

General Membership Meeting October 4, 2017

Social and shopping: 10:30

Program: 11:00

Luncheon: Noon

Hosting Round Table: Soiree

Community Care Concern: Shriner's Hospital for Children - Houston

Program: Honoring Past Presidents of the Club

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Call 732-4811 before May 1st



Shriners Hospitals for Children*— Houston

President's Message

Wow! What a difference a day makes in so many lives. We go through our lives not anticipating any kind of emergencies or interruptions on a grand scale. We do not expect tragedy in our lives when we step into a new day. But sometimes it hits with a vengeance and instantly changes everything forever. Such, is the case of millions of people in the last few weeks. Ask vourself, do I have all my important information in an accessible location that I could get to in such an emergency? Do I have copies of my information in a safe place out of the reach of a flood, tornado, fire etc.? Sometimes it's not the big things that seem to be ready to eat us alive; rather, it's an accumulation of the little, day to day irritations and problems, hurts, and struggles that try and take us down. What is your Back Up Plan?

I have a dear friend of many years that lives in Vidor, Texas that lost everything she owns in Harvey. Just had time to get just a hand full of clothes and no paperwork and it is just been a nightmare. She just turned 75 this week and she has to start all over again. I went to pick her up in College Station when someone got her up there. She is living with Wayne and I right now. We are blessed here in San Antonio that we missed the bullet of the storm. As we pray for all of these folks, let's also pray for any of our sister Woman's Clubs in the areas that were affected and all the different Service Clubs that help so many individuals and communities that count on them.

Now on a positive note, I am anticipating it will be great to see everyone at the first General Meeting in October 4, 2017. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. I would like to THANK THANK everyone FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK DURING THE SUMMER and in advance for all their hard work in the next few months.

The Woman's Club President 2016-18 Barbara June (BJ) Duncan

Memorial Bricks

Bricks! Bricks! Bricks! Don't forget this is such a unique and special way to make a lasting memory for the affordable price of \$50. Ask Martha for the form which must be completed and turned in to her with your payment (check, cash or credit card). Please <u>make</u> <u>sure</u> Martha sees/is aware of your order with payment so she can advise me that it is pending, has been paid for and is ready for review before we turn over to our engraver. A hand written gift card/note will be sent to those being honored as long as you complete that section on the form.

Harriett Ellerbee, Brick Lady



For the Love of Laura

We lost our beloved member, Laura Sistrunk, last spring. She had been a faithful member, a generous donor, and a loyal friend to The Woman's Club of San Antonio. The week before she fell ill, she was at the club, supervising the creation of the delicious cinnamon rolls for our Christmas Faire Bake Shop. Those rolls were made from her recipe and are a delight and much in demand at the Faire every year.

Laura was well known for her fashion sense also. She was what southern ladies refer to as "well turned out". Always in the best color and styles, she was every inch the lady. Laura's family has donated many of her beautiful clothing items to the club so that they can be sold. Proceeds will be donated to the scholarship fund. The memorials sent to the club for scholarships allowed us to add one more scholarship this year to the ones already received at San Antonio College. Laura would have been delighted.

At our October General Meeting, we will offer clothing and hats from Laura's estate for sale in the library. Please plan to visit before the meeting and find some wonderful items with lots of warm memories attached.

October Birthdays

Kathy Littlefield	1
Pat Hill	4
Carol Keller	5
Adrienne Polisky	6
Janice Buckley	8
Sandra Bradley	9
Royaline Kendall	11
Megan Mulder Owen	11
La Rue Terry	11
Nancy Scofield	14
Marsha Metz	15
Sharon Still	16
Jean Glauser	18
Jackie Helmke	18
Dee Fulbright	19
Irma Pena	19
Elaine Tucker	20
Ginger Vlieger	20
Deana Somerville	22
Marie Goforth	24





Care and Concern – cards, prayers, thoughts, and other support

- Member Jeanette Atkinson has been in the hospital and rehab facility undergoing treatment for blood clots. She is in the midst of her third surgery. Ongoing prayers, cards, and support requested.
- Husband of member Sarah Sheppard, Bill, has been ill for some time. Please keep Bill and his wife Sarah in your prayers. Let them know we miss them. Cards and prayers appreciated.
- New member Nadine Barrientos mother, Mary Ann Barrientos, is recovering from open heart surgery. She would like prayers for a speedy recovery. Cards welcomed.
- Member Cheryl Conway's sister-in law, Janet Edwards, passed away the end of August in Arlington, TX. Prayers for the family and cards welcomed.
- Past President (1969-1971) Hazel Nelle Spillman passed away on September 19th. She leaves behind quite the legacy: mother of past president Nell Still; mother, grandmother and great grandmother of three Fiesta Princesses and six Fiesta Teenage Queens. Her Life Tribute can be found in the SA Express News 9/22 edition and at: http://porterloring.tributes.com/obituary/show/Hazel-Nelle-Astin-Buchanan-Nelson-Spillman-105217778. Prayers for the family.

News You Can Use

- Annual membership dues are due as of 1 July! You can pay by check, cash or credit card
- Vehicle Parking Stickers are now available for your car. Pick one up in the office. This will prevent your vehicle being towed!
- A Note from the Assistant Treasurer: There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding what qualifies members as "out-of-town." According to the Woman's Club by-laws: "Non-resident members, who reside more than fifty (50) miles outside Bexar County, may pay reduced dues. They do not have the privilege of holding office, making motions, or voting." If you have any questions or need further clarification please call the Assistant Treasurer, Gloria Tate, at 210-382-1926.
- The Nominating Committee will soon start meeting to select nominees for 2018-2020 Club officers. If you are interested in being considered for:

Vice PresidentGrouMembership ChairmanPublYearbook ChairmanNewsHouse ChairmanNotifiLong Range Planning Chairman

Grounds Chairman Publicity Chairman Newsletter Chairman Notification Chairman Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Treasurer Assistant Treasurer

Please contact Nominating Committee members: Marsha Metz, Chairman; Marjorie Douglas, Jean French, Helen Henderson, Connie Linville, Cecily Macdonald, Barbara Niemann, Angela Pfeiffer, or Kim Rees.

22 Inch Nobel Fir Christmas Wreathes. Wonderful live noble fir wreaths are now being sold by the Volunteer Service Council of the State Hospital. This holiday fundraiser directly benefits patients at the hospital. The Council purchases birth certificates, social security cards, bus tickets home, lunch on the road, Christmas presents, hygiene products, a Thanksgiving dinner for patients and families, etc. The Volunteer Service Council was started by Modernist RT in 1952. Members of the Woman's Club serve on the Board of VSC, and it is one of the Woman's Club charities. Support this fundraiser and help us help Hospital patients. The noble fir wreaths are 22-inch wreaths and cost only \$28. Orders must be placed by Nov 1 and are delivered on Nov 13. Please help us by purchasing one of these fresh and fragrant wreaths. Contacts: Jaquie Rothermel at mailto:jaquie@swbell.net or 219-3429 and Helen Henderson at mailto:hmshend@sbcglobal.net or 481-3414 to place your order.

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The Twisted Witches present 2017 Witch and Warlock Ball join us SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2017

The Twisted Witches of San Antonio invite you to the First Annual Witch and Warlock Ball. Help us celebrate a night of exciting music, dance, revelry and ritual.

> tickets www.theTwistedWitches.com

location The Woman's Club 1717 San Pedro

contact 210.748.7976

Fall Lunchgon San Antonio Country Club

- Great food

- hats





I Have Reservations About This....

A Note from the VP

We have luncheon events all year long: some expensive and most not so expensive. With each of these events, we are requesting that you make your reservations by the deadline stated and that you pay the amount for the reservation in full. The exception to the payment in full is for the General Meeting lunches. But trust me, WE STILL NEED YOUR RESERVATIONS on time!

Here are the facts:

- The club must guarantee a number with our meal provider. This is done well ahead of time so that whoever is providing the meal will have sufficient quantities of food to provide a meal for everyone.
- Our guarantee is generally asked for two days in advance, but with bigger events, we must provide a guaranteed number a week in advance.
- The number we provide to the caterer is the amount we must pay for the meal.
- We must identify any special meal requests at this time as well.

That's all pretty simple, and most understand this. What has changed is the "fudge factor" that was common in the past. Caterers would provide up to 10% additional food if needed at the last minute. Our providers no longer do this because of the waste that no one is able to afford in today's economy. BUT:

- People have reserved and not paid, leaving us responsible for the charge for lunch if they also decide (because they have no money on the table) not to come.
- People want to cancel at the last minute. At times, a reasonable excuse is just that, reasonable. We will provide a refund without question.
- Others want to reserve at the last minute. Once our guarantee has been provided, it is very difficult to add additional meals. And when the request for a reservation is made less than 24 hours before the event, a real problem arises.

Any reservation that has been guaranteed and not paid is a loss to the club if the individual does not come and does not pay. Of course, we could advise that person to pay for the reservation, but do you really want our time spent in this way? Please regard the deadlines for reservations and follow them. I would be the first to acknowledge that mistakes have been made regarding reservations. Unfortunately, when humans are putting lists together, this will happen. But when an aspect of the reservation process can be controlled, it should be. I am asking you to do your part in keeping our finances in good shape by making your reservations on time and paying for them when you make them.

Your efforts will make Martha Aguirre's job so much better, and the board's hairstyles will stay in place!

Golden Book

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

In Honor of the Birthday of **Jeanette Atkinson** In Honor of new baby **Julia Claire Atkinson**, granddaughter of Harold & Jeanette Atkinson and daughter of James & Megan Atkinson By Diane Lewallen

In Memory of Rose Linnartz, a real woman, By Rose Hoelscher

In Memory of Janet Edwards, sister-in-law of Cheryl Conway, By Kathy Littlefield

In Honor of **Elaine Tucker**, for a speedy recovery, By Yaeko Coburn

In Honor of the 10th Birthday of **Tessa Christiansen** In Memory of **Sylvia Foster** In Memory of **Emily Zaltsman** By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of **Paulette Jiles**, September program, By The Woman's Club

In Honor of the Birthday of **Kathy Littlefield** In Honor of the Birthday of **Carol Keller** In Honor of the Birthday of **Marsha Metz** By Ginger Vlieger



SAVE THE DATE!



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