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"DIVA FIESTA" ~ The Fiesta Hat Contest & Luncheon is here!

The Woman's Club of San Antonio hosts three official Fiesta events: the Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation, the Fiesta Hat Contest, and the Fiesta Flower Show. We are excited to host the Fiesta Hat Contest & Luncheon this year after a hiatus due to COVID. You are cordially invited to attend and bring your friends! You will have the time of your lives as we celebrate an exciting lineup of colorful and spectacular hats. The contest will have 8 categories: Youth, Texas Toppers, Small Groups (up to 4), Large Groups (up to 8), Vintage, Glitz and Glamour, Most Beautiful, & Spirit of Fiesta.



For this year's raffle, Lynn Thompson is making another one of her head-turning one-of-a-kind hats using a placemat. Iris Frances is making a substantial, intricate necklace, and Graciela has donated one of her beautiful jackets. We are eager to see what these talented and creative ladies have designed for this special event! Don't wait – be sure to buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win one of these items.

In addition to the raffle, we will have a wine pull, a photo booth, a silent auction headed by Ginger Vlieger, and a boutique filled with many new items and headed by Angela Pfeiffer and her team.

The program begins at 11 o'clock on April 6th at the Westin (formerly the Omni Colonnade). Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling the club at 210-732-4811 before March 31st. Limited VIP tickets are available for \$125, which includes a premium seat by the stage and a gift bag.

Our ladies who are serving on the Hat Contest & Luncheon Committees are working hard to make this event a success. Please support them and the club by inviting your friends and attending this fun event.

Also, we invite you to our third official Fiesta event, The Fiesta Flower Show. It begins on April 1st at 2 pm and continues through April 2nd at the Woman's Club. Not only will you enjoy the lovely arrangements created by our members, the sweet floral fragrances that fill the mansion are delightful.

Jane Stone
President

2022 Official **FIESTA** Events in April

The Woman's Club of San Antonio, one of the "first" Fiesta Associations.



Marsha Metz knitted her Fiesta banner and it hangs in her office. Many years of Club history are reflected on this original display and it looks like there is room for a few more.

106th Annual

FIESTA Flower Show *"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"*

Free to the Public

Friday, April 1st from 2:00 to 4:00pm

Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Botanical Arts, Photography, Artistic Crafts, Tablescapes, and Youth Divisions.
Judging by nationally accredited judges IAW the Standard System of Judging.

DIVA FIESTA

Fiesta Hat Contest & Luncheon

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Westin North Hotel (formerly the Omni)

Interstate 10 and Wurzbach Parkway

Tickets: \$75

Premium Tickets: \$125 (stageside seating & gift bag)

You may pay with TicketLeap at this link:

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/fiesta-hat-luncheon-diva-fiesta/>

Special Attractions Include

Hat Contest Fashion Show

Raffle

Wine Pull (\$20 per "pull") Will you pull a Châteauneuf-du-Pape 1943?

Probably not, but there will be some great opportunities here!

(If you have a bottle for our special "sellers", drop off at Club office)

Silent Auction (POC for questions/donations: Ginger Vlieger

Please arrange for donation pick up or drop off at the Club

Office by Monday, April 4th.)

The Woman's Club Boutique

The Woman's Club Fiesta events are for members, friends, family, co-workers and special guests. We hope these offerings will give you an opportunity to host a friend who has done you a favor or who just shares a love of Fiesta. The Club invites all Fiesta Royalty, Fiesta Commission members and San Antonio's Military Ambassadors to attend these official Fiesta events.

Join the Fun of the Hat Contest

Are you ready to enter the Fiesta Hat Contest? Show off your art, humor, or spirit to compete for one of the trophies. Just wear/bring your hat and sign up at the luncheon. There will be a check-in table where you may sign up for the competition in one of the categories: Youth, Texas Toppers, Small Groups (up to 4), Large Groups (up to 8), Vintage, Glitz and Glamour, Most Beautiful, and Spirit of Fiesta. (How fun to include your child or grandchild in this contest.)

Meetings & Luncheons

Virginia Van Cleave, Vice-president

For the Wednesday General Meetings, social time begins at 10:30 & the meeting begins at 11:00.

Luncheon reservations are due by the prior Monday with \$30 payment.

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

To RSVP & pay with TicketLeap use this link: <https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/april-13--general-meeting--luncheon/>

April 13 ~ General Meeting & Luncheon "FIESTA MEMORABILIA" with Cal Sumner, Hat King and Fiesta Medal Connoisseur

FIESTA'S "King of Hats", Cal Sumner:

Our April guest speaker Cal Sumner, was the unofficial Fiesta monarch for more than 30 years. His Fiesta legend was built on a black derby hat, which came from the original Broadway production of "Cabaret". It started when Cal "festooned the hat with rhinestones and what he called 'crap off the stage floor' from Cornyation's revival at the Bonham Exchange."¹ One year the hat was decorated to a height of 4 feet. Cal is bringing not only THE HAT but a presentation from his Fiesta collection of more than a thousand Fiesta medals.

Luncheon Menu

Opener: Tossed Green Salad

Main Course: Beef Enchiladas, Fiesta Rice & Charro Beans

Dessert: Fresas con Crema (Strawberries and Cream)

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea, Iced Water or Wine

Hostesses: Soiree Round Table

Community Care Concern: Woodward House Restoration Fund

NOTE: The Slate for the 2022-2024 Board of Directors will be announced at the April meeting by Ferne Burney, Nominations Chairman. Elections will be held at the May general meeting.



Photo credit: SA Express-News

¹2018 interview w/ Express-News Staff Writer, René A. Guzman

April 23 – SA Women's Federation "Outstanding Volunteer Luncheon"

11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Petroleum Club, 8620 N. New Braunfels Ave

Ferne Burney (nominated by our Club) & Helen Henderson (nominated by Tuesday Musical Club) will be recognized.

\$40 per person. Mail payment to Janet Pennock

May 12 —Golden Girls Luncheon (hosted by the Noontide RT) Janice McGraw, Chairman



We love our Golden Girls! If you are, or know, a member who has reached the milestone of her 80th birthday ~ reach out and share your news with Noontide! This party is to honor you!

The Noontide Roundtable does not want to miss anyone with a recent birthday. For this event at the Woodward Mansion, Golden Girls are guests of Noontide. Members are welcome (luncheon ticket \$30.00) and may wish to offer to bring a Golden Girl guest with them. Tickets may be purchased from the office or at: <https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/golden-girls-luncheon/>

For questions or RSVPs contact Janice McGraw by May 4th.

RAFFLE!!! 14k gold pendant w/ 1/2 carat diamond. Tickets \$15 each or two for \$20.

Need not be present to win.

Sunday, March 27 ~Fiesta Teen Queen Reception~ The Woodward Mansion 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Members are welcome to celebrate our Fiesta Teen Royalty: Queen Avery Walker, Princess Gabrielle Geppert, and Duchess Sarah Stone with a **fajita buffet & reception**. Please RSVP to Diane Lewallen or Johanna Christiansen if you plan to attend.



Our Fiesta royalty was crowned on the 27th of February and with the support of many Club members who made tasty treats, a reception was held following the Coronation. Pictured above is the Coronation Reception committee. Left to right: Carolyn Snyder, Johanna Christiansen, Betty Lewandowski, Elaine Staller, Angela Pfeiffer, Tina Zimmerman, Pat Porter, Gloria Tate, Gail Jarratt, and Robin Templeton. It was a beautiful party set up through the first floor and on the front veranda.

Save the dates for the Summer Luncheons at The Woodward Mansion

Wednesday, June 15th Best Selling Author, Texan Teri Wilson

Teri Wilson is a USA Today and Publishers Weekly Bestselling Author, a 2022 inductee into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame, and a Texas Aggie! Teri writes heartwarming contemporary romance novels with a touch of whimsy. Three of her books have been adapted into Hallmark Channel Original Movies including Unleashing Mr. Darcy and Sleigh Bell Sweethearts. Teri volunteers with pageantry and the Miss America Organization. She has served as a judge for Miss Bexar County, Miss Central Texas, Miss San Antonio.

Wednesday, July 20th By Member Request, an Encore Performance of:
"Fashion's Cultural Connection --Timely or Timeless"

Don't miss Mr. Fiesta, Michael Quintanilla's presentation on fashion from the 1940's to the 1990's. A *member* hat sale is planned for that day. Do you have too many hats? (Is there such a thing?) Bring your hats to the Mansion; buy/sell/enjoy the opportunity and give a percentage of the proceeds for restoration and upkeep of our home, the Woodward Mansion. The July Hat Sale Co-Chairs are Peggy Belasco, Linda Champagne and Iris Francis.



Care and Concern:
As reported from Trace Mahbubani

Member Norma Sackett has passed away.

Rose Hoelscher is still rehabilitating from the hip surgery.

Susan Moreland-Goza is undergoing chemotherapy with severe side effects.

Judy Willingham is undergoing chemotherapy to shrink the tumor prior to surgery.

Connie Linville continues to reside in a memory care facility due to Parkinson's and dementia.

Nancy Cooke's husband is suffering post Covid heart problems. Nancy herself has suffered from "long COVID".

Billie Arredondo's husband, Tony, had to postpone his surgery. A new date has not yet been set.

Sandy Salinas's husband, Rey, had gallbladder surgery and is now home from the hospital.

Club staff member and friend, Belle Anguiano's husband, David, is in the hospital with recurring cancer and Covid.



Golden Book

Submitted by: Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman

In Memory of Member Norma Sackett
By The Woman's Club

In Memory of Member Elsie McTee
By Bridge Round Table

In Memory of Donnie McGarity
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold, and Tessa Christiansen

In Memory of Werner Schroder, Husband of Member Marcella Schroder
By Carol Keller

In Honor of Our February Speakers Madame Marie-Paul Renoir and Daughter Nathalie Farinola
By The Woman's Club

In Honor of Harold Christiansen for His "17th" Birthday
By Brian, Johanna, Sophia, and Tessa Christiansen

In Honor of Our March Speakers Bill and Lisa Dante
By The Woman's Club

In Honor of Member Marcella Schroder
By Carol Keller

Coronation 2022
Celebrating the Children of Fiesta

April



Johanna Christiansen	2
Sarah Cardenas (Ingenue)	3
Ryan Scrimshire (Ingenue)	3
Eileen Marin	3
Madi Spengler	4
Sharon Alexander	8
Jaquie Rothermel	8
Nancy J. Cooke	11
Patricia Geppert	13
Patricia Connors	14
Cheryl Conway	16
Judy McKee	16
Lily Villanueva	23
Jean French	24
Muriel England	27
Kim Engler	27
Celeste Brown	30
Heather Hays	30



This tradition of 57 years, held at McAllister Auditorium, was the crowning event for Teen Queen Avery Walker, Princess Gabrielle Geppert, & Duchess Sarah Stone. Their three royal trains sparkled as diamonds under the lights. The TMI Honor Guard formed the Arch of Swords for members of the Royal Courts on their way to the stage. Members of the Fiesta Commission, San Antonio Fiesta Royalty, and San Antonio's Military Ambassadors were special guests at the event.



The 2022 Fiesta Teen Queen Royal Court

Seated at center: Woman's Club President Jane Stone; Princess Gabrielle Geppert, Queen Avery Walker & Duchess Sarah Stone.
Standing: Royal Heralds and Escorts ~ Seated left and right stage: The beautiful children of the Royal Court.

The 2022 Friendship Tea



In the March issue of this newsletter Club President Jane Stone shared some accomplishments of Woman's Club founder, Eleanor Brackenridge. Eleanor along with Marin Fenwick organized both our Club and the Women's Federation of San Antonio. Owing to lasting friendships, two decades after Eleanor's passing (in 1924), Texas Governor Lee O'Daniel issued a proclamation that Friendship Day would be celebrated on her birthday (March 7) for all Federated Clubs. Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Coincidence? Maybe but totally appropriate. During Women's History Month our tradition continued with the Friendship Round Table hosting a Friendship Tea for Eleanor's birthday.

We could only include a small selection of photos from the Tea in this issue (photo credits: Linda McFarland Parsons) and hopefully you will find yourself in one of the pictures. It was a day to bring a friend or to meet a friend you have missed seeing.

It was a day to dress in your favorite outfit or dress as you imagine Eleanor may have dressed at tea parties she attended. It was a day to forget any diets and enjoy beautiful desserts (Patricia Broyles is pictured with cakes she made and decorated for the party) and tea sandwiches.

Did you remember that the by-line of the Friendship Round Table is "Friends are Life's Treasures"? All of the Club's Round Tables foster friendships and offer interesting programs. Each member is encouraged to reach out and consider a new Round Table. BTW, Soiree Round Table meets in the evenings.



The Friendship Round Table, Hosts of the Friendship Tea



Friendship Round Table

Members with their Fiesta guests.

Program presenter Betty Lewandowski



Round Table members Betty Lewandowski, Belinda Pena Bosquez, Elizabeth Moad, Orbilia Hayes, Jane Stone, & Patricia Broyles
Seated at the harp: Robin Templeton

CLUB NOTICES

New Member Announcement

Patricia Villarreal, Membership Chairman

We welcome Dr. Eleanora Saenz, MD into membership of the Woman's Club of San Antonio. Ellen works at WellMed and is an assistant clinical professor at the University of the Incarnate Word Medical School. She and her husband Edward have three children and one grandchild. Her hobbies include cooking, crafts, music and travel.



Prospective Members

Elena Barrera of Kingsville TX (Sponsored by Divina Alvarez) and Eva Mickler of San Antonio, TX (sponsored by Kay Turner) are applicants for membership in the Woman's Club of San Antonio. Their applications will be presented to the Board of Directors for a vote at the April Board Meeting. If anyone has any questions, please contact Patti Villarreal.

URL ADDRESSES IN BLUE PRINT ARE "HOT LINKS" TO THE WEB ADDRESS DIRECTLY FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER.

ELECTIONS FOR THE 2022-2024 WOMAN'S CLUB OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE MAY 4TH MEETING.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMBER MEMORIAL WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE JUNE 1ST SUMMER LUNCHEON.

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