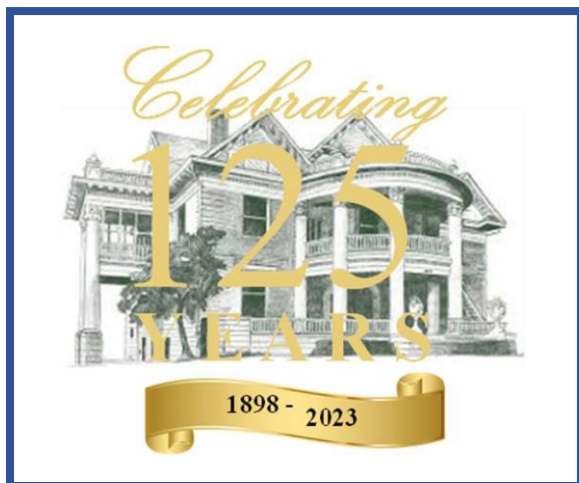




THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU! You are proud members of The Woman's Club of San Antonio and we are commemorating our 125th Anniversary, 1898-2023! Many special activities are already being planned, but we would like to consider any idea of how YOU would like us to celebrate. Please give me a phone call at (210) 732-4811 and we can discuss your ideas. All ideas will be discussed and the more events we have to celebrate, the better. This is a unique milestone in the history of our great organization.

Major events on our calendar include:

Sunday, March 5, 2023 Fiesta Teenage Coronation: Past, Present and Future – Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of The

Woman's Club of San Antonio. San Antonio College, McAllister Auditorium
Chairman: Robin Steinhauser

April 21-22, 2023

The 107th Annual Flower Show, THE WHEEL OF TIME Celebrating 125 Years of Heritage and History. Woodward Mansion, Chairman: Linda F. Oliver

April 26, 2023

Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon 125 Years "STAYIN' ALIVE" Westin San Antonio North, Chairman: Sandra Ojeda Medina

October 2023

125th Anniversary Gala, Chairman: Kathy Littlefield



Our 2023 Fiesta Medal, was created by medal designer extraordinaire David Durbin, to be worn as a piece of jewelry as a brooch or placed on a collar or chain.

May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter. Wishing you and your family health, happiness and peace and a very happy New Year. I look forward to working with you to fulfill our goals and celebrate our 125th Anniversary.

Virginia

President 2022-2024

Fiesta Medals will be available January 3rd at the cost of \$12

TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies, 2022 Christmas Faire has come and gone but with good memories. We had many successes because of all who contributed in some way with donations of various sorts. I applaud the Round Tables for the decorations throughout the mansion, there were many compliments. To follow the faire, we had our merry and bright "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 3 and it too was a success. Santa made a return visit to our general meeting on Dec. 7 to talk about the history of this cultural icon. He wasn't the only one spreading holiday joy, we also had the Krueger Middle School Band playing holiday songs. It was a festive atmosphere. Santa left us with the question, "Do you BELIEVE"?

From Ruth Carter Stapleton: Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.

Lord, we thank you for this special time of year. Though the days get shorter and the temperature drops, we celebrate, according to our different beliefs, customs and traditions. Amidst our celebrations, let us not forget those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. We ask you Lord to strengthen and uphold us in our struggles. Help us all to be thankful and not forget our many blessings. Amen

May the love of God surround you and give you peace. Happy Holidays!

See you in the new year. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 11, general meeting. One of our own, Angelica Docog will give us a talk on the Polish Museum in Panna Maria, TX., the first and oldest Polish community in the United States. She is bringing one or two special guests to enhance her talk. Come join us.

With warm regards,

Sandra

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Carson-Miller	Jan 1
Carolyn Sanders	Jan 1
Leanna Laubach	Jan 4
Patricia Broyles	Jan 9
Margaret Stypko	Jan 9
Eileen Potts	Jan 10
Gretchen Stepke	Jan 11
Victoria Hatcher	Jan 12
Patty Landacre	Jan 12
Joan Cleary	Jan 13
Karen Ward	Jan 13



Sara Fitzgerald	Jan 16
Donna Balli	Jan 20
Sophia Christiansen	Jan 20
Barbara Niemann	Jan 21
Becky Torres	Jan 24
Linda Champagne	Jan 25
Frances Garza-Alvarado	Jan 25
Carmen Ingram	Jan 25
Michael Quintanilla	Jan 25
Irma Iris Duran	Jan 27
Elaine Staller	Jan 27

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Upcoming Luncheons and Events

Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice-president

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



THE
POLISH HERITAGE CENTER
AT PANNA MARIA

Our January General Meeting will take place on January 11th. Please note that this is the 2nd Wednesdays rather than our usual 1st Wednesday.

Our guest speaker is our very own member Angelica Docog. She will provide us with an introduction to the Polish Heritage Center and Museum at Panna Maria.

If you would like to learn a bit about the Center and the history of the Polish people here in Texas follow this link:

<http://pannamariacenter.org/index.php/>

Be sure to make your lunch reservations no later than Monday, January 9th before noon!

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



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.

*Save the dates: April 20-21, 2023
Fiesta Flower Show and Plant Sale*

Volunteers needed call Linda Oliver at 210-732-4811



The Scholarship Committee hosted a Brunch on December 12, 2022, at the Mansion at 10:00 a.m. Members attending were Virginia Van Cleave, President, Gina Langley, whose family established the Wheeler Foundation, and Sandra Whittaker, Scholarship Chairman. Members of the SAC Empowerment Center were director, Dr. Mary Helen Vera, and Emily Hernandez. Dr. Tiffany Cox- Hernandez, Vice President of San Antonio College also accompanied the students. The students discussed how the scholarships affected their academic studies. A serve-yourself brunch followed with more individual discussions among the group.



Prospective Members

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

- ❖ Lucinda Camero
- ❖ Rosalinda Mancha
- ❖ Rebecca Martinez

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

SCENES FROM A CHRISTMAS FAIRE



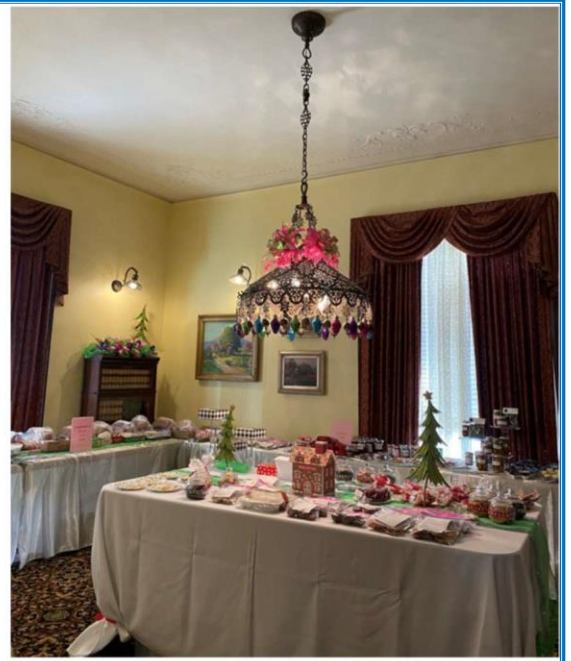
IT IS TIME TO TAKE IT ALL DOWN!

All bright and beautiful things must come to an end- or at least get put into storage boxes for another year! Your help is requested to un-decorate the house on 3 January at 10:00. Big, strong sons, daughters, grandchildren, spouses, etc. are invited to participate.





The Bake Shoppe, long a Christmas Faire tradition, had another successful year, thanks to all who baked, candied, jammed, and pickled. The "gingerbread ladies" baked and assembled 112 kits. Ferne Burney sourced the pecans and walnuts. Chairman Marsha Metz thanks Sandra Whittaker, assistant chairman, and helpers Helen Jones, Jeanne Koplan, and Karen Ward. Sandra Whittaker and Arlene Chalkley arranged the decorations in non-traditional colors.



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 Judy Willingham lost her battle with cancer. Her memorial service was held on 16 December
- ❖ Member Billie Arredondo's husband Tony passed suddenly. Services will be held on January 21st @ 1PM at Laurel Heights United Methodist Church, 227 W. Woodlawn 78212
- ❖ Member Jane Stone's husband took a fall and ended up in the hospital. While there it was discovered that he has cancer. Surgery was performed at a hospital in Austin. Prayers and good vibes are always appreciated.

GOLDEN BOOK

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman

- ❖ In honor of our Dec. 7 program presenters, by the Woman's Club
- ❖ In memory of Judy Willingham, by the Woman's Club.

INGENUES RESPITE CARE PARTY

The Ingenues have many events with Fiesta but did you know that every December they plan, prepare and host a special Christmas party for children with the San Antonio Respite Care? Respite Care provides support for families of children with special needs. Our ingenues have celebrated Christmas with the children for several years.

From Ingenue Chair Johanna Christiansen: The Ingenues hosted a wonderful Christmas party at The Woman's Club for the Respite Care children! The children enjoyed eating lots of food, playing many games, decorating gingerbread houses & cookies, singing Christmas carols, and a visit from Santa who had a special wrapped toy for each child. Respite Care, one of the official charities of The Woman's Club, provides a home and services for children with special needs. We hosted the party/had gifts for 17 children. They did not bring the babies, but we sent their gifts with the teachers.



THE SECOND ANNUAL PASTA LUNCHEON ~ MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH

The Ingenue Round Table's next event is for you! On January 16th they will host their second annual Pasta Luncheon. This event will help support the Round Table's projects and programs throughout the year. Bring a neighbor or friend to introduce our terrific young ladies and share our historic mansion.

Reservation deadline: Thursday, January 12, 2023 beginning at 11:30 (Dine in or carry out)

Cost: \$15 per ticket

Pay in person when you come to the January meeting; call 210-732-4811 to pay by credit card; or, use the TicketLeap link on page 9 of this newsletter.



Ingenue Pasta Lunch

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH

11:30 AM

WOODWARD MANSION

PASTA, SALAD
&
BROWNIE DESSERT

\$15 DINE IN
OR
CARRY OUT



RSVP 210~732~4811

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/ingenue-pasta-lunch-2023>

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