

## THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



**RUSTLING LEAVES**

**NOVEMBER 2019**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

### **CHRISTMAS FAIRE IN THE MANSION: DECEMBER 2 – 5**

The Woodward House will be gloriously decorated with all kinds of Christmas stars, and we want to be sure that you are part of the fun! Each day will feature two seatings for lunch: 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Lunch is \$40 per person, **PRE-PAID LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**, and the deadline for luncheon reservations is **November 27**. Call the club at (210) 732-4811, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 pm to make reservations. Please leave a message if after hours! **DAILY LUNCHEON MENU:**

**December 2—Monday:** Waldorf Salad, Chicken Piccata, Rice Pilaf/Garlic Roasted Broccoli, Marble Cake with Chocolate Ganache

**December 3—Tuesday:** Golden Winter Soup, Beef Tips with Cherries, Creamy Mashed Potatoes/Green Beans, Almondine Lemon Mousse

**December 4—Wednesday:** Caesar Salad, Pecan Crusted Chicken, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Brown Sugar Glazed Carrots, Marble Cake with Chocolate Ganache

**December 5—Thursday:** Cauliflower Leek Soup, Chicken with Lemon Chive Sauce, Herbed Couscous, Individual Cheesecake

There is no admission to visit our beautiful mansion where you will discover our club Boutiques, Bake Shoppe, and a ballroom filled with vendors of every description to help you find all of the gifts and goodies you need for the holiday season.



*"Christmas Star"*  
*Annual Christmas Faire in the Mansion*

## November Birthdays

Hannah Bess	1	Kay Turner	20
Pat Porter	3	Patricia Williams	21
Tawana Timberlake	6	Madelyn Mulder	22
Vonzetta Hickman	9	Gloria Almarez	23
Arlene Collins	11	Chula Boyle	28
Marjorie Douglas	11	Isabella Nino	28
Mary Theresa Casiano	13	Gretchen Hill	30
Pat Cavanaugh	17	Krystal Patel	30
Mari Duran	19		



## Care and Concern

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- Member Connie Linville, who was recently hospitalized.
- Member Michael Quintanilla, who had complications from gall bladder surgery and is undergoing additional surgeries.
- Member Mickey Tovar is recovering from walking pneumonia.
- House Manager Martha Aguirre thanks everyone for their notes and well wishes while recovering from surgery. She is back at work at the club and ready to greet you and take your reservations for lunches.
- Member and past president Rosemary Sundeen has not been well for a while. Also, her husband suffered a bad fall and was in the hospital, followed by in-patient rehab.

***More information about each family above has been emailed to all members from Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Goza. Please remember if she does not know, she cannot let others know how you are! Contact her at [slmoreland@att.net](mailto:slmoreland@att.net).***

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ALL members are encouraged and invited to submit your photos from Woman's Club events for possible use in the newsletter and/or website, [www.womansclubofsa.org](http://www.womansclubofsa.org).



## **GENERAL MEETING – Wed., Nov. 6**

Program speaker: Paula Allen,  
San Antonio history specialist in the  
*San Antonio Express-News*...she brings to life  
the memories of San Antonio!

### **Schedule:**

Club Boutique, Bee Alive Boutique, Special Sale from the collection of past president B.J. Duncan	10:30 AM
General Meeting – vote on proposed 2020 Garage Sale Program	11:15 AM
Luncheon**	12:00 PM

**\*\*PAID RESERVATION REQUIRED BY 10 AM, NOV. 4**

Community Concern:

Children's Garden in the San Antonio Botanical Gardens

Hosted by: American Home and Garden Round Table

## **SIGN UP TO HELP AT CHRISTMAS FAIRE— WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

If you have not received an invite to view the Signup Genius to help, please email [womansclubofsa@aol.com](mailto:womansclubofsa@aol.com). During the 4 day event (Dec. 2-5), we will have the Club's boutique, Bee Alive Boutique, vendors in the ballroom, and Bake Shoppe. Help is needed in many areas: to bring items for the Bake Shoppe, for serving in the dining rooms, supplying snacks and lunches for the vendors, shuttle drivers, greeters, and a multitude of other activities. This is an "all hands on deck" affair! Please sign up online to help. Thank you!

### **Bake Shoppe:**

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 Monday, December 2.** 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.
3. Bake Shoppe will price the items.
4. The items should be labeled with your name, The Woman's Club of San Antonio, 1717 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78212.
5. 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.
6. The label must state the name of the product.
7. Your label should also include any ingredients that may be allergens such as egg, nuts, soy, peanuts, wheat, or milk.
8. 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. Questions? Contact Marsha at (210) 732-5600 or [mcmetz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcmetz@sbcglobal.net).



## GINGERBREAD PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS FAIRE SALE

The tradition of rolling out the dough continued on Oct. 23....thank you to all the volunteers who prepared the dough and then rolled and cut it out. Donations are still being accepted for decorations to go into the Gingerbread Kits. Contact Kathy Littlefield at [mzkitty506@gmail.com](mailto:mzkitty506@gmail.com).



## ROUND TABLE REPORTS

Below: The Bee Alive Crafters Round Table met in the home of Chairman Iris Ann Francis to work on more crafts to sell at the Christmas Faire. They delivered some "harvest goodies" to their charity, Seton Home too recently.



Right: Rosemary Reyna-Sanchez spoke to the members of the American Home & Garden RT about the "Spirits of San Antonio" at their October meeting. She has plans to write a book about her experiences.





*Saint Paul*, one of the most prolific writers of the Bible, began many of his messages (1 Corinthians, Thessalonians 1, and Philippians 1) the same way I am feeling today: I give thanks for you. In our General Meeting in October, I outlined in my "State of the Union" address the many needs we have at the club for both funds and talent. We have a strong club, and our future looks bright. We also have a clubhouse with many vital needs for repair. When I asked for your help with funds, especially when I announced that Kathy Littlefield has pledged to match each gift for restoration dollar for dollar up to \$50,000, our path became brighter. You are stepping up with your gifts! I am so thankful for Kathy's generosity and for yours as well. We still have a way to go and much to do, but I know that you will come through for our elegant, historic mansion. You are also stepping forward to offer help for our Christmas Faire in the Mansion. This year's event will be from December 2 through December 5, and everyone's help is needed for this event. You were sent a Sign-Up Genius with the tasks to do, and I am delighted to say that most of the specified slots are taken. What we still need, because the slots are UNLIMITED, are bakers for both the Bake Shoppe and the vendor lounge. Even if you are a new member, or if you are a long-time member but are unsure of how you can help; this is an easy one to fulfill. Please return to your email for the sign-up (you might find it in your spam or junk file) and ensure that we know that we can count on you to help.

Our Round Tables have all begun their



meetings for the club year, and I am proud to say that all look healthy and well-attended. Many exciting programs are planned for the coming year. If you have not found your spot in a Round Table, refer to your yearbook, contact the chairman, and make plans to join. I think most club members find that their most enjoyable times are during those Round Table meetings. It is a good opportunity to meet new friends on a more personal level. Keep in mind that no limit is placed on the number of members for any Round Table.

We will be trying some new events in the coming year: matinee movies at the mansion, a club-wide garage sale, new party ideas, and much more. I would love to hear your ideas about activities you would like to see at the club. I appreciate your enthusiasm and contributions. I value your creative endeavors. We have much to be thankful for, and most of all, I am thankful for each of YOU.

*Ferne Burney, President*

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**Welcome!** Some of our new members who were voted into membership during the summer were recognized at the October meeting. Not all are pictured, but we extend a hearty welcome to:

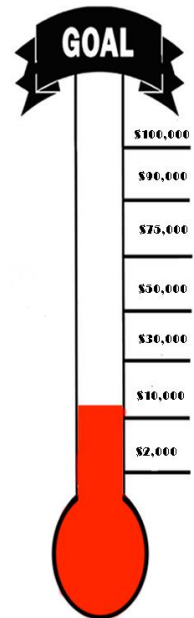
- Constance "Connie" Cooper
- Sara Fitzgerald
- Patricia Geppert
- Kelly Palubiak
- Misty Rios
- Kathy Scoggin-Swallow
- Vanessa Van Cleave

New membership applications can be submitted at any time during the year. Have you invited someone to the club yet and encouraged them to become a member this year?



## PEOPLE, PASSION, POSSIBILITIES

It has been said that working for something that you do not care about is the definition of **STRESS**, and that working for something that you do care about is **PASSION**. Many of us are passionate about our club and our Woodward House mansion and its **POSSIBILITIES**. As we identified structural issues with the Woodward House, we face some daunting tasks ahead. We have no choice but to restore windows, balconies, and flooring. Each of these is in danger of being lost to the elements and to time. We cannot watch our beloved clubhouse be a victim of "demolition by neglect". We have a legacy and a promise to uphold that we entered in 1927. We will need at least \$100,000 to complete the structural issues around our house. Last year, Lisa del Rio was our House Chairman and identified many of these issues with her eagle-eyed knowledge of restoration and house structures. With Lisa's move to another state, Helen Henderson has taken over the job of House Chairman and has put many **PEOPLE** to work fixing the issues that had been identified. She is also in the process of doing some refurbishing in the form of painting various rooms in the mansion that needed a facelift. Our gratitude goes to both of these valued members for their care and concern. Please offer whatever monetary gift you can! Those of us who are older than 70.5 years (ahem!) may find that our Required Minimum Distributions from our IRAs are a pain because, well, they are **REQUIRED**. They are also fully taxable, and many of us would rather not pay additional taxes. If the amount is rolled over to The Woman's Club of San Antonio, no taxes will be due for the amount since it was sent to a 501(c)3 Non-Profit entity. Your investment professional can help you do this. We have an offer to match every dollar donated to the club, one for one, to a maximum of \$50,000. This offer is not time-limited, but it will help if we reach our goal more quickly since the needed repairs are **NOT** time-limited. These need to be completed as soon as possible, before any further damage is done. We hope that you will find a creative way to help us achieve our goals. We thank you for every gift. **Ferne Burney, President and the Board of Directors**



Our capital campaign has begun! We are funding the house restoration with **People, Passion, and Possibilities**.

As of Oct. 21, we have collected \$6,185, and our goal is \$100,000.

We thank and appreciate the following who have donated to Fund the House:

Barbara Walski  
Nelle Still  
Noontide Round Table  
Marsha Metz  
American Home and Garden Round Table  
Books and Letters Round Table  
Sandra Bradley  
Ferne Burney  
Helen Henderson  
Jacque Bonney  
Barbara Vander  
Anita Oberle  
Carousel Round Table  
Soiree Round Table  
Fiesta Round Table

And we are grateful for the generous match that has been made by Kathy Littlefield.

Please consider making a contribution to this fund, especially as the end of the year approaches and we think of tax deductible contributions. Any contribution you make to the Woodward House restoration fund will be fully tax deductible. Donations made to the Golden Book Fund and marked for House Restoration will be matched for the purposes of this capital campaign.

# Golden Book Gifts

Submitted By:

Johanna Christiansen, Golden Book Chairman

Diane Lewallen, Golden Book Committee



In Honor of **Kathy Littlefield** and all other women of vision and charity

By Ferne Burney

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**

By Helen Henderson

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**

By Barbara Vander

In Honor of **James E. Wright**, brother of Jacqueline Bonney

By Jacqueline Bonney

In Memory of **Virginia Brummel**, mother of Sandra Bradley

By Sandra Bradley

In Memory of **Harriett Ellerbee**

By Marsha Metz

In Honor of the Birthday of **Kathy Littlefield**

In Honor of the Birthday of **Rosemarie Taylor**

In Honor of the Birthday of **LaRue Terry**

In Honor of the Birthday of **Patsy Pelton**

By Anita Oberle

In Memory of our mother, **Hazel Nelson Spillman**

By Nelle Still Pichler and Barbara Walski

In Honor of the 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday of **Tessa Christiansen**

In Memory of **Virginia Brummel**, mother of Sandra Bradley

By Brian, Johanna, Sophia and Harold Christiansen

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**

By The Carousel Round Table

In Honor of **The Noontide Round Table**

By Anonymous

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**

By The Soirée Round Table

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**

By The Fiesta Round Table

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**

By The Books and Letters Round Table

In Honor of **Kathy Littlefield**

By The American Home and Garden Round Table

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**

By The Noontide Round Table



**REMEMBER TO DESIGNATE WHICH FUND YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR GIFT APPLIED.**

**A minimum GOLDEN BOOK GIFT is \$10 and can be matched in the capital campaign if you mark it for HOUSE RESTORATION FUND. But \*any\* size gift can be given to the campaign.**



## ¡Viva Fiesta 2020!



Above: Some of the royalty present at the unveiling of the 2020 Fiesta Commission official poster in October.

Congratulations to Hannah Geppert, who will reign as the 2020 Teen Queen and Lillie Medina as Teen Princess.



## AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING — SPECIAL COLLECTION SALE



Member and past president B.J. Duncan and her husband have relocated to a smaller residence this summer. She graciously has donated a great amount of her beautiful clothes and accessories to the Club so they could be sold and the proceeds be added to the "Fund the House" capital campaign to raise \$100,000. Be sure to come early for best selection before the General Meeting on November 6 beginning at 10:30 AM at the Mansion.

Shown at left are some of our past presidents honored at the October General Meeting. B.J. Duncan is at the far right near the Texas flag in the photo.

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!