



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Santa has entered the Mansion and excitement is filling the air. Lights are glistening and ornaments are shimmering. Dona Liston, owner of the Lambermont House on Grayson Street, gifted her time and talent by decorating the Mansion. Helping her were Janice McGraw, Michael Quintanilla, and Mickey Tovar. With all of their creative juices going at the same time, the Mansion looks beautiful. Thank you all for such a gift of joy to behold!

As you probably know, the Club is not hosting our traditional Christmas Faire this year. However, as so many have done in the City to adjust to the unexpected changes, our women stepped up and said, "We can still bake and offer our fantastic Bake Shoppe goodies." Be sure you check out which bakers are offering their delectable, edible gifts and all their proceeds are going to the House.

Another change is the December meeting date in your Club yearbook: Our **December General Meeting will be December 9**. Make note that this is the **second Wednesday** in December to give you some time to recover from your Thanksgiving events.

Our on-line Boutique store is going great! We have sold jewelry, décor, food items, and gingerbread houses. Many of the items have sold out! We look forward to seeing you at our December General Meeting. It will be a fun meeting. We all need a little fun these days.

We often hear "hindsight is 20-20." Well, I'm sure you will join me with saying that I can't wait for 2020 to be in our rearview mirror! What a year 2020 has been! Thank you again for your resilience, your "we can do" this attitude and wearing a smile under your mask.

May your holidays be blessed, and I will see you at the Club on Dec. 9 either by Video Conference or in person. Please do RSVP for a seat for the meeting AND to stay for lunch or get a lunch to go.



Jane Stone
President

Magic at the Mansion - 2020

Meetings & Luncheons

Due to the special precautions with COVID-19:

For the setup it is especially important to RSVP by the prior Monday for the luncheon AND meeting attendance.

Wednesday at the Woodward House: Social time opens at 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11:00.

Please RSVP to Karin Fee by the prior Monday @ 10:00 a.m. w/ \$25 payment if including lunch.

December 9th, 2020

General business meeting at 11:00

Program: Joey Groff, "Entrepreneur and Entertainer"

Come for the show! Welcome Joey Groff and his wife Molly – Musicians, Model T Ford collectors and Battle of Flowers Parade participant.

Luncheon Menu: Waldorf salad, beef tips w/cherries, creamy mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, and The Bright Shawl's "Famous Almond Crunch Cake"

Hostesses: Fiesta Round Table

Community Care Concern: Woodward House Restoration Fund



January 6th, 2021

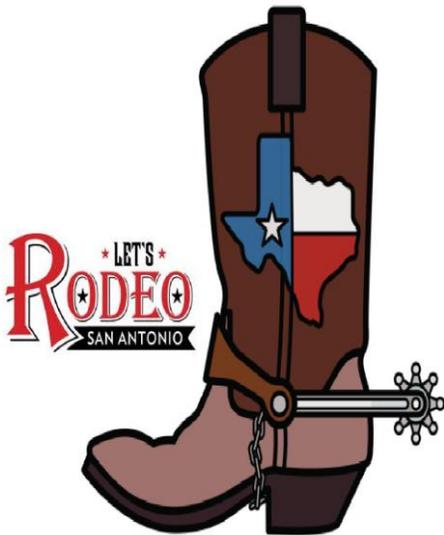
Program: Welcome Jackie Van De Walle, Lifetime Assistant & Director of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. Jackie first volunteered with the rodeo in 1979 following in the steps of her grandfather who was with the team that incorporated our rodeo. Jackie is excited about speaking to us and is bringing door prizes to share with our members at the January 6th meeting.

Theme: "Ladies, if you like, please don your rodeo attire."

Menu: Peach BBQ Chicken, Baby New Potatoes with Salsa Verde, Red Pepper Cornbread Wedge, Texas Sheet Cake

Hostesses: Carousel Round Table

Community Care Concern: Woodward House Restoration Fund



Santa says: "Please wear your mask at the Mansion."

Let's be kind and consider the feelings and safety of our members by wearing a mask.



Club Reports

San Antonio Women's Federation



Congratulations to Karen Ward on completing her term as Recording Secretary for the San Antonio Women's Federation. Karen is shown here with SAWF outgoing President, Gay Chedester, on June 9th when they delivered much needed individual size personal products for the clients of CASA.

SAWF General Assembly meetings are held at the Woman's Club every third Thursday at 10:30 a.m. You are a member of an affiliated club, WCSA, and welcome to attend. The program for the December 17th meeting is "Federation Fellowship and Facts".

The Women's Federation will be honoring outstanding volunteers at a luncheon to be held at the Petroleum Club. At the WCSA November general meeting, the membership nominated Ferne Burney as the Woman's Club honoree for the event. The luncheon will be held in January.

Fiesta Planning Report by Virginia Van Cleave, Participation Member Organization Commissioner



A Zoom meeting of the Board of Fiesta Commissioners was held on November 16, 2020. The President, Walter Serna, announced that the Fiesta San Antonio Commission wants to celebrate a festive and safe Fiesta April 15-25, 2021. He has met with the Mayor and Metro Health. The Fiesta Commission is hiring a health professional consultant for four months to help set up requirements for a safe Fiesta for 4 situation options: Plan A, 100% Fiesta participation, Plan B, 75%, Plan C, 50%, and Plan D, postponement to a time as close as possible to the April dates. No names were mentioned as to the consultant, but one from Johns Hopkins is being considered.

PMO's will be divided into four groups: parades, large events, medium events and small events. Each PMO has been sent a survey to complete by November 24th, so the consultant can become familiar with our individual events and our proposed plans for planning a safe event with masks and social distancing. As your Vice-President and Fiesta Activities Coordinator, I will send back this survey about our Teenage Coronation, Flower Show and Hat Show and Luncheon. Be assured, that the FSAC is working to make this Fiesta 2021 HAPPEN, knowing that our PMO's rely on Fiesta events that provide funds for yearly non-profit activities.

Our beautiful Teen Queen, Sophia Christiansen, was pictured and her personal story included in the November Fiesta Commission Newsletter to ALL Fiesta Commission members. Jane Stone and I participated in a Royalty Coordinators meeting and were pleased to hear that this year the Miss Fiesta coordinator will be including, as much as possible, all of the official Fiesta queens in as many events as possible. Jane reported on the successful August coronation and how all safety requirements were met. Thinking positive, we are looking forward to a successful 2021 Fiesta. VIVA, FIESTA!



The American Home and Garden Round Table: meets the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am for lunch and a speaker. We invite you to join The American Home and Garden Round Table. Organized in 1945, we enjoy sharing ideas about flowers, including the Fiesta Flower Show, traditions, noteworthy homes, and other topics of general interest. We try to take one field trip a year to a San Antonio location. Through fellowship, friendship, and good food, our activities support Woman's Club projects. Contact Jeanne Koplán if you would like to join.

Officers are: Chairman: Jeanne Koplán, Vice Chairman: Marsha Metz, Secretary: Elaine Staller, Treasurer: Patsy Pelton

Bee Alive Crafters Round Table: meets the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. We are a crafters group! We sometimes meet at workshops for learning new ideas and each month a member of the round table is a hostess! The hostess presents a program! Our first meeting is January 2021, third Tuesday of the month! We meet at different venues! Contact Iris Ann Frances for more information.

Officers are: Chairman: Iris Ann Frances, Vice Chairman: Signa Johnson, Secretary: Darlene Aird, Treasurer: Deborah Kunez

Books and Letters Round Table: meets the third Thursday of the month at 11:30 am. We cordially invite you to join our Books and Letters Round Table! Our group was organized to enjoy the pursuit of culture and diversion through the reading of good books. We met for the first time in 1922 and our group is composed of imaginative ladies who take pleasure in reading and sharing good books. We enjoy service projects, good food, good wine, discussing great books and catching up with our fellow book lovers. Contact Patty Landacre for more information.

Officers: Chairman: Patty Landacre, Vice Chairman: Sandra Whittaker, Secretary: Trace Mahbubani, Treasurer: Marsha Metz

Bridge Round Table: meets the fourth Friday of the month at 10:00 am. The Bridge Round Table offers intellectual and social stimulation. You do not need to be a championship bridge player. Our Round Table is for the enjoyment of the game and to catch up with friends. There are many benefits of playing bridge, an area in the brain used in playing bridge stimulates the immune system. Researchers suggest that is because players must use memory, visualization and sequencing. A great way to keep your mind sharp. Contact Karin Fee for more information.

Officers: Chairman: Karin Fee, Vice Chairman: Kim Rees, Secretary: Stephanie Hobbs, Treasurer: Kathy Littlefield

Carousel Round Table: meets the second Monday of the month at 11:00 am. Contact Pat Porter if you would like to join us. We have 28 members who enjoy "Fun, Fellowship, and Fun". We are active in supporting Woman Club activities, Mansion care and restoration. We enjoy conversation and being with each other as well sitting down to a delicious lunch prepared by Carousel members.

Officers: Chairwoman: Pat Porter, Vice Chairwoman: Johanna Christiansen, Secretary: Lynn Thompson, Treasurer: Barbara Walski

Fiesta Round Table: meets the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am. Our initial purpose as a Round Table was to be a place where new members could come and get a better orientation to the club. It has changed through the years and for a long while, we were just a general interest group. We tried changing our purpose back to the new member focus, but the time frame is not convenient for all new members, and we lost our way a little bit. We have changed back to our initial focus, and we are in a building mode. We want to try to do things that will either focus on things important to Fiesta or we will be offering assistance to the club at each of our three Official Fiesta Events. We welcome those who are interested in joining us and re-building this fun group of members into a Round Table that we will all enjoy. Officers: Chairman: Ferne Burney, Vice Chairman: Helen Henderson



Fine Arts Round Table: meets the fourth Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Fine Arts Round Table...WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? It's about fun and escape. We gather for fellowship, fun fine arts programs and lunch. In the Fine Arts Round Table, we are concerned with products that appeal in some way to a person's aesthetic taste. We gather to enjoy arts that include music, literature, paintings, dance, architecture, decorative arts, etc., for its own sake, not merely as a means to something else. Come join the Fine Arts Round Table where we are "Celebrating All Aspects of the Arts".

Officers: Chairman: Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice Chairman: Helen Jones, Secretary: Virginia Van Cleave

Friendship Round Table: meets the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. All members of the Woman's Club of San Antonio are invited to join the Friendship Round Table. We look forward to a year of wonderful lunches and short programs at each lunch. The Friendship Round Table also puts on the annual Friendship Tea that will be on March 9, 2021. Come join us at the Woman's Club! For more information, please call Patricia Broyles.

Officers: Chairman: Patricia Broyles, Vice Chairman: Betty Lewandowski, Secretary: Kathy Tarkington, Treasurer: Orbilia Hayes

The Ingenue Round Table: meets at various times throughout the year. This group is for the daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters of the club. We meet for service projects, fun and fellowship. We work with Woman's Club charity Respite Care hosting an annual Christmas party for the kids and work with other causes. We also participate in Fiesta events. Contact Julie Alexander-Shacklett for more information.

Officers: Chairman: Julie Alexander-Shacklett, Vice Chairman: Kathy Littlefield, Treasurer: Johanna Christiansen

Modernist Round Table: meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. The Modernist Round Table was organized in 1923 with the motto "As Traditional as Yesterday and as Modern as Tomorrow". Our group enjoys hearing about topics of interests of the members. We founded the Volunteer Services Council at the San Antonio State Hospital in 1953 and it remains our primary focus for outreach and community involvement. We invite members to visit with us and to join with us in informing ourselves and service to our community. For more information contact Barbara Niemann.

Officers: Chairman: Barbara Niemann, Vice Chairman: Betty Lewandowski, Secretary: Elaine Staller, Treasurer: Helen Henderson

Noontide Round Table: meets the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 am. "World News and Current Events" organized in 1909. Pause, Fuel & Reset with Noontide. Come be part of a great group of women who come together to discuss current events, enjoy a lunch and solve the World's problems. (We try). Additionally, we sponsor the annual club wide luncheon honoring all Golden Girls. This year's celebration will be on February 11, 2021. Contact Janice McGraw for more information at Djcbmcgraw@aol.com and she would love to see you at the next meeting!

Officers: Chairman: Janice McGraw, Vice Chairman: Helen Jones, Secretary: Helen Henderson, Treasurer: Gail Jarratt

Soiree Round Table: meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The Soiree Round Table was originally formed so that our members who worked during the day would have a place to participate. We are not all working but we all enjoy going out for a good dinner with friends. It is a great way for new members of the Woman's Club to meet and get to know other members. Contact Karin Fee for more information.

Officers: Chairman: Karin Fee, Vice Chairman: Johanna Christiansen, Secretary: Leona Maples, Treasurer: Kathy Littlefield



Magic at the Mansion



Merry Christmas

Thank you Dona Liston, Janice McGraw, Michael Quintanilla, and Mickey Tovar our decorating team.



Here's your team on the day they worked to make the Mansion magical. Do you see Jane with the gold ornaments?!

Our terrific clubwomen have accomplished so much even with the cancellation of Christmas Faire this year. Traditions have been upheld and – I hope you have your orders in already – the **gingerbread houses & biscotti** have sold out!

Hurry with a Bake Shoppe order to ensure you will get some of the Club's traditional homemade pickles (Patricia Villarreal, Virginia Van Cleave), and homemade jellies (Karen Ward, Kathy Littlefield). You may make your selection at the Mansion (foyer) Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or at the December meeting.



Gingerbread Girls ~ Seated (l-r): Susan Adamson, Gloria Tate, Angela Pfeiffer, Leslie Doyle
 Standing (l-r): Kathy Littlefield, Helen Henderson, Johanna Christiansen, Chula Boyle, Betty Lewandowski, Patte Pfeiffer, Gail Jarrett

Bake Shoppe & Boutique



Your boutique team has almost 50 pages of holiday shopping for you. (It's good to be good to yourself too!) All proceeds go to the club. Check out the Boutique Christmas selection at the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OLcJpaNgbpold9ymDrtP5NObc9hgJMWIVRFWakee48/edit?usp=sharing>

You may order from the Boutique by calling Angela Pfeiffer (her number's in your Yearbook). Tell her the piece number and quantity you would like. Have your credit card information ready and make pick up or delivery arrangements

Picture a gift bag/basket for that special friend – maybe hot jellies in red & green from the Bake Shoppe, then add a scented candle from the Boutique Christmas catalog. Would adding a special bottle of wine give the gift just the right shape?



Care and Concern

As reported from Susan Moreland-Goza

Member, Janet James injured her leg.

Member, Elizabeth Neely's daughter passed away.

Member, Theresa Casiano, had cataract surgery.

Member, Marjorie Douglas's husband, Carl, suffered a stroke and fell.

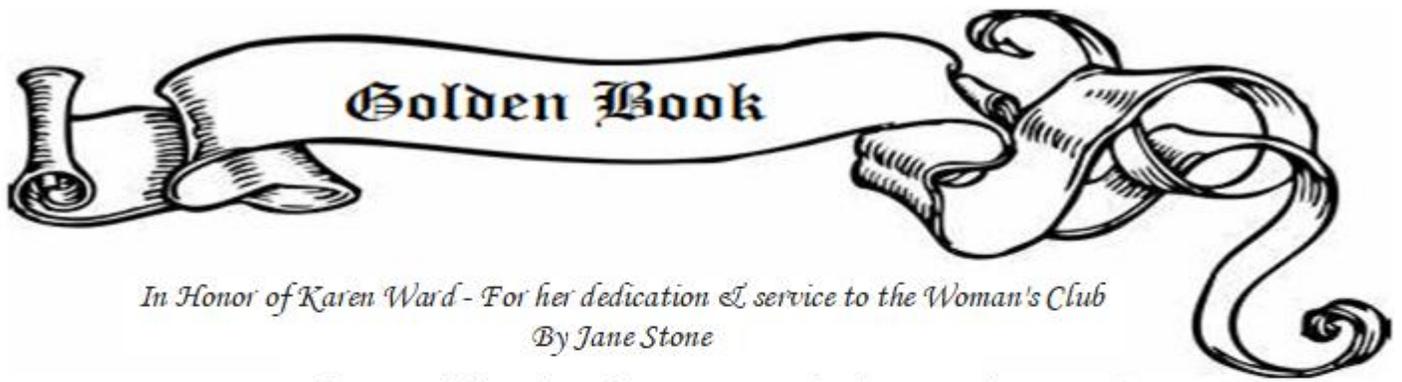
Member, Jo Ann Scrivano, is recovering from complete shoulder replacement.

Member, Billie Arredondo was hospitalized & had subsequent in-patient rehab.



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 under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

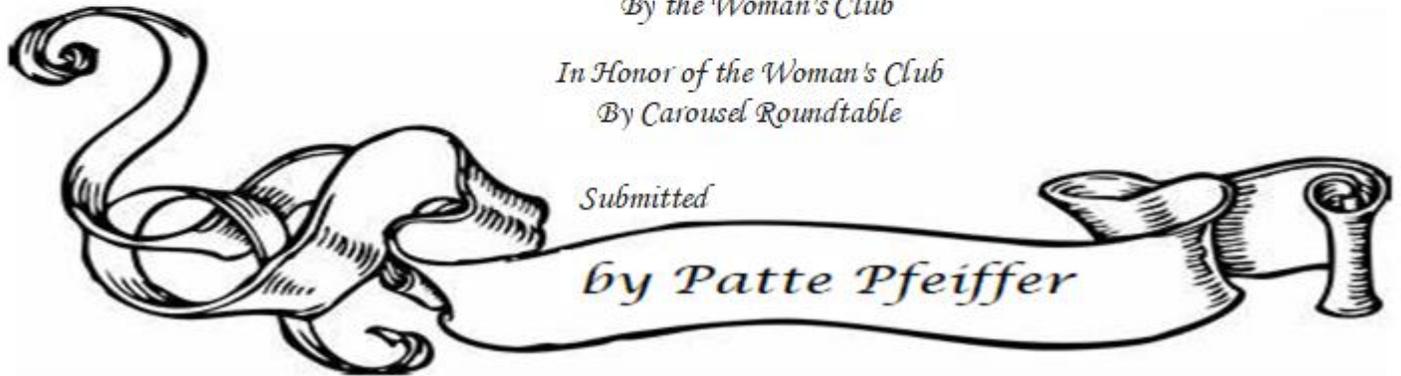
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*In Honor of Karen Ward - For her dedication & service to the Woman's Club
By Jane Stone*

*In Honor of Dr. Michelle Tabit, Ph.D-Guest Speaker for November General Meeting
By the Woman's Club*

*In Honor of the Woman's Club
By Carousel Roundtable*



Submitted

by Patte Pfeiffer

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