



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

“DZIEN DOBRY” Our member Angelica Docog spoke at our January general meeting to share information about the new Polish Heritage Center which opened October 2022 in Panna Maria, Texas. She is the Executive Director of the Center and her power point presentation showed the geographic location of Poland and why it was so important to Europe. After her presentation she introduced Genny Kosub Kraus who was wearing a traditional and colorful Polish skirt and blouse. She was so entertaining and had brought many dolls in costumes from different areas of Poland and many other Polish items of interest. The Carousel Round Table were the hostesses and Diana Lewellan and Johanna Christiansen brought Polish flags, silk poppies, red placemats, and other items to coordinate the color scheme. Pat Porter researched and put together strings of red and white straw garlands using red beads and accordion pleated fan shaped designs and also made poppies from red and white tissue paper. Having traveled to



Poland, I brought many small wooden hand painted eggs and small carved wooden boxes. Our speakers were so delighted with the table decorations that they asked if they could have the paper decorations made by Pat so they could use them at the Polish Heritage Center. We were delighted! I have to mention a wooden walking stick that Genny used to help her walk. She called it a CUIPAGA which is a Brass Polish hand carved Mountaineer's Walking Stick made from a Lindenwood tree. I have had one in my breakfast room for almost forty years and never knew where it had come from!

Our December is now behind us, but I want to once again thank our Christmas Faire Chairman Jennifer Brearly and her Vice Chairman Patricia Broyles. They headed the Faire, but most of you contributed to its success by helping in so many different ways. Like I always say, IT TAKES A VILLAGE.

The Round Tables were amazing because they each took an area of the mansion and decorated it beautifully. From the top of the landing going to the attic to the bottom of the house in the basement, even the elevator was decorated. Next year our theme will be Christmas Around the World and our colors will be red, green and gold. Our 14 ft. Christmas tree decorations will include many dolls in their native costumes. It was suggested that members could volunteer to decorate a small Christmas tree with decorations from a certain country. Linda Parsons may select Norway and I have already chosen Russia. I will keep a list of members who want to decorate a small tree for Christmas 2023!



Cynthia Benton, our Webmaster and Facebook Chairman, has resigned due to many new family responsibilities. We appreciate her service, but understand her need to assist her loving mother Marie Henderson at this time. She says her mother is doing fairly well and loves to talk to people. She cannot bring her to the Woman's Club because Marie does not have the patience to sit at a meeting or at an event, but said her mother would welcome visitors. I have appointed Diana Reyes to serve on the Board as our Webmaster and Facebook Chairman. Diana joined the Woman's Club in November 2021 and has attended most of our meetings and events. When I call for a planning meeting she always attends and gives positive input and volunteers to assist. She earned an M.Ed from Texas Women's University and a B.A.A.S. from South West Texas State University and has vast experience in education. She currently serves as vice president of the San Antonio Retired Teachers Association. The appointment has been ratified by all 5 members of the Executive Committee. Congratulations to Diana!

Virginia
President 2022-2024

TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies, Good Bye 2022...Hello 2023.

It's Year of the Rabbit. The sign of the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope. January 22, 2023 (Chinese New Year) and ends on February 9, 2024. I'm not Chinese to any degree but to know from this proverb that we can perhaps have longevity, be given peace in thoughts and deeds and to gain wealth in some form/s is comforting. My hope for 2023 is that we come together to do what is needed to have successful events. All events matter, our organization exists to meet your needs through our Round Tables and speakers. Our February general meeting will provide a look into the world of Rodeo. Giddy – Up on over to our mansion of February 1 to have some rodeo fun.

Luncheon Review: * Reservations are to be made by 12:00 pm on Monday before Wednesday meeting * If you must save dining room seats, please use place cards to name the guest in reserving the seat/s * Let Tina know several days in advance if you need her to provide whatever, i.e., club meeting, I'd like some coffee, tea, water in my meeting area need tables and/or chairs set up in a particular way If there are concerns and/or questions about what has been said, please let me know.

As your vice president, my next responsibility is our Fiesta Hat Luncheon. A Save the Date notice has been sent out and planning is underway. I will hold a planning meeting on January 26, 10:00 am at the mansion. Come join me in preparation for one of our three big fundraisers. Like all nonprofits, we do ask for monetary donations and service, but you can give something or nothing. We exist to provide various events/opportunities for ourselves and/or our community. Come help me make our Fiesta Hat Luncheon the best ever.

Teamwork is crucial...coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success.
– Henry Ford

With warm regards,

Sandra

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Julie Davis	Feb 3
Joan Headly	Feb 3
Monica Rogers	Feb 5
Courtney Ringelstein	Feb 8
Melba Ann Toscano	Feb 9
Lynn Thompson	Feb 10
Yolanda Ayala Rodela	Feb 11
Mary Ann Oliver	Feb 15



Ellen Myers	Feb 16
Helen Jones	Feb 18
Carol Carpenter	Feb 20
Sandra Whittaker	Feb 21
Darcy Scrimshire	Feb 22
Lorena Escobar	Feb 25
Kim Carmack	Feb 28



At our January meeting, member Angelica Docog gave a fascinating presentation on Poland and how the Panna Maria settlement and new Polish Heritage Center came to be. Representatives from the Center brought beautiful examples of native costumes, embroidery, and dolls that represented various traditional costumes.

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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.

Upcoming Luncheons and Events

Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice-president

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

FEBRUARY 1ST

"GIDDY UP, IT'S RODEO TIME"

Presented by Chris Derby, Sales and Marketing for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. He will bring us up to date and maybe we might see some Rodeo Royalty.

Since 1949, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has grown to become one of the largest, most prestigious single events in the city of San Antonio, with approximately 1.5 million visitors entering the grounds each year. Over 6,000 volunteers give countless hours to the organization each year. Check out the link for this year's full lineup of events

<https://www.sarodeo.com/>

Be sure to make your lunch reservations no later than Monday, January 30th before noon!

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/february-general-meeting-2023/>

Menu

Argentinian Beef Tips
Marinated Roasted Mushrooms
Creamed Spinach
Bourbon Cake



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.



IT IS TIME FOR ALL THINGS FIESTA!

SAVE THE DATE



FIESTA HAT CONTEST AND LUNCHEON

APRIL 26, 2023

The Westin San Antonio North

**9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX
78230**

SILENT AUCTION

We will be conducting a **Silent Auction at the Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon**. Remember, Silent Auctions are *PURE PROFIT* for our Club, but we depend on our members to donate unique, new and unused items – think wine, jewelry, gift baskets, and gift cards/certificates. Everyone likes to eat out (restaurant gift certificates!) and get hair and nails done (salon gift certificates!). You can leave items in the Office with Tina in a container labeled “Fiesta Luncheon Silent Auction Items.” Please fill out the paperwork showing the donor and the value of the item donated. Our proceeds will be used for scholarships, charity donations, and Mansion care. We need your donations and would appreciate receiving them no later than **Monday, April 3, 2023**. Contact Sandy Salinas our Silent Auction Chair, at 210-732-4811 for additional information.

OTHER FIESTA DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Coronation and Reception – Sunday, March 5th
- ❖ Queen’s Reception – Sunday, March 26th



*Save the dates:
April 21-22, 2023*

***Fiesta Flower Show
and Plant Sale***

Volunteers needed call Linda Oliver



Congratulations to Fiesta Especial on their crowning of their Royal Court! The event was attended by our President, Virginia Van Cleave, VP, Sandra Ojeda Medina, Teen Queen Laurel Miller, Princess Melody Hays, and some of our Ingenues.



Prospective Members

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

- ❖ Samantha Henning
- ❖ Teresa Farias
- ❖ Diana Leach

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

INGÉNUÉ PASTA LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

From Ingénue Chair Johanna Christiansen: The 2nd Annual Ingénue Pasta Luncheon was held at the club on the school MLK holiday Monday, January 16th (photos on the following page). Guests enjoyed a delicious pasta meal with over 45 in person/to go lunches cooked and served. Thank you to the fabulous Darcy & Ryan Scrimshire for chairing this event! Thank you also to Ingénues Laurel Miller, Melody Hays, Ryan Scrimshire, Tessa Christiansen, Annika Chapa, Bella Walski, and Paulina Rodriguez for setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning. Thank you also to helpers Darcy Scrimshire, Heather Hays, Carla Riedl, Stacey Bradford Miller, Johanna Christiansen, Irma Duran Rodriguez and Sydney Scrimshire for all of their hard work! We very much appreciate all those that attended, donated, and helped to make this luncheon a success!!





**GREAT FUN WAS HAD BY
ALL ON JANUARY 17TH
PLAYING BUNCO AT THE
MANSION**



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 Billie Arredondo's husband Tony passed away suddenly. Services were held on January 21st.
- ❖ Member Jane Stone's husband Marshall remains under treatment for cancer. Prayers and good vibes are always appreciated.

GOLDEN BOOK

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman

- ❖ In memory of member Judy Willingham, by Carolynn Snyder
- ❖ In memory of Tony Arredondo, husband of Woman's Club member Billie Arredondo, by Carolynn Snyder
- ❖ In memory of Tony Arredondo, husband of Woman's Club member Billie Arredondo, by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In support of Marshall Stone, husband of Woman's Club past president Jane Stone, for full healing and recovery, by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of the 15th birthday of Tessa Christiansen by Brian, Johanna, Harold & Sophia Christiansen
- ❖ Congratulations Barbara and John Leach on your marriage. Best wishes Sandy and Rey Salinas.

The Woman's Club of San Antonio
2023 Fiesta Teenage Queen Coronation Entry Form

Child's name _____

Parents' names _____

Parents' email address _____

Parents' cell phone number _____

Grandparents' names _____

Sponsor's name _____

Participant's height, age and grade in school _____

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 4 YEARS OF AGE.

With this form please also email a brief biography of your child to birdie@swbell.net which includes information about their Woman's Club family members – past and present. Also list current school attending, awards, number of years in our Coronation and any past Royalty in the family. Other information that could be included would be special interests outside of school, pets, etc. We will edit as necessary to have it fit the format of the Coronation Program book. You will be allotted a half of a page. We will also need a recent picture to include in this book in jpeg format.

The fee for this event is \$75 per participant. Please send a check directly to the Woman's Club, 1717 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78212 or call 210-732-4811 to use a credit card. If you wish to have an ad in the Club's Fiesta book, arrangements for that are made separately.

THE DATE OF THE CORONATION IS MARCH 5, 2023.

Plan on a rehearsal at 1:00p.m. FULLY DRESSED.

The Coronation will begin at 3:00p.m.

The reception will be held at the Woman's Club of San Antonio Mansion after the ceremony.

ENTRY FORM, FEE, BIOGRAPHY, AND PHOTO ARE DUE BY JANUARY 25th.

Thank you for your participation in this official Fiesta event.

Robin and committee

The Woman's Club of San Antonio

1717 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212 Phone 210-732-4811

ADS DUE BY FEBRUARY 10TH

Program Advertising Agreement

The Official Fiesta Flower Show, Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon, and Fiesta Teenage Queen Coronation

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