

# Rustling

May 2022



# Leaves

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I hope everyone had a happy and safe Fiesta! I have some good news...all our Fiesta events completely sold out! We are grateful to have had such an overwhelming turnout.

We had a full house at the Queen's reception. Angela Pfeiffer and her team prepared the meal and our Queen's family did a lovely job decorating the ballroom.

The Flower Show, chaired by Helen Henderson, was a success. The presentation and the entries were beautifully made, and the house was packed with people. We were honored that the Fiesta Commission President, Jon Fristoe, came and participated with the ribbon cutting on the front steps of the house.

The Fiesta Hat Show was also a sell-out crowd. The ballroom was at capacity. The silent auction headed by Ginger Vlieger, the raffle headed by Trace Mahbubani, the boutique headed by Angela Pfeiffer,



Fiesta Flower Show Ribbon Cutting, April 1, 2022

the wine pull headed by Gloria Tate and Trace Mahbubani, and the medal donations headed by Molly Allen all did great. Thanks to Melissa Sanchez for decorating, to Karin Fee and Tina Zimmerman for taking reservations, and to Jennifer Brearley and Mari Duran for donating to the gift bags. Sandra Bradley and Heather Hayes headed the ever-famous Hat Contest. Our MC's, Michael Quintanilla and Elizabeth Ruiz, brought so much fun and excitement to the room. The ballroom was bursting with energy. It was indeed a *"Díva" Fiesta!*

I have more good news to share with you! The Club is getting a new parking lot! Parking surfaces wear out and the most recent resurfacing on ours has not worn well. I shared my concern with the house supervisor, Susan Gargotta. She did the research and took the information to the Board and Finance Committee. Sufficient funds are available and the Board decided it was time to take action and fully replace the pavement. We are also adding a new bright LED light for the parking area at nighttime. We are excited about this much needed improvement.

Mark your calendar for May 12<sup>th</sup> when we honor our special Golden Girls. RSVP to Janice McGraw by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Janie 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/may-4th-general-meeting/>

## May 4 ~ Inspiring the Next Generation to Be Strong, Smart, & Bold

Presenter: Lea Rosenauer, President/CEO, Girls Inc. of San Antonio

The focus of Girls Inc. is empowering girls to overcome barriers that prohibit them from achieving their personal, educational, and career goals with programs for girls 6 to 18.

Menu: Opener: Spinach Salad

Entrée: Grilled Chicken with Poblano Cream Sauce  
Cilantro Lime Rice and Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert: Peach Berry Cobbler

Beverage: Coffee, Iced Tea, Iced Water or Wine

Hostesses: Modernist Round Table

Community Care Concern: General Club Expenses

At the May meeting the Club will hold elections for 2022-2024 Officers

The slate has been presented by Ferne Burney, Nominating Committee Chair. Nominations may be accepted from the floor. Please refer to page 8 of this newsletter to view the slate.



Lea Rosenauer



## May 12 —The Golden Girls Luncheon

Golden Girls, if you have reached the milestone of your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, let's celebrate!

The Noontide Round Table is hosting this luncheon **which is complimentary for our Golden Girls**. Friends and Club members are encouraged to join the party at the Woodward Mansion.

Luncheon tickets: \$30.00 ~ purchase from the office or by ticket leap.

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/golden-girls-luncheon/>

Ticket purchase/guest reservation deadline: May 4<sup>th</sup>

Questions/reservations? Janice McGraw or any Noontide RT member

And ... what Golden Girl doesn't love gold? Who among us doesn't love gold especially when embellished with a ½ carat diamond? There will be a raffle drawing for this 14k gold necklace w/ diamond pendant at the event. You do not need to be present to win (but it will be fun to see your excitement if you are present!). You may purchase tickets at the luncheon or from the Club office. Proceeds will support future GG Luncheons.

The photo to the left shows the Golden Girl Raffle Prize.

## June 1, 2022 ~Last General Meeting of the 2021-2022 Business Year



Installation of 2022-2024 Board of Directors  
Memorial Service to Honor Members Lost in 2021-2022  
Presentation of Scholarship Recipients



**Save the dates for the Summer Luncheons at The Woodward Mansion**

**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** Teri Wilson ~ Best-selling author and Miss America Pageant volunteer

Teri will share stories about her career and her novels that have been made into movies for the Hallmark channel.

**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** Michael Quintanilla ~ "Fashion's Cultural Connection --Timely or Timeless"

The program for the day includes a presentation on fashion from the 1940's to the 1990's and a *member* hat sale. On this day you may bring your hats to the Mansion for a special sale and give a percentage of the proceeds for restoration and upkeep of our home, the Woodward Mansion.





*Care and Concern:*  
*As reported from Trace Mahbubani*

Angela Pfeiffer on the loss of her grandson, Aaron Nicholas Pfeiffer.

Susan Moreland-Goza is beginning recovery from severe side effects of chemotherapy.

Judy Willingham is having surgery to remove a tumor.

Club staff member and friend, Belle Angiano whose husband, David is in the hospital.



## Golden Book

*Submitted by: Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman*

In Honor of Ingenues, for their Assistance with Decorations for the February Meeting  
By Carousel Round Table

In Memory of Jo Betsy Lewallen Szebehely, Sister-In-Law of Member Diane Lewallen and Sister of her Husband Jay Lewallen  
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold, and Tessa Christiansen

In Memory of Benny Brent Castillo  
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold, and Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Member Vicki Ferguson, on her Marriage to Jerry Crockett  
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold, and Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Member Cyndi Munch, for our Wonderful Newsletter and Communication to the Club  
By Susan Gargotta

In Honor of Member Angela Pfeiffer, for Everything she Does for our Club to Make it Such a Success  
By Carousel Round Table



The Woman's Club of San Antonio has received an unrestricted gift of \$2,500 from the estate of Elsie McTee. At the March Board Meeting it was decided that the gift will support the Scholarship Fund and the Woodward Mansion Restoration Fund in equal parts.



Constance Cooper	2
Carol Bray	3
Iris Francis	3
Elizabeth Moad	4
Miranda Nelka	4
Kimberly Engler	5
Lari Nelson	5
Georgia Grubb	7
Lisa Nelle Head-Hackett	8

**May** we wish you a  
**Happy Birthday?**



Rhonda Gennarelli	13
Mercedes Bentle	17
Angie Gonzalez	18
Carolynn Snyder	18
Hilda De Hoyos	21
Carol Chapman-Ryan	25
Stacey Bradford-Miller	29
Carol Castillo	29
Nelle Still Pichler	30

## New Member Announcements

Patricia Villarreal, Membership Chairman

Eva Anderson retired from a 33 year career at USAA. Eva and her husband Al have a daughter, three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Eva is a member of Dazzling Damas Red Hat Society and American Legion Post 2 Women's Auxiliary. She loves to dress up for luncheons, wear hats, and shop!



Frances Garza-Alvarado is retired from Civil Service (DoD). Her husband is Ernest Garza. Frances is currently serving as president of the Dazzling Damas Red Hat Society and was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame for community service. Her community service includes activities for seniors and students including raising funds for scholarships for UTSA students.



Maria Del Rosario Gastelum and her husband Steven live in La Vernia where they settled after his military career. RosieBella is an artist and a designer who enjoys music, dancing, cooking, gardening and sewing. She is interested in volunteering. They have two sons and a granddaughter. RosieBella is also a member of the Dazzling Damas Red Hat Society

### Prospective Members

Maritza Recuero, Diana Reyes, and Ashley Wash are applicants for membership in the Woman's Club of San Antonio. Their applications will be presented for a vote to the Board of Directors at the April Board Meeting. If anyone has any questions, please contact Patti Villarreal.

## We Shared So Much in April

### The 106<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Flower Show (April 1 & 2)



Jamie Whitfield coordinated our Flower Show, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland", in 2021 when it was unable to be presented. Happily returning after a Covid hiatus, the Flower Show was a great success. Helen Henderson and her team: Jane Stone, Helen Jones, Betty Lewandowski, Ferne Burney (aka the Queen of Hearts), Barbara Vander (aka the adventurous Alice), Karen Ward and Virginia Van Cleave made it happen with the generous expert support of Oliver (Smitty) Smith (Horticulture Chair). The Texas A&M Cooperative Extension Office also had a representative at the event to answer questions and provide printed material. Thank you to our Show participants. Many ribbons were awarded.

The 2022 WCSA Fiesta Flower Show perpetual award recipients are:

- Womack White Rose Trophy for the most blue ribbons in Horticulture Division - Karen Ward
- Presidents Award (Anders Award) for the most blue ribbons in the entire show- Karen Ward
- Margaret Nolte Award for the most member participation by a round table- Fine Arts Round Table
- Auge-Hein Trophy for the top award in a Round Table Section - Pat Porter from the Carousel Round Table
- Louise Smith Youth Division Award- Ryan Schrimshire



## Woman's Club Fiesta Parade Participation

March 31<sup>st</sup> the Peoples Parade opened Fiesta 2022 with Michael Quintanilla as Parade Marshal.



Front row: Julie Alexander-Shacklett, Teen Princess Gabrielle Geppert, Teen Queen Avery Walker, Ingénue Tessa Christiansen, Club VP Virginia Van Cleave, with future member Milagrace Tamez, and Ingénue Olivia Flores

Back row: Club President Jane Stone, Cathy Carroll, Johanna Christiansen, Dolores Tamez, Patty Geppert, and Sandy Salinas (sitting down in the back). Having fun and posing for a photo at the People's Parade.

The Woman's Club Float Received Second Place Overall in the Fiesta Especial Parade on April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
This float carried our Teen Queen, Teen Princess, Grand Duchess, and Ingénues.



Moms and daughters in front of their float.

First row-Heather Hays & Julie Alexander Shacklett

Second row-Melody Hays, Cathy Carroll, Avery Walker, Patty Geppert, Gabby Geppert, Sarah Stone, Dana Stone, Tessa Christiansen, Johanna Christiansen, Laurel Miller, and Stacey Bradford-Miller.



## Woman's Club Fiesta Parade Participation (cont'd)



The Battle of Flowers Parade on April 8th.  
The Woman's Club Entry Won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

Our traditional antique car entry was filled with beautiful ladies: Fiesta Teen Princess Gabrielle Geppert; Teen Duchess Sarah Stone; and, Woman's Club President Jane Stone.

The Model T was provided and driven by Ron Bitterly. The ladies and car are surrounded by gorgeous sprays of fresh flowers and festive ribbons.

The car was decorated by Julie Alexander-Shacklett.



## Woman's Club April Luncheons

We held our regular meeting and program sharing the themes, traditions and history of Fiesta. **Thank you, Freddy Cervera** (pictured above at the meeting in his alligator hat), for sharing a Fiesta Medal and Hat traditions program with the Club members for the April 13 program. Freddy has served on numerous Boards in San Antonio including the Fiesta Commission and [this is just between us] he will be debuting his Royal Order of the Alligator Fiesta medal in 2023!

## The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta Hat Contest Luncheon filled the ballroom of the Westin.

Under the guidance of Masters of Ceremony Michael Quintanilla and Elizabeth Ruiz, guests at the luncheon were entertained by music, dance and vocal numbers while they socialized shopped and dined. The Fiesta Hat Contest was honored with guest judges from as far away as Oregon and as near as San Antonio Fiesta Commission members.

## The 2022 Hat Contest Winners

Glitz & Glamour:	1st Orbilia Hayes	2nd Rosalinda Dailey	3rd Gail Jarratt
Vintage:	1st Stacie Gast	2nd Carol Castillo	3rd Sarah Lee
Youth:	1st Ryan Scrimshire	2nd Olivia Flores	3rd Melody Hays
Spirit of Fiesta:	1st Rosie Bella	2nd Debbie Middleton	3rd Elizabeth Oklega
Small Group:	1st "Bigger is Better" - Elizabeth Pachecho and Margaret Kirk		
	2nd "Rodeo Divas" - Karen Dudek, Belva Kimble, Cindy Fischer, and Francis Boenig		
	3rd "Fiesta Girls" - Angie Miller and Anita Perez		
Texas Toppers:	1st Mary Vera Rami	2nd Yvonne Nino	3rd Lia Strange
Most Beautiful:	1st Elizabeth Neely	2nd Alicia Neaves	3rd Adelia Rodriguez
Large Group:	1st La Bello	2nd Ladies of Fiesta	3rd Dazzling Damas



# 2022 DIVA FIESTA!



Silent Auction Committee chair Ginger Vlieger reports that the Silent Auction at the Fiesta Hat Contest & Luncheon was a success due to our generous donors and bidders which includes members and friends!

The beautiful, useful and fun items on that long auction table were courtesy of: Julie Alexander (*Kuper Sothebys International Realty*), Sandra Bradley, Patricia Broyles, The Christiansen Family,

Lulu Donegan (*Kiddies Cloud*), Mari Duran (*SWISSJUST*), Iris Francis, Adela Gonzalez, Gretchen Hill, Helen Jones, Jeanne Ann Koplan, Gina Langley, Diane Lewallen, Marsha Metz, Michele Moad-Hageman, Cyndi Munch, Marcella Schroder, Virginia Van Cleave, Barbara Vander, Ginger Vlieger, and Karen Ward. The Woman's Clob Round Tables made the Gift Card Table very popular. Thank you to the members of American Home and Garden, Books and Letters, Bridge, Carousel, Fiesta, Friendship, Modernist, Noontide, and Soirée for supporting this fund raiser.

And last but not least – much appreciation to the faithful helpers who made the Silent Auction a success: Sandra and John Bradley, Helen Henderson, Helen Jones, Gretchen Hill, Sharon Johnson, Robin Templeton and to Tina Zimmerman, our House Supervisor, for her tireless efforts on behalf of our Club! Thank you, Tina!

## 2022-2024 SLATE

### WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD

Election to be held at the May regular meeting.

Vice President - Patricia Villarreal

Yearbook - Karin Fee

Grounds Chairman - Heather Hays

Newsletter Chairman - Carolynn Snyder

Recording Secretary - Linda Parsons

Treasurer - Marsha Metz

Assistant Treasurer - Karen Ward

Long-Range Planning Chairman - Gretchen Hill

Membership - Cathy Carroll

House Chairman - Stacy Miller

Public Relations Chairman - Darcy Schrimphire

Notification Chairman - Ginger Vlieger

Corresponding Secretary - Barbara Vander

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.



**WINDCREST  
WOMEN'S CLUB  
OLD BAG LUNCHEON  
FUND RAISER**

Featuring Professional Auctioneer:  
**Gary Rogers**

**Tuesday, 17 May 2022**  
**11am to 3pm**

Windcrest Civic Center,  
9310 Jim Seal Dr, 78239

**\$25 per person**

**Reserve early**  
Limited seating is available  
Group seating available (8 per table)



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And we close with a big "Thank You" from the Coronation Reception and Queen's Reception Co-Chairs Johanna Christiansen and Diane Lewallen: "Thank you to all of those that helped with the Coronation Reception and Queen's Reception! Both events had great attendance and were so festive & fun! It takes a lot of people and a lot of hard work to put on the Coronation Reception and Queen's Reception! [To all who] planned, organized, zoomed, shopped, decorated, donated, cooked, set up, served, and cleaned [including]: Angela Pfeiffer, Gloria Tate, Tina Zimmerman, Diane Lewallen, Johanna Christiansen, Chula Boyle, Gail Jarratt, Leslie Doyle, Viki Hatcher, Pat Porter, Carolynn Snyder, Susan Adamson, Mark Adamson, Elaine Staller, Betty Lewandowski, Karin Fee, Robin Templeton, Brian Christiansen, Tessa Christiansen, Ferne Burney, Avery Walker, Cathy Carroll, Gretchen Hill, Alexis Hill, Helen Jones, Darcy Scrimphire, Julie Alexander-Shacklett, Heather Hays, Angelique Garcia, Michele Moad-Hagemen, Madi Spengler, Vickie Kinder, Patty Geppert, Patty Villarreal, Kay Turner, Belle Angiano, Virginia Van Cleave and Jane Stone. [To] all those that donated food, and gave monetary donations, it was all very much appreciated!!! Viva Fiesta!!"



The 2022 Woman's Club  
Representatives at the Pilgrimage  
to the Alamo

L to R: Diane Lewallen, Patty Landacre, Karin Fee, Laurel Miller, Robin Templeton, Stacy Miller, Gabby Geppert, Patty Geppert, Avery Walker, Barbara Vander, Tessa Christiansen, Johanna Christiansen, and Jane Stone.



**SPRING IS HERE! WHAT A LOVELY TIME TO VISIT OUR BRICK GARDEN.**

Peggy Guerrero announced that new bricks will be installed at our Brick Garden soon!  
Erika Haskins and family have purchased bricks in honor of their daughter and granddaughters:

Cora J Haskins Teen Duchess  
2021 Teen Queen Coronation

Norah Alvarado, Train Bearer  
2022 Teen Queen Coronation

Elsie Alvarado, Crown Bearer  
2022 Teen Queen Coronation

Brick order forms are at the Woodward Mansion and Woman's Club web page [www.thewomansclubofsa.org](http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org)  
Please contact Peggy Guerrero **for any additional information.**

Attachment 1: Amendments to the By-laws of the Woman's Club of San Antonio, adopted April 13, 2022

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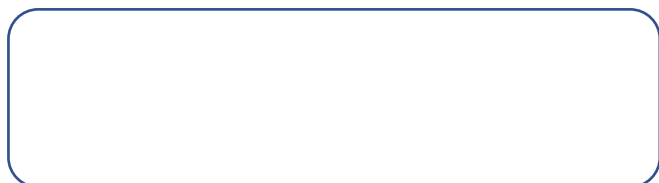
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**THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO**

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Amendments to the By-laws of the Woman's Club of San Antonio  
Approved April 13, 2022

**Amendment 1: Adopted**

Amend **Article IX-Board of Directors. Section 3. Term of Office** by adding paragraph C. The Treasurer may be re-elected for additional consecutive administrations if no other qualified candidate is available.

As adopted reads: **Article IX-Board of Directors. Section 3. Term of Office.**

C. The Treasurer may be re-elected for additional consecutive administrations if no other qualified candidate is available.

**Conforming Amendment 1a: Adopted**

Amend **Article IX-Board of Directors. Section 4. Tenure on Board of Directors** by adding at the end of sentence 1: except the Treasurer, who may serve additional consecutive terms if re-elected per Section 3, Paragraph C.

As adopted reads: **Article IX-Board of Directors.**

**Section 4. Tenure on Board of Directors.** A member of the Club shall not remain a member of the Board of Directors longer than six consecutive years, except the Treasurer, who may serve additional consecutive terms if re-elected per Section 3, Paragraph C. If a member is elected President-Elect, at the termination of six years, she shall be entitled to two years as President-Elect and two years as President.

**Conforming Amendment 1b: Adopted**

Amend **Article XII. Finance and Endowment. Section 4.** By substituting a new **Section 4.** The Treasurer may serve additional terms as Chairman of the Finance Committee if re-elected as Treasurer per Article IX, Section 3. Paragraph C.

As adopted, reads: **ARTICLE XII – FINANCE AND ENDOWMENT**

**Section 4.** The Treasurer may serve additional terms as Chairman of the Finance Committee if re-elected as Treasurer per Article IX, Section 3. Paragraph C.