

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO



RUSTLING LEAVES

DECEMBER 2019

As this decade draws to a close, I am reflecting on everything it has meant to me. In fact, it was December 2008 that I joined with the choir from the Germania Chor from the Beethoven Halle downtown to present the Christmas program of music at our club. Kay Stewart was a singer in our group and a member of The Woman's Club. Her friendship drew me to the club, and I joined almost exactly 10 years ago. We were connected, and ahead of me were far more connections to be made.

Most people believe that a connection is something they can earn by being "good enough" when it is in reality something they develop by being willing enough. Especially when connections are broken; we must be willing to try again, be vulnerable again, to show up for others, to reach out, and to make ourselves an active part of our communities and families and friend groups.

To connect with others, we have to give them our time, honest feelings and ideas, and have a shared openness and experiences. We do not connect with others by trying to earn approval, awe, compliments, appreciation, envy, or superiority. You cannot feign oneness. You cannot sense it intellectually. It is something you feel.

We feel it each time we write that note of sympathy, get-well wishes, or a birthday greeting. We feel it when we work together to get a project underway, a goal reached, or simply decorating for the next event. We may not always agree, but our

connection allows us to disagree and be done with it. Our team moves forward!

Thank you for all you have done this year to improve our club. Those who will come into the house for the Christmas Faire will find that the "old lady" Woodward House is undergoing a facelift that is really making her look young and vibrant again. And thank you for your commitment to make that happen and to support all of the other projects of our club.

Who knows what the next decade will hold? I hope you will join me in the trust that it will be promising and continually improving. I wish you all a warm holiday season filled with good food, good friends, and loving family. You deserve the very best.

Ferne Burney, (210) 381-4372



We kicked off our House Restoration Fund campaign in October with a \$50,000 challenge from one of our members: that every dollar given to the Fund will be matched up to \$50,000. So that means we can hit our \$100,000 goal now twice as easily. Thank you Kathy Littlefield. As of Nov. 14, gifts totaled \$17,710 and rising every day! We have received gifts from members in the amount of \$5,000 to \$10. Every single dollar counts! A wonderful way to make a contribution is through our Golden Book Fund and designate your gift to the House Restoration Fund. Thank you to all who donate in any manner...we will be busting that thermometer wide open in 2020— Our Year of the Woman...climbing up that mountain together.

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

In Honor of **The Woodward House:**
By the Bridge Round Table

In Honor of the Birthday of **Carol Loven:**
By Patsy Loven Pelton

In Honor of **The Members of The Woman's Club:**
By Carol Habgood

By Sandra Whittaker

By Annette D. Ivy

By Carol Cannon Carpenter

By Marie Soules

By Carolynn Snyder

By John Donohue dba Donohue Construction

By Emily Crighton

By Lea Fagin

By Belinda Bosquez

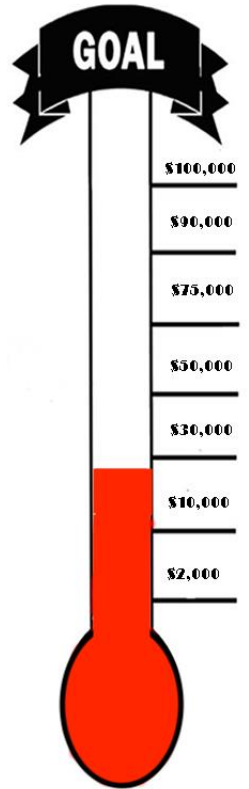
By The Fine Arts Round Table

By Mary Theresa Casiano

By The Modernist Round Table

By The Ingénue Round Table

By The Friendship Round Table



PEOPLE, PASSION, POSSIBILITIES



PLEASE NOTE: RSVP deadlines need your attention now!

- **Monday, Dec. 9 at 10AM for December Luncheon:**
- **Call (210) 732-4811 to make your paid reservation.**

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## DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING- Wednesday, Dec. 11



Meet T.J. Dolotina, who has been singing with groups for several decades. A generous member has donated the cost of his event fee. You won't want to miss this program!

### HOLIDAYS AND MUSIC GO HAND IN HAND—

Our program will be **A SPECIAL TREAT WITH "FRANK SINATRA"** crooning the classics and a few holiday songs to get you in the mood! Then stay and enjoy lunch with a few of your friends!

**\$25 per person for lunch payable over the phone** (service fee added)...We are sorry but lunch PAID reservations are required! Call House Supervisor Martha Aguirre (210) 732-4811.

Enjoy the decor of the Woodward Mansion in all its holiday splendor for the December General Meeting and be sure to share your photos on Facebook with @Thewomansclubofsa

Hostesses: Fine Arts Round Table

Community Care Concern: We will pass the basket around for donations to the St. Jude's Hospital.

### An answer for that "hard to buy for person":

#### Legacy Bricks make great holiday gifts!

Bricks! Bricks! Bricks! This is such a unique and different method to make a lasting memory for the affordable price \$60. The Brick Order form is attached which must be completed and turned into Martha Aguirre with your payment (check, cash or credit card). Please make sure Martha sees/is aware of your order for processing. A handwritten gift card/note will be sent to those being honored as long as you complete that section on the form. Questions? Contact Bricks Chairman Connie Linville at [clinville@satx.rr.com](mailto:clinville@satx.rr.com).



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ALL members are encouraged and invited to submit your photos from Woman's Club events for possible use in the newsletter. Email us at [womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com).

## December Birthdays

|                     |    |                 |    |
|---------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Vicki Ferguson      | 2  | Connie Beasley  | 17 |
| Avery Walker        | 2  | Marie Soules    | 17 |
| Rosa Tate           | 2  | Cathie Antone   | 18 |
| Maria Henderson     | 5  | Debbie Harris   | 18 |
| Wendy Tillotson     | 5  | Kim Rees        | 19 |
| Virginia Van Cleave | 8  | Cyndi Mann      | 22 |
| Kaye Bradford       | 10 | Margaret Duncan | 23 |
| Lea Fagin           | 10 | Karin Fee       | 23 |
| Connie Linville     | 10 | Martha George   | 28 |
| Gail Jarratt        | 12 | Norma Sackett   | 29 |
| Sandra Steinke      | 13 | Dolores Tamez   | 30 |
| Karen Hanson        | 14 | Jo Ann Scrivano | 30 |
| Nancy Hein          | 15 |                 |    |

**Mixing birthdays and holidays makes for a caroling, jingling, amazingly great time!**



## Care and Concern

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- ❖ Member Glynnis Richter's husband passed away.
- ❖ Member Jennifer Miller Brearley had surgery.
- ❖ Member Sandra Salinas had surgery.
- ❖ Member Marvinette Smith has been undergoing medical tests.
- ❖ Member Dina Sifuentes has had leg pain and a cyst on her kidney.
- ❖ Member Penny McCutchen had neck surgery.
- ❖ Member Muriel England had back surgery.
- ❖ The Club's longtime (now retired) caterer, Connie Smith, was diagnosed with lung cancer.

**Editor's note:** Due to privacy issues, additional information about each family above has been emailed to all members from Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Garza at [slmoreland@att.net](mailto:slmoreland@att.net). Please remember if you don't contact Susan, she will not be able to ask our membership for their prayers and support.

**(A reminder for our members: A gift to our Golden Book fund is always available to you to honor or remember a loved one. Donations are always printed in each month's newsletter and a card is sent to the family per the giver's instructions.)**

### AN ELEGANT MAKE OVER FOR UPSTAIRS

A huge bouquet of white roses to Member Lynn Thompson, who transformed the upstairs restroom into an elegant, beautiful space. She spent weeks and weeks to design and then decorate the area. She has requested that the décor be left as is and not rearranged. A sign will be made to remind guests and visitors that the property in the restroom is to remain in the House and not to be removed.

**THANK YOU LYNN FOR YOUR GIFT!**





*“A Christmas Star” shone bright at  
our 2019 Christmas Faïre*



WE CAN'T  
WAIT TO  
SEE ALL  
OF YOU  
AGAIN  
SOON AT  
THE  
MANSION  
IN 2020!

MORE  
FUN TO  
COME!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
DECORATED, SERVED, BAKED,  
GREETED, DROVE SHUTTLES,  
WORKED THE BOUTIQUE AND  
BEE ALIVE GIFT AND DÉCOR  
SHOPPE AND MORE TO MAKE  
EVERYTHING SPARKLE!



## November Round Table Reports



**TOP:** Members of the **Ingenue RT** met to prepare for their annual party for Respite Care at the Mansion this month.. **ABOVE:** The members enjoyed a photo op in front of the Christmas Faire tree "in design progress."



**ABOVE:** Members of the **Friendship Round Table** spent time at their meeting to prepare icing for the Gingerbread Houses that were sold at the Christmas Faire.

The Ingenues are proud of the fishing booth game they created for the children for the party. The mission of Respite Care of San Antonio is to protect, love, build trust, and nurture growth of children with special needs and complex medical conditions while strengthening the families caring for them. Everyone is welcome to help with the Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 22. Contact Chairman Julie Alexander-Sackett for more information. Donations are being gratefully accepted for the party to help provide gifts for the expected 30 children. Contact Johanna Christensen about their "wish list."



## SAVE THE DATE January 18, 2020 for the Woodward House Estate Sale

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE MANSION UNTIL JAN. 18. We appreciate your enthusiasm, but we are cleaning OUT the attic, and adding your items takes us in the wrong direction. Anything you bring to the sale will be considered property of The Woman's Club of San Antonio, and the sale of those items will go directly towards our restoration fund. More info about how you can help volunteer that day at the sale will be sent in January. Thank you!



## WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOST GED LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, December 17 at 11 AM, The Woman's Club of San Antonio will be hosting approximately 40 students from San Antonio College along with staff from the Empowerment Center at the campus. These are students who have completed their GED certification. Graduates of this program with their GED who have now gone on to complete college work will be there also to encourage them.

This will be our third luncheon to recognize these students and their families. **Angela Pfeiffer and Noontide Round Table** are organizing the food for the luncheon. If you would like to contribute to the luncheon in any way, please contact either Angela at 210-683-6749 or Chula Boyle at 210-415-4873 to find out where you can be a part.

The Empowerment Center at SAC has changed the lives of many students, and we are proud to be a part of it!



"Eleanor" was a gift to us at last year's event.



### BEHIND THE SCENES

A huge bouquet of white roses to Member Cathie Antone, who has been graciously volunteering her time to embroider our aprons.

**Thank you Cathie for your gift of time and talent to have us looking sharp and professional!**

## Mark Your Calendars!

**DEC. 2-5: CHRISTMAS FAIRE**

**DEC. 11: DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

**DEC. 17: GED LUNCHEON** hosted by members of Woman's Club of San Antonio at 11 AM

**DEC. 22: Respite Care Holiday Party** hosted by the members of Ingenue Round Table at 3:30 PM

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS! ¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!**

WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2020 on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY**...JAN. 8. **Reservation deadline for luncheon will be Jan. 6 AT 10 AM.**

Program: Meet Betsy Cooper, an artist and private investigator whose work has been featured on Oprah Winfrey Show and major TV networks

**Hostesses:** Soiree RT  
Community Care Concern:  
Restoration of the Mansion

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!

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