

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



RUSTLING LEAVES

AUGUST 2019

UNITY IS OUR STRENGTH

July began our new year, and with it, several changes to the club. We have implemented our new dues policy, and I report with joy that it has made the collecting of dues much more efficient and timelier. It has also brought fairness to the process, especially to our newest members. We will bring to you some of our new plans for the coming year at the October General Membership meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

In the meantime, we also bid a sad farewell to our House Chairman, **Lisa Del Rio**. Lisa and her husband will relocate to Mississippi this month, and we will miss her talents immensely. During the past year as House Chairman, she organized our club members for a fun, productive, and thorough house cleaning. She spotted the rotten railings on the third balcony, was alarmed at the duct tape holding them together, and orchestrated the return to beauty that is nearly finished today. Very importantly, she identified the significant problems with the windows throughout the house. One of those was threatening the interior walls in the Gold Room. The loss of the frescoes and bas relief detail would have been tragic. Because of generous donations from members, those two windows have been repaired (the expense was \$11,750). I will certainly miss that experienced and well-informed firecracker who could terrorize even the

biggest contractor. We are fortunate that **Helen Henderson**, no shrinking violet herself, has agreed to replace Lisa in this important position on the Board of Directors for 2019-2020.

We are so fortunate to have among our members women who really “rock” Proverbs 31. We are appreciating the most beautiful landscaping the house has had in memory. This is certainly due to the work of diligent previous Grounds Chairmen, beginning with **Helen Henderson's** planning and planting, and the continued work and care provided by those who followed her: **Margaret Thompson, Jamie Whitfield**, and currently **Sandra Whittaker**. When it comes to our clubhouse, inside and outside, the work never stops. But all you need to experience is the faces of those who enter our home for the first time (think Fiesta Flower Show and the Queen's Reception) and you will appreciate that it is a treasure that we gladly maintain.

I look forward to seeing you at the August 21 luncheon featuring our own **Angelica Docog**. We are continuing to plan meetings and parties which should delight and inform you for the new year ahead. Don't miss a single one!

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AUGUST Birthdays

Mary Corrigan	3	Betty Lewandowski	17
Liv Gennarelli	3	Jane Stone	18
Jane Stiles	3	Janet James	19
Gina Langley	4	Ferne Burney	20
Laurel Miller	5	Jeanne Koplan	20
Reagan Head	6	Wendy Werts	21
Caroline Ingram	7	Ashley Littlefield	25
Armandina Sifuentes	9	Divina Alvarez	28
Alaya Daoud	11	Julie Alexander-Shacklett	28
Debbie Kline	11	Michele Moad-Hageman	29
Sandra Ojeda Medina	11	Dona Liston	30
Linda Parsons	13		
Susan Moreland-Goza	14		

*Disclaimer: Appearance of birthday information is based on the 2018-2019 yearbook ONLY.



Care and Concern

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- ❖ Member Martha Dabbs passed away July 8.
- ❖ Member Judy Willingham had eye surgery.
- ❖ Member Patricia Villarreal had breast cancer surgery. Her brother also passed away.
- ❖ Member Billie Arredondo had diagnostic tests.
- ❖ Member Carol Keller's husband was hospitalized.
- ❖ Member Carol Carpenter had hip replacement surgery.
- ❖ Member Eileen Marin had bunion surgery.
- ❖ Member Mercedes Bentle's mother passed away.
- ❖ Member Linda Purcell is recovering from a bad fall.
- ❖ Member Gretchen Hill's mother-in-law passed away.
- ❖ Member T.J. Hageman is still recovering from a broken arm. Her husband is in hospice.
- ❖ Member Vicki Ferguson had breast cancer surgery.
- ❖ Member Mari Duran is recovering from a bad fall. Her brother and Member Irma Duran de Rodriguez's uncle passed away.

More information about each family above has been emailed to all members from Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Goza. (To our new members: 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.)

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ALL luncheon reservations must be paid in advance so we can contract with the caterer. If you arrive at the luncheon without a paid reservation, you will be placed on a "stand by" list to see if someone has paid and did not show up.

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR
FINAL SUMMER LUNCHEON!
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

**PLEASE NOTE: REQUIRED PAID
RESERVATIONS DEADLINE**

MONDAY, AUG. 19 at 10 A.M. Payment of \$35 can be made by credit card by calling the club at (210) 732-4811.

At our final summer luncheon meet our own Angelica Docog, who is the Executive Director of the Institute of Texan Cultures. She will share about the museum's groundbreaking new exhibit, "Filipino Texans"—and how she is shaking it up at the ITC with innovative programming and presentations. Come and enjoy the lively conversation, a Filipino style show experience, and a live dance performance in our ballroom.

Bring a friend – or two – with you!



VOTE FOR OUR 2020 FIESTA MEDAL DESIGN BY AUG. 21

We have 5 designs submitted by our members and you get to help decide which one will be chosen. YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED IN EITHER EMAIL OR AT THE CLUB OFFICE BY AUGUST 21, which is also the date of our Luncheon so you can pick up a paper ballot then if you do not want to be **GREEN** and vote by email. The email ballot was sent to members August 1.

**Election of the 2020 FIESTA TEEN QUEEN WILL OCCUR AT
THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 2.**

Each candidate will have a poster displayed with her vision as Queen and each will have an article in the September *RUSTLING LEAVES* newsletter. Contact Julie Alexander-Shacklett for any questions at julieashacklett@gmail.com.

It's hot in August in South Texas now...but we are looking forward to the ENERGY and EXCITEMENT for our FALL LUNCHEON when we travel to **"PARIS AT THE SAN ANTONIO COUNTRY CLUB on SEPTEMBER 18. SAVE THE DATE AND MAKE PLANS TO BE THERE!"**

The Luncheon will feature couturier Roger Canamar, who will present his current collection at our event, "Paris at the San Antonio Country Club," a follow up to last summer's gorgeous Paris collection Roger presented at the Woodward Mansion.

His show at the San Antonio Country Club will be artistic, on trend and every piece is one-of-kind. He also will create a unique (and affordable) scarf for members and guests to purchase at this special Fall Luncheon.

An added treat will be a hat designed by our own Lynn Thompson which will be the feature raffle at the Luncheon.

Ticket price will remain at \$70 each and tickets will be available for purchase soon.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

As of July 31, we had 242 paid members...but that's not all of us! Remember our new ByLaws reflect our new dues structure:

Now are \$165. If paid on August 1, 2019 and before September 1, 2019 (\$169.95 with CC)

STILL LATER:

Then become \$180. If paid on September 1, 2019 and before October 1, 2019 (\$185.40 with CC)

Dues not paid by October 1, 2019 will result in a loss of membership in the Club. Loss of membership due to lack of good standing results in a **second initiation fee** with dues payment, if re-applying for membership. Contact Assistant Treasurer Patte Pfeiffer with any questions at pattep5215@att.net. Thank you!



Our members always donate unique items for our Silent Auction – that makes it fun!!! Thank you!

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE SILENT AUCTION – Bring items by Sept. 16.

It's Silent Auction time again for our Fall Luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the San Antonio Country Club. We welcome new, unused items, and gift certificates! If you have questions or need pick-up service, please give Silent Auction Chair Ginger Vlieger a call at (210) 219-1522 or email at gingervlieger@gvtc.com.

You can also leave items in the Office with Martha in a container labeled "Fall Luncheon Silent Auction Items." Please fill out the paperwork showing the donor and the value of the item donated. Remember, our Silent Auctions are pure profit for our Club and proceeds will be used for scholarships, charity donations, and our mansion's restoration care. We need your donations and would appreciate receiving them no later than Monday, Sept. 16.

RUSTLING LEAVES ADVERTISING RATES

With the approval of the Board, paid advertising is available on a limited basis in the monthly newsletter. Publicized events must NOT be directly related to or sponsored by the Woman's Club. Rates are \$25 for ¼ page, \$50 for ½ page and \$100 for a full page. Payment and camera ready ad must be submitted prior to publication. Check the website for a media kit and contact info at www.thewomansclubofsa.org.

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GENERATIONS OF WOMEN ENJOY 'PEARLS OF POLISH' WITH DIANE GOTTSMAN AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO AT JULY LUNCHEON



AT LEFT: Our House Supervisor Martha Aguirre and her daughter Madison Cantu helped with Diane's book sales which quickly sold out!



Thank you Jane Stone and Michael Quintanilla for coordinating such an outstanding program AND thank you to our Ingenues for helping with our June and July luncheons: Sophia Christiansen, Hannah Geppert, Gabby Geppert, and Lillie Medina helped set the tables and serve the luncheons. We will miss them in August!



"The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been."

-Madeleine L'Engle

HAVE YOU HEARD IN THE CLUB?

- ★ MARK YOUR JANUARY CALENDAR for the monthly program and luncheon to be MOVED to Jan. 8, 2020. The Board passed a motion to move the date due to holiday schedules that month.
- ★ The GOLDEN GIRLS LUNCHEON will be held Feb. 13, 2020 instead of in May. Save the date to celebrate our young women who “just happen” to be in their ‘80s.
- ★ The estate of Joyce Breene graciously donated one of her beautiful handstitched pieces to the Club. Find it on a wall in the Club when you come next time and admire the beautiful Japanese hand embroidery that Joyce enjoyed doing so much.
- ★ **ROUNDTABLES ARE A GREAT WAY TO MEET PEOPLE IN THE CLUB AND ENJOY MONTHLY PROGRAMS TOO. All groups are open to new members!**



Just a few snapshots from
Roundtables' member fun!
Find your spot at one too!



MEMORIAL BRICKS

Bricks! Bricks! Bricks! This is such a unique and different method to make a lasting memory for the affordable price of \$50. Ask Martha at the Club for the form which must be completed and turned in to her with your payment (check, cash or credit card). Please make sure Martha sees/is aware of your order for processing. A handwritten gift card/note will be sent to those being honored as long as you complete that section on the form. Questions? Contact Bricks Chairman Connie Linville at clinville@satx.rr.com.

GIFTS TO THE GOLDEN BOOK FUND

Submitted By:

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

In Memory of **Ted Bowles**

In Memory of **Lindsey Brewer**

By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

In Memory of **Harriett Ellerbee**

In Memory of **Martha Dabbs**

In Memory of **Chad Ferguson**

By Jean French

In Honor of **Diane Gottsman**

July program

By The Woman's Club

In Memory of **Martha Dabbs**

By Mickey Tovar

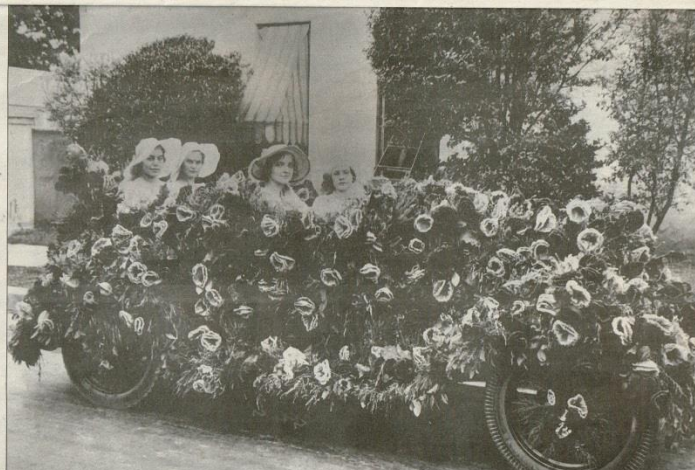
In Memory of **Martha Dabbs**

By The Woman's Club

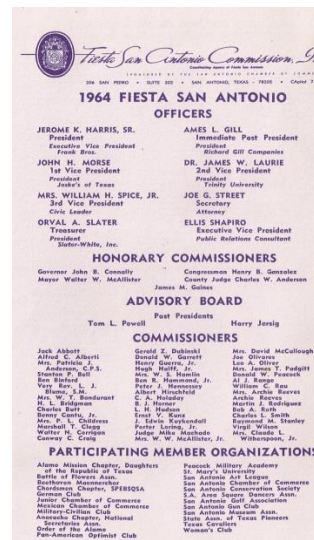
In Honor of **The Woman's Club**

By Janet James

Women's Right to Vote Ratified by U.S. Congress on August 18, 1920



Top: In 1916, Eleanor Brackenridge and others worked hard for women's right to vote. In 1964, only 1 woman as a Fiesta San Antonio Officer.



As late as the 1970s, a woman could not report cases of harassment in the workplace; keep her job if she were pregnant; be accepted into Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, or any of the military academies; get a credit card in her own name; or purchase a home on her own.

Our club was founded and maintained by women who worked to accomplish all we have today. There is much work yet to be done.

Mark Your Calendars!

FINAL SUMMER LUNCHEON at The Club

****WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21 at 10:30 AM**

Special items will be on sale in the Boutique!

**RSVP DEADLINE IS MONDAY, AUG. 19 WITH A PAID
RESERVATION of \$35 per person.**

FALL LUNCHEON: "Paris at the San Antonio Country Club"

****WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18**

Tickets are \$70 per person.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

****WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2**

**Election of Fiesta Teen Queen, State of the Club Address, and
Recognition of Past Presidents**

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!

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