Newsletter of the Woman's Club of San Antonio

# Rustling



Leaves

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#### From the President's Desk

What an exciting and joyful Christmas this will be! The Mansion is filled with twinkling lights transforming the house into a wonderland. Our member, Janice McGraw, meticulously placed each light and ornament to create a beautiful Christmas setting. We hope that all of you will have time to come to the house and enjoy its sparkling beauty.

If you are reading this on or after Nov. 29, our Christmas Faire is well underway thanks to our Christmas Faire Committee: Chair Cathy Carroll, Darcy Scrimpshire, Julie Alexander-Shacklett, Jessica McAnelly, Monica Bridges, Jennifer Brearley and Marsha Metz. And, YES dear members, we will have pecans and gingerbread houses for sale this year. I say that because last year when all calls to the Club were forwarded to my phone, many people asked for pecans. They were disappointed when we didn't have any. This year, we will have a lot of new vendors, homemade baked goods in the library (our famous Bake Shoppe), poinsettias, and the Club's Boutique in the Gold Room. I think you will be pleased to know that you can "shop 'til you drop." We will offer two lunches each day. One at 11:15 AM and the other at 1 PM. Reservations can be made by calling the office (210-732-4811) or buy online at <a href="http://wcsa.ticketleap.com/christmas-faire-at-the-mansion/details">http://wcsa.ticketleap.com/christmas-faire-at-the-mansion/details</a>. Your payment is your reservation.

Since our Christmas Faire falls on the same date as our regular monthly general meeting, the December meeting has been changed to the <u>second Wednesday</u> of the month, which is <u>December 8 at 10:30 AM</u> at the club. Come and enjoy the magic of the season in song!

Quickly looking at 2022, we will again be publishing our Fiesta Magazine which features our Royalty, our Round Tables, our members' families, and the ads that our members sell. At this time of the year, families will be gathering



for holiday visits, and it would be a perfect time for our members to take family pictures and feature them in an ad in our magazine. Fiesta comes early next year, so everything needs to be turned in to Karin Fee by January 28, 2022. All the money raised from the ads in the magazine goes to the club.

May your holidays be blessed, and I will see you at the club for the Christmas Faire (November 29 in the evening for Sneak Peek and November 30, December 1 and 2 from 10-3), and again on December 8 for the general meeting.

Jane Stone
President

Janice McGraw & Jane tour the Christmas Warehouse in Houston in search of some new decorations for the Woman's Club Christmas.



# Tis the Season to Sparkle

Everything you need to know AND SHARE about





Four days of shopping and dining events:

#### A "FIRST LOOK" EVENING EVENT

November 29th (Monday Evening 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.) ~ Santa's Preview Party -

Be first to choose from the selections in: the **Bake Shoppe** with homemade goodies, gingerbread house kits and "the return of Texas pecans"; **the Boutique** with new designer items, artisan made jewelry and holiday decorations; and, **the Vendors** (new and favorite) booths set up with fashion, beauty, jewelry, candle, holiday items and *gift giving ideas* for you and the lucky ones on your gift list. It's a party preview! Bring a friend, tell a friend about it. Enjoy holiday hors-d'oeuvres and champagne. Have your picture taken with Santa and/or the Nutcracker Dancers.

Tickets: \$25 per person. Advance purchase thru November 26<sup>th</sup> call 210-732-4811 or use the TicketLeap link given below.

#### WOMAN'S CLUB TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS FAIRE LUNCHEONS

November 30 & December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:15 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. seating) – Luncheon at the Woodward Mansion. Bring your mother, your sister, your broker, a friend who was there for you when you needed them this year ~ to a delightful luncheon in the historic Woodward Mansion dining rooms. Shop before and after, upstairs and downstairs ~ relax in between with a wonderful meal and chances for **door prizes**.

Tickets: \$50 per person. **Tickets available thru November 26**<sup>th</sup> call 210-732-4811 or use the TicketLeap link given below.

Tuesday, Nov 30
Wedge Salad
Beef Tips w/ Cherries
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine
Red Velvet Cake

#### **Luncheon Menus**

Wednesday, Dec 1
Italian Wedding Soup
Mediterranean Stuffed Chicken
Lemon Rosemary Melding Potatoes
Creamed Spinach
Tiramisu

Thursday, Dec 2
Waldorf Salad
Baked Chicken Cordon Bleu
Herbed Wild Rice
Vegetable Medley
Lemon Layer Bistro Cake

#### SERIOUS FUN SHOPPING ~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ FREE ADMISSION

November 30 & December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) — Shopping upstairs and downstairs in the wonderfully decorated Woodward Mansion. The Christmas Faire team is bringing twenty-six (26) unique vendors to the Mansion upstairs rooms. Downstairs the Club presents Santa, the Bake Shoppe, and the Boutique. Please share the dates and shopping options with your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. The Woman's Club Facebook page has many "Faire Flyers" that you could share on your FB page(s) to support this annual event.

Parking with shuttle service to the Mansion will be at the Public Theater (aka San Pedro Playhouse).

#### To purchase Preview or Luncheon tickets online at TicketLeap use the following link:

Christmas Faire at the Mansion Tickets in San Antonio, TX, United States (ticketleap.com)

The link will take you to a calendar of our ticketed event options – Santa's Preview Party on November 29 & the six luncheon seatings November 30 thru December 2. On the first screen, pick the day(s) you wish to attend. If you select a luncheon date, the next screen allows you to select your seating time. The next screen allows you to enter the number of tickets you would like and then to check out using your credit card.



### **Meetings & Luncheons**

Virginia Van Cleave, Vice-president

For Wednesday General Meetings, social time begins at 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11:00.

Luncheon reservations are due by the prior Monday with \$30 payment.

RSVP to the Woman's Club office @ 210-732-4811.

## December 8th General Meeting & Luncheon (Second Wednesday of the Month)

Advance payment (\$30) for reservations due by noon December 6th



Program: A musical Christmas program
"I've Got That Christmas Spirit"

by Patsy Torres and bass player Apollo Saenz from Patsy's Christmas album.

Hostesses: Soiree Round Table

Community Care & Concern: Woodward House Restoration Fund

Menu:

Opener: Mixed Italian Salad

Main Course: Beef Lasagna, Garlic Roasted Broccoli, Rolls

Dessert: Outrageously Chocolate Cake

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea, Iced Water or Wine

# January 12<sup>th</sup> (Second Wednesday of the Month) General Meeting & Luncheon

Program: "Riding for the Rodeo Brand"

Presenters: Jackie Van De Walle & Tawana Timberlake

Hostesses: Carousel Round Table

Community Care & Concern: Woodward House

Please remember – luncheon reservations are not accepted after noon on the Monday before the event. Members who request a reservation after this time may be put on a waiting list for any opening in a reserved space.



#### **Memories from our November General Meeting**

We Honored Our Past Presidents, Life Members, and Patrons



VP, Virginia Van Cleave, presented each past president with a Swarovski crystal star and a white rose corsage. Pictured – Front Row: Ingenue Avery Walker, past presidents Helen Jones, Betty Lewandowski, Nell Still Pichler, Kathy Littlefield, & Robin Templeton Back Row: Ferne Burney and B. J. Duncan.

We Welcomed Fifteen New Members Patricia Villarreal, Membership Chairman

<u>"Blue"</u> Rose Alvarez – Blue Rose volunteers with many organizations including the Battered Women's Center, Woodlawn Theater, LULAC & NIOSA. She enjoys art & graphic design and her memberships include the Conservation Society and Queen of Soul.

<u>Karen Arnold</u> – Karen is an educator and administrator. She belongs to the SA Women's Breakfast Club and enjoys crafts, fishing and collecting antiques.

<u>Peggy Belasco</u> – Peggy is a retired teacher. She is a member of the Medical Alliance, Texas Exes. She enjoys gardening and volunteers for the Boysville Thrift Store.

<u>Angela Gonzalez</u> – Angie is president of JR's Plumbing. She is a member of the SA Chamber, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Hispanic Contractor's Assn. Her hobbies include travel and football.

Sandra Herman – Sandra is retired and is enjoying her cooking, baking and bird watching hobbies.

<u>Deborah Long-Shirley</u> – Debby is a retired teacher. She designs jewelry and enjoys gardening. She is a member of the Military-Civilian Club, Texas Exes, and the Fiesta Commission.

<u>Julianna Lopez</u> – Julianna is a bank manager. She enjoys event planning and has served on the BOD of the South Chamber of Commerce and the Harry Najim YMCA.

Socorro Martinez – Coco is a retired guidance counselor and a member of the SA Bar Auxiliary (past VP).

Edna Peaslee – Edna is retired from Property Management. She is a member of the Petroleum Club.

<u>Rebecca Reina</u> – Becky is retired and is a member of PALS and volunteers at Padua Place. Her hobbies include travel and antiques. [models for Graciela]

<u>Elizabeth Ruiz</u> – Liz has a career in radio and is a member of the San Antonio Assn. of Hispanic Journalists. She is an honorary member of Fiesta Flambeau and was selected for the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame (2005).

<u>Courtney Salinas</u> – Courtney is a member of the Women's Chamber and Friends of Casa Navarro. She enjoys the Arts and has worked in fundraising.

<u>Melissa Sanchez</u> – Melissa is business manager with HTS Voice and Data Systems. She is a member of the Hispanic Chamber, the Friends of Casa Navarro and the PTAs at her children's schools. She is ready to participate in arts and crafts and fundraising activities.

<u>Frances Schlattner</u> – Bett is joining the Woman's Club with her daughter Karen Arnold. She is a member of the SA Women's Breakfast Club and is an avid reader and knitter.

<u>Lillian Villanueva</u> - Lily is a financial management analyst. She is a member of the Conservation Society and the Fiesta Commission. Lily is a crafter and she is ready to volunteer.





#### Madi Spengler, Coronation Chairman

As we get back to full programing in 2022, the calendar is running earlier than in the past. Be on the look out for application information as the Coronation entry deadlines will be in <u>January</u>. Preparations for Coronation photos will need to be earlier also – see Fiesta Ad Book deadline below.

Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation February 27, 2022 McCallister Auditorium (San Antonio College)

#### 2022 FIESTA AD BOOK

Karin Fee, Editor

The **deadline** for submission of copy for ads is: **January 28, 2022** 

Submit your copy/photo in pdf format.

The Fiesta Book celebrates our Fiesta Flower Show, Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon and the Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation. Advertising is welcome from Round Tables, clubs, businesses, and families who wish to support or recognize a Fiesta event.

Full instructions and contact information for advertising options are included on the submission form for your advertisement and payment. This form is attached to this newsletter and is available on the WCSA webpage.

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#### **Notice of Proposed Membership**

Patricia Villarreal, Membership Chairman

Christy Hackenberry and Adelia Rodriguez are applicants for membership in the Woman's Club of San Antonio. Their applications will be presented to the Board of Directors at the January Board Meeting. If anyone has any questions, please contact Patti Villarreal.





# Care and Concern:

#### As reported from Susan Moreland-Goza

Member, Elsie McTee, passed away.

Member, Karen Rogers' father passed away.

Member & Past President, Rosemary Sundeen, had hip surgery in Minnesota.

Member, Penny McCutchen, is having health issues.

Member, Rose Hoelscher, is having health issues and had surgery on her hip.

Member, Linda Parsons' sister passed away.

Member, Vanessa Van Cleave's mother passed away.

Member, Georgia Grubb's father passed away.

Member Jennifer Brearley's father-in-law passed away.



### Golden Book

Submitted by: Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman

In Honor of Kathy Littlefield for Her Birthday by Sir Oliver Smith and Ken Wrider

In Memory of Member Elsie McTee by The Woman's Club

In Memory of Member Elsie McTee by Anita Oberle

In Memory of Member Elsie McTee - Our Friend, Our Sister, and Our Mentor by Cyndi Munch and Susan Gargotta

In Memory of Janie Valadez, mother of Woman's Club member Vanessa Van Cleave by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold and Tessa Christiansen

In Memory of Ron Johnson by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold and Tessa Christiansen

In Memory of Vernon Helmke, father of Woman's Club member Karen Rogers by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold and Tessa Christiansen

In Memory of Jack Brearley, father-in-law of Woman's Club member Jennifer Brearley by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen



#### Round Table Events

The Ingenue Round Table was treated to a special luncheon at the home of Ferne Burney. Ferne had a lovely table setting and taught very informative etiquette lessons on table manners, place settings, serving and much more. The Ingénues really had a great time, learned so much and appreciated Ferne doing this!





The American Home & Garden Round Table met at the Woodward Mansion in November for the program "Love of Quilting" led by AHG member Elaine Staller and her guest Maritza Recuero. Elaine and Maritza are members of the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild. They shared several quilts, how they were made, and care instructions. For example, always refold a quilt a different way each time when you put it away so the fold crease does not become

permanent in the quilt. Round Table members were invited to bring their quilts to share too. Marsha Metz displayed her "handkerchief" quilt. Marsha commissioned a professional quilter in Cookville, TN to produce this quilt, which was all hand stitched and made with many of her mother's handkerchiefs. The quilt has been featured in a national magazine. Jeanne Koplan brought a beautiful, large, traditional quilt and Virginia Van Cleave brought a very unique quilt with the animals formed from quilted pieces. (Report & photo credit: Patsy Pelton)

#### Day of the Dead Dinner 'n Dance Party

Ferne Burney, Ways & Means Committee Chairman

We had a wonderful cocktail hour, dinner, dancing and costume contest at the first annual Day of the Dead



Celebration. The Ways and Means Committee cooked all of the food and prepared the decorations.

Thanks to Angela Pfeiffer, Chula Boyle, Mickey Tovar, Gail Jarratt, Gloria Tate, Leslie Doyle, and Johanna Christiansen for preparing and serving the delicious fajita dinner. Thanks to Darcy Scrimpshire, Chula Boyle, Cathy Carroll, Julie Shacklett, and Mickey Tovar for placing the creative decorations around the dining rooms. Darcy thought that the ballroom looked pretty plain until Michael Quintanilla walked into the house with 8 giant spiders, 12 little spiders, 3 lifesized skeletons, and the nowfamous "Love Machine" car that

graced the stage with its three ghastly drivers. We were fortunate to have professional stylist and member, Hilda DeHoyos, artistically prepare members' make-up also.

We truly did dance until we dropped, and we look forward to next year's party and fund-raiser. The party netted \$1400 for The Woman's Club.



Photo credit: Angie Gonzalez (More photos on the Woman's Club FB page)

#### It's Christmas Faire 2021!



Seated: Patte Pfeiffer, Gloria Tate, Angela Pfeiffer, Susan Adamson, Maria Cyr

Standing: Chula Boyle, Johanna Christiansen, Helen Henderson, Betty Lewandowski, Joan Cleary, Orbilia Hayes, Kathy

Littlefield

Attachment: Fiesta Ad Book Form

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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 <u>womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com</u>. Advertising in Rustling Leaves is available at the following rates: full page - \$100; half page - \$50; and, quarter page - \$25. Your ad may include business cards, recognition/celebrations, and announcements of upcoming events. The deadline for submission and payment for advertising is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publication month.

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# DUE DATE IS JANUARY 28, 2022 - EMAIL AD TO: karinlfee@gmail.com Program Advertising Agreement

The Official Fiesta Flower Show, Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon, and Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation

Business or Family Name: Address: Zip Code: Email: Phone: Please email electronic copies of the ad to: karinlfee@gmail.com Full page = exact borders 7.5" wide, 10" tall Half page = 7.5"wide, 5" tall **OR** 3.25" wide, 10" tall Quarter page = 3.25" wide, 5" tall OR 7.5" wide, 2.25" tall Please check rate and ad size below: COVER PAGES: PAGES: Full page......\$200.00 Outside Back: 1/2 page ......\$100.00 Full page .....\$400.00 1/4 page ......\$ 50.00 Inside Front: Full page .....\$350.00 Inside Back: Full page .....\$300.00 Due Date January 28, 2022 Payment (Check One) (email the ad to: karinlfee@gmail.com) Mail checks to the club OR call the club to pay by credit card (210-732-4811) Cash \$ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (made out to The Woman's Club) Credit Card DO NOT INCLUDE # Sold by:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: For Woman's Club Use: Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Deposited by \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_