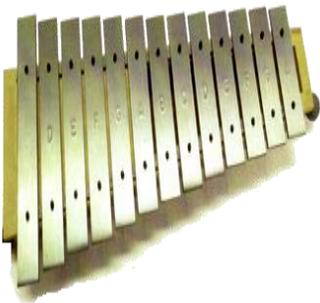


# THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



**RUSTLING LEAVES**

**APRIL 2020**



Hearing the chimes ring, WCSA members and their guests walk up the majestic steps to the ballroom...and are greeted by the smile of our President Ferne Burney as she states: "It is now 11:00, so I am calling this April 1 meeting to order. Thank you all for reading today. We may be separated by the current threat to our health, but we will continue to communicate with each other, and we thought it would be fun to re-format our meeting as if we were actually all seated in our ballroom. Just think, all of the fun without any of the priming and dressing up! Before we begin, let us ask our Chaplain, **Jean French**, to lead us in prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, You instruct us to give thanks in everything and as difficult as it is to do that during a time of such uncertainties, please give us the grace to obey. Please let us not become so focused on our own circumstances that we neglect your blessings. We pray that you would increase our faith and draw us closer to you than ever before during this season. Merciful Father, you are our guide, the joy of our heart, the author of our hope, and the object of our love. We come seeking refreshment and peace. Show us your mercy, relieve our fears and anxieties, and grant us a quiet mind and an expectant heart, that by the assurance of your presence we may learn to abide in you, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

And now, let us ask **Patricia Villarreal**, our Fiesta Round Table Chairman, to lead us in the pledges. Thank you, Fiesta Round Table, for your service as our hostesses today. Their chosen charity is for the club's Fiesta Expenses.

Approval of Previous Minutes: We will defer approval of the minutes until the next regular meeting.

(a quick intermission message from our Board) ...**LET'S THINK THIS ONE OVER...**



I don't know about you, but I think my credit card company thinks that I have died. I have spent far less this month than ever because I have not left my house in two weeks. I would have spent \$25 to attend the April General Membership Meeting and enjoy lunch. Now, I will be at home, probably sorting through some closet that has been unattended for years. I am going to mail that \$25 to the club as a donation to the Restoration Fund instead. If just 120 of us do this, we will have reached our \$50,000 goal. But if we continue to send in the checks, we may just be able to pave that parking lot that needs it so badly. THINK IT OVER.....and get out that checkbook. Mail to WCSA, 1717 San Pedro, San Antonio 78212. **Thank you!**

We move on to Committee Reports:  
**Johanna Christiansen**, will you give us a Golden Book report?

JOHANNA: Please review my report in the newsletter below:

### GOLDEN BOOK GIFTS

In Honor of **The Woman's Club**  
By Kathy Littlefield

In Honor of **The Woman's Club**  
By Angela Pfeiffer

In Memory of **Richard Macdonald**, husband of Cecily Macdonald  
In Memory of **LaVerna McMenarmy**, sister of Anita Oberle  
In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club**, who expressed sympathy for the passing of Anita Oberle's sister LaVerna McMenarmy and prayers of thanksgiving for Anita's successful diagnostic test,  
In Honor of **Ferne Burney** for being a good Woman's Club President  
In Honor of **Susan Moreland-Goza** for being a good Woman's Club corresponding secretary  
In Honor of **Patsy Pelton** for being a good editor/newsletter chairman for the Woman's Club  
In Honor of **all the volunteers and those who contributed to the garage sale**  
By David and Anita Oberle

In Honor of **The Woman's Club**  
The Noontide Round Table

In Honor of **The Woman's Club**  
By Barbara Vander

In Honor of **Marta Pelaez**, March speaker  
By The Woman's Club

In Honor of the **60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Carol & Thomas Keller**  
By Marcella Schroder

**Susan Moreland-Goza**, will you give us a report on your Correspondence?

SUSAN: Anita Oberle had diagnostic testing in early March.  
Elaine Tucker had eye surgery.  
Norma Sackett had carpal tunnel surgery.  
Barbara Vander had eye surgery.  
Jean French had sinus surgery earlier and is now home from the hospital after severe diverticulitis. More testing will need to be done when safer conditions prevail.  
Julie Jordan had two surgeries in the past two weeks and is still in the hospital.

#### Open Items:

**B.J. Duncan**, will you present the Nominating Committee Report?

Here is the 2020-2022 slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee:

Vice President	Virginia Van Cleave
Membership Chairman	Patricia Villarreal
Yearbook Chairman	Gail Jarratt
House Chairman	Annette Ivy
Grounds Chairman	Martha (Tinker) Mass Schultz
Public Relations Chairman	Janice McGraw
Newsletter Chairman	Cyndi Munch
Notification Chairman	Karin Fee
Recording Secretary	Trace Mahbubani
Corresponding Secretary	Susan Moreland-Goza
Treasurer	Marsha Metz
Assistant Treasurer	Sandra Geppert



**Helen Henderson:** Will you update us on the progress of the House restoration?

HELEN: Painting and repairs in the large dining room are completed! The painters have almost completed work on the 2nd floor ballroom. They are also repairing and painting the Queen's room and the stairway to the 3rd floor. While patching a crack in the ceiling of the Queen's room, a large section of the ceiling fell down. It has been repaired. There has been work on the structural repairs to the window in the Gold room and the window in the library. That is not quite finished so you will see scaffolding is still up. Work on the front balconies and the 2nd floor deck has slowed; although I was assured it would commence soon. AND, the big repairs and painting of the house exterior has been completed (hooray). We are continuing to ask for contributions to the 2020 restoration fund campaign, as we haven't reached our matching goal of \$50,000 – but we are close though! My gratitude to all you wonderful members who have contributed to our fund. It couldn't be done without you.



**Fiesta Rescheduling:** Since we last met, the Fiesta San Antonio Commission canceled all activities for Fiesta in April due to concern for the community. We are in support of all of their decisions. The Board of Directors, members of the Finance Committee, and chairmen of our Official Fiesta Events met on March 16 in an emergency session to determine the actions the club would take in light of this threat to our health. The following was determined and decided:



The following Official Fiesta Events were rescheduled:

**Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation, June 14** All of the arrangements will remain the same as for the April 5 Coronation. A reception will follow at the Woodward House. The theme, the location, and all other details remain as previously planned. More communication will follow soon.

**Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon, November 5**  
All details remain the same: the location, the theme, and other details. The change is in the time; the event will begin at 10:00 am and end at 2:00 pm.

- Ticket sales for the April Fiesta Hat Contest will be refunded.

**Fiesta Flower Show, November 11 and 12**

All details, themes, categories, hours, and arrangements remain the same.

- All events are canceled at the Woodward House until further notice. This includes Board meetings, General Membership Meetings, Round Table meetings, and outside events.

- Martha Aguirre, the House Supervisor, will continue to work in the office but no other staff will be working.

- We will hold a 2021 Fiesta Teen Queen election in October as usual, but for the November Fiesta celebration, Hannah Geppert will still be Fiesta Teen Queen and Lillie Medina will still be Fiesta Teen Princess.
- If the May General Membership Meeting is canceled, we will proceed with the election of officers either by email or by mail, or both.
- In light of the November Fiesta activities, the November 4, 2020 General Membership Meeting will be canceled.
- The December General Membership Meeting will go on as scheduled.
- The Christmas Faire in the Mansion will go on as scheduled. It was determined by the last Board of Directors meeting that the event will be shortened to three days (Dec. 1, 2, and 3)
- No other changes in the club schedule were anticipated.

We now would be introducing guests and friends. We have gained a great following of non-members and potential new members, through our Facebook page posts: "Women in History: Those You Do Not Know But Should". We have more than 1,000 followers on our page now.



Membership Chairman Iris Ann Francis introduced new members (L-R) Pat Baron, Cathy Hof, Lydia Gurrola and Debbie Hamer at the February General Meeting. New members are welcome to apply all year.

#### New Business:

If that were not enough for you, then we cannot possibly satisfy you! Vice President Jane Stone and others are working diligently to prepare three amazing Summer Luncheons for the club and our friends.

Please go to either the website or to The Woman's Club of San Antonio's Facebook page for the informal VIRTUAL "Flower Show" that our members are participating in. In the midst of social distancing and outright isolation, Kim Keller thought that this would be a break for all of us. Spring is bringing out our best blooms, and the world should get a chance to see them. If you have not "liked" our Facebook page, now is the time to do so @Thewomansclubofsa This is one of the entries in the virtual show. Share with us the beauty in YOUR garden!



#### Program:

Now would be the time to introduce our speaker: a man who needs no introduction, the Magnificent Michael Quintanilla! Michael was going to speak to us on "The Sole of Fiesta" which would have detailed the 2019 display at the Institute of Texan Cultures of his Fiesta Shoe collection. Never one to demur, Michael's creations are over-the-top. We hope that this will be postponed to a different date where we can all enjoy the color and style of his special collection.

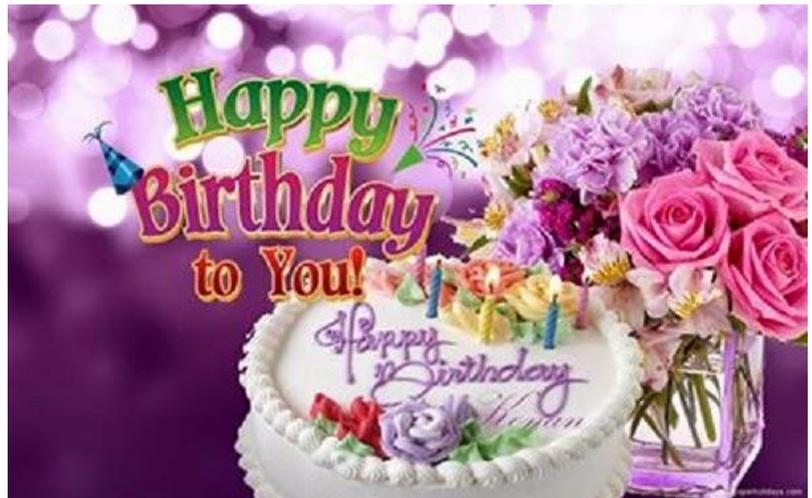


If there is no further business to be brought before the club, this meeting stands adjourned.

If you are able, please do send in your "luncheon" gift for the Club's Restoration Fund. And stay at home and stay healthy!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Johanna Christiansen	2
Eileen Marin	3
Cecily Macdonald	4
Madi Moad-Hageman	4
Sharon Alexander	8
Jaquie Rothermel	8
Rosemary Sundeen	8
Nancy Cooke	11
Patricia Geppert	13
Patricia Connors	14
Cheryl Conway	16
Jean French	24
Clarice Fisher	26
Muriel England	27
Celeste Brown	30
Heather Hays	30



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## FIESTA TEEN QUEEN RECEPTION MARCH 1 A HUGE SUCCESS

The Queen's Reception was a beautiful event and so well attended. Thank you to all of those that brought donations of food and gave monetary donations! This was very much appreciated! We would also like to thank the Queen's Reception committee members and the volunteers that helped with the reception for all the great work you did for this event: Angela Pfeiffer, Leslie Doyle, Diane Lewallen, Johanna Christiansen, Sandra Geppert, Patty Geppert, Hannah Geppert, Gabby Geppert, Janice McGraw, Martha Aguirre, Chula Boyle, Ferne Burney, Sophia Christiansen, Elizabeth Moad, Jane Stone, Kathy Littlefield, Cathy Hof, Carolyn Snyder, Betty Lewandowski, Kim Keller, Neil Keller, Lynn Thompson, Gail Jarratt, Vickie Kinder, Sandy Massey, and Irma Pena. You all are an absolutely amazing team! -- Johanna Christiansen and Diane Lewallen, Co-Chairmen, Queen's Reception



Our Beautiful Ingenues!

# A FULL HOUSE OF FIESTA FUN...



## ... AND THEN THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP TEA



“If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together... there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart... I'll always be with you.”

– Winnie the Pooh



The clouds parted, the temperature warmed, and over 125 members and guests entered the Woodward House for an old-fashioned tea on March 10. Many members contributed beautiful cakes, finger sandwiches, and sweets. The tea flowed as did a traditional punch. Thanks to **Betty Lewandowski**, **Norma Sackett**, and **Helen Jones** for the breathtaking flower arrangements. Thanks to **Helen Henderson** for helping set up the glorious tables. Thanks to the many members who provided foods, served it, and cleaned up. It was gratifying to see so many people come through the front door...a sure indication that these are new friends!

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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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