

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



RUSTLING LEAVES

FEBRUARY 2020

It's February, and our thoughts turn to love. We are going to **love** celebrating the Year of the Woman, and many activities and messages are being prepared to remember the contributions women have made to our society.

We all love our kids! I want to take a moment to recognize especially our wonderful Ingenue Round Table. Under the direction of Julie Shacklett, these girls are on fire! They sponsored a fun Christmas party for the children at Respite Care, one of our official charities. They volunteered at the Garage Sale on February 1 by selling baked goods. They plan to participate in Fiesta parades: Battle of Flowers, Pilgrimage to the Alamo, Fiesta Especial, and the Windcrest Parade. Can you imagine a better way to advertise The Woman's Club? I appreciate their enthusiasm and contributions to the club.

We are loving our attic space too. Thanks to **Leslie Doyle** and **Sandra Bradley**, our resident OCD members, who have done a yeoman's job of cleaning, sorting, and tossing items. The rooms at the top of the mansion are being turned into a good space that will serve our members better. We can quickly access decorations, linens, and furniture for the diverse activities we create all year long. Linens are being sorted so that you can find the one to fit your table quickly. No longer will you have to enter the attic and just stare to try to figure out where things are. We also need to count on you to help us keep it this way. Items returned to the attic must be placed

where they belong. Items that a member thinks needs to be added to our collection of things must **first get the approval** of the House Chairman **Helen Henderson**. If you no longer want it, there's a likelihood that we don't either.

We love our Golden Girls! Noontide Round Table chose to move this important celebration to February so we would enjoy a beautiful party without all of the schedule conflicts we experience in May. Plan to join this special event on Feb. 13 with home cooked food and love all around.

At Friendship Round Table in January, the program consisted of members talking about meaningful friendships. We could not help but spend a great deal of time remembering our friendship with Margaret Thompson, who had just passed away. The love that was shared at that table was truly heartwarming. We had to agree that The Woman's Club of San Antonio means something different to each of us, but each knows that they have a place to come to socialize and a network of priceless and loyal friends.

See you at the club soon!

Warm regards,

Ferne Burney, President

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February Birthdays

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| Julie Davis | 3 | Helen Jones | 18 |
| Mary Jane Blanco | 5 | Sylvia Wong | 19 |
| Monica Rogers | 5 | Carol Carpenter | 20 |
| Courtney Ringelstein | 8 | Sandra Whittaker | 21 |
| Lynn Thompson | 10 | Lorena Escobar | 25 |
| Mary Ann Oliver | 15 | Kim Carmack | 28 |
| Ellen Myers | 16 | | |



Care and Concern



BRICK WALKWAY AT THE MANSION

Another way to honor a friend or to cherish their memory is to buy a brick to be placed in our memory garden outside of our historic Woman's Club. Find the form on our website, www.thewomansclubofsa.org to order a brick, complete it and return to the club. For questions please contact Chairman Connie Linville at (210) 867-4283 or email her at clinville@satx.rr.com.

We keep in our thoughts and prayers:

- ❖ Member Maria Duran is recovering from knee surgery.
- ❖ Member Belinda Pena-Bosquez's husband Wally, was hospitalized.
- ❖ Member Lynn Thompson is recovering from a serious fall.
- ❖ Member Chula Boyle is recovering from a serious fall.

More information about each family above has been emailed to all members from Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Goza. Please contact her at slmoreland@att.net OR to request an outgoing "Care & Concern" email to our members for personal or family needs.

GOLDEN BOOK— A gift to our Golden Book fund is always available to you to honor or remember a loved one. Donations are always printed in each month's newsletter and a card is sent to the family per the giver's instructions. Contact **Johanna Christiansen** for more information on making a gift or download the form on our website.

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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 Facebook. Email us at womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com.

FEB. GENERAL MEETING – RSVP BY MONDAY, FEB. 3 at 10 A.M.

NEW PROGRAM: Author Walter E. Wilson will share about his books: *The Bulloch Belles* and *James D. Bulloch: Secret Agent and Mastermind of the Confederate Navy*.



Walt Wilson is a retired Navy Captain with over 28 years of active duty service as an Intelligence Officer. After leaving the Navy in 2002, he and his wife of over 40 years returned to their roots in Texas. He is the co-author of the first biography of James D. Bulloch. Come and learn too about the Belles: Their lives were filled with intrigue, espionage, scandal, adversity and perseverance. During the Civil War they eluded Union spies on land and blockaders at sea and afterwards they influenced the national debate on equal rights for women. The impact of their Southern ideals increased exponentially when they integrated into the Roosevelt family of New York.

SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL MEETING—Wednesday, Feb. 5

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME FOR PAID RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

Paid Luncheon reservations of \$25 and cancellations must be made no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 by email or phone (210-732-4811). Making a reservation guarantees payment unless the cancellation deadline is met.

10:30 AM Social
11:00 AM General Meeting and Program Speaker, Walter E. Wilson
Noon Lunch (Menu: Santa Fe Coleslaw, Baby New Potatoes, Peach BBQ Chicken, Red Pepper Cornbread Wedge, homemade Peach Cobbler with Cream)

HOSTESS: Carousel Round Table | **COMMUNITY CARE & CONCERN:** Restoration of the Mansion

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ANNUAL GOLDEN GIRLS LUNCHEON – new date this year: Feb.13

### WE LOVE OUR GOLDEN GIRLS

Our wonderful members who have reached the "Gold Age" of 80 or higher are being honored with a complimentary luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 10:30 AM at The Woodward House.

Those who have not reached that "Golden Age" are invited to come and celebrate this special time with these special ladies. The cost is \$20 per person and reservations are required by Feb. 10. Please call the office and Martha Aguirre will assist you.

This event is for ALL members – so please come and enjoy this beautiful day!





## WCSA lute to our members!

Sandra Bradley began in the Christmas Room in the attic at the Mansion, discarding junky items and sorting the rest so that it is a good working space. The rest of the volunteers were downstairs, sorting items by color and use; but she did not allow anything to enter that store room until it had a place. THEN, she moved on to help **Leslie Doyle** and **Ferne Burney** to organize the attic. Leslie reported that she had never worked with someone as tireless and dedicated to a job as Sandra. She has purchased clear plastic tubs for storage along with shelving. She is organizing the table linens and helped to identify items for the Garage Sale. She has been a Wonder Woman in so many ways, and the Club is grateful for her generous and businesslike character. We salute you Sandra!



## A WARM WELCOME



At our January general meeting we welcomed new members Sandra Carson Miller and Sandy Steinke. We will welcome at our February general meeting the following new members:

Pat Baron  
Lydia Gurrola  
Debbie Hamer  
Catherine Hof  
Mona Thaxton

Be sure to invite a friend to our annual Friendship Tea on March 10 and enjoy the beauty of the Mansion!

## FRIENDSHIP TEA - *a special tradition at the club*

Every March we take time to remember and celebrate the heritage of the women who founded the Woman's Club of San Antonio and in particular Eleanor Brackenridge. Be sure to save March 10 for this year's tea!

But on January 25, 2020 several famous women trailblazers were spotted at the San Antonio Women's Federation Luncheon! We were thrilled to see our own Eleanor there as part of a group that included: Marie Curie, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Mayor Lila Cockrell, Astronaut Sally Ride, Labor Leader Maria Tenayuca, and Nurse Florence Nightingale.

**"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart." --Eleanor Roosevelt**





The Woman's Club of San Antonio is a charter member of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission. For 2019 and 2020, we were voted onto the Executive Board of the Commission as a Participating Member Organization (PMO) by the other PMOs and individual members who voted.

We have enjoyed being at the table for big decisions regarding Fiesta. As an individual member of The Woman's Club, we would like you to consider membership in the Fiesta Commission. Membership comes with

- being the first to see the official Fiesta® poster unveiled
- the exclusive annual Fiesta member medal
- a 15 percent discount on official merchandise at The Fiesta Store® (excludes medals)
- a copy of and recognition in the award-winning Fiesta® magazine
- advertising discounts
- early access to tickets for select Fiesta parades and events
- access to *Member Only* events
- discounted tickets to select Fiesta® Commission events
- Fiesta Notecard Set



**Purchase your Woman's Club of San Antonio 2020 Fiesta Medal for \$12 at the Club now.**

You will also have a vote at the next Fiesta San Antonio Commission election of officers. That would include your support of our seat at the table once again. Individual membership costs \$65 and a couple can be members for \$120. Please consider joining and increasing our presence in this important (and fun) organization. Contact Ferne Burney for more information.

**TEEN QUEEN RECEPTION: SUNDAY, MARCH 1.** Moving it to a Sunday last year brought a record turnout, including our younger members and made sense to continue that format. The **Fiesta Teen Queen's Reception** will be Sunday, March 1, when we will host Fiesta Royalty, families, and friends at the Mansion. This is one of the first Fiesta events of the year, and we will be honoring our 2020 Fiesta Teen Queen Hannah Geppert. **Johanna Christiansen, Dianne Lewallen** and their team will be working to put together refreshments for the many guests who will visit the house. Watch for the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer to bring food, decorate and more!

### **OUR FIESTA BOOK NEEDS YOUR AD BY MARCH 1**

It's time to arrange for those!! As Round Tables plan for their photos to be taken, please keep a couple of things in mind: Your photo should be in portrait orientation. If your Round Table is purchasing a full-page ad, it is the only way that it will fit the page properly. PLEASE do not use the stairway in the interior of the house for your photo! The light is not good there and the photo always turns out grainy. Use the back porch, the front porch, the Gold Room, the Dining Room, or anywhere that the lighting is good! PLEASE plan to SELL ADS! Martha has books from last year to give you an idea of ad layout. She also has the ad forms so that we can track your purchase.

### **TEEN CORONATION ONLINE REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 1**

Our Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation is April 5, 2020 at Temple Beth-El. Your children and grandchildren are the stars of the show, and we look forward to this every year. Please remember that we need your child's registration form, registration fee, and .jpeg photo by MARCH 1. The form and the photo are to be sent to the special email inbox for the Coronation: [WCSAFiestaCoronation@gmail.com](mailto:WCSAFiestaCoronation@gmail.com). Find the Registration Form at our website, [www.thewomansclubofsa.org](http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org). Please note that we have several dresses (all white) in the President's Room closet. If you have a very young one, you may find a dress there for her. Members have generously donated the dresses that have been outgrown, and they are yours to borrow. For the young gentlemen, may we suggest that Amazon has white tuxedos at a fraction of the price of renting them!



## ROUND TABLE REPORTS

### INGENUES



Ingenues enjoyed making cards for the Golden Girls of The Woman's Club of San Antonio.

### FINE ARTS



At the January Fine Arts Round Table meeting, members were treated to Folklorico dancing.

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](http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org) under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

# Golden Book Gifts

**Submitted By:**

**Johanna Christiansen, Golden Book Chairman**  
**Diane Lewallen, Golden Book Committee**

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**  
By Karen Ward

In Honor of **The Woodward Mansion**  
By The Woman's Club

In Memory of **Sharon Greene**  
By The Woman's Club

In Memory of **Margaret Thompson**  
By Mickey Tovar

In Memory of **Margaret Thompson**  
By Ginger Vlieger

In Memory of **Margaret Thompson**  
By Diane Lewallen

In Memory of **Margaret Thompson**  
By Helen Jones

In Memory of **Margaret Thompson**  
In Memory of **Steve Richter**, husband of  
Woman's Club member Glynnis Richter  
By Susan Moreland-Goza

In Memory of **Margaret Thompson**  
By Lea Fagin

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Dear Woman's Club Members,



My name is **Avery Walker** and I am a sophomore at Smithson Valley High School. My mother and I are proud members of the Woman's Club of San Antonio. I have been nominated to run as a **Candidate for Student of the Year 2020** with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, along with my team, "Hope for Peggy."

The Student of the Year campaign is a seven-week philanthropic leadership development program during which students foster skills such as entrepreneurship, marketing and project management in order to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in a fundraising competition. The campaign kicked off Jan. 10 and culminates in a Grand Finale celebration on Feb. 29. The candidate who raises the most money and awareness about leukemia and lymphoma, at the end of the seven weeks, is named Student of the Year.

I thank the Woman's Club of San Antonio for being great mentors and providing a strong foundation for young ladies. I will remain forever grateful. Please consider donating to my campaign to find a cure:

<https://events.ils.org/stx/sasoy20/awalker>.

If you prefer to mail your donation, please make your check payable to: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and print "Team Hope for Peggy, Avery Walker" in the "memo" section. Mail it to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 1218 Arion Parkway, Ste. 102, San Antonio, TX 78216. The deadline for receiving contributions is **February 27**. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about my mission. Thank you! *(paid advertisement)*

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Feb. 5 – GENERAL MEETING -- RVSP for Lunch BY FEB. 3 at 10 AM**  
\$25 per person

**Feb. 13 – GOLDEN GIRLS LUNCHEON – RVSP for Lunch by Feb. 10**  
\$20 per person for guests and members under the age of 80

**March 1 – DEADLINE FOR FIESTA ADS**  
**DEADLINE FOR FIESTA CORONATION REGISTRATION**

**March 1 – TEEN QUEEN RECEPTION AT THE CLUB**

**March 4 – GENERAL MEETING**

**March 10 – FRIENDSHIP TEA**

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