## Rustling Leaves



February 2025 Newsletter of the Woman's Club of San Antonio Volume 126, Issue 2

#### THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

May February bring you LOVE, Happiness and Beautiful Blessings, And an Abundance of all that your Heart Desires.

Valentine's is a national celebration when we express affection with greetings and gifts, a day of romance with your significant other or those special people you care about.

Hello Outstanding Women,

January seemed to have flown by but not without giving us a few days of a real Winter, frigid cold with sleet and snow flurries. During this month, our beloved mansion had some equipment issues: our heating system and our elevator needed some repair. Our House Chair, Irma Duran, Heather Hays, all around assistant and our House Supervisor Tina Zimmerman were on top of getting the repairs done, thank you ladies. Everything is working, we have a warm house and a functioning elevator, hooray.

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, thanks to Amanda Alarcon-Hunter and Racheal Weisensee, Membership Co-Chairs, the Business Professionals of San Antonio awarded us with \$2,261.65. It was a very nice event and many of our WC Members were in attendance to greet BPSA guests and handle the entrance. Thank you to members who attended and to all who helped. A fun time was had by all. Maybe we ought to have a mixer at a restaurant once in a while, just a thought.

Our Fiesta Medals have been ordered but only 250. The theme of our Official Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon is "Fiesta Derby" so the medal is unique. I'm thinking that we can have a presale through our Round Tables. Even if you don't attend any Fiesta events, it's fun to wear our medal during those days. VIVA FIESTA!

Ladies, as you read our WC Bylaws, please make notations as to what needs to get changed. I've had several issues brought to my attention that need changing. Carol Habgood is our Bylaws chair and if you are interested in being on her committee, please let her know.

2025 Resolutions:

I will attend more Woman's Club general meetings

I will support by attending WC happenings such as our Queen's Reception, our Queen's Coronation and Reception, our Fiesta Flower Show, and our Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon Etc...

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events and be there!

In closing, as we step into our second month of 2025,

Let hope enter our hearts!

Let peace enter our hearts!

Let joy enter our hearts!

Let love enter our hearts!

Best regards, Sandra

#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Julie Davis	Feb 3
Joan Headly	Feb 3
Monica Rogers	Feb 5
Cynthia Rodriguez	Feb 6
Courtney Ringelstein	Feb 8
Melba Ann Toscano	Feb 9
Lynn Thompson	Feb 10
Sabrina Ross	Feb 12
Mary Ann Oliver	Feb 15



Helen Jones	Feb 18
Debbie Serna	Feb 19
Carol Carpenter	Feb 20
Sandra Whittaker	Feb 21
Darcy Scrimpshire	Feb 22
Rose Vela	Feb 24
Danielle Steans	Feb 25
Lorena Escobar	Feb 25
Kim Carmack	Feb 28



## CARE AND CONCERN

Submitted by: Verna Quaranto, Corresponding Secretary

❖ Member Linda Parsons had surgery on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. She was released from the hospital and Houston and is recovering at home. Notes of encouragement may be sent to: 13950 Walnut Canyon, Helotes, TX 78023.

## **GOLDEN BOOK**

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chair

❖ In honor of the 22nd birthday of Sophia Christiansen by Brian, Johanna, Harold & Tessa Christiansen.

#### **CORONATION DRESSES**

Are you participating in Coronation this year and need a dress? The Woman's Club has several dresses available for participants to borrow! Contact our House Supervisor Tina to see what we have on hand.

Assistant Editor: Vacant

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#### **PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS**

- ❖ Jennifer Healy-Jennifer is a real estate broker. Her special interests are renovations, helping the children chorus of San Antonio and the amputee coalition. She is also a member of the San Antonio Musical Club. Jennifer loves to network and has a passion for philanthropic organizations
- ❖ Stephanie Wire-Stephanie is a school counselor. She is part of the Texas Counseling Association. She has four children and is part owner of a national event and production company. Stephanie brings leadership, compassion, and service that align with our mission at the WCSA.

### **AUCTION CORNER**

#### Hello Members!

The auction team is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help us make this year's auction a resounding success!

We have exciting plans for this year, including an **online auction**, and we're exploring innovative ways to maximize fundraising efforts.

#### Your support is crucial!

- Volunteer Opportunities:
  - o Contact local businesses to solicit donations.
  - o Assist with event setup and teardown.
  - o Gain valuable networking experience while contributing to a worthy cause.

#### Starting February 1st, we will begin accepting donations:

- Monetary Donations: Checks payable to The Woman's Club of San Antonio can be mailed to 1717 San Pedro San Antonio, Texas 78212 (Please write in the memo or include a note "AUCTION")
- **Tangible Donations:** We welcome a variety of items, including gift certificates, gift baskets, wine and spirits, artwork, jewelry, accessories, home decorations, experiences, and more. Please label all donations "AUCTION."

#### Drop-off/Pick-up:

- Donations can be dropped off at The Woman's Club Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- For larger donations, please contact Amanda Alarcon-Hunter at 210-367-7080 or Melissa Rogers at 210-860-9291 to arrange for pick-up.

Every donation, no matter the size, makes a significant difference! Funds raised from our auction will directly support Respite Care of San Antonio, Volunteer Services at the State Hospital, WINGS and the Empowerment Center at SAC.

Join us in making this year's auction an unforgettable success!

Contact Amanda Alarcon-Hunter (210-367-7080) or Melissa Rogers (210-860-9291) to volunteer today.

#### FIESTA CORONATION!!!

The Coronation honoring our Queen and her court will be held March 30th. Any club member who wishes to have their daughter, granddaughter or niece participate will need to complete the application form. Boys are also welcome to participate. Ages of participants are four through eighteen. The form includes a brief bio and photo of each participant. If there are any questions, please contact Michele Moad-Hageman, Coronation Chair at 210-445-0142. Here is the link for the WCSA Coronation submission form:

The Woman's Club of San Antonio Coronation Submission Link

## **UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING AND EVENTS**

Tawana Timberlake, Vice-president RSVP to the Woman's Club office @ 210-732-4811 for credit card payment





THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIC QUEEN'S RECEPTION

Honoring

Fiesta Teen Queen Bella Walski

Fiesta Teen Princess Sarah Cardenas

Fiesta Grand Duchess Olivia Riedl

SUNDAY, FEBUARY 23RD 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM 1717 SAN PEDRO AVENUE

Please reply with the names & number attending by 2/16/25 to

Johanna.A.Christiansen@outlook.com (210) 887-2137 The membership of the Friendship Roundtable is looking forward to hosting the Annual Victorian Friendship Tea and would like everyone to mark their calendars for Tuesday, March 18 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The Tea is held at the San Antonio Woman's Club, 1717 San Pedro. This annual free event is in recognition and honor of our founder, Eleanor Brackenridge, and is a wonderful opportunity for prospective new members to experience the ambience of the Club and all it offers our membership. Current members are encouraged to bring/invite guests.

Attendees are encouraged to participate by dressing in Victorian costumes should they wish to do so. Please RSVP to the Woman's Club by March 4 to ensure sufficient refreshments are provided to accommodate everyone. Approximately 125 guests attended the Victorian Tea in 2024 and it is anticipated the same number or more will come this year.

Each Roundtable is asked to provide desserts such as cookies, brownies, bar cookies, petit fours, macaroons or sheet cakes that can be cut into 2" squares. Individual members who love to bake may also contribute desserts. All platters/containers should be labeled with your name to ensure they are returned to the owners. All food contributions for the Tea should be delivered to the Woman's Club on Monday, March 17 between 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM

Save the Date
Victorian Friendship Tea
March 18th















### THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO RECEIVES AWARD FROM BPSA

On Wednesday, January 8th, at Braseo Brazilian Steakhouse, The Woman's Club of San Antonio had the privilege of showcasing our 126-year history of community service to over 100 attendees at the Business Professionals of San Antonio (BPSA) event. We are thrilled to announce that BPSA generously raised over \$2000 for our non-profit!! This incredible support will allow us to continue our vital work within the San Antonio community. A heartfelt thank you to all the WC members who volunteered their time and joined us for this memorable and very fun celebration!























## **JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

#### Members.

As I write this for our January recap of the newsletter... there is snow on the ground at my home in Boerne! So rare, but it doesn't last long and it's so pretty! Anyway, hope this finds everyone staying warm. Just a recap of last month's delightful program with the entertaining Adeina Anderson and Jennifer Broome who were the authors of the 3rd Edition of 100 Things to Do in San Antonio Before You Die. I went through the book and am proud to say, there are only 25 things I HAVE NOT DONE!

I won't bore you with all of those but will say that I plan to remedy a few of them very soon... and maybe we should get a group of daring WC Members to do **Number 65**: GO ON THE WORLD'S ONLY LIVE FIRE TANK ADVENTURE ON A DAY TRIP TO UVALDE! Read about it and if you're a daredevil, hit me up and let's do it! **No. 36** has Topgolf which I've done, but it also listed IFLY, which I want to do (but it might be boring since I have actually JUMPED OUT OF A PLANE BY MYSELF, ON A STATIC LINE... Yes, it was SCARY BUT EXHILARATING) and Andretti Karting (fast cars) and Sandbox where you explore 7 gameplay escapades during a virtual reality experience... could be interesting! And **No. 38** has 3 museums I have not yet visited. So, those are my TO DO BUCKET ITEMS in this new year.... WHAT WAS YOURS?

See you February 5 at our next general meeting when San Antonio author Conrad John Netting comes to talk about his book, **DELAYED LEGACY**, which is part love story, part wartime thriller. A true story about the author's father, a WWII Pilot, and the French town where he died just after D-Day. Conrad, born 6 weeks later, discovered in 1994 a footlocker sealed for 50 years containing his father's wartime medals, uniforms, flight log, and personal effects. Conrad tells how his research led him to a wingman, to England and France, and in 2002 to a French family in Normandy who told him the rest of his father's story. His book will be available for purchase.

If you're in the mood, wear your favorite Valentine attire.

Cheers Tawana Timberlake Vice-President







## **CHRISTMAS FAIRE WRAP-UP**

Congratulations to everyone who led, volunteered at, contributed to, shopped at, and ate at the Christmas Faire. It was a great success.

The Woman's Club of San Antonio Income Statement For the Six Months Ending December 31, 2024

	December 2024	July-December 2024	
Revenues		T t	
Scholarship	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,025.00	
Dues	150.00	23,556.50	
Initiation Fees	200.00	600.00	
Property Usage	150.00	21,361.00	
Round Table Assessment	0.00	1,500.00	
Round Table Lunches	26.00	334.00	
Donations - Cash	510.00	5,447.60	
Donations - In Kind	50.76	315.30	
Fiesta Silent Auction	0.00	100.00	
Fall Luncheon	0.00	11,190.07	
Donation/Fall Luncheon	0.00	500.00	
Fall Luncheon/Silent Auction	0.00	2,122.00	
Fall luncheon - cork pull	0.00	340.00	
General Meeting Lunches	1,532.48	5,741.38	
Summer Luncheons	0.00	5,827.89	
Fundraiser-Day of Dead Party	0.00	1,875.00	
Christmas Faire Donations	25.00	525.00	
Christmas Faire Lunches	7,449.25	8,424.25	
Boutique Sales	7,075.89	12,862.36	
Christmas Faire Bake Shop	4,969.65	6,708.65	
Bake Shoppe - Taxable	123.45	123.45	
Fascinator Sales - Taxable	0.00	227.33	
Christmas Faire Raffle	699.25	1,746.25	
Christmas Faire/Break w. Santa	960.00	1,170.00	
Donation, Break. Santa	560.00	2,090.00	
Christmas Faire Vendors	25.00	6,937.00	
Christmas Ornament Sales	339.05	989.50	
C.F. Bake Shoppe Donations	152.00	579.00	
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Expenses		
Flower Show Plant Costs	0.00	75.00
Fiesta River Parade	0.00	9,800.00
Fiesta Coronation	0.00	200.00
Fiesta BattleFlowers Parade	0.00	200.00
Fiesta Comm.Dues/Insurance	0.00	200.00
Fiesta Miscellaneous	0.00	74.95
Fiesta Hat Luncheon	0.00	4,200.00
Fall Luncheon	0.00	10,780.27
Christmas Faire Misc. Expenses	1,206.26	2,681.91
Christmas Faire Lunches	5,873.96	5,927.94
Christmas Faire Marketing Exp.	84.00	989.92
Christmas ornament costs	0.00	820.00
Christmas Faire Bake Shop	150.00	984.19
Breakfast with Santa	1,681.03	1,681.03
Poinsettias	368.00	368.00
Christmas Faire Net Profit:		
Total Christmas Faire Revenue		29,293.10
Total Christmas Faire Expenses		13,452.99
Christmas Faire Net Profit:		15,840.11

## **ROUND TABLE CORNER**

Noontide Round Table will be hosting this year's Golden Girls celebration. If you are a "new" member of the Golden Girl's Club (80+ years of age) and would like to be recognized at this year's lunch, please be sure to let Monica Bridges at <a href="mailto:princess@jaybridges.com">princess@jaybridges.com</a> or Erin Trevino at <a href="mailto:erin.trevino@icloud.com">erin.trevino@icloud.com</a> in on the secret.



## INGENUE ROUND TABLE

The Ingenues hosted their annual Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser on January 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a very fun event!! Thank you to the awesome chairs Paulina, Irma, Bella & Sue, the Ingenues, and the Ingenue mothers and grandmothers for all their great help!! Thanks also to the Providence High School Show Choir who performed at the Pasta Lunch!





















## SOME QUOTES TO GET YOU THROUGH THE DAY

- ❖ I say, dress to please yourself. Listen to your inner muse and take a chance. Wear something that says "Here I am!" today − Iris Apfel
- ❖ We need women who are so strong they can be gentle, so educated they can be humble, so fierce they can be compassionate, so passionate they can be rational, and so disciplined they can be free. − Kavita Ramdas
- ❖ People who end up as first don't actually set out to be first. They set out to do something they love, and it just so happens that they are the first to do it. − Condoleeza Rice
- Our country was built by strong women, and we will continue to break down walls and defy stereotypes. Nancy Pelosi
- ❖ You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them. − Maya Angelou
- ❖ Growth requires movement. And often, the only way forward is through an exit door. Alicia Keys

## It's Time



# To Prepare This Year's Fiesta Book



Queen for a Day

**ROUND TABLES** 





PAGES:

Outside Back: Full page .....\$400.00

**COVER PAGES:** 

Inside Front: Full page ......\$350.00

Inside Back: Full page .....\$300.00 Full page.......\$200.00

1/2 page ......\$100.00

1/4 page ......\$ 50.00

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# February 2025 House Calendar

Ballroc  3pm		● 4pm		
23 Ballroom reserved ( 3pm Queens Rec	6	9 • 4pm Queens Rec	N	SUN 26
24 11:30am Fine Arts	17 Presidents' Day	10  • 11am Carousel Ro	ω	MON 27 • 11:30am Fine Arts
25  10am San Antonii  11:30am Modernii	18 • 6:30pm Soiree Rc	11 • 11:30am Friendsh	4	TUE 28  10am San Antonii 11:30am Modernii
26  10am Combined	19 11:30am Fiesta R <i>t</i>	12 11:30am America	5 • 11am WCSA Gene	WED 29 • 10am Combined
27	20 • 11am SAWF Gen <i>I</i> • 11:30am Books at	13 • 10:30am Noon Ti	6 11am SAWF Board	THU 30 • 4pm DDD Alumni
28  10am Bridge Rou	2	Valentine's Day  10:30am San Ant	7	31 E
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