

## THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



**RUSTLING LEAVES**

**MARCH 2020**

**February** was such a fabulous month in so many ways! Our gigantic Garage Sale netted the Club \$3500. My friend who helped move many of the large items asked me what we had gained, and when I told him, he suggested that I go buy a lottery ticket because he never believed that we could have reached that amount. I will acknowledge the many additions to the items we removed gratefully from the attic: Waterford crystal, Haviland china, and knick-knacks of every description. They helped us in a very special way because of their great value. Remember, if you need us to acknowledge your contribution of goods to the sale, just let us know. We will happily give you a receipt. I also thank the ARMY of club members who helped us all day...we had such a wonderful, but tiring time! We moved the **Golden Girls Luncheon** to February from May. The idea was to get the luncheon away from a very busy time of the year. It must have worked because the room was filled, and the party was exceptional. Special thanks go to **Leslie Doyle**, who chaired the event and the many helpers from Noontide Round Table as our hostesses.

**FIESTA FUN BEGINS NOW** – Please ensure that you are ready to attend the **Fiesta Teen Queen's Reception** March 1 at the Club. We will honor our Queen, our Princess, and all our Ingenues. With our move to a Sunday afternoon reception, all our Fiesta friends show up, and it will be a great chance to meet them face to face. With March upon us, our Fiesta plans are going forward in earnest. We are very excited for how the **Fiesta**

**Hat Contest and Luncheon** plans are going. We have some very special dignitaries confirmed to judge the contest, and the theme is allowing us some creativity that will be as different as it is entertaining. Please make your plans early. We sold out last year, and we hope to do so again. Have you made plans for your **Fiesta Flower Show** contribution? The entry board is in the foyer of the clubhouse, and the slots all need to be filled. Remember, a category will not be judged until each of the four contestants have committed and submitted an entry. The show has new and exciting categories! Don't be shy....help is at hand with the committee if you have questions. **Finally**, I found myself making a new commitment to myself after the **Agarita concert** at the club house on February 8. Our founders dedicated themselves to charity, social concerns, and the fine arts. When the music filled the room holding a capacity audience; I knew that we need to focus on more events such as these, and I promise you that we will do so. Remember, March is **Women's History Month**. Our own Eleanor Brackenridge fought for women's rights. In 1920 she saw her dreams come true, and women were allowed to vote, and she was the first female registered voter in Bexar County. Watch our Facebook page and website as we remember where we were and where we have come. We will also honor Ms. Brackenridge on March 10 with the annual Friendship Tea. So, get ready.....if you're bored, it's your fault. See you soon!

**Warm regards, Ferne Burney, President**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jacqueline Bonney	1	Martha Mass Shultz	11
Jocelyne Jackson	3	Gloria Tate	13
Leona Maples	4	Robin Templeton	13
Donna Adams	6	Patte Pfeiffer	15
Maida Perkins	7	Pat Baron	16
Eleanor Brackenridge*	7	Marcella Schroder	16
Barbara Vander	7	T.J. Hageman	21
Judy Ann Willingham	7	Orbilvia Hayes	21
Janice McGraw	8	Angelica Docog	22
Linda Oliver	8	Cathy Carroll	29
Kimberly Keller	10		



### Celebrating Women's History Month in March – follow us on Facebook!

\*Suffragist Eleanor Brackenridge wasn't afraid to make waves to get what she wanted. "Foolish modesty lags behind while brazen impudence goes forth and eats the pudding," Brackenridge, the first woman to register to vote in Bexar County, once said. Besides helping lead the crusade for women's suffrage in Texas, Brackenridge worked to promote temperance, children's welfare and education. Born Mary Eleanor Brackenridge in 1837 in Indiana, she moved to San Antonio after the Civil War. Her brother George W. Brackenridge was a business leader and philanthropist who donated the land that became Brackenridge Park; he named Eleanor a director of the San Antonio National Bank and the San Antonio Loan and Trust Co., making her one of the first female bank directors in the country. In 1898, Brackenridge and her friend Marin Fenwick, a *San Antonio Express* columnist, founded the Woman's Club of San Antonio. At the time, such clubs were springing up around the country to allow women to engage in civic work and promote cultural events; the clubs also gave women a way to organize politically and orchestrate larger social reforms. Brackenridge served as president of the Woman's Club here for seven years and helped found more around the state. The club's members worked to get women on the school board and to have police matrons hired at the city jail to handle incarcerated women, according to the Texas State Library and Archives. A strong believer in education for women, Brackenridge helped establish the College of Industrial Arts, now Texas Woman's University, in Denton. She and two other women were appointed to the first board of regents — the first female regents on a university board in Texas — and she lobbied for the Legislature to support the school. In 1919, Texas became the ninth state to ratify the 19th Amendment, which granted women the vote. It was the culmination of years of tireless crusading by Brackenridge and her fellow suffragists.

Brackenridge died at 86 on Valentine's Day 1924. In her obituary the next day, the *San Antonio Express* called her, "in many respects, the foremost woman citizen of Texas" and said she was remarkable for her mentality, sound judgement and unfailing gentleness, reaching into far corners of not only Texas but also the United States."



MISS M. ELEANOR BRACKENRIDGE

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See <https://www.expressnews.com/sa300/article/Eleanor-Brackenridge-worked-for-women-s-rights-12618001.php>

## GENERAL MEETING – RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 2 at 10 A.M.



**NEW PROGRAM SPEAKER:** Meet Marta Pelaez, CEO of Family Violence Prevention Services. Listen how her staff may only get one opportunity to change the course of an abused woman's life. They do not want to see the woman later on the front page as another fatality due to family violence.

**Community Care & Concern:** We will pass the basket for Beacon Hill Elementary School.

**Hostesses:** Books and Letters Round Table

### SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL MEETING on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4:

10:30 AM Social and Shopping  
11:00 AM General Meeting and Program Speaker  
Noon Lunch – Mixed greens salad, roasted chicken breast with pear chutney, rice, green beans, rolls, red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting

#### **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME FOR PAID RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS**

Luncheon reservations OR cancellations must be made no later than 10 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020, by email or phone (210-732-4811). Making a reservation guarantees payment of \$25 unless the cancellation deadline is met. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

## SIGN UP NOW TO HELP WITH THE QUEEN RECEPTION TO BE HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 1 from 3-5 PM

Your help is needed to sign up to donate food/drink items for the reception. If you signed up on paper at the last Woman's Club general meeting, your name has been entered already in the Sign Up Genius.

Please click on the Sign Up Genius link below for more details and to sign up. For questions or need help with the Sign Up Genius, please contact Johanna Christiansen at 210-887-2137.

Link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548aaa82ea57-queens4>

**Thank you everyone for your generosity!**







**SUNDAY, APRIL 5** – It's Coronation time! We invite you to participate in the 2020 FIESTA Teen Queen Coronation to be held at Temple

Beth-El. **Chairman Madi Moad-Hageman** is working to make this day extra special. The reception is held at the Woman's Club. For a registration form, go to our club website at <http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org> where you can download it, complete and send it via email ONLY with a photo of child in jpg format ONLY to this address: [WCSAFiestaCoronation@gmail.com](mailto:WCSAFiestaCoronation@gmail.com).

Thank you for sharing your beautiful and talented children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It's an experience of a lifetime. **DEADLINE IS MARCH 1.**

**APRIL 17-18 – Fiesta Flower Show** This Official Fiesta Event, more than 110 years old, will be held at The Woman's Club and will feature creative flower and horticulture displays from our members. SIGN UP TO DESIGN for the show by putting your name into one of the openings on the board in the dining room. The categories are described for

each of the divisions of the show, and a sample of the type of design is included. BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE MANY NEW CATEGORIES, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHY

### **APRIL 22 - Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon**

Tickets are now on sale for the Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon. Reservations are REQUIRED and can be made at the Club office. Your payment ensures your reservation. General admission tickets are \$75 and VIP tickets are \$125 per person. Tables are for 10. VIP admission gives you a swag bag, complimentary parking, two drink tickets, a WCSA Fiesta medal, and "ringside" seating. Get your friends together for a table!! **Janice McGraw** will be designing the table décor!

The luncheon features a silent auction, our world-famous Boutique, a wine pull, and many other fun activities. And do not forget to get your plans together for your hat judging category: Most Beautiful, Vintage, Glitz and Glam, Texas Topper, Spirit of Fiesta, Youth, Gentlemen, Small Group (4 or less), and Large Group (5 or more). Due to evaluations, the runway will be elevated so everyone can see! More tables will be available as well this year as the Silent Auction will be located outside of the seating area.



**Deadline for our Fiesta Ad Book IS MARCH 1.** Send all ads to [wcsafiestaadbook@gmail.com](mailto:wcsafiestaadbook@gmail.com). Please submit ads in either .jpeg or .pdf format. Payments can be made at the club in person or by phone (210) 732-4811. Please pick up the ad form in the office. Or print the electronic version that is available on line, and make a copy of the completed form for your customer as well as for the club office. Do not use the Club email to submit. Thank you! Use the special email above.

**ARE YOU WEARING YOUR 2020 MEDAL?**



**OUR "GARAGE SALE" WAS A HUGE SUCCESS – largely due to everyone working together to achieve the same**

**goals: To clean up our House AND make some cold cash for the House Restoration Fund!**

**Some of the many volunteers: Jane Stone, Sandra Bradley, Heather Hays, Patty Geppert and Johanna Christiansen.**



## **GOLDEN BOOK GIFTS**

Submitted By:  
Johanna Christiansen, Golden Book Chairman  
Diane Lewallen, Golden Book Committee

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

By Sandra Bradley  
By Betty Lewandowski  
By Mona Thaxton  
By Sandra Geppert  
By Janet James  
By Bee Alive Crafters  
By Ferne Burney  
By Susan Gargotta and Cyndi Munch  
By Debbie Hamer  
By Chula Boyle  
By Elaine Staller  
By Helen Jones

In Memory of **Margaret Thompson**

By Bill Thompson

In Memory of **Barbara Jean Dillman**

By The Woman's Club

In Honor of **The Woodward Mansion**

By The Woman's Club

In Honor of the 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday of **Harold Christiansen**

By Brian, Johanna, Sophia and Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Program Speaker **Walt Wilson**

By The Woman's Club

In Honor of Program Speaker **Betsy Cooper**

By The Woman's Club



**Your gifts are already hard at work in restoring the Mansion!**

House Chairman, Helen Henderson, came up with a brilliant idea to help us to reach our goal of \$50,000. We are less than \$10,000 away from that goal, having reached that amount within 5 months. Thank you so much! We saw many contributions from members at the end of 2019, and now we are in the New Year and a new decade: 2020. Would you consider a contribution of \$20.20? How about \$202.00? How about \$2020.00? You get the pattern!

When we suggested this at the last meeting, we gained nearly \$800 towards our goal. Thank you!

Let's get behind this and let's reach our goal before Fiesta begins making us all crazy!



# WE LOVE OUR GOLDEN GIRLS!

By Leslie Doyle

Seen on Thursday, February 13, were an astounding number of well dressed ladies descending on the Woodward House for the annual Golden Girls Luncheon. Most were clad in shades of red or pink, with a few blacks interspersed, most appropriate considering the upcoming holiday.

The festivities began in the foyer where guests mingled and had their pictures taken. Then it was on to the dining rooms, where the tables had been decorated with red in every shape imaginable - from placements and napkins, to hearts of all sizes, and, of course, chocolates - all very fitting for this special celebration.

The Woman's Club president greeted and warmly welcomed everyone and introduced the special guests — our lovely Golden Girls. Next came the musical entertainment, violist Marisa Bushman, an Agarita Chamber Player and San Antonio Symphony member. Ms. Bushman thrilled the audience playing two selections, one by Bach and the other from Brahms. It was magnificent!

After the performance, a resplendent meal, prepared by club members, was served and enjoyed by everyone. The fait accompli were the dessert plates, a composition of assorted chocolate desserts, again all donated by fellow club members. Magnifique!

Many, many thanks to those of you who attended (and thereby supported) this event. Without you this party would have been less joyful and frankly downright dull. And to those of you (and you know who you are) who donated your time, support, decorating and baking skills, I can only say *merci*. You hold a special place in my heart because without you none of this could have taken place. If you were there, you know what a lovely time was had by all. If not, there's always next year. C'est la vie.



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## WCSA lute to our members!



The musical ensemble, AGARITA, held its concert on Feb. 8 at the Club – and “stanzas of sound” filled the House with beautiful music and the happy sounds of friends together for a night out!

Thank you to the members shown at left who helped to provide the reception following the concert. We hope to schedule more events!



At the February general meeting, Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins presented member Michael Quintanilla an original drawing for a birthday gift.



Neka and member Tawana Timberlake have both been featured in the international magazine “Woman” in November and December 2019 issues. To see more of Neka’s work, be sure to check out her website [www.nekascarbroughjenkins.com](http://www.nekascarbroughjenkins.com). Congrats Neka and Tawana!

## CARE AND CONCERN

We keep in our prayers:

- Member, Barbara Jean Dillman, passed away.
- Member, Cecily Macdonald's husband, Richard passed away.
- Member, Anita Oberle's sister passed away.
- Member, Mickey Tovar's husband will have back surgery.
- Member, Linda Parson's brother has been diagnosed with cancer.

More information about each family above has been emailed to all members from Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Goza.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3!**



## ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP TEA –TUESDAY, MARCH 10 FROM 2 – 4 P.M.



Each Round Table is asked to bring a beautiful layer cake, preferably on a cake stand. Please ensure that you have marked your stand with your name. Other members are asked to provide finger sandwiches: chicken salad, tuna salad, ham salad, pimiento cheese, and the like. Remember to invite your friends! We will be inviting all of our non-member friends, but you may know someone interested in the club who would love to come to this lovely event.

Wear a hat, wear a smile, and get ready for a grand time. **SEE YOU AT THE CLUB ON MARCH 10!**

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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.

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