M University and major in Biomedical Science with hopes of becoming an orthopedic doctor working in sports medicine to develop ways to prevent sports injuries and to continue to promote women participating in sports. The Woman's Club members truly carry out the club's Mission Statement "in all charitable and educational undertakings". It would be an honor to represent The Woman's Club as Fiesta Teen Queen and continue to carry out this mission!

# YOUR 2021 FIESTA TEEN QUEEN BALLOT

IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER MAILING

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](http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org) under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

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