



## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

September ushers in a new season, the beginnings of the new school year, and hopefully we feel a chill by the end of the month. For The Woman's Club of San Antonio, September is when we have our annual Fall Luncheon at the San Antonio Country Club. We look forward to seeing all of you and our guests at our JAZZ Luncheon on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Our year begins with the musical Notes by the very popular Stan Wayne. Our boutique is introducing new items for Fall, we will have a Silent Auction, a Wine Pull and a raffle for several special items. I can't wait to hear those classic tunes made popular by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Perry Como.

**BUNCO AT THE MANSION!** One of our goals this year is to have more opportunities for our members to get together outside of our fascinating scheduled summer luncheons or our upcoming general meetings with intriguing programs. Our New Members Salad Luncheon was quite a success, and some new members are already engaged in some of our committees. Several members have mentioned how much fun they have had this summer playing BUNCO. On Wednesday, September 7th, members and guests are invited to the Woodward Mansion from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to play BUNCO. The fee is a nominal \$10. Remember, "It's the Fellowship that counts!" Please respond if you are attending by calling our House Supervisor, Tina Zimmerman, 732-4811. If you leave a message, Tina will call you back.

Under our Bylaws the President has a duty to appoint members to certain exalted positions. I feel it is an honor, rather than a duty, to appoint an Artist in Residence and a Poet Laureate. We have so many accomplished and talented members, but for this administration, I have selected



Elizabeth Neeley, New Artist in Residence

Elizabeth Neeley as our Artist in Residence and Lea Fagin as our Poet Laureate. Elizabeth has been a member since 2007. Since then she has brought joy to our club with her unique and artistic millinery designs. Elizabeth's creative gears seem to be in constant motion; she brings grace, bold color choices, and imaginative creations through our doors. Lea Fagin became a member in 2016. She was born in Peru. She is a poet, memoir writer and a retired R.N. and Family Nurse Practitioner. As a teen, she was inspired to write poetry in Spanish by the radio's Poetry Hour in her remote jungle village. Her works have appeared in The Alamo Area Poets of Texas Anthology, Voices Along the River, Voices De La Luna the Critical Care Journal. We are looking forward to seeing these amazing women using their talents as we begin planning for our 125th anniversary celebration in 2023. I am researching the possibility of forming a special Bereavement Committee.



Lea Fagin, New Poet Laureate

If you would be willing to brainstorm this idea with other interested members, please email me at [albertv3@swbell.net](mailto:albertv3@swbell.net) or text me at 210-264-3207. Thank you very much!

Virginia Van Cleave  
President, Woman's Club of San Antonio

**TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE**

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies, hopefully you receive my message in good health and spirit. Since July 1, 2022, our President, Virginia Van Cleave, has been promoting our motto, "Unity is Our Strength". What does that mean to each one of us...for me it says that I have a responsibility to the whole club, "oneness". Our monthly meetings are for all of us to come together, hear an interesting speaker, obtain club business, mingle with friends and enjoy a meal together. Remember, our Summer Luncheons are fundraisers as is our September Fall Luncheon. Enhance your day, put on your special outfit with the complimenting hat and come out and join us, September – May, each first Wednesday, mark your calendar. Oh yes, bring a relative and/or friend. The more, the merrier and they will especially enjoy our unique boutique. Angela Pfeiffer, our buyer, has marvelous items at great prices. Thank you Angela.

August has brought us many birthday celebrations as well as celebrations of death. In our oneness, let's remember to pray for God's continued favor on all of us as we face each new day.

Hot Topics:

\* "Bunco at the Mansion" – September 5 – 10:00am to 12 pm - \$10.00 to play rsvp 210.732.4811 "It's the Fellowship that counts!"

\* Our Fall Season is just around the corner. Make your WCSA September Fall Luncheon reservation, "JAZZ Alive" with Stan Wayne at the San Antonio Country Club. The luncheon is a fundraiser, beyond the program, we will have many items to buy. Our fabulous boutique will be available, a silent auction will be set up (items are needed) and then there's the Wine Pull. Bottles of wine valued at \$20.00 or more are needed. A chance to win a bottle of wine will cost \$20.00 so we're assuring that each bottle of wine is valued at \$20.00 or more.

Stay well and happy. Come join us each month.

With warm regards,

Sandra



### WE GOT A GRANT!!!

Congratulations to Sandra Whittaker, Marsha Metz and Carolyn Snyder for putting together a winning grant request that resulted in a \$20,000 grant from the [Wheeler Foundation](#). This grant will supplement the funds that we currently provide to the San Antonio College Women's Empowerment Center on an annual basis. We provide scholarship funds to non-traditional, underserved women. Scholarship funds will be disbursed at \$500 per semester and will help pay for books, tuition, childcare, transportation assistance or technology needs. Scholarship recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress.

### WITH THIS ISSUE

Fiesta Teen Queen Bios and Ballot ~ Attachment 1 to the newsletter



# Paid Advertizing

**Save The Date!** 

**SHOPPING SPREE!** **November 17th**

**Mystery Shopping Tour**

**\$75 8 til 3** 

Contact Iris Francis:  
Text 210 846 8003

**More information coming!**



## FIESTA ROUND TABLE NEWS FLASH!

The 2022 community service project will be school supplies for Beacon Hill Academy PreK-12. All RT and Club members are invited to participate in the school supply drive and drop off donations in the Club office or the plastic tub located near the basement entry door.



Patti Villareal delivered school supplies to Beacon Hill Academy on Monday, August 15.

## September Birthdays

Linda Nairn	Sept 1
Coco Martinez	Sept 4
Yvonne Nino	Sept 5
Mickey Tovar	Sept 5
Sandy Massey	Sept 6
Brenda Jaye	Sept 10
Sue Walski	Sept 11
Erminia Uviedo	Sept 12
Sandra Herman	Sept 16
Diane Lewallen	Sept 17



Maria Ramirez	Sept 17
Ashley Wash	Sept 23
Helen Henderson	Sept 24
Anita Oberle	Sept 24
Dorothy Akers	Sept 26
Vickie Kinder	Sept 26
Karen Rogers	Sept 26
Bett Schlattner	Sept 26
Billie Arredondo	Sept 27
Ann Le	Sept 27
Lee Perry	Sept 28

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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 [womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com). **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.

## NEW MEMBERS

In August we welcomed three new members:

- ❖ Elise Lewis (sponsored by Armandina Sifuentes). Elise holds a BA in Government and Criminology Justice and a master's degree in criminology. She is employed at University Hospital as a Clinical Informaticist. She is the mother of three elementary school aged children and is involved as both a PTA room mom and Girl Scout Troop Leader
- ❖ Belinda Hill Herbst (sponsored by Lea Fagin). Belinda is a retired accountant and school principal. She currently is an adjunct professor at St Phillip's College teaching accounting and IT courses. She is a member of the Windcrest Garden and Windcrest Women's Clubs
- ❖ Amanda Alarcon-Hunter (sponsored by Tawana Timberlake). Amanda is the owner of Minx & Onyx, a vintage clothing and jewelry boutique. She is committed to sustainable retail clothing and jewelry design practices.

Welcome aboard! We are happy to have you with us.

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

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

- ❖ Deborah Brodigan
- ❖ Cassidy Wills
- ❖ Patricia Mowery.

Their applications will be presented for a vote to the Board of Directors. If anyone has any questions, please contact Cathy Carroll, Membership Chairman.

## WINNING MEDAL DESIGN FIESTA 2023



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.



# UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice-president

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

The Woman's Club of San Antonio  
Fall Luncheon  
Presents  
★ ★ Stan Wayne

JAZZ ALIVE!  
Smooth listening  
music of the 1950's



Stan Wayne has been entertaining and delighting audiences all over the world.  
You won't want to miss this!!

San Antonio Country Club ★ Wednesday, September 21, 2022 ★ 11:00 a.m.

Valet Parking ★ Silent Auction ★ Boutique ★ Delicious Luncheon

Tickets are \$75.00 per person – Tables of 10  
For reservations call 210-732-4811 or online at  
<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/september-fall-luncheon2022/>  
Reservation deadline is September 16th

## FALL LUNCHEON SILENT AUCTION



The success of our Silent Auction at the San Antonio Country Club on September 21, 2022, depends on our generous members! We have some great items so far, but we could use a few more gift cards. Our deadline is Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make it to the Club, please give me a call and I'll be happy to pick up your donation!!

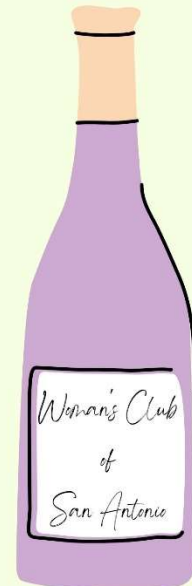
Ginger Vlieger  
210-219-1522  
Silent Auction Chairman

## Wine Pull Fundraiser

San Antonio Country Club  
September 21, 2022 at 11:00 am

*Donate  
bottles of  
wine  
valued at  
\$20 or  
more*

*Bring  
your bottles  
of wine to  
the  
mansion  
office*



Call Sandy Salinas at 210.365.5536 with questions



## Care and Concern:

*As reported from Barbara Vander*

*Reminder: Please send Care and Concern requests to Barbara Vander, [barbjvan.WCSA@gmail.com](mailto: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 Cyndi Munch had knee replacement surgery on August 1st. She will be missing some Club events for a while. Please reach out to her with phone calls and cards.  
Cyndi Munch  
13703 Village Wood  
San Antonio, TX 78216
- ❖ Member Elizabeth Moad passed away in her sleep August 11th. Send prayers and cards via her daughter:  
Michelle Moad-Hageman  
14619 Basset Lane  
San Antonio, TX 78231
- ❖ Member Linda Purcell's mother, Eleanor Purcell, has been in hospice care after a two-month illness. Send prayers and cards to:  
Eleanor Purcell  
10127 Huebner Road  
San Antonio, TX 78249
- ❖ Member Sarah Komet notified us in August that her sister, Deborah Kunet, passed May 26th after a four year battle with kidney cancer. Her mother passed June 12th after a brief illness. Send prayers and cards to:  
Sarah Komet  
935 Schley Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78210
- ❖ Member Maria Henderson's husband, Willis (Bill) Henderson, passed away on July 19th. Maria suffers from dementia.

## Golden Book

*Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman*

- ❖ "On behalf of The Woman's Club of San Antonio, I would like to thank Christy Hackenberry, owner of the Bel/Vista MedSpa, for her very generous donation of assorted boutique items to use for our fundraising activities." Virginia Van Cleave. Donation is for our operating expenses
- ❖ In memory of Elizabeth Moad who touched the lives of all of our members by sharing her thoughts, creativity and talents for more than twenty-five years. She gave 150% to whatever task she assumed. Donation by Virginia and Bill Van Cleave
- ❖ In Honor of Sandra Ojeda Medina 70th birthday. By Sandy Salinas



## Melody Joy Hays- Candidate for Teen Queen



For as long as I can remember, The Woman's Club of San Antonio has always been a part of my life. The story begins with my Grandmother, Sandra Bradley, and my Mother, Heather Hays. They are lifetime members of the club and introduced me to this wonderful world of ladies.



My imagination was captivated when I entered the Kingdom of Royalty, seeing men and women who were dressed in their elegant gowns and uniforms. Then the Queen would enter, our Teen Queen, a person of incredible beauty and grace who dazzled my five year old eyes. I always felt honored to be a part of her Coronation, whether I was carrying a prop, her train or crown, to me it was the world. Now, I looking forward to participating in my 15th Coronation.



The Fiesta Hat Luncheon was always my favorite day. On this special day, I was able to skip a day at school to attend the annual Hat Luncheon. My doll, Emily, and I would dress up in our long planned ensembles with our matching hats and our Fiesta Medal Sash ready to pick up my Grandmother and proceed to an adventure at the Luncheon.



Many years, I was given the golden opportunity to help my Grandmother with the Silent Auction, Hat Contest, Raffle Tickets, or whatever was needed to be done. When we arrived I would always walk around to every Fiesta Royalty that attended that year's luncheon and ask for one of their medals.



To me, the Teen Queen has not only the special role of representing The Woman's Club of San Antonio, but she is also an inspiration for the younger generation. She is seen as an icon by those young girls. They look up her. She is royal just like a Disney Princess, who also happens to be a cool teenager that they can speak to and relate with. I believe my role would be to honor Fiesta and The Woman's Club by showing grace, dignity, kindness and love to our Members and Community while also working to inspire the next generation.



Besides having the opportunity to belong to the Ingenues, I am also a senior at Winston Churchill High School. There, I am greatly involved with the Marching Band and Color Guard programs. I enjoy dressing up in our elaborate costumes to perform our shows. I am also in the Future Teachers Program at school. Following High School, I will attend college taking English, History and Writing for my future as a school teacher. I will also have some fun traveling with my Grandmother.

*Sincerely Yours, Melody Joy Hays*

# Laurel Abbey Miller



Sponsor: Stacey Bradford-Miller  
Year Joined Ingenues: 2018  
Number of Coronations  
Participated: 14  
My grandmother, Kaye Bradford  
is a lifetime member and my  
mother, Stacey Bradford-Miller

is the current House Chair and my sponsor for WCSA 2023 Fiesta Teen Queen. This year marks my fifteenth year participating in The WCSA Fiesta Coronation. From the time I was three years old, I would pretend that the Woodward House was my home. I would imagine what it would be like, living in this magnificent house in 1904, making my grand entrance down the magnificent staircase. This year is more exciting than ever. I would be honored to make my grand entrance at The Woodward House celebrating the 125th anniversary of the club as “The Woman's Club of San Antonio 2023 FIESTA TEEN QUEEN”.

My pride and joy comes from being philanthropic and giving back to our community. I volunteer through school and by representing the WC in various events as an Ingenue. I was an ambassador for the WCSA Ingenues at the WCA meeting. I have purchased toys, set up, hosted, and run games for several years for the annual Respite Care Christmas Party. I have made holiday cards for members, worked the garage sale and decorated the house. I am fortunate that my school supports community service and Fiesta activities. I have attended and worked many WCSA meetings, luncheons and Fiesta events, even during the school day, like WCSA Fiesta Hat Luncheon, Fiesta Especial, Fiesta, Fiesta, The Pilgrimage to the Alamo and many more. In the WCSA Fiesta Flower Show I earned the First Place award in the Botanical Arts Artistic Crafts.

Fiesta brings our city together in celebration of freedom. Fiesta started in 1891 to honor the memory of the heroes at the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. I would cherish representing the WCSA as the 2023 FIESTA TEEN QUEEN with my good will and festive spirit.

The WCSA members are wonderful, witty, fun and full of wisdom. They’ve taught me to hold myself in high regard, seek a higher standard, have faith in myself and believe that as a woman I am good enough. The poise, grace, and sincerity that I have been a witness to, can only be taught by example. I would really like to get this message out to other young women. As the WCSA 2023 FIESTA TEEN QUEEN during our 125 th anniversary year, I would be able to spread the core values and mission of the WCSA “For mutual improvement and cooperation in all charitable and educational undertakings that pertain to the greater good of humanity”. I understand as a role model I would share my own story of a caterpillar to a butterfly by the power of the love and support of the WCSA members. I know there are some exceptional women in San Antonio and Fiesta events are a great way to showcase the WCSA, giving us an opportunity to discover prospective new members.

I have been a dedicated student and an avid dancer at Saint Mary’s Hall. I take ballet, tap, jazz, Irish, folklorico, modern and choreography. This year, I have signed up to take country, ballroom and swing dance to help my cousin Alex learn to dance. I’ve been honored with the Red Cross Young Philanthropist Award for contributions to the community. I’m an active Latin Club member and I’ve competed in LJCL and Scholastic Art Awards. I’m a Girl Scout of twelve years. I’ve earned my bronze and silver awards. My gold award is to spread awareness of safe travels in vehicles for animals. I plan to stay active in the WCSA while attending Trinity University in the Fall of 2023 to study Biomechanical Engineering.

Through my words, I hope you can see that I am dedicated to our mission, our club, and our community. I look forward to gaining lifelong friendships through this experience. I am excited, energetic and dedicated to making sure I am the best representative at each and every event I am asked to attend. I love The Woman’s Club, San Antonio and Fiesta! I promise to represent the Woman’s Club of San Antonio with the same dedication, grace, poise, demeanor and selflessness I have learned from the members of the WCSA. With your vote, I would be honored and blessed to be The Woman’s Club of San Antonio 2023 FIESTA TEEN QUEEN!





## Fiesta Teen Queen 2023 Ballot

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (required if mailed to WCSA)

My choice for Fiesta Teen Queen is:

\_\_\_\_ Laurel Miller sponsored by Stacey Bradford-Miller (Mother) and  
Kaye Bradford (Grandmother)



\_\_\_\_ Melody Joy Hays sponsored by Heather Hays (Mother) and  
Sandra Bradley (Grandmother)



### Instruction for voting

You may begin voting when you receive this ballot in the Newsletter or by picking one up in the club office. We will NOT vote during the October meeting. Voting will end on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### This is how we will vote:

Option 1: Print a copy of the ballot. Make your selection and sign your name. Mail your ballot no later than September 26 to The Woman's Club of San Antonio, 1717 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78212. You may also drop it by the club office and give it to Tina Zimmerman.

Option 2: E-mail your ballot with your name and your selection to [womansclubsa@aol.com](mailto:womansclubsa@aol.com) no later than Friday, September 30, 2022.