

Rustling

June 2021



Leaves

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From the President's Desk

In the month of May our Mansion has been filled with color and happiness.

At the Queen's Reception, the ballroom, dining rooms, and entry were decorated with colorful Fiesta decorations from ceiling to floor. A delicious fajita meal was prepared by Angela Pfeiffer and her team. Guests included Fiesta royalty, Rey Feo Thomas Aguillon, and, of course, our Fiesta Teen Queen Sophia Christiansen and our Fiesta Teen Princess Isabella Niño. (See page 5 of this newsletter for more pictures of this traditional event.)



Within a week, our ballroom was transformed from Fiesta décor to gold décor with white roses for our Golden Girls' Luncheon. Noontide Round Table hosted this glittering affair. Janice McGraw prepared an amazing lunch for our Golden Girls and their guests. We love our Golden Girls! (Golden Girl Luncheon photos below and on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter.)

With the wonders of the vaccines, we are coming back with so many entertaining events. Please mark your calendars with the June meeting and Summer Luncheon dates as highlighted on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing all of you!



Ladies, our annual membership fee of \$150 is due on July 1, 2021. Please see details on page 15 of this newsletter.

Jane Stone
President

Meetings & Luncheons

Virginia Van Cleave, Vice-president

General Meeting June 2, 2021 - Social time opens at 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11:00

In June we announce our 2021 scholarship recipients and we remember those we have lost this past year with a memorial ceremony.

We will also be highlighting THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO RECIPE BOOK which was published under the administration of Barbara June (B.J.) Duncan 2016-2018. This wonderful project was started by Barbara Vander and her committee. The project was continued by Sandra Ojeda Medina when she became the Ways and Means Committee Chairman. Recipes had already been collected from our members, families and friends. Sandra continued collecting and put the recipes in their respective categories. The Recipe Book was a big project, but so worth the times with so many memories for so many members.

Tina Zimmerman and your program chairman selected recipes from our Recipe Book for our June luncheon. ENJOY!!

Waldorf Salad submitted by GWEN SCHWAB

Chicken with Orange Mustard Glaze submitted by ROSE HOELSCHER

Asparagus, Roasted with Pecan Sauce submitted by ANGELA PFEIFFER

Noodles Romanoff submitted by BARBARA DILLMAN

Poppy Seed Bread, Glazed submitted by BETTY LEWANDOWSKI



Cook books will be available at the meeting for \$16, inc. tax.

RSVP to Karin Fee by the prior Monday @ 12:00 p.m. w/ \$25 payment if including lunch.

Summer Luncheon Programs

Rose Sherman Williams/Holocaust Survivor



June 16, 2021 - Letters to Rose

11:00 a.m. at the Omni Colonnade Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Blvd.

Ticket prices: \$45 adults/ \$20 youth

The Woman's Club is hosting a very special speaker for the first Summer Luncheon of 2021. Come meet 94-year-old Rose Williams, an Auschwitz survivor with a story to share. Rose is a remarkable woman of courage and resilience. Her retelling vividly recalls some of the darkest moments in human history, but her resourcefulness, faith and love for mankind fills us with hope and inspiration.

Reservations are now being taken by Karin Fee, 210-352 0467.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, June 11th.

Signed copies of her book LETTERS TO ROSE will be sold at the luncheon.

July 21, 2021 University of the Incarnate Word Fashion Show

11:00 a.m. at the Woodward Mansion – Ticket price \$40

Our Mr. Fiesta, Michael Quintanilla, will emcee this event. He was a judge for the University of the Incarnate Word's Senior Fashion program's design and product development projects. The garments and concepts you will see were inspired and focused with attention to marketability, sustainability, and what the women in today's era desire. Their answer: separates, lots of updated, classic separates with modern touches such as interesting silhouettes and fabric blends. The program will end with a CHITCHAT led by Michael.

Luncheon follows the program.



Meetings & Luncheons (cont'd)

August 18, 2021 - Bill Groneman – Writer, Musician, 9/11 First Responder



11:00 a.m. at the Woodward Mansion – Ticket price \$40

Bill Groneman, former captain with FDNY Engine Company 308 was among the 16,000 members of the department who responded to the fall of the Twin Towers on 9/11. It is hard to believe that 20 years have passed since these events occurred that forever changed our way of life.

Bill is retired and now lives in Kerrville with his wife and has authored several books, including "September 11: A Memoir." He returned to New York City for the second, fifth, 10th, and 15th anniversaries of the disaster. He said the 20th may be his last time.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Fall Luncheon ~ "Sweet Dreams of Patsy"

September 15, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.
San Antonio Country Club

International recording star and entertainer Patsy Torres will perform a musical program which will highlight the life and music of the legendary Country superstar Patsy Cline. Patsy Torres embodies the voice, appearance and characteristics of her childhood idol.



We had fun at the "Fiestively" decorated Woodward Mansion for the May luncheon.



Guest speaker, Richard Ojeda, invited his mariachis to sing three beautiful songs before his program. He shared stories of Fiesta, family, and fortitude. Richard has been hooked on Fiesta since Fiesta Royalty came to Graebner Elementary when he was a kid. Family stories high-lighted his mother's love and influence. His commitment to community shows fortitude serving the daily meals for the children at the Freeman Coliseum with his partner RK & Black Tie team.



Thanks to members Kim Keller & Janice McGraw
for the Fiesta decorations!

We are so
proud
of you.

Sandy & Rey Salinas
Nana & Grandpa



Viva Fiesta!
San Antonio





*The Fiesta Teen Queen Reception at the Woodward Mansion
May 2nd, 2021*



From the Queen's Reception Co-Chairman Johanna Christiansen:

The Queen's Reception was held on Sunday, May 2nd, at The Woman's Club and was a spectacular event honoring Fiesta Teen Queen Sophia Christiansen and Teen Princess Isabella Niño! The club was full of the Fiesta spirit and 161 guests including Fiesta Royalty, the Military Ambassadors, members from the Fiesta Commission, and club members were treated to drinks on the porch to mariachi music, a served seated fajita dinner, and a festive program.

I want to thank all those that helped and volunteered for this event. I would like to thank Jane Stone and Virginia Van Cleave, for all their guidance, for serving on the Queen's Reception committee, and for running the program. Thank you to Diane & Jay Lewallen and to my father Harold Atkinson for their very generous contributions early on to ensure that this event would occur. Angela Pfeiffer deserves so much praise and thanks as she headed up the ordering, purchasing and preparing for all of the food! Angela is so talented (and a wonderful cook-her corn in a cup is amazing) and I so appreciate all she did! Thank you also to the great people who helped with the purchasing and cooking including Chula Boyle (wow-her beans & rice were delicious), Leslie Doyle, Gail Jarratt, Gloria Tate, Susan & Mark Adamson, Pat Porter, Kathy Littlefield, Lynn Thompson, Betty Lewandowski, Brian Christiansen, and Elaine Staller. Members also made yummy tres leches cakes (thank you Virginia for the awesome recipe) for the dessert with thank yous for making cakes to Virginia & Brittany Van Cleave, Margaret Cluck, Sophia & Tessa Christiansen, Kathy Littlefield, Julie Alexander-Shacklett, Sharon Alexander, and Lynn Thompson.

Thank you to Brian, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen, Yvonne & Carlos Niño and Gretchen & Alexis Hill for moving all the tables and chairs in place and setting up for the reception. The decorations were so incredible and were done by Kimberly Keller and Janice McGraw. Thank you to Janice McGraw for the snazzy invitations. Thank you to Jennifer Brearley for providing the colorful "Viva Fiesta" yard sign on the front lawn. Thank you to Julie Alexander-Shacklett and Darcy Scrimshire for doing the festive decorations on the outside of the house. Thank you to Helen Jones, Gretchen, Alexis & Tyler Hill for purchasing and bringing all the drinks to the club. Thank you, Diane Lewallen, for the use of your coolers. Heather, Melody, Jonathan & Keith Hays, thank you for cleaning up all the pollen and leaves the morning of the event after the storms. Sandra Bradley, Heather & Melody Hays are appreciated for doing the COVID waivers as guests arrived.

Thank you to these members who gave generous contributions for the Queen's Reception including Diane & Jay Lewallen, Angela Pfeiffer, Harold Atkinson, Christiansen family, Sandra Bradley, Patty Geppert, Trace Mahbubani, Carolyn Snyder, Yvonne Niño, Armandina Sifuentes, Patricia Villarreal, Tawana Timberlake, Kim Rees, Sylvia Wong, Gretchen Hill, Julie Alexander-Shacklett, Mari Duran, Lea Fagin, Dolores Tamez, Sharon Alexander, Karen Ward, Helen Henderson, Angelica Docog, Patricia Broyles, Susan Moreland, Jean French, Barbara Walski, Peggy Guerrero, Marie Soules, Ginger Vlieger, and Cyndi Munch. Thank you to Avery Walker, Cathy Carroll and Brian Christiansen for the cleanup help. Thank you to Marsha Metz for providing the payments needed in a very timely manner, to Ferne Burney for waiting at the club to accept the supply deliveries we needed, and to Helen Henderson & Susan Gargotta that helped with the questions about the operating of the house. Thank you to Karin Fee for putting together the Fiesta Program that was put at each place and for Patsy Pelton & Trace Mahbubani for their program help and for Trace taking the Queen's Reception donations.

Thank you to the Ingénues that served as greeters including Gaby Geppert, Avery Walker, Sarah Stone, Ryan Scrimshire, Ryann McAnelly, Tessa Christiansen and Melody Hays. Thank you to Queen Sophia Christiansen (your speech at the reception program was very moving) and Princess Isabella Niño for representing the club so well. I will always remember this wonderful day and all of those that made the Queen's Reception a success!

*Thank you so much!!! Viva Fiesta!!!
Johanna Christiansen*

*The Reyes family Salutes The Woman's Club
on another great year!*



Congratulations to our two coronation participants!



PEYTON MEADOW REYES



LAVINIA GEORGETTE REYES



Care and Concern
As reported from Susan Moreland-Goza



Nancy Scofield passed away.

B. J. Duncan's son, Steven, passed away.

Marjorie Douglas's brother and niece passed away.

Rosemarie Taylor is recovering from a bad fall and arm surgery.

Connie Linville is not doing well. Cheerful cards are appreciated.

Susan Moreland-Goza's husband is seriously ill and has been hospitalized.

Elizabeth Moad, had surgery due to a bad fall.

Diane Lewallen is recovering from a fall.

Carol Keller had knee surgery.

Patti Villarreal had surgery.



Golden Book

Submitted by Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman

In Memory of my father, Morris S. Buchanan
By Nelle Still

In Memory of Marjorie Douglas' Brother and Niece
By Anita Oberle

In Memory of my dearest friend, Nell Jenschke Craighead, past long time member of the Woman's Club
By Nelle Still

In Memory of my mother, Hazel Buchanan Nelson Spillman, past long time member and president of the
Woman's Club 1969 - 1971
By Nelle Still

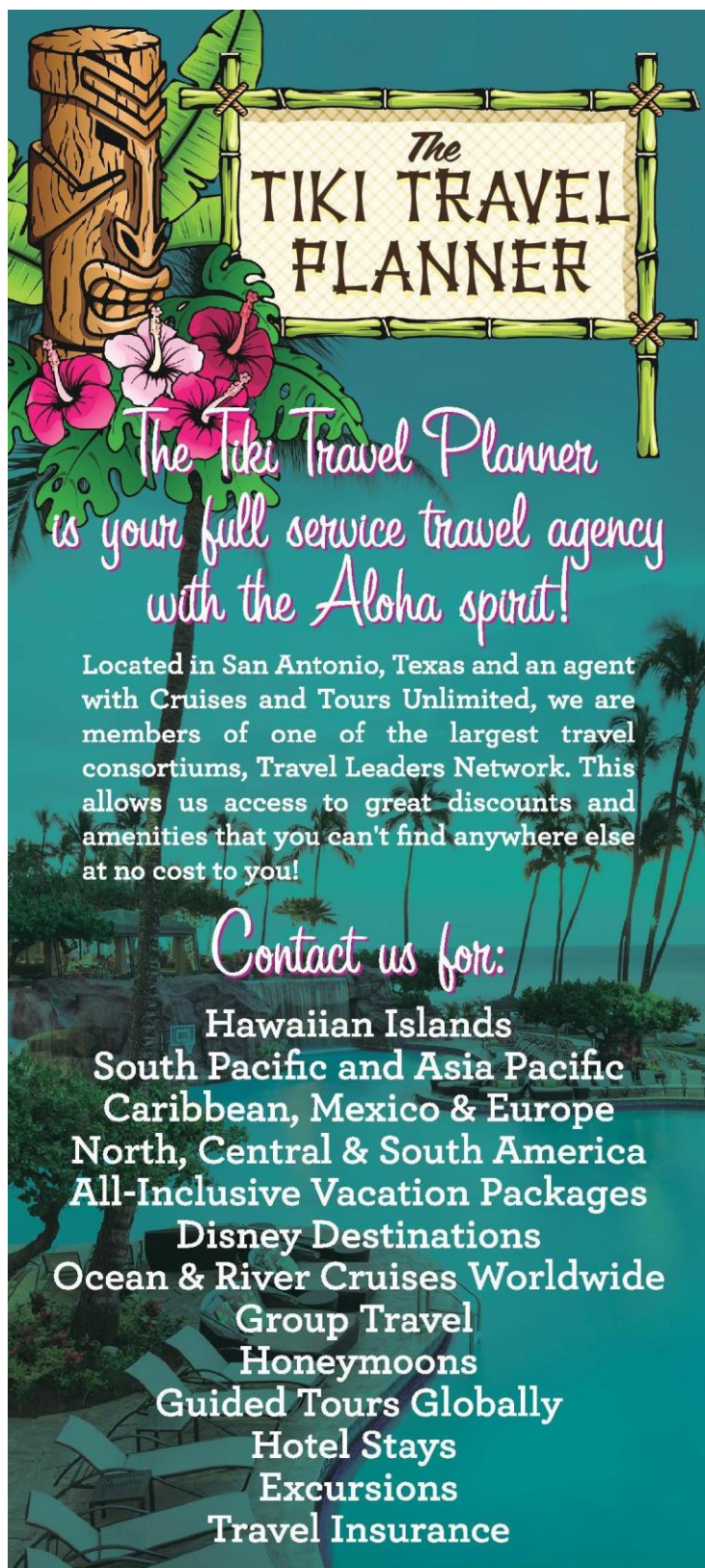
In Memory of Peter A. Walski, husband of member Barbara Walski, father-in-law of member Sue Walski, and
brother-in-law of Nelle Still
By Nelle Still

In Honor of Cyndi Munch - Congratulations on your 1st year of outstanding Woman's Club newsletters
By Patsy Pelton

In Honor of our May Speaker Richard Ojeda
By the Woman's Club

In Honor of the Woman's Club
By Anita Oberle





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Treasurer's Report

Marsha Metz, Treasurer

Income Statement - April 2021

Revenues

Scholarships	\$ 12.00
Dues	447.50
Initiation Fees	400.00
Property Usage	1,350.00
Round Table Lunches	70.00
Donations - Cash	11,049.00
Donations - In Kind	1,782.50
Fiesta Program Book	100.00
Fiesta Coronation Entry Fees	150.00
Fiesta Medals	424.32
Fiesta Queen's Recep. (Donations)	1,245.00
General Meeting Lunches	1,279.15
Summer Luncheons	463.50
Interest income	2.22
Dividend income	27.32
Commemorative Bricks	61.80
Newsletter Advertising	309.00
PPP Loan Forgiveness	<u>12,100.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>31,273.31</u>

Expenses

Fiesta Program Book	1,200.00
Fiesta Coronation	1,044.61
Fiesta Miscellaneous	62.50
General Meeting Lunch	630.00
Name Tags	24.00
Professional Fees (Donated)	1,600.00
Bank Charge Credit Card	111.58
Office Supplies	38.04
Phone & Internet	240.26
Insurance - House & Liability	3,255.20
Utilities	689.96
Water	368.72
House/Kitchen Supplies (Reimbursement)	(47.44)
Maintenance & Repairs (Donated)	120.00
Wages	228.95
Insurance - Workers Comp.	<u>(17.00)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>9,549.38</u>

Net Income

\$ 21,723.93

In addition to the Income Statement for April 2021, Marsha has prepared the IRS 990 form, Periodic Report of Nonprofit Corporation (FY July 1 – June 30), and PPP repayment letter from Frost Bank.



The American Home & Garden Round Table visited the Botanical Gardens to see the Frida Kahlo exhibit in May. Enjoying lunch at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens Jardin restaurant are (left to right) Rose Reyna-Sanchez, Marsha Metz, Patsy Pelton, Ferne Burney, Patricia Broyles, Elaine Staller, Sandra Whittaker, Jean French, and Jeanne Koplan.



Pictured on the left: Jeanne Koplan standing in front of the replica of Casa Azul, the Frida Kahlo house.

...AND WE'RE PARTYING!

The Friendship Round Table met at the Woodward Mansion for a program and lunch.



Above: Kathy Tarkington takes the prize for the most clever and loyal hat!



Pictured to the left are members of the Friendship Round Table enjoying being together again in the main dining room.

More fun things to do:

The Michelangelo Sistine Chapel Exhibition comes to San Antonio June 11 through September 6. Full size silk screens of the Chapel frescoes will be displayed throughout the Lambermont Mansion.

Location: The Lambermont Mansion, 950 E. Grayson Street (owned by former member Dona Liston).

Tickets: \$20. Dona is donating \$5 from each admission purchased for June 24th through June 27th to the Woman's Club.

Fiesta Culture: Behind the Seams ~ Fiesta Teen Queen Hannah Geppert's train is included in the Fiesta Royalty display.

Location: Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway Street

Tickets: \$10 Children/\$14 Adults/ \$13 Seniors. Tuesdays between 3:00 and 5:00 admission is free.



Welcome New Members!

Patricia Villarreal, Membership Chairman

JoAnn Ahmadi (on the left in the luncheon photo) was introduced to the club by her friend Orbilia Hayes. JoAnn has been in real estate for over 27 years. JoAnn is involved in community service and has raised over \$49,000 for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. If you enjoy travel and/or shopping, JoAnna may be your fun times companion.

Adela N. Gonzalez, PhD, MPA, (Master of Public Administration) is on the right in the luncheon photo. Adela was introduced to the club by Virginia Van Cleave. They first met in 2013 when Adela was inducted into the San Antonio Woman's Hall of Fame. Adela is a retired from her role as the Executive Director of the Center for South Texas Programs UTHSC. She is recognized as a leader in the field of public health and has worked with many service projects including events to raise scholarship funds.

The House Report

By Susan Gargotta

I felt it was important to report the measures the Woman's Club is taking to secure our beautiful house. There has been vandalism to the house and around the grounds during the COVID pandemic.

Recently the basement window was kicked in. The individual(s) who did the damage had to climb over a locked chain link fence to get to the windows. The bars on the inside prevented the entry into the house. The window needed to be boarded up as soon as possible. Bexar C&R Construction was able to provide a same-day response for the repair.

Homeless persons have lit fires on the back staircase and accessed the front balcony from the fire escape. I contacted SAFD. Captain Teague met me at the house to review options for securing the house and still be compliant with safety standards for activities in the house. The suggestion was to enclose the back stairs with an emergency push gate and make this exit our fire escape. The back stairs are wider than the metal fire escape on the front of the house. With this revision, the metal fire escape on the front of the house will be removed and the railing filled in to close access and prevent any trespasser(s) from camping out on the second story balcony. I will keep you informed on work at the Woodward House.





*The
Golden Girls
of
The Woman's Club
2021*



...More Golden Girls....

This year professional portrait sittings at the Mansion were arranged for our Golden Girls. The composite on the previous page is a wonderful memento of the day. Pictured in the composite are:

Top row (1): Elsie McTee, Leona Maples, Anita Oberly, Kim Rees, Nancy Hein, Helen Henderson

Row 2: Mary Corrigan, Jean French, Sandra Whittaker, Diane Lewallen, Dina Sifuentes, Nancy Cooke

Row 3: Rosemary Sundeen, Irene Pendleton

Row 4: Marvinette Smith, Penny McCutchen

Row 5: Maria Henderson, Marjorie Douglas, Barbara Niemann, Norma Sacklett, Murial England, Golden Girl

Row 6: LaRue Terry, Golden Girl, Golden Girl, Margot Rocha, Divina Alvarez, Margaret Cluck

Also pictured: Alice Contreras ~ Not pictured but at the luncheon: Dorothy Akers and Jacqueline Bonney

Photographer, **Mr. Steve Byrd**, took the portrait pictures of our special guests. You may download at no charge from: <https://www.stevebyrdstudio.com/San-Antonio-Womens-Club/n-SMkRdw> Mr. Byrd will print and mail your photos to you for the prices listed on the site.

On May 13th members and friends came to the Woodward Mansion to celebrate with our guests of honor at this annual tradition. The luncheon tables were elegant, the meal was amazing and the support from members and friends was heartwarming. The centerpieces (made by Janice McGraw) were given as prizes to the guests with pink napkins. All 44 of our Golden Girls were recognized on a postcard at each place setting.

The Noontide Round Table, led by Janice McGraw, hosted this beautiful event.

- Helen Jones- "Princess of Procurement" (her official title as gatherer of the consumables needed and helped set up)
- Robin Templeton provided music on harp & piano (pictured on the cover page)
- Ginger Vlieger & Gloria Tate were our greeters
- Sylvia Wong- staff manager
- Betty Lewandowski- gave the blessing of the meal
- Patte Pfeiffer- "Kitchen Goddess"

Non-Noontide Helpers included members Jen Brearley (who made sure no guest wanted for anything) and Karen Ward (set-up helper and all-around energizer).

- Servers were Rachel Gilbert, Tori Aguilar, and Briden McGraw (P4 Pharmacy students from the UIW Feik School of Pharmacy).
- Salad, main course and dessert were plated in the prep kitchen and brought up to the meeting hall by Janice's husband Dan McGraw, son Colby McGraw and Noontide buddy Patte Pfeiffer.

Ladies the meal was planned and made by Janice herself!



Jeanne Koplan and our wonderful **Golden Girls** Dorothy Akers, Margot Rocha, Divina Alvarez and Anita Oberle enjoy the party in their honor.

Happiness is a June Birthday!



B. J. Duncan	3
Carol Habgood	3
Hannah Geppert	5
Cynthia Benton	9
Julie Jordan	9
Aline Kundrotas	9
Lou Anne Olmos	11
Rose Hoelscher	17
Stephanie Hobbs	19
Deborah Kunez	22
Elizabeth Neely	24
Marvinette Smith	26
Molly Allen	27
Marianna Coindreau	30
Peggy Guerrero	30

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2021-2022 Call for Dues

The fiscal year for the Woman's Club runs July 1st to June 30th. Dues are due the last day of the first month of the year. For your information to be included or updated in the Yearbook, dues payments and updates should be received by July 31st. (Send Yearbook photos and updates to: Patsy Pelton)

Life Members – No 2021-22 Dues.

General Membership Dues –

\$150 due by July 31st by cash or check (\$154.50 by credit card)

* \$165 if paid by cash or check August 1st – August 31st (\$169.95 by credit card)

*\$180 if paid by cash or check September 1st – October 1st (\$185.40 credit card)

1) Check: Please make your check payable to the Woman's Club of SA & include "2021-22 Dues" in the memo line. Mail to the Club - 1717 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78212.

2) Credit card: Call Karen Ward.

Dues not paid by October 1st will result in loss of membership to the Club & reapplication/reinstatement requires a new initiation fee. If you have a question about your dues, please contact Karen Ward.

Ingenue Dues - \$40 due by July 31st. Please make your check payable to "Ingenue Round Table" and mail to Johanna Christiansen. Please contact the Round Table about applications for new Ingenues (must be daughter or granddaughter of a Woman's Club member)

*Late payment included.



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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.

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