



The President's Letter



T'was just days before the Christmas Faire and all through the house, joyous members are scurrying to create a magical, shimmering, glistening Woodward Mansion. Linda Parsons succinctly proclaimed, "So many creative talented women are doing the House proud for the Christmas Faire." I am so proud of our Christmas decorating team that includes many new members. Knowing our love of hats and fascinators, Rosie Bella Gastelum suggested we decorate our



Christmas Tree with them. She designed 40 unique fascinators which will be used to decorate our tree and will be offered for sale with the profits going to our general fund. Our special thanks to the Round Tables who each selected an area of the house to decorate. It does "take a village" and my thanks to all of you for working together as a **TEAM: Together Everyone Accomplishes More.**

Wishing you and your family health, happiness and peace this Christmas and in the coming New Year.

Virginia
President 2022-2024



Heather Hayes getting the yard ready for the Faire

Vice President's Message

Hello Ladies, November was a good month at the mansion with the hustle and bustle of decorating for our Christmas Faire. All of our club Round Tables, including our Ingenues, were challenged to decorate a part of the mansion and what a Christmas wonderland it has become. Our Christmas Faire is one of our two big fundraisers, please support our club efforts in maintaining our mansion and fulfilling our commitments to our community by coming to shop and/or have lunch. Let's all do a little bit to make our Christmas Faire a success by inviting family and friends to come join a pretty event that will be filled with merriment. After our 3 day

event, we will then have Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 3. It's going to be a fun event with Santa, a full breakfast and various joyful activities. Everyone can come, with or without a child/children.

Also, during November, many of our Round Tables had Thanksgiving luncheons. It was heartfelt to see these various groups of ladies embrace their friendship and share a day of thankfulness.

Recipe for Friendship

1 cup for Happiness (heaping)

1 cup of Understanding

1 cup of Joyful Sharing

1 cup of Wisdom

1 cup of Thoughtful Insight

1 cup of Selfless Giving

2 cups of Love and Caring

Mix ingredients together. Toss in a little flair. Serve to everyone you know and top with a tiny prayer.



There's a Round Table for each of us. Take a look in our directory and consider joining one or more of these groups, expand your friendship circle and perhaps learn something new.

At our December general meeting, Santa will be coming to the mansion. He will tell us about the origin of Santa. We will also have members of the Krueger Middle School Band play holiday music, from 10:45 – 11:15. Do make plans to attend and catch the holiday spirit.

Hoping everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. Wishing you and yours every blessing at Christmas. See you at the Christmas Faire and perhaps Breakfast with Santa.

With warm regards,

Sandra

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Crockett	Dec 2
Rose Alvarez	Dec 4
Amanda Alarcon Hunter	Dec 5
Virginia Van Cleave	Dec 8
Kaye Bradford	Dec 10
Lea Fagin	Dec 10
Gabriella Diaz	Dec 11
Gail Jarratt	Dec 12
Sandra Steinke	Dec 13
Karen Hanson	Dec 14
Elise Lewis	Dec 14



Nancy Hein	Dec 15
Connie Beasley	Dec 17
Marie Soules	Dec 17
Kim Rees	Dec 19
Adelia Rodriquez	Dec 21
Adela Gonzalez	Dec 22
Margaret Duncan	Dec 23
Karin Fee	Dec 23
Martha George	Dec 28
Dolores Tamez	Dec 30
JoAnn Scrivano	Dec 31

CHRISTMAS FAIRE TIME!

Make those reservations now at: <https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/christmas-at-the-mansion/>

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*The Woman's Club of San Antonio
1717 San Pedro*

*November 29, 30 & December 1
10~3*

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Catered lunch served daily at 11:30~\$45

Gingerbread house kits \$25

Free parking & shuttle from the Playhouse on Ashby

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<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/christmas-at-the-mansion/>

CHRISTMAS FAIRE LUNCHEON MENUS

November 29th
BALSAMIC STRAWBERRY MARINATED PORK TENDERLOIN
POTATO GRATIN
BUTTER CARROTS WITH OLIVES AND PARSLEY
CARROT CAKE

November 30th
ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST W/ PEAR CHUTNEY
HERBED WILD & BROWN RICE
SAVORY GREEN BEANS
RED VELVET CAKE

December 1st
BEEF TIPS WITH CHERRIES
CREAMY MASHED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS ALMONDINE
VANILLA BEAN CAKE

Meats will be served with rolls and seasonal salad or soup

Bake Shoppe

Marsha Metz, Chairman

We are asking all members of the Club who are bakers to help us with the always-popular Bake Shoppe during the Christmas Faire. **Items should be delivered to the Club library by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29th.** We need savory baked goods, in addition to the usual sweets. For the baked goods offerings, we are asking you to provide the following:



1. Cookies, cakes, breads, Danish, donuts, pastries, pies and any other items that are prepared by baking the item in the oven. Other items are canned jam or jelly, or a dried herb or herb mix.
2. Items should be already portioned, wrapped, or bagged in clear or see-through packaging. Buyers want to see what they are buying. Bake Shoppe will price the items.
3. The items should be labeled with your name, The Woman's Club of San Antonio, 1717 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78212.
4. The label should also state: "This food is made in a home kitchen and is not inspected by the Department of State Health Services or Health Dept.
5. The label must state the name of the product.
6. Your label should also include any ingredients that may be allergens such as egg, nuts, soy, peanuts, wheat, or milk.

7. A way to be in compliance with Cottage Food Law regulations could be to include your recipe on the package along with the rest of the labeling information.

Bake Shoppe Chairman **Marsha Metz** will provide labels that will be ready for you to fill out if you are not able to produce your own labels.

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Upcoming Luncheons and Events

Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice-president

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

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/december-general-meeting/>

Santa Claus is "Coming to the Mansion"

*Sing Along
of Christmas
Songs*



*The Story of
Santa Claus*

*The Woman's Club of San Antonio
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
10:30 a.m. Social 11:00 a.m. Meeting
Luncheon Cost is \$30.00*

*Please make your reservations no later than 12:00 Noon the Monday prior
to the Wednesday Meeting by calling 210-732-4811 or online at
<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/december-general-meeting/>*

Menu

*Traditional Ham Dinner
Scrivener's Green Bean Casserole
Wild Rice
Christmas Cake*

RAFFLE

Mama Claus currently sits atop our tree – but she could be yours if you are lucky enough to win our raffle!

Tickets are \$1 each and will be available all during the Christmas Faire and Breakfast with Santa.

This Mama Claus Fascinator was designed and crafted by member Rosie Bella Gastelum.



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Members are invited to submit relevant photos of people or events for possible use in the newsletter and/or Facebook to womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com. **Advertising in Rustling Leaves is available** at the following rates: full page - \$100; half page - \$50; and, quarter page - \$25. Your ad may include business cards, recognition/celebrations, and announcements of upcoming events. The deadline for submission and payment for advertising is the 15th of the month prior to the publication month.

New Members

In November we welcomed twelve new members:

- ❖ **Donna Balli** – Donna's interests include exercise and spending quality time with her family – twin adult children, and her husband of 36 years, Daniel. Her skills include organization and budget management. She is involved in multiple neighborhood activities and clubs.
- ❖ **Arabella Dalton** – Arabella loves all things art and design. She is a realtor who stages all of the homes that she lists. She has five children and 17 grandchildren
- ❖ **Gabriella Diaz** – Gabriella is a periodontist. A graduate of UT Austin and UT Health Science Center Houston, School of Dentistry. Gabriella's interests outside of dentistry include swimming, yoga, and generating ideas. She is heavily involved in various dental organizations and associations and the Junior League of San Antonio
- ❖ **Beverly Heyen** – Beverly is a retired teacher, and student advisor at UT Austin. Her interests include mentoring high school students and participating in community projects. She is a member of the Green Thumb Garden Club of Uvalde, the Retired Teachers Assoc, Delta Delta Delta sorority, and the National Assoc of International Educators. She has two children and three grandchildren
- ❖ **Hilda Irizarry** – Hilda is a retired HR specialist who was employed with NISD. She is bilingual – fluent in both English and Spanish. She enjoys crafting – especially jewelry, wreathes and centerpieces. She has two adult sons
- ❖ **Hilary Patton** – Hilary has degrees in art and art history. Her interests include jewelry, museums and working with children. She is a member of the Panhellenic Association of San Antonio, the Delta Gamma Alumni Association, and Vineyard Ranch PTA. She has three children
- ❖ **Verna Quaranto** – Verna owns the Rollercoade – a business in operations since 1959! Her interests include roller skating, bridge, traveling, and party planning. She is a member of the Hospitality Club, the Northside Bridge Club, and the Inspiring Women Club. She has two children and two grandchildren
- ❖ **Michele Sheldon** – Michele is retired and enjoys cooking, and interior design (painting, wallpapering, window treatments. She is a member of the State Assoc. of Texas Pioneers and is the 3rd VP, Social. She has one daughter and two grandchildren
- ❖ **Diana Balli Taylor** – Diana is renewing her membership in the Club. She is a Social Security insurance specialist. Her interests include gardening, arts and crafts, and traveling. She is a member of Red Hatters and Lasso Alumni. She has two children and one grandchild
- ❖ **Geegee Thorn** – Geegee is a retired teacher and great-granddaughter of the original owners of the Woodward House. She is a member of the DAR, Descendants of San Jacinto, the Texas Retired Teachers Assoc., and Plano Retired Teachers Assoc. Her interests include her grandchildren, genealogy, gardening and travel. She has five children and eight grandchildren
- ❖ **Kristin Tips** – Kristin and her husband own and operate Mission Parks. She supports and participates in over 40 community-based and charitable organizations. She has the distinction of being the youngest woman ever appointed to the Texas Funeral Service Commission. She has two children.
- ❖ **Becky Torres** – Becky is an Executive Commercial Insurance Underwriter with the Hartford Insurance Company. Her interests include crafting, floral design, decorating and home decor, baking, and entertaining. She is a member of multiple professional organizations and the mother of two very accomplished daughters.

Welcome aboard! We are happy to have you with us.

Prospective Members

We have received applications for membership in the Woman's Club of San Antonio for:

- ❖ Faye Davenport
- ❖ Teresa Frias

Their applications will be presented for a vote to the Board of Directors. If anyone has any questions, please contact Virginia.

Care and Concern:

As reported from Barbara Vander

Reminder: Please send Care and Concern requests to Barbara Vander, barbjvan.WCSA@gmail.com. Due to privacy, only announcements approved by a family member will be published. If you are aware of an Event of Concern, please send this information directly to Barbara and she will make sure what information the family wishes to share. If concerning death, please give information related to funeral and preference for gifts/flowers. Please let her know who the member is, relationship to person and where cards and messages should be sent.

- ❖ Member Judy Willingham continues to struggle with her health. Encouragement in the form of cards would be appreciated. Cards may be mailed to: 2915 MacCaskey Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78258
- ❖ Past member Amelia (Millie) Duran passed on October 15th.
- ❖ Member Muriel England has been ill and is hospitalized. He family asks for no calls or visitors. Cards may be sent to: 118 Medford Dr. San Antonio, TX 78209

Golden Book

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman

- ❖ In honor of our living past presidents and in honor of our November speaker, by the Woman's Club



Remember to pick up your new Woman's Club Yearbook when next at the House!

*Save the dates: April 20-21, 2023
Fiesta Flower Show and Plant Sale*

Volunteers needed call Linda Oliver 210-732-4811



October and November Activities and Events

Day of the Dead Luncheon



November Speaker Wondra Chang presenting her novel Sonju



We were treated to a wonderful reading and discussion by the author, Wondra Chang of her book Sonju. Pictured above is Lea Fagin, Virginia Van Cleave, Wondra Chang, and Sandra Ojeda Medina.

Ingenues Wrapping Party



Top row: Olivia Riedl, Laurel Miller, Melody Hays, Tessa Christiansen; front row: Jocelyn Valdez, Sarah Cardenas, Annika Chapa, Paulina Rodriguez

From Johanna Christiansen Ingénue Chair: The Ingénues met in November and wrapped Christmas gifts for the Respite Care children for the upcoming Christmas party the Ingénues host for these children. We enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal and worked on decorating our designated piano area for the Christmas Faire.

More Decorating, Round Table Meetings, and Gingerbread Houses

