

Rustling



Leaves

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From the President's Desk

Here we are rushing into February – the month of hearts and love is in the air! Our General Meeting (February 2nd) and program “The Fine Art of Lithography” will showcase many romantic works by Pierre Auguste Renoir. Then on the evening of February 12th the Club will hold a Valentine Masquerade Party. Details and reservation information for these events are on the next page of this newsletter.

February brings us the first kick-off event for Fiesta 2022 – our Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation on February 27th. The Coronation will be held at McAllister Auditorium on the campus of our neighbor, San Antonio College, with a reception to follow at our 1717 San Pedro home.

Each year as Fiesta approaches, it brings excitement to our city. The first Fiesta celebration began in 1891 in front of the Alamo. The idea was conceived by Ellen Maury Slayden, wife of Congressman James L Slayden, as an April 21 salute to honor the men who fought in battles across Texas including the battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto. For their event Mrs. Slayden and friends had set up food booths and organized a parade where all the bicycles, horses and carriages were decorated with real flowers. They set the date of the first parade for April 20th to accommodate the schedule of visiting President Benjamin Harrison. The President arrived in San Antonio by train and was set to give a speech in front of the Alamo as part of the festivities.

But on April 20th, 1891, the skies opened and it poured down rain. Unfortunately, the President was on a schedule and had to leave before it stopped raining. Besides, the streets were too muddy for a parade. After four days and the arrival of fair weather, the ladies decided to go ahead with the festivities. The flowers on the carriages and bikes were looking rather tired. As the parade progressed around Alamo Plaza, the flowers fell off and landed on the street. The crowd was in a good mood, so they picked up the flowers and began throwing them at each other. And that my friends is how the group of women inspired by Ellen Slayden became the *Battle of Flowers Association* and the annual Parade and Fiesta San Antonio were born.

Today, Fiesta includes a tradition of handsome medals for all. Our 2022 medal is a true salute to our long connection with and participation in this wonderful San Antonio tradition.



The Woman's Club of San Antonio
2022 Fiesta Medal.
Available at the Club now: \$10

Viva Fiesta!!

Jane Stone
President

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

RSVP & pay with TicketLeap at this link: https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/february-general-meeting/dates/Feb-02-2022_at_1030AM

February 2 ~ *"The Fine Art of Lithography"*

Madame Marie-Paule Renoir, widow of the grandson of the famous Impressionist artist Pierre Auguste Renoir, inherited the right to place the embossed seal to sign his name on any of his artwork. Madame Renoir and her daughter, Nathalie, are bringing a program on the Fine Art of Lithography to the Woman's Club. With this program they will be sharing some rare Renoir family photos and hand pulled lithographs for display. Lithography is a word from the Greek – loosely – stone writing. It is a printing method based on the chemistry that oil and water do not mix. In 1796 German author, Alois Senefelder, developed a method of printing using a metal plate with a smooth surface. Lithography can be used to print text or images onto paper or other suitable material.

Presenters: Madame Marie-Paule Renoir and Nathalie Farinola

Hostesses: Fine Arts Round Table

Community Care & Concern: Christian Assistance Ministry

Luncheon Menu:

Opener: Spinach salad

Main Course: Beef tips with cherries, mashed potatoes,
asparagus & snap pea

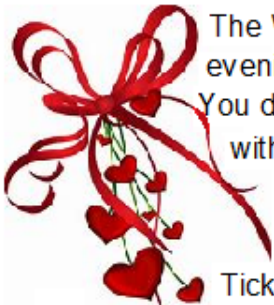
Dessert: Red velvet cake

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea, Iced Water or Wine



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February 12 ~ It's a Valentine's Day Masquerade Party at the Historic Woodward Mansion

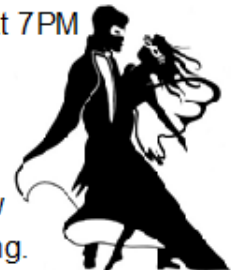


The Ways and Means Committee is teaming up with C&C Ballroom Dance to provide a great evening of fun. Our party begins at 6PM with a rumba lesson by Jennie & David Castro.

You do not need a dance partner! We begin the dance and party in earnest at 7PM with dancing, wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres. We will also have a prize for the best mask of the evening, but you don't need to wear a mask if you are just tired of covering your face!

Tickets to this wonderful event are \$25 per person, and you need to act now because we are capping the tickets at 70 so that we have sufficient room for good dancing.

Contact C&C Ballroom Dance or the Woman's Club to purchase a ticket by check.



Buy tickets online using TicketLeap link: wcsa.ticketleap.com/valentines-masquerade-ball/.



Care and Concern:
As reported from Trace Mahbubani



Jean French's granddaughter, Kristina, age 30, has serious cancer.

Tawana Timberlake was diagnosed with COVID.

Avery Walker was diagnosed with COVID.



Golden Book

Submitted by: Patte Pfeiffer, Golden Book Chairman

In Memory of Past President (2012-2014), Rosemary Sundeen
By The Woman's Club

In Memory of My Mother, Member Elsie McTee
By Shelly McTee

In Memory of Past President, Rosemary Sundeen
By Carolynn Snyder

In Memory of Steve Richter, Husband of Member Glynnis Richter
By Carousel Round Table

In Memory of Wally Bosquez, Husband of Member Belinda Pena-Bosquez
By Carousel Round Table

In Memory of Past President, Rosemary Sundeen
By Carousel Round Table

In Memory of Oluf "Ollie" Sundeen, Husband of Past President Rosemary Sundeen
By Carousel Round Table

In Memory of Past President, Rosemary Sundeen
By Anita Oberle

In Memory of Past President, Rosemary Sundeen and Her Husband Ollie Sundeen
By Kathy Littlefield

In Memory of Wally Bosquez, Husband of Member Belinda Pena-Bosquez
By Kathy Littlefield

In Memory of Member Elsie McTee
By Kathy Littlefield

In Honor of the Woman's Club House Supervisor, Tina Zimmerman - In Appreciation for All You Do
By Kathy Littlefield

In Honor of Cathy Carroll and All of the Christmas Faire Committee
By Kathy Littlefield

Announcements

Notice of Proposed Membership

Patricia Villarreal, Membership Chairman

Dr. Eleanora Saenz is an applicant for membership in the Woman's Club of San Antonio. Dr. Saenz 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. Eleanora's application will be presented to the Board of Directors at the February Board Meeting. If anyone has any questions, please contact Patti Villarreal.

Notice of Date Change ~ Women's Federation Luncheon

NEW DATE: April 23rd, 2022

The Women's Federation Luncheon at the Petroleum Club has been rescheduled from January and will now be held in April. The cost of the event is \$40 and the theme is Outstanding Volunteers. There will be a Silent Auction at the event.

Two members of our Club will be recognized as Outstanding Volunteers for their work in the community:

Ferne Burney – Nominated by the Woman's Club of San Antonio

Helen Henderson – Nominated by the San Antonio Musical Club

Fiesta Hat Show & Luncheon

Silent Auction

It's Silent Auction time again. Along with our fabulous

Fiesta Hat Show and Luncheon

Wednesday, April 6, 2022,

at the Westin North Hotel (formerly the Omni)
off Interstate 10 and Wurzbach Parkway,

we will be conducting a **Silent Auction**. Remember, Silent Auctions are *PURE PROFIT* for our Club, but we depend on our members to donate unique, new and unused items. This year, we will also have a special section dedicated to Gift Certificates! Everyone likes to eat out (restaurant gift certificates!) and get hair and nails done (salon gift certificates!). If you have questions or need pick-up service, please give me a call. You can also leave items in the Office with Tina in a container labeled "Fiesta Luncheon Silent Auction Items." Please fill out the paperwork showing the donor and the value of the item donated. Our proceeds will be used for scholarships, charity donations, and Mansion care. We need your donations and would appreciate receiving them no later than Monday, April 4, 2022.

Ginger Vlieger,
Silent Auction Chairman



Julie Davis	3
Mary Jane Blanco	5
Monica Rogers	5
Courtney Ringelstein	8
Lynn Thompson	10
Yolanda Ayala-Rodela	11
Mary Ann Oliver	15
Ellen Myers	16
Helen Jones	18
Carol Carpenter	20
Sandra Whittaker	21
Darcy Scrimshire	22
Lorena Escobar	25
Kim Carmack	28



“Scene” at the Club in January



The San Antonio Musical Club held a luncheon at the Woodward Mansion on January 14th. They enjoyed a program by violinist, Adam Garza, who is a senior in the music program at UTSA.

Many members of the Musical Club are also members of the Woman's Club. Both groups are members of the Women's Federation of San Antonio. If you would like to know more about the Musical Club, inquire with some of your friends shown on the left during our February meeting and luncheon.

The Woman's Club January meeting included a preview of the Rodeo. In honor of this, many members donned hats, boots and belts of the totally Texas variety.

Rodeo San Antonio horseback Drill Team member, Leanna Lawbuck, gave background about the Drill Team and about Silver Saddles, another mounted team of Rodeo volunteers and scholarship supporters



Front Row: Virginia Van Cleave, Diane Lewallan, Elizabeth Neely, Iris Francis, Marcella Schroeder, Irma Duran, Sandra Whittaker

Back Row: Betty Lewandowski, Sandra Ojeda Medina, Barbara Vander, Leanna Lawbuck, Robin Templeton.

Before heading downstairs to the luncheon, all the “best dressed” of the day were invited to participate in a mini parade through the meeting hall to the tune of “Deep in the Heart of Texas” played by Robin Templeton at the grand piano.



The Friendship Tea

Could this be Eleanor herself serving High Tea at the 2019 Friendship Tea? No, Eleanor's teas were a century ago. But we did miss honoring her in 2020 due to the San Antonio guidelines for gatherings at the time. Now in 2022 our wonderful Friendship Tea tradition continues. Event chair, Patricia Broyles, is busy with plans and encourages Round Tables and members to be thinking about a cake, cookies or tea sandwiches that might be just the special addition for this event. Perhaps this is also a time to introduce a friend to the Woman's Club of San Antonio! Mark your calendars:



March 8th, at 11:00 am



Making their guests feel welcome and pampered, the dining room team from left to right:

Johanna Christiansen (Treasurer for Ingenues), Gabby Geppert, Tessa Christiansen, Sarah Stone, Annika Chapa, Paulina Rodriguez, Ryan Scrimshire, Julie Alexander Shacklett (Chairman for the Ingenues)

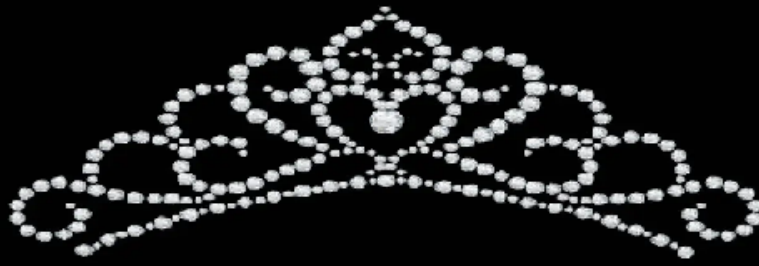


**First
Annual
Spagetti
Lunch
Hosted
by the
Ingenuie
Round
Table**



Ingenuie, Tessa Christiansen, provided musical entertainment.

Members Darcy Scrimshire, Julie Alexander-Shacklett, & Patty Geppert managed the kitchen for luncheon & take out.



Your First Event of Fiesta 2022
The Teen Queen Coronation
February 27th Beginning at 3:00 PM in McAllister Auditorium
Admission and Parking Are Free

This is a time for members to share an event with family and friends as we honor our Teen Court at the Coronation of:

Avery Walker as Teen Queen

Gabby Geppert as Teen Princess

Sarah Stone as Teen Grand Duchess

... with the Royal Courts of each honoree of the Coronation



The Coronation and Receptions Committees are preparing
a program for your enjoyment with lovely ladies, fine young men,
and beautiful formalities including the traditions, gowns and trains of our royalty.

McAllister Auditorium, at 1300 San Pedro, is not only a convenient location,
it is large enough to offer seating for Woman's Club members and their guests
with distancing between groups for comfort with "social distancing" protocols.
Following the Coronation, guests may go across the street to 1717 San Pedro where the
Woman's Club will host a Coronation Reception



Your 2022 Spring Calendar of Events with the Woman's Club

February 27 —Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation and Reception ~ McAllister Auditorium

March 2 ~ General Meeting & Luncheon: "Happy Birthday Texas!" 

March 8 —Eleanor Brackenridge Friendship Tea (hosted by the Friendship RT), Patricia Broyles, Chairman

March 27 —Fiesta Teen Queen Reception ~ The Woodward Mansion

April 1 & 2 —Fiesta Flower Show ~ The Woodward Mansion

April 6 —Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon ~ Westin North Hotel (aka Omni at the Colonnade)

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

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

Did you know that all webpage links shown in blue type in this newsletter are "hot" links?

If you are reading your newsletter as a pdf attachment, just click on the link on the newsletter page, and you will be taken to webpage (e.g. TicketLeap event page). So you need not type in the web address.

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