

Rustling Leaves

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Newsletter of the Woman's Club of San Antonio

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

On Wednesday, October 7, our members returned to their club—officially known as The Woman's Club of San Antonio. Approximately 45 members arrived wearing their masks and maintaining social distancing. Who would have thought that when the members left the meeting on March 4, 2020 that it would be 7 months until we would meet again? Even though we were keeping safe distances apart, we were together. As I write, our records show 227 members renewed their membership. I am so proud. I am also proud of my Board of Directors. They are the best Board ever as they have rotated shifts working in the office, cleaning, moving furniture, and at the same time offered smart and intelligent ideas to get this club through the pandemic. They have been a unifying force in keeping this club moving in the right direction.

Our yearbooks are ready. A huge thank you to Yearbook Chairman Gail Jarrett, who reformatted the book so that Patsy Pelton could print our yearbooks for no cost to the club. Be sure to look for your copy at the Mansion when you are there. We want to make sure that everyone receives their yearbook in the next few weeks. If you would prefer an electronic version instead of a paper bound copy, contact Patsy.

I would also like to thank Molly Allen, our elections chairman, for keeping track of all your votes for our Fiesta Teen Queen and Princess. Again, we had to change course a bit to hold the election prior to the General Meeting, but change we did, and Molly announced the winner. Congratulations to Sophia Christiansen, who will serve as our Queen and Isabella Niño, who will serve as our Princess. Both girls are outstanding individuals.

Did I mention changing course? We adjusted our sails and added selling many of our items such as the boutique merchandise online in October. Plans are underway to also sell our famous gingerbread houses online. Be on the lookout for an email with more details about orders and prices. Karin Fee will be handling payments for them.

Assisted by so many capable members, we launched our first meeting in October held in person, but also by Zoom so our members could feel connected safely from their homes. Thanks to my amazing computer committee, Trace Mahbubani, Janice McGraw, Karin Fee and Krystal Patel, who made all that happen. The committee members did their magic and filmed our speaker, member Nancy Hein, who gave a wonderful talk about our club titled, "A Visit to the Past." It is now posted on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7WAhFky3S0&t=1s>. It is a "must see" as history comes to life!

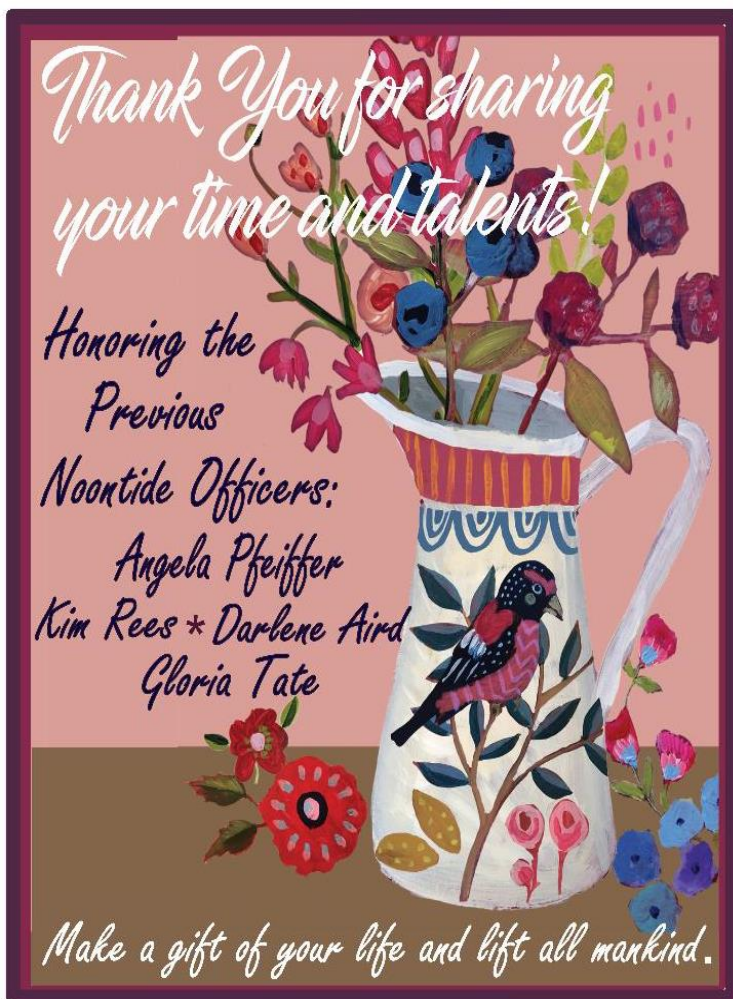
As more leaves start to fall and the weather cools, we now look forward to November with another in-person meeting and Zoom option on the day after the presidential election. What excitement will be in the air then! Be sure to mark your calendar to join us Nov. 4 to hear another dynamic speaker looking back at how we women earned the right to vote. Please be sure to RSVP if you are coming to the meeting so enough chairs can be placed in the Ballroom. Remember we need your paid luncheon reservations by Monday, Nov. 2 at 10 AM.

I look forward to seeing you either online or in the Mansion soon. We keep hearing this phrase but it's true: Together we WILL get through this.

Jane Stone
President



Woman's Club Presidents at the October Luncheon



Thank you, Noontide for sharing your recognition with us. Our Woman's Club was founded as a Departmental Club organized around separate areas of study and activities. At its founding the Club had seven departments: Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs, and Texas Heritage. Today we call our "departments" "Round Tables".

Your Twelve Woman's Club Round Tables

American Home & Garden

Bee Alive Crafters

Books & Letters

Bridge

Carousel

Fine Arts

Friendship

Modernist

Fiesta

Noontide

Soiree

Ingenue

In October we honor past presidents & life members:

Past presidents:

Ferne Burney
B.J Duncan
Jean French
Rose Hoelscher
Helen Jones

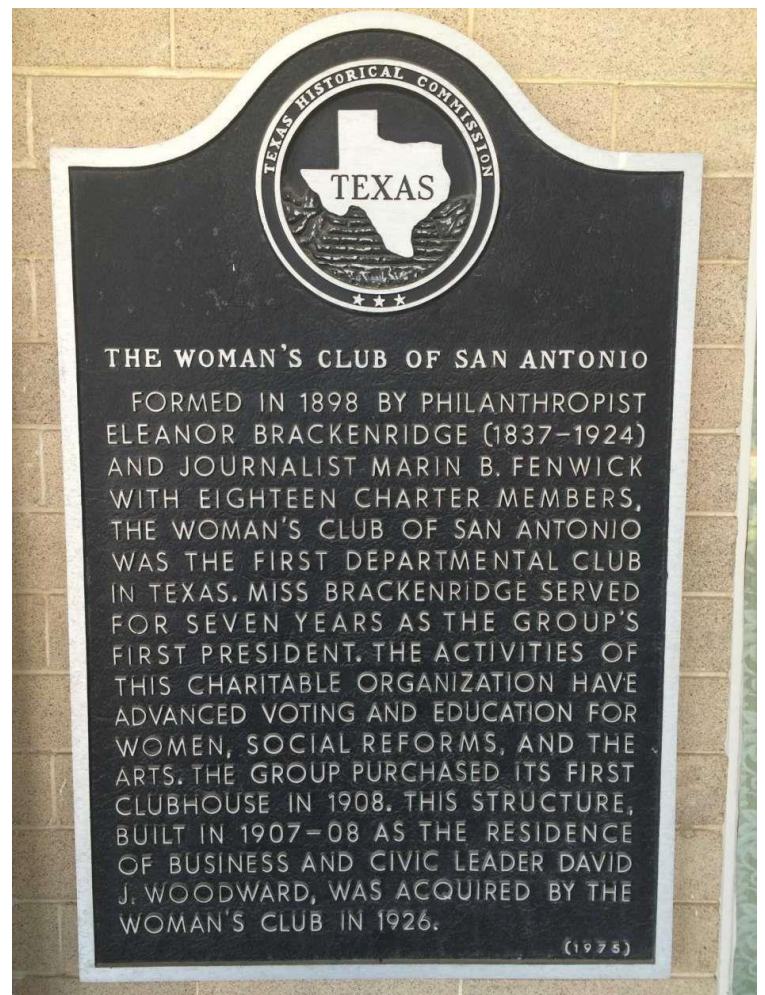
Betty Lewandowski
Kathy Littlefield
Jaquie Rothermel
Nelle Still Pichler
Rosemary Sundeen
Robin Templeton

Life members:

Sandra Bradley
Kim Carmack
Patricia Connors
B.J Duncan
Jean French
Orbilvia Hayes
Heather Hays
Nancy Hein
Helen Henderson
Rose Hoelscher
Carmen Ingram
Caroline Ingram
Nana James
Liz Jauer
Helen Jones
Carol Keller
Betty Lewandowski

Kathy Littlefield
Penny McCutchen
Linda Nairn
Barbara Niemann
Angela Pfeiffer
Claire Pronovost
Jaquie Rothermel
Carolyn Sanders
Marcella Schroder
Nelle Still Pichler
Rosemary Sundeen
Kathy Tarkington
Robin Templeton
Elise Townsend
Kay Turner
Barbara Vander
Jeannine Wangler

Patricia Williams



November & December Meetings

Wednesday meetings begin at 11:00 at the Woodward House

Luncheon: \$25 RSVP: Karin Fee @ 210-352-0467 by the prior Monday @ 10:00 a.m. w/ payment.

November 4, 2020

Program: "Don't Forget the Ladies: Tennessee the Final State", Celebrating the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment

Speaker: Dr. Michelle Tabit, Ph.D.

Theme: Wear white and carry a yellow rose in honor of suffragettes.

And remember our ladies in Texas: In 1912, WCSA founder Eleanor Brackenridge became President of the San Antonio Equal Franchise Society. She helped organize the Texas Woman Suffrage Association in 1913. The Woman's Club of San Antonio was the first Texas women's club to promote the issue of women's suffrage.

Luncheon Menu: Spinach salad to begin, pork loin with wine and herb gravy, wild rice, roasted vegetable medley and bread pudding with cream for dessert.

Hostesses: Bee Alive Crafters Round Table



Community Care Concern: Seton Home

December 9th, 2020

Program: Joey Groff, "Entrepreneur and Entertainer"

Come for the show! Welcome Joey Groff – Model T Ford collector and restorer, musician, and participant in the Battle of Flowers Parade.

Hostesses: Fiesta Round Table

Community Care Concern: Woodward House Restoration Fund



Joey Groff plays his calliope organ from the back of one of his antique Fords.

Christmas Traditions!



The Woman's Club is pleased to share that we will have gingerbread house kits this year as always. And isn't this a year when we need our holiday traditions and projects with the kids? You may place your reservation with the club (\$20 each kit) by calling Karin Fee @ 210-352-0467 email: womansclubofsa@aol.com

Don't forget 2020 collectors' Fiesta medals or vintage Woman's Club medals may be just the stocking stuffer or totally Texas tree ornament/wreath decoration you need for the holidays in 2020!



The Woman's Club of San Antonio
Congratulations on 122 Years of Friendship and Service

Founder Eleanor Brackenridge (1837-1924)



MISS M. ELEANOR BRACKENRIDGE

"Foolish modesty lags behind while brazen impudence goes forth and eats the pudding," Brackenridge, the first woman to register to vote in Bexar County, once said.

Miss Brackenridge was 82 when she cast that first vote in Bexar County. She was 61 when she and Miss Marin Fenwick (a columnist for the *San Antonio Express & Evening News*) founded the Woman's Club of San Antonio. That founding day was 122 years ago this October first.

The Woodward house was completed seven years later in 1905. Eleanor would not know the Woodward house as the home of the club she founded. Arrangements to purchase the property were made two years after Eleanor's passing. May Woodward became a member of the Woman's Club in 1926, the year her home became our home.

Now on the National Register of Historic Places, our dedicated members continue to take care of this treasure. Many big projects were completed in the last fiscal year with your matching donations to Kathy Littlefield's challenge with a little over \$100,000 being raised and utilized to maintain and improve the property. We continue with this responsibility. Leslie Doyle and Ferne Burney reworked the kitchen, the

butler's pantry, the office, the attic, the celebrity room, and the presidents' rooms in a project that continued all summer long. They also organized the document room, when it was 100 degrees outside, which always affects the temperature in that room! Most recently the walls of the office were repaired and painted with a donation from a member, and the walls in the kitchen and pantry were painted as a donation from our painter, Roberto Mares.

Members Sandra Whittaker and Helen Henderson gave many hours to be at the house when repairs to the walls (and roof) were accomplished. Sandra Bradley and daughter Heather Hayes along with Heather's family washed, sorted, and labeled all the linen and placed them in orderly fashion in the house too. House Chairman, Annette Ivy, has researched and negotiated contracts for additional work as approved by the board. Annette's husband has also pitched in with her to make trips to the house to water and check sprinklers for the gardens and lawn. Eleanor would be proud!



Care and Concern

As reported to Susan Moreland-Goza

Member, Kaye Bradford, was hospitalized.

Member, Helen Jones, had hand surgery.

Member, Julie Jordan's husband was hospitalized.

Member, Trace Mahbubani's husband suffered a fall.

Member, Kim Rees, suffered a stroke

Member, Rosemarie Taylor's son was involved in a car accident.

Member, Trace Mahbubani's mother-in-law had knee replacement surgery.



Golden Book

*Submitted by
Patte Pfeiffer
Golden Book Chairman*

*In Honor of Kathy Littlefield's
Birthday*

*In Honor of Patsy Pelton's
Birthday*

*In Honor of Rosemarie Taylor's
Birthday*

*In Honor of La Rue Terry's
Birthday
By Anita Oberle*

*In Honor of The Members of
the Woman's Club who stepped
up and managed the office
during the pandemic~*

*THANK YOU.
By Helen Henderson*

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Littlefield	1
Carol Keller	5
Alice Contreras	5
Sandra Bradley	9
Jennifer Brearley	10
Lydia Gurrola	10
Terri Quick	10
Annette Ivy	11
Megan Owen-Valenegro	11
LaRue Terry	11
Nancy Scofield	14
Marsha Metz	15
Sharon Still	16
Margaret Cluck	17
Jaclyn Helmke	18
Cyndi Munch	18
Elaine Tucker	20
Ginger Vlieger	20
Marie Goforth	24
Barbara Walski	25
Susan Gargotta	26
Irene Pendleton	26
Rosemarie Taylor	26
Patsy Pelton	27
Katie Stepke	29
Rosemary Reyna-Sanchez	30



Announcing New Member

The Woman's Club welcomes Dana Stone into membership. Although a new member, Dana has been involved with the Woman's Club of San Antonio for some time through family. Dana's mother, Patricia Villarreal, is our current Membership Chairman. Dana's daughter Sarah (15) is a member of the Woman's Club Ingenue Round Table. Dana works in finance and her son Alex is 20.

A Tradition of Scholarship and Service

The Woman's Club of San Antonio made its annual gift of \$10,000 to the Alamo Colleges for scholarships. A wonderful letter of appreciation from Sheila Marlow Due, Executive Director of the Alamo Colleges Foundation, was read at the board meeting in September.

WCSA Yearbook

Your 2020-'21 WCSA Yearbook is available at the Woodward House now.

Gail Jarratt, Patricia Villarreal and Marsha Metz researched & edited your Yearbook.

Printing and assembly of the 2020-'21 WCSA Yearbook was donated by Patsy Pelton.

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.

Office Hours: 10:00 – 3:00 (M-F)
To call ahead and confirm: 210-732-4811
Or email: womansclubofsa@aol.com

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Shop when you Stop

Past Year Fiesta Medals
(several years available)
Woman's Club Keychains
&
Gingerbread House Kit Orders
available with check payment.
COVID precautions observed.

At the September WCSA Board Meeting
Treasurer Marsha Metz presented the
Income Statement for the month ending
August of 2020.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO **Income Statement** **August 2020**

Revenues

Dues	4,511.61
Donations - Cash	30.00
Fiesta Coronation - donations	25.00
Fiesta Coronation entry fees	3,526.00
Fiesta medal sales	132.00
Fiesta queen's reception (donation)	100.00
Interest income	2.23
Dividend income	<u>181.68</u>
Total Revenues	<u>8,508.52</u>

Expenses

Fiesta queen's reception	210.47
Fiesta coronation	1,508.25
Fiesta medals	10.67
Fiesta miscellaneous	49.90
Name tags	24.00
Rental refund	500.00
Bank charge	5.00
Credit card merchant fees	112.36
Phone & internet	190.24
Insurance - house & liability	1,267.12
Utilities	1,132.92
Water	412.32
Trash disposal	95.69
Grounds/lawn	180.00
Maintenance & repairs (A/C, 3-2020)	<u>1,410.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>7,108.94</u>
Net Income	<u>1,399.58</u>

Woman's Club

HALLOWEEN BOOtiQUE

Please call Angela Pfeiffer at (210) 683-6749 or (210) 490-9649 and tell her what piece (#) you want. Be ready with your Credit Card information.

Pieces will be available for sale at the October General Meeting. Pick up and delivery otherwise arranged during purchase.



Ladies – you should have received the “digital brochure” of the *Bootique Collection 2020* in your email. The brochure includes pricing and availability. Such cute and glitzy items including rings, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings. Good options for our young celebrants and Dia de los Muertos observance too.

I don't always dress for Halloween, but when I do – I go glam. Stay festive my friends.

Did you know?

All of your purchases made in the Boutique directly support our Club at a time when we need it most. Most jewelry pieces are hand made by the group and are exclusive to The Woman's Club. We appreciate you taking the time to look. Keep shopping there is more!

Thank you for your support!

The Boutique Group

*Announcing the Woman's Club of San Antonio
2021 Fiesta Teen Queen and Princess*



QUEEN OF THE ROYAL COURT
HER MAJESTY SOPHIA JEANETTE OF THE HOUSE OF CHRISTIANSEN
PRINCESS OF THE ROYAL COURT
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ISABELLA MARINA OF HE HOUSE OF NIÑO

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THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO

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P.S. Roundtables are back in action – looks like Noontide had quite the Octoberfest.



Noontide

Oktoberfest



Noontide Roundtable kicked off it's first meeting of the season with an Oktoberfest celebration. Complete with German themed music, food and decorations.

