



The President's Letter

March sets off a long trail of events. March is a very important month for WOMEN in the United States because in 1987, Congress designated March as Women's History Month. It provides a set time to celebrate, recognize, and educate everyone on the contributions that women have made to US History. It is also a time for us to recognize that we still have challenges and rededicate ourselves to meeting those challenges and obtain our goals.

In 1898, The Woman's Club of San Antonio was founded by 18 visionary ladies who led the fight for equal rights for women and to endorse women's suffrage. Eleanor Brackenridge was our first president. We celebrate her with our annual Eleanor Brackenridge Friendship Tea hosted by the Friendship Round Table. You and your friends are invited to the Woodward House on March 7th between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Several of our guests last year were so enthralled with our hospitality and the history and beauty of the Woodward House, that they joined and are now active members of our club.

Our Ways and Means Chairman, Iris Francis, and her wonderful committee members planned a very successful Vintage Valentine Luncheon and Sale. Members brought vintage accessories like hats, purses, furs, scarves, and costumes. A WCSA friend donated a beautiful black faux fur stole for a fun raffle. As President, I donated a beautiful Valentine vase as a special door prize for our members and guests. Please see the fun and frolic photos!

Fiesta is just around the corner! We have 3 official Fiesta events! Please mark your calendars for our Teen Queen Coronation on March 5th at the Carver Community Cultural Center at 3pm, the Fiesta Flower Show and Plant Sale on April 21st and 22nd at the Woodward House and the Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon on April 26th at the Westin San Antonio North, doors opening at 11:30 a.m. We continue our celebration of our 125th Anniversary, 1898-2023!

In March, we also celebrate St. Patrick's Day! I have been to Ireland several times, but the most momentous trip was when we were in Dublin on March 17th. The snow was falling as the parade participants marched through the town. They were getting wet and the colors from their crepe paper costumes were staining their clothing. We were told that it rarely snows in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day. I was sad for the children, but they were smiling and happy to be celebrating. I envisioned the Irish celebrations would be boisterous, but instead I felt that it was more of a religious holiday. I saw many people walking quietly to church carrying small sprays of shamrocks.

An Irish Blessing

May love and warmth surround you every day within your home,
May the peace of Christ abide in you wherever you may roam.
May blessed light be with you, both without and deep within.
May heaven's wisdom guide you true until we meet again.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Virginia Van Cleave
President 2022-2024

TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE

Vice President's Message

Hello Ladies, January seemed to have flown by and here we are in mid-February. Our month started off with a wonderful guest speaker, Chris Derby, Marketing Director for the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. He was delightful telling us about our indoor SA Rodeo and showing 2 videos that transcended into Rodeo fever for most of us. Mr. Derby gave us many interesting facts about all aspects of putting on this renowned event; these were my favorite: * The dirt in the arena is from our very first Rodeo, it's original. It gets covered outside when not in use. When Rodeo time comes, the dirt gets sifted and some is added. * Planning for our SA Rodeo started in 1949 but the actual event didn't start until 1952. Thank you Tawana Timberlake for making the arrangements to have such an interesting speaker. Yes, she was wearing some bedazzled boots.

Our second exciting event at the mansion was our Valentine Vintage Luncheon, we had 81 guests. It was delightful to see so many of our members and guests celebrating St. Valentine's Day. Valentine's is a national celebration when we express affection with greetings and gifts, a day of romance with your significant other. No significant other, it's ok, we shared smiles and greetings. Our luncheon menu was very good, we got many complements, thank you Tina. A huge thank you to Iris Francis, event chair, for putting together a wonderful fundraiser.

Weather has been good, so come to our general meeting at the mansion on March 1, to hear about one of the Alamo heroes, William Barret Travis. Some facts about Colonel Travis: * Also known as Buck * Born August 1, 1809 in South Carolina * Died March 6, 1836 in San Antonio, Texas at the Alamo * 26 years old when he died.

With warm regards,

Sandra



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jocelyn Jackson	Mar 3
Leona Maples	Mar 4
Maida Perkins	Mar 7
Barbara Vander	Mar 7
Janice McGraw	Mar 8
Linda Oliver	Mar 8
Kimberly Keller	Mar 10
Tinker Mass Schultz	Mar 11



Patty Pfeiffer	Mar 15
Patricia Baron	Mar 16
Marcella Schroder	Mar 16
T.J. Hageman	Mar 21
Orbillia Hayes	Mar 21
Angelica Docog	Mar 22
Erika Haskins	Mar 22
Michelle Sheldon	Mar 26

Robin Steinhauer	Mar 13
Gloria Tate	Mar 13

Cathy Carroll	Mar 29
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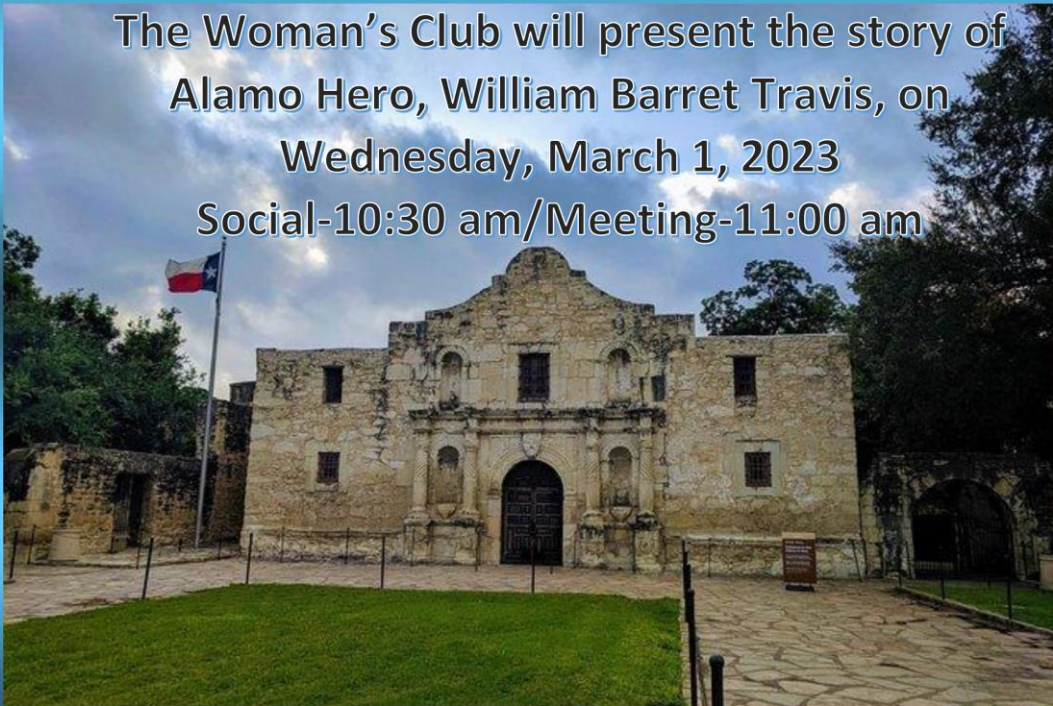
Upcoming Luncheons and Events

Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice-president

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

Alamo Heroes Day

The Woman's Club will present the story of
Alamo Hero, William Barret Travis, on
Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Social-10:30 am/Meeting-11:00 am

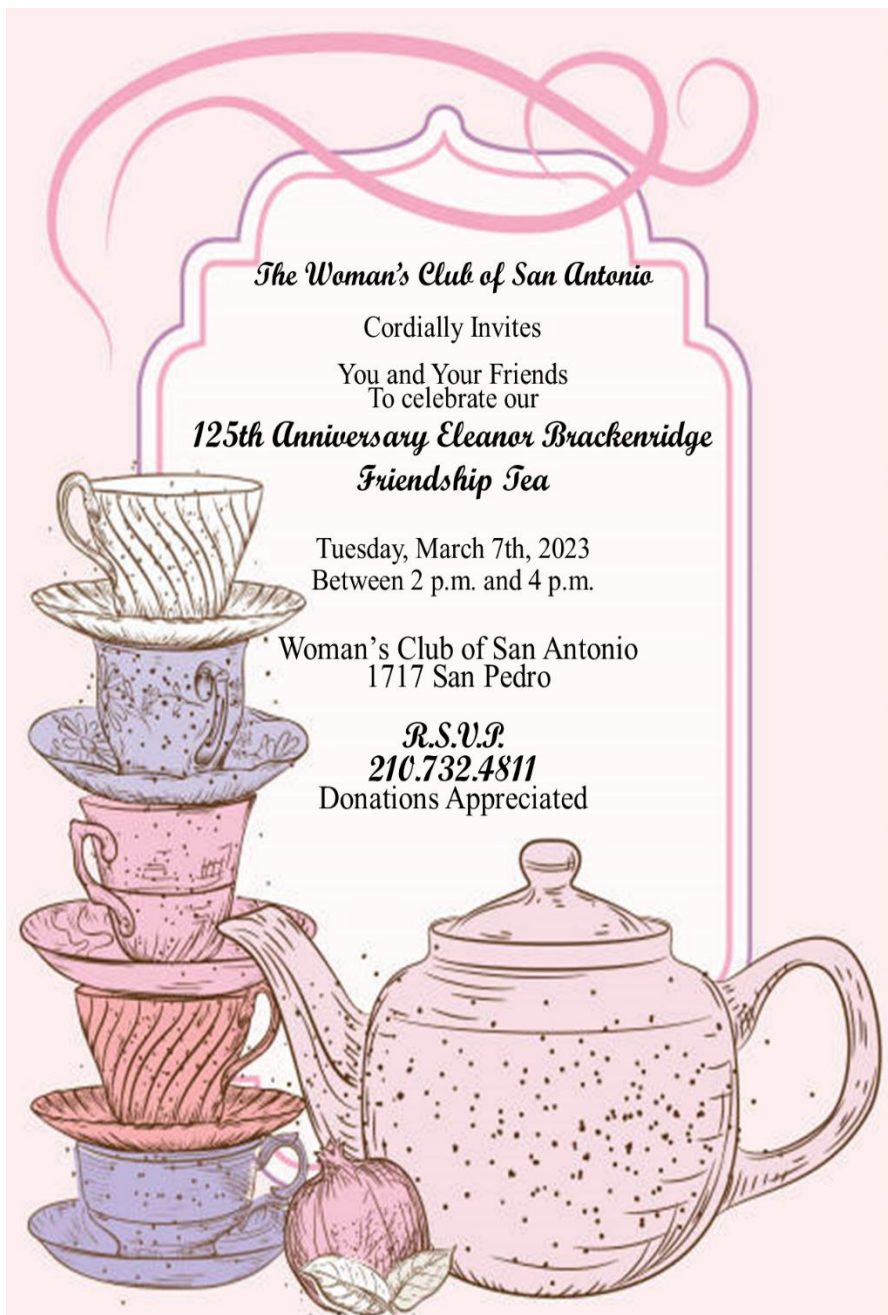


Please make reservations for Lunch (cost is \$30.00) no later
than 12:00 Noon the Monday prior to the Wednesday
Meeting by calling 210-732-4811 or online at

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

Menu

Grilled Chicken Breast with Poblano Cream Sauce
Cilantro Lime Rice, Honey Glazed Carrots
Mint Chip Cheesecake Mousse



The February meeting was great fun. Keeping with the Rodeo theme, members broke out the Western wear. In addition, we raffled one of the 70 hats that the family of Rosemary Sundeen donated to the Woman's Club. Shown below is Kathy Tarkington announcing the winner of the hat raffle, the winner, Rose Blue Alvarez, showing off her new accessory, and Rosemary sporting the hat at a previous meeting.



On Valentine's Day the Club celebrated with a Vintage Valentine's Sale and Luncheon. Members brought "vintage" items to sell, with proceeds split between the Club and the member. Much fun and socializing ensued. Iris Francis and her committee pulled off a beautifully decorated Mansion and a lovely afternoon. Photos courtesy of Linda Parsons.







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.

- ❖ WCSA member, Patricia Lee Watkins Hill, passed away January 16, 2023. Cards and condolences can be sent to her husband, Jim Hill at 230 W Sunset #1313 San Antonio, TX 78209
- ❖ William Thompson, husband of deceased member Margaret Thompson passed away February 6, 2023. There is a Porter Loring memorial page for William where you can upload photographs and post remembrances. <https://www.porterloring.com/> Cards and condolences can be sent to their daughter, Mary at: 4106 Tallulah Dr., San Antonio, TX 78218
- ❖ WCSA member, Margaret Ballenger Cluck, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2023. We have not received contact as to where to send condolences at this time.



IT IS TIME FOR ALL THINGS FIESTA!

SAVE THE DATE



FIESTA HAT CONTEST AND LUNCHEON

APRIL 26, 2023

The Westin San Antonio North

9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio, TX
78230

SILENT AUCTION

We will be conducting a **Silent Auction at the Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon**. Remember, Silent Auctions are *PURE PROFIT* for our Club, but we depend on our members to donate unique, new and unused items – think wine, jewelry, gift baskets, and **gift cards/certificates**. Everyone likes to eat out (restaurant gift certificates!) and get hair and nails done (salon gift certificates!). You can leave items in the Office with Tina in a container labeled “Fiesta Luncheon Silent Auction Items.” Please fill out the paperwork showing the donor and the value of the item donated. Our proceeds will be used for scholarships, charity donations, and Mansion care. We need your donations and would appreciate receiving them no later than **Monday, April 3, 2023**.

Contact Sandy Salinas our Silent Auction Chair, at 210-365-5536 or ssalinas@hts-tx-com for additional information.



*Save the dates:
April 21-22, 2023*

*Fiesta Flower Show
and Plant Sale*

Be sure to sign up for your spot in the show!



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New Members

In the last two months we have welcomed the following new members:

- ❖ Rosalinda Mancha – Rosalinda is a prior member who is joining us once again. She is retired with multiple hobbies and interests including reading, traveling, gardening, and history. She has three adult children and six grandchildren
- ❖ Teresa Frias – Teresa is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) focused on promoting mental and physical health in our community. Prior to becoming and LPC she owned and operated a dance studio, taking her students to competitions across the country. She is the mother of three adult daughters
- ❖ Becky Martinez – Becky is retired. She and her mother used to run a tamale business! She loves to work with people. She came to the right place
- ❖ Lucinda Camero – Lucinda is a Certified Professional Photographer, retired from Olan Mills and Life Touch. She enjoys herb gardening and family gatherings. She has 7 children, 18 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild
- ❖ Faye Davenport – Faye is retired from Southwestern Bell. She enjoys dancing, playing the organ, and painting. She is a member of the Musical Club, Ruby Reds, Nile, and Margarita Belles. She has two sons and four grandchildren.

Welcome aboard! We look forward to getting to know you.

Prospective Members

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

- ❖ Cecilia Green
- ❖ Savita Rai

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

Golden Book

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman

- ❖ In honor of the 20th birthday of Sophia Christiansen by Brian, Johanna, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of our February General Meeting speaker by the Woman's Club of San Antonio
- ❖ In memory of our deceased member Margaret Cluck by the Woman's Club of San Antonio
- ❖ Wishing my husband Happy Anniversary!!!! Love, Sandy Salinas.