



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Fall and with that greeting, let's prepare for our many special Fall events.

I look forward to all of our club events, but this year, I'm most excited about our Day of The Dead Celebration/Dia de Los Muertos to happen on Friday, November 1st. It's a beautiful celebration in which we honor our beloved family and friends who have passed on with food, music and dance, and much merriment. And the list of events goes on...going to these events and being part of the WC group offers fun, and socializing helps bring us closer and makes our organization strong.

Another connection to our organization that makes us strong is our Pledge to The Woman's Club of San Antonio. Within that long sentence, we use the word "sacred". That word has always been somewhat uncomfortable for me because of my religion/church context. However, I now understand it to be defined as "deserving of respect". We are an organization, a place set aside for a particular purpose as stated in our Mission Statement. I share this information with you to remind us all of the respect we need to have for our heritage, our founders, each other, our mansion and our community. We are an organization that has existed proudly for 126 years due to our legacy of being upright citizens, and leaders in our community. Let's continue to "sustain the Club in its good work and guard its reputation".

A big thank you to Karin Fee who has published our Club Yearbook for several years. You will be receiving your yearbook soon. I can't emphasize how important it is that you review the pages for pertinent information. I do think your questions could be answered in the many pages of this resource.

One important reminder, please do not ask our wait staff to carry boxes, rearrange furniture, help with this or that. Tina hires wait staff for luncheon duties, not to assist us with whatever. Each wait staff has obligations to the luncheon and is not to be interrupted. Thank you for your consideration.

Enjoy the glimpses of our cooler weather and come to our WC events.

Warm regards, Sandra

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

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

- ❖ Nancy McFarlin - Nancy is a retired day care center director. She loves to travel and spend time with her family. She is looking to be more active in her community now that she is retired and can volunteer more with the WCSA.

Her applications will be presented for a vote to the Board of Directors. If anyone has any questions, please contact Membership Chair Amanda Alarcon-Hunter.

GOLDEN BOOK

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas

- ❖ In memory of Muriel England by Kathy Tarkington
- ❖ In memory of Muriel England, by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of the 17th birthday of Tessa Christiansen, by Brian, Johanna, Sophia & Harold Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of the birthday of Diane Lewallen, by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of Billie Arredondo by Kathy Tarkington
- ❖ In honor of Sandra Bradley by Kathy Tarkington
- ❖ In honor of Kathy Littlefield by Kathy Tarkington
- ❖ In memory of Pat Williams by Kathy Tarkington

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jacqueline Kotlarz	Nov 1
Becky Martinez	Nov 1
Pat Porter	Nov 3
Savita Rai	Nov 5
Tawana Timberlake	Nov 6
Vonzetta Hickman	Nov 9
Mary Theresa Casiano	Nov 13
Lucinda Camero	Nov 14
Pat Cavanaugh	Nov 17
Mona Thaxton	Nov 18
Maria Duran	Nov 19



Kay Turner	Nov 20
Maria Herrera-Hernandez	Nov 22
Carla Riedl	Nov 23
Monica Bridges	Nov 24
Diana Balli Taylor	Nov 25
Rhonda Branham	Nov 26
Dee Nelson	Nov 26
Chula Boyle	Nov 28
Gretchen Hill	Nov 30
Krystal Patel	Nov 30
Flora Tallman	Nov 30

A REMINDER: We have two silent auctions at our 2 major fundraisers each year, the Hat Luncheon in April and at our September fundraiser usually held outside our mansion, these are our 2 big money makers. Each of those events last at least 3-4 hours, so not a typical lunch, but an "event." Our volunteers work very hard, and even long weeks of collecting, organizing, putting items donated into attractive baskets, etc. **If you bid on an item, and are the winner, that is a commitment to purchase that item.** If you decide you don't want it, you need to mark through your name/bid so that the bidder in front of you has the opportunity to take it before the auction ends. Particularly as a member of our organization, if you leave the event before it's over and you're contacted by the auction chair you won, it is not appropriate to say you changed your mind you're not taking it. That committee now has their workload doubled, even tripled, as they have to take the items back to the mansion and try to collect from you first, and if you say no, then they either have to call the person in front of your bid to see if they will take it, or we save it for the next auction, 8 months away. If it is perishable, that doesn't work. So please be considerate in this regard when bidding.

Another Reminder

Our parking lot has only a few reserved parking spots – handicapped, one for the guest speaker, and one for the Silent Auction winner. Please honor these spots. If you don't have a handicap plate or placard, are not the guest speaker, or did not win the auctioned parking spot, **DO NOT PARK THERE.**

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS

Tawana Timberlake, Vice-President

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



Join Us!
Dia De Los Muertos Party
Friday, Nov. 1
6-9 P.M.
Mexican Dinner
("B.Y.O.B.")
Mixers, Coffee, Tea Provided
Music/Dancing
Costume Contest!
Tickets \$50.

Singles, Couples
Non-Members Too!

Purchase Tickets by Monday Oct. 28

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/dia-de-los-muertos-party>

Location

The Woman's Club of San Antonio Mansion
1717 San Pedro Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212
210-732-4811

This fundraiser benefits the philanthropic community charities and outreaches of the WCOSA including, Our Scholarship Fund.



Saturday December 7, 2024
9am - 11am

0-2 yrs of age - FREE
3--12. Yrs of age - \$10
13 - Adult - \$20

Volunteers needed and donations to offset costs requested:

Food (\$1500)
Santa (\$200)
Puppeteer (\$250)
Face painter (\$150)
Photographer (\$250) and
Carolers (\$200)

Contact Diana Reyes for additional information
at: 210-557-1581 or drj_76205@yahoo.com

HAVE YOU SEEN ME!?!?!?



The mantle covering is missing. It was custom made for the mantle and we use it during the Christmas Faire. If you know where it might be, please let Tina know.

The Woman's Club
of San Antonio

November General Meeting

NOVEMBER 6, 2024
10:30 AM SOCIAL
11:00 AM MEETING
12:00 PM LUNCH

Honoring Woman's Club
Past Presidents,
Life Members and Patrons
Thanksgiving Traditional Lunch
\$30 by Ticket Leap or
call (210) 732-4811 by noon on 11/4/24

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/november-general-meeting-100903214>



ORNAMENTS

These beautiful, limited edition, hand-painted ornaments will be available for purchase at the November General Meeting. \$30 each with proceeds going to the Ballroom Chair Cleaning Fund

Christmas Faire Menu

Tuesday: Apple & Bacon Stuffed Pork Loin, Honey Mustard Potatoes, Roasted Mushrooms, Carrot Cake

Wednesday: Chicken Marsala Rice Pilaf, Asparagus, Italian Cream Cake

Thursday: Boeuf Bourguignon, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Red Velvet Cake

The Woman's Club of San Antonio
Christmas Faire
Joyeux Noel
December 3, 4, 5
10 am - 3 pm
 The Woodward Mansion
 1717 San Pedro
 Lunch served daily at 12
 Shopping-Lunch-Bake Sale
 Gingerbread Houses
 Christmas Fun
 Access to Shopping is free! Lunch \$45
 Lunch RSVP~210.732.4811
<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/joyeux-noel-christmas-faire-at-the-mansion>

FALL FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Dear Members:

A big thank you to all who purchased tickets to our September FUNdraiser and showed us you CAN-CAN rock a MOULIN ROUGE VIBE!

The San Antonio Country Club Ballroom was festooned in the traditional colors Moulin Rouge is known for - red and black with lots and lots of feathers everywhere! At check-in, a gold 9 foot Eiffel Tower was decorated with twinkling lights and red and white rose flowers cascading down. It held the donated wine from members in shiny red wine bags that were tied with black and white ribbons that could be purchased.

A MOULIN ROUGE POSTER OF CAN-CAN GIRLS and the famous RED WINDMILL that the theatre is known for rested on easels. Thirty rosette balls decorated with 50 red flowers with shiny streamers hung from the ceiling which caused gasps as everyone entered the ballroom. The tables were set with black cloths and red napkins. A hurricane lamp with a red flickering candle, adorned with a black garter with red feathers and jewels on top sat on a mirrored charger. Beautiful fans of glitter black and red, plus glitter silver and black, each tied with black and white streamers, along with a miniature Moulin Rouge poster completed the look.

But wait... in the private salon, we had a large replica of the famous RED WINDMILL with lights flickering sitting behind a plush sofa with lush red pillows, velvet throws and boas. The table in front had a cloth made of solid red flowers, with a tabletop lighted moving windmill. A red boa adorned floor lamp and a giant black fan with red & black feathers completed the backdrop. It was the most OOH LA LA decorated room setting! Music was playing by the band Henry Lee & the LeVeers to keep our mood energized.

We owe a HUGE THANKS to member Christine Hollan for being our generous sponsor that kept us dancing till the very end. Another big thank you to Ferne Burney for preparing a video collage of photos of the history from 135 years of Moulin Rouge in Paris played on double screens on either side of the stage.

The event started with our Wizard of Moulin Rouge, Michael Quintanilla, singing an exuberant welcome and introducing the dazzling can-can dancers high kicking their way across the stage to the intro music known as the Galop Infernal that made Moulin Rouge famous. After a prayer and short speeches by the President and Vice President, our dancers gave another rousing performance to Lady Marmalade that energized the guests to get on their feet and literally dance until the end.

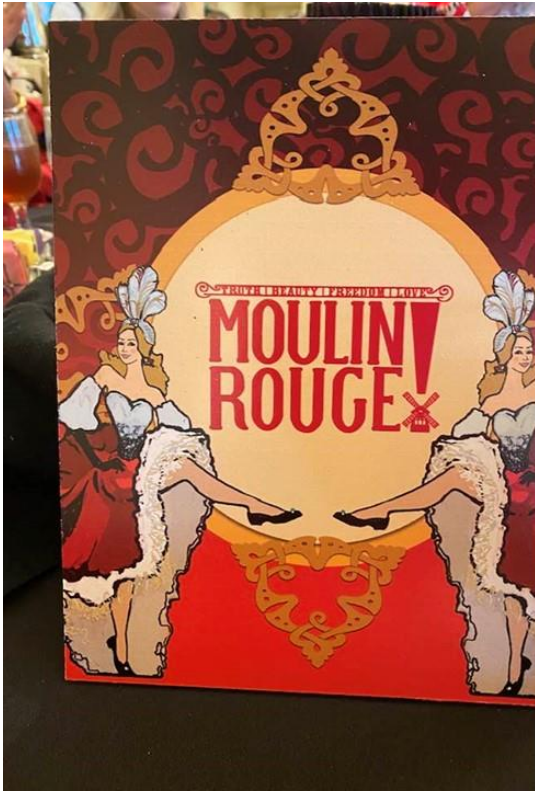
An event wouldn't be complete without a silent auction. Amanda Hunter and Melissa Rogers as chairs did a great job. Thank you to all who contributed through donations to that cause and in particular, a new member, Debbie Serna, who gave tremendous support through procuring tickets to the Michael Jackson Musical and a \$250 gift certificate to Morton Steakhouse. Debbie was part of our program in June, providing the caftans for our fashion show event (Caftans & Cocktails). She enjoyed our club so much, she joined!

And, lastly, I am always thankful to my talented "Bellas", Arabella Dalton and Rosiebella Gastelum who amaze me with their excitement and creative ability.

Cheers!

Tawana Timberlake

Vice President







OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO! On October 1st, we turned 126 years young! On October 2nd, we had our first general meeting after summer's end. Our beautiful 2025 Royalty was announced and we are happy to be here to serve them, as they represent our Club in all public events. Congratulations to our Teen Queen Bella Walski, Teen Princess Sara Cardenas, and Grand Duchess Olivia Riedl. Coronation will take place March 30, 2025 at the Carver Community Cultural Center.

Amanda Hunter and Racheal Weisensee, Membership Chairs, announced nine new members, Debbie Serna, Bernandine "Berdie" Dailey, Maria Herrera-Hernandez, Erin Trevino, Anna Gonzales, Margart Wilkonson, Eileen Marin, Virginia Walker and Kathryn Walsh-Gonzalez. Welcome ladies! We have lots of fun and rewarding activities for you to experience and look forward to working with you.

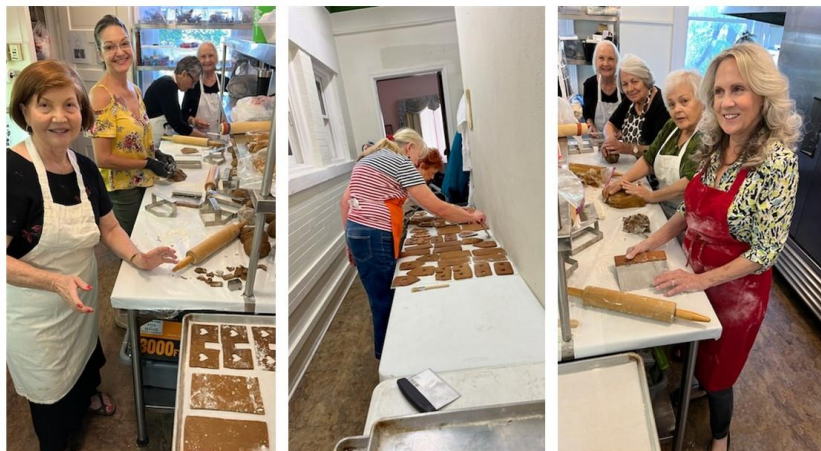
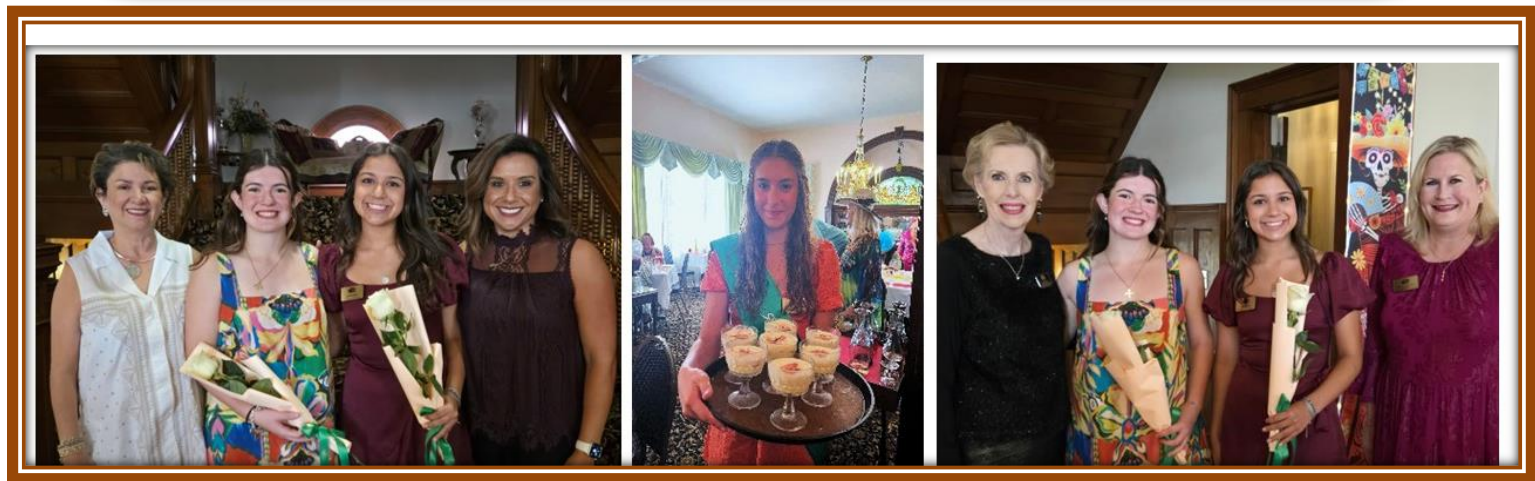
Our speaker Beca Barrera, founder and Executive Director of SOMOS cultura y más, delighted us with a presentation on Dia de los Muertos. She set up an example of the ofrendas and enlightened us on how they are created and what they mean. She shared her stories of trips to Mexico in different areas and how she immersed herself in the many aspects of this "Celebration of Life". To show how creative our members can be, when we couldn't get our projector to interface with her laptop to project the video presentation on the big screen, who saved the day? Of course, our beloved Michael Quintanilla who stood by her side, holding the laptop and focusing it to each area of the room while she spoke on each slide. I don't think he took a rest during the entire presentation! Always our HERO!

Our program for November will be another celebration - of our Past Presidents.

Cheers!

Tawana Timberlake, Vice President





Santa's Helpers caught working hard in the kitchen cutting and baking Gingerbread House sections for the Woman's Club of San Antonio Christmas Bake Shop for the 2024 Christmas Season

ROUND TABLE CORNER

The **Bridge Round Table** celebrated Anita Oberle's 90th birthday at our September gathering. Our guests to help celebrate were Patsy Pelton and Nancy McFarlin (prospective member!)

Here is the picture of a very happy birthday girl. Our bridge winners for the month were: 1st Kathy Littlefield; 2nd Nancy Cooke; and Myra Keiser "got her dollar back". Myra is the newest member of the Round Table.



Fiesta Round Table remains committed to our local school, Beacon Hill Elementary School. Last year, with the help of club members, we donated underwear, socks, and hoodies to the school for the many indigent children who often own only the clothes on their backs. Your support has enabled them to keep a closet with these items in case a child has an “accident” or just needs to have the item.

Our Thanksgiving meeting will be a true Thanksgiving. We are going to enjoy a modest lunch, grateful for the many opportunities that we have for lavish meals. We are also collecting children’s underwear and socks to present to the school at the start of the holiday season. The children at this school are in the very youngest age groups. We ask that you order or purchase Girls’ and Boys’ sizes XXS to Youth XL and anything in between. Take a second to look over the list of items on Amazon that you can order and have it shipped, some at no charge for shipping! How easy is that? Just click on:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QGKXS4WMHNT1?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_rXTIQ2U4t15Nw and your shopping will be in front of you.

If you want to go to the store, please do. A container will be placed in the club basement entrance for your donations. We are grateful for your support.




The Books and Letters Round Table discussed this month’s book: “The Paris Novel” during lunch. Gifts were given out and a game was played. All Woman’s Club Members who might be interested in The Books and Letters Round Table are encouraged to visit our future gatherings. Everyone was in good spirits and the day was enjoyed by those who attended.

Pictured are RT Officers: Treasurer- Marsha Metz, Vice Chair- Savita Rai and Chair Eva Anderson, Missing is

Secretary-Sandra Whittaker. And a group picture of this month’s attendees.



The **Soirée Round Table** gathering for October 2024 was held at Paesanos Lincoln Heights. A horror movie trivia game, delicious food, beverages, and companionship put everyone in great spirits. Pics above  Officers: Secretary- Johanna Christianson, Vice Chair- Sandra Lee Herman and Chair- Savita Rae. Group picture of our Soirée Round Table. Hosts for Month of October: Verna Quaranto, Arabella Dalton

The Woman’s Club Ingenues volunteered at Respite Care, a home for abused and special needs children. Respite Care is one of the official charities of The Woman’s Club. The Ingenues toured the facility, played on the playground with the children, and served up ice cream sundaes to the children and staff. A fun time was had by all! Ingenues who participated included Bella Walski (Teen Queen), Sarah Cardenas (Teen Princess), Olivia Riedl (Grand Duchess), Tessa Christiansen, Ava Trevino, Paulina Rodriguez, Jocelyn Valdez, Jeannette Rodriguez, Isabella Salinas, and Hayden Salinas.

--Submitted by Ingenue Chair Johanna Christiansen



NOVEMBER 2024 HOUSE CALENDAR

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Nov 1	SAT 2
	● 11:30am Fine Arts		● 10am Combined F	Halloween DOD Set Up	First Day of American ● 5pm Day of the De	
3 Daylight Saving Time	4	5 Election Day (General)	6 ● 11am WCSA Gene ● 4pm Juaer Rental	7 ● 11am SAWF Boarc	8 ● 10:30am San Anto	9
10	11 Veterans Day Christmas Tree Deco ● 11am Carousel Ro	12 ● 11:30am Friendshi	13 ● 11:30am Americar	14 Winco Window Clean ● 10:30am Noon Tid	15 Mansion Decorating	
17 Mansion Decorating	18	19 ● 6:30pm Soiree Rot	20 ● 10am Combined F	21 ● 11am SAWF Gen / ● 11:30am Books ar	22 ● 10am Bridge Roun	23
24	25 ● 11:30am Fine Arts	26 ● 10am San Antonio ● 11:30am Modernis	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Native American Heri	30

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