

RUSTLING LEAVES

DASH INTO DECEMBER

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:34)

Encouragement is water to the soul. My Christmas wish is that we continue to build this Club with encouragement, good deeds, and love for each other. In doing this, I need to encourage you on two issues. Reservations are important to our planning and our financial health. Each of our caterers requires a guarantee of the numbers of diners. The Club must be ready to pay for each of those meals. We need to know for certain that you are coming to an event such as these. And, we must ask for your payment in advance to further secure the count for reservations. The days of caterers including a 10% overage are over. Everyone has to watch pennies in order to make a profit and stay in business. That includes US! Members, please make your reservations early, and encourage your friends to join you and do the same. Thank you.

Some members have asked why the additional charge for the use of a credit card for meal reservations. The Board of Directors voted that we needed to include a credit card service fee for the following reasons:

- We are being charged nearly 3% for taking a credit card. This comes directly off the price of the item and totaled in the thousands last year.
- · We simply cannot afford to carry the weight of this additional cost.

• If you write a check or pay in cash, we are not charged the additional money, so neither are you.

• The service charge has become the norm in many organizations that sell tickets.

Once the Christmas Faire is over, the computer that I set up in the Library will be back in place. I am finding it handy to have an office space at the clubhouse for the many computer tasks that I am required to do. You have permission to use it as well. The printer/copier is also for your use. Please ask Martha for the passcode, and do work that applies only to The Woman's Club. Googling is definitely allowed! I ask you to feel free to use this space because Martha's office (the Club office) should be used more carefully. (Continued pg. 2)

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Patte Pfeiffer uses the second desk space in the Club office to make check deposits and complete other Assistant Treasurer tasks. Marsha Metz uses the second desk space to write checks for the Club and to keep the books. Outside those two jobs, we need to avoid using this space. As Martha works in her office with guests who want to rent the house, we need to help her make a good impression on those guests. Dropping off goods haphazardly is not helpful to that goal. When Martha is on the phone and our members are gathered in her office and talking, this disrupts the easy flow of business for her (she cannot hear the voice over the phone because of the voices in the office!). Additionally, if members gather there and begin gossiping about other members, Martha hears things that she should never hear. It is her task to work with all members of the club, and sordid tales do not make that job easier.

Please use the Foyer, the Library, or the Dining Room to chat with Club friends. This is our home and should be a comfortable place of pride. We also have a lively and varied business to run and each of us should do her best to make it a successful one.

As the calendar year draws to a close, the Club year is not even at the halfway point yet. After a tremendously successful Christmas Faire, we can take a breath for just a short while. We have some enormous plans that kick off very soon. I wish you all a warm holiday season filled with good food, good friends, and loving family. You deserve the very best.

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PLEASE NOTE: RSVP deadlines need your attention now! > RSVP Monday, Dec. 3 at noon for December Luncheon > RSVP Tuesday, Dec. 4 for the Holiday Party on Dec. 7 hosted by Soiree Round Table at The Woman's Club

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING- Wednesday, Dec. 5



Come and hear how Cristina Peña Walls, business development manager and Spanish Media spokesperson at H-E-B has traveled the world as part of her job responsibilities. Bring a friend with you too! RSVP LUNCHEON DEADLINE – MONDAY, DEC. 3 at NOON

\$25 per person payable over the phone or bring cash/check to the Club by Monday....We are sorry but lunch PAID reservations are required! Call House Supervisor Martha Aguirre (210) 732-4811.



Enjoy the decor of the Woodward Mansion in all its holiday splendor for the December General Meeting. Our luncheon menu consists of Southwest Salad, Chicken Enchilada, Butternut Squash Enchilada with Roasted Tomatillo Sauce with Sour Cream, Marinated Tomatoes & Avocado Fiesta Green Rice with Poblano, Corn, Black Beans Mexican Chocolate Bundt Cake with Chocolate Ganache, Roasted Pecans and BerryGarnish. Hostesses are Bridge Round Table.

Friendsgiving and More at the November General Meeting

Morris Miller, CEO of Xenex Disinfection Services, demonstrated how robots are helping to achieve infection reduction in hospitals.



Memorial Bricks make great holiday gifts!

Bricks! Bricks! Bricks! This is such a unique and different method to make a lasting memory for the affordable price of \$50. Ask Martha at the Club for the form which must be completed and turned in to her with your payment (check, cash or credit card). Please <u>make sure</u> Martha sees/is aware of your order for proessng. A handwritten gift card/note will be sent to those being honored as long as you complete that section on the form. Questions? Contact Harriett Ellerbee at <u>hellerbee@gmail.com</u>.

December Birthdays

Vicki Ferguson	2
Rosa Tate	2
Avery Walker	2
Maria Henderson	5
Wendy Tillotson	5
Virginia Van Cleave	8
Jean McRae-Anders	9
Kaye Bradford	10
Kendall Chapman-Ryan	10
Lea Fagin	10
Sharon Grooms	10
Connie Linville	10
Lisa Del Rio	11
Gail Jarratt	12
Shirley Rice	12

Karen Hanson	14
Nancy Hein	15
Connie Beasley	17
Marie Soules	17
Cathie Antone	18
Debbie Harris	18
Kim Rees	19
Karin Fee	23
Faye Fox	23
Martha George	28
Norma Sackett	29
Dolores Tamez	30
Jo Ann Scrivano	30

Care and Concern

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- Harriett Ellerbee continues her treatments for cancer.
- Linda Purcell had appendicitis surgery.
- Condolences to the family of Billye Harris, who passed away.
- Rosemary Sundeen's husband, Oluf, had hip replacement surgery.
- Maureen Montgomery's husband, Jason, is having health issues.
- Karen "Kat" Hanson is recuperating from surgery.

Editor's note: Due to privacy issues, we will simply list the name of the member and family without providing details in the newsletter. More information about each family above has been emailed to all members from Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Garza from <u>slmoreland@att.net</u>. (A reminder for our members: A gift to our Golden Book fund is always available to you to honor or remember a loved one. Donations are always printed in each month's newsletter and a card is sent to the family per the giver's instructions.)

2019 FIESTA TEEN QUEEN CORONATION ENTRY FORM ONLINE

The Woman's Club of San Antonio announces the entry form is NOW AVAILABLE on its website <u>http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org/</u> where you can download it, complete and send it via email with a photo of child in jpg format ONLY to this address: <u>WCSAFiestaCoronation@gmail.com</u>. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ENTRY FORM. DEADLINE IS MARCH 3. NO EXCEPTIONS!



¡Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año y Felicidad! Happy Holidays!

Scenes from November Round Tables



INGENUE—This Round Table is open to young ladies ages 12-19 who are daughters, granddaughters or great-granddaughters of current members of The Woman's Club of San Antonio.

Ingénues pictured are Sarah Stone, Sophia Christiansen, Laurel Miller, Hannah Geppert, Lillie Medina, Gabby Geppert and Melody Hays. They met to plan the Christmas Party the Ingénues host at The Woman's Club in December for the children from Respite Care of San Antonio. They are proud of the fishing booth game they created for the children for the party. The mission of Respite Care of San Antonio is to protect, love, build trust, and nurture growth of children with special needs and complex medical conditions while strengthening the families caring for them. Everyone is welcome to help with the Christmas Party on Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. at the Club. Contact Johanna Christiansen or Kathy Littlefield for more information.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

It seems only fitting that Membership Chairman Iris Ann Francis selected **KATHY LITTLEFIELD** for our spotlight this month....if you did not know, one of the many "hats" she wore this month was Chairman of the Christmas Faire.

Need any question answered about the Woman's Club of San Antonio? As a patron/LIFE member since 2000 and past president (2010-2012), Kathy is the go to person! She has devoted her life to being a big part of the Club! It even gets down to what size a light bulb needs to be for a chandelier or any aspect of the Bylaws, she knows the answer! A little mite with a big heart for giving of time, energy, support to our club, that's Kathy Littlefield! As Chairman of the Christmas Faire, Kathy coordinated the making of gingerbread houses, baking her favorite desserts for the vendors and getting it all done with a smile and style of a Southern Lady! Thank her whenever you see her for the many, many activities she has chaired and participated in over the years. She truly is a superstar!

GOLDEN BOOK

Submitted By: Johanna Christiansen, Golden Book Chairman Diane Lewallen, Golden Book Committee

In Honor of **Angela Pfeiffer**, for the gingerbread houses By Mary Theresa Casiano

In Memory of **Billye Ruth Harris**, member of The Woman's Club By The Woman's Club

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In Memory of **Albert Pena, Jr.**, brother of Woman's Club member Belinda Pena-Bosquez By Susan Moreland-Goza and Gregg Goza

Invitation to All Club Members and Friends A Holiday Christmas Party at The Mansion December 07, 2018 Enjoy Your Evening Dinner, Music, Dancing, Fun Games & Prizes Wine, Beer or BYOB Cost: \$50.00/person Time: 6PM-10PM Prepaid Reservations by Dec.4th Check -Payable to "Soiree Round Table or Cash Jean French

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Mark Your Calendars!

WE WILL HOST A HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DEC. 13 for STUDENTS FROM SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE AT THE

MANSION.... 'Elves' are needed to help prepare and serve lunch and welcome the approximately 50 students who are marking milestones with GED end of semester completion and celebration. The students are under the guidance of Dr. Helen Vera, director of *Services for Women & Non-traditional Students* at San Antonio College. The Woman's Club of San Antonio works hard all year to raise approximately \$10,000 for scholarships that are administered by Dr. Vera's department.

If you can help on Thursday, Dec. 13 (program and lunch starts at 11 a.m.) please email or call Ferne Burney by Dec. 5. THANK YOU! WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2019 – the SECOND WEDNESDAY...JAN. 9.

Reservation deadline for luncheon will be Jan. 7.

Program: Susan Beavin, San Antonio Conservation Society.

Hostesses: Noontide Round Table

Community Care Concern: American Cancer Society

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!

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