



## **THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hello Ladies, "Tis the Season to be Jolly"... Thanksgiving caused us to pause and thank God for his provisions, to notice the blessings we too often overlook. As the season turns toward Christmas, let's carry that grateful spirit forward. The true gift of this season is in what we treasure: faith, family and the countless blessings that fill our days. "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace and goodwill towards men." Luke 2:14

Presently, I'm looking forward to our Christmas Faire; remember that we will have a Christmas Faire Preview Night on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. It's an evening affair with Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, Desserts and Shopping, cost is \$25.00. The full days of our faire are Tuesday, Dec. 2, Wednesday, Dec. 3 and Thursday, Dec. 4., 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Each day, we provide a luncheon at 12:00, cost is \$45.00, shop, eat and shop some more. Besides the vendors, our WC Boutique will be open with their many beautiful Christmas items. Please send out email blasts to your friends and family about this event, it's a free event and open to the public. Our WC Round Tables have decorated our mansion from top to bottom, side to side, it looks amazing and will certainly help add to our Christmas Spirit. Also, on Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> we host Breakfast with Santa. When I was Vice President, I decided to bring back Breakfast with Santa, it was a precious tradition in my family. It took off right away under the creativity of Diana Reyes, Event Chair. This is Diana's 4<sup>th</sup> year to coordinate the activities, I especially look forward to seeing Santa Claus, he's the real thing and no waiting in a long line to take a picture with him. Diana works diligently within our community to spread the word and gather donations. This one event over the years has earned us approximately \$5000.00, thank you Diana Reyes. Remember ladies, our Christmas Faire is a big fundraiser for us, so let's spread the word. Reach out to your friends and family, let them know you are attending.

Our next WC General Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am.

Happy Holidays, Sandra

## **GOLDEN BOOK**

*Submitted by: Sandy Salinas*

- ❖ In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Anita and David Oberle by Patsy Pelton
- ❖ Funding the upholstery and refurbishment of two chairs in honor of Angela Pfeiffer and Kathy Littlefield for their more than 20 years of managing the construction and sale of the Gingerbread Houses. From making the aromatic batter, to bagging the candy, building the houses, and packaging the frosting, they deserve a comfy place to sit. By Jaquie Rothermel, President 2004-2006
- ❖ In memory of member Tommy Jean Hageman, by Kathy Tarkington

# CARE AND CONCERN

*Submitted by: Verna Quaranto*

- ❖ Douglas Handlin, husband of member Susan Handlin unexpectedly had surgery yesterday. Prayers are welcomed, well wishes can be send to: Douglas Handlin, 9807 Ramblin River Rd, San Antonio, TX 78251

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Ferguson Crockett	Dec 2
Amanda Alarcon-Hunter	Dec 5
Virginia Van Cleave	Dec 8
Kaye Bradford	Dec 10
Lea Fagin	Dec 10
Anna Alejandro	Dec 11
Gail Jarratt	Dec 12
Sandra Steinke	Dec 13
Nancy Hein	Dec 15



Connie Beasley	Dec 17
Marie Soules	Dec 17
Debbie Harris	Dec 18
Adelia Rodriquez	Dec 21
Kristin Tips	Dec 22
Karin Fee	Dec 23
Martha George	Dec 28
Dolores Tamez	Dec 30
JoAnn Scrivano	Dec 31

### A Gilded Age Christmas Tea

by High Tea by Table Talk at the Woodward Mansion

A luxurious Victorian Christmas Tea.  
Indulge in exquisite tea fare, vintage charm,  
and festive splendor!  
Reserve now!

### A Gilded Christmas Tea ✨

December 13<sup>th</sup> 1-3:30 pm.

Step into a world of holiday elegance where twinkling lights, soft carols, and golden accents set the scene for an afternoon of grace and delight. Enjoy a refined tea service featuring delicate tea sandwiches, freshly baked scones with clotted cream, and an array of holiday sweets — each a little work of art. Sip from vintage china as you share the joy of the season surrounded by shimmering décor, sparkling glassware, and the gentle glow of Christmas lights. It's a celebration of tradition, beauty, and togetherness — a moment to pause, savor, and experience the golden heart of Christmas.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-gilded-age-christmas-tea-tickets-1809505332159?aff=oddtcreator>

# UPCOMING LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS

Tawana Timberlake, Vice-President

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

## Monday 12/01/2025

Hors d' oeuvres - Wine - Desserts  
- Shopping

## Tuesday 12/02/2025

- Soup or Salad Starter - Chef's Choice
- Pork Tenderloin
- Mashed Sweet Potatoes
- Braised Brussels Sprouts with Bacon
- Carrot Cake
- Vegetarian Option:  
Vegetable Wellington

## Wednesday 12/03/2025

- Soup or Salad Starter - Chef's Choice
- Lemon Artichoke Chicken
- Rice Pilaf
- Sweet & Buttery Balsamic Roasted Carrots
- Italian Cream Cake
- Vegetarian Option:  
Vegetable Wellington

## Thursday 12/04/2025

- Soup or Salad Starter - Chef's Choice
- Braised Beef Tips
- Creamy Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans Almondine
- Decedent Chocolate Cake
- Vegetarian Option:  
Vegetable Wellington

**The Woman's Club  
of San Antonio**  
*Christmas Faire*  
**Traditional Christmas at the Mansion**

December 2, 3, 4 | 10-3  
1717 San Pedro  
Lunch served daily at 12  
Shopping ~ Lunch \$45 ~ Bake Sale

*Special Preview Night*  
December 1 | 5:30-7:30 | \$25  
Hors d'oeuvres~Wine~Desserts~Shopping  
Preview Night & Lunch RSVP~210.732.4811

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/tradition-christmas-at-the-mansion>


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The Woman's Club of San Antonio

## December General Meeting

featuring program  
**Hero Like Her**  
**Chief Valerie Frausto**  
**San Antonio's First Woman Fire Chief**


Wednesday, December 10, 2025

10:30 am Social  
11:00 am Meeting & Program  
12:00 pm Lunch

1717 San Pedro Avenue

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/december-general-meeting-1907848131>

Menu: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes,  
Roasted Carrots, Vanilla Bean Cake




## Breakfast with Santa

6TH DEC.

### at the Woman's Club of San Antonio

1717 SAN PEDRO AVE.  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



FULL BREAKFAST • FACE PAINTING  
PHOTO WITH SANTA  
ARTS & CRAFTS • GOODY BAGS  
CALL 210-732-4811 TO RESERVE TICKETS  
& SEATING TIME (9:00, 9:30, 10:00A)

AGES 0-2: FREE • AGES 3-12: \$10  
AGES 13+: \$20

### Prospective New Members

We have received applications for membership in the Woman's Club of San Antonio for the following individuals:

- ❖ Letty Elder
- ❖ Ludivina Smith
- ❖ Pricilla Hurt
- ❖ Teresa Chavarria-Herring
- ❖ Edna Lugo Martinez
- ❖ Sandy Galvan

### Woman's Club is San Antonio Attention all members

**Do you have a product to sell?**

**Pop Up shops in  
Boutique area.**

*This will be held at January General Meeting.*

*Text me about you product and you will be put into a lottery.*

*I will send out list of winners by Dec. 15. Looking for 4 different kinds of products. Must be a member. Cost will be cost of set up and 25% of your sales given back to club.*

*Text Iris Ann Francis  
210 846 8003 ASAP*

## 2025 CHRISTMAS FAIRE

### BAKE SHOPPE

Marsha Metz, Chairman

We are asking all members of the Club who are bakers to help us with the always-popular Bake Shoppe during the Christmas Faire. **Items should be delivered to the Club library by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2nd.** We need savory baked goods, in addition to the usual sweets. For the baked goods offerings, we are asking you to provide the following:

1. Cookies, cakes, breads, Danish, donuts, pastries, pies and any other items that are prepared by baking the item in the oven. Other items are canned jam or jelly, or a dried herb or herb mix.
2. Items should be already portioned, wrapped, or bagged in clear packaging.
3. Bake Shoppe will price the items.
4. The items should be labeled with your name, The Woman's Club of San Antonio, 1717 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78212.
5. The label should also state: "This food is made in a home kitchen and is not inspected by the Department of State Health Services or Health Dept.
6. The label must state the name of the product.
7. Your label should also include any ingredients that may be allergens such as egg, nuts, soy, peanuts, wheat, or milk.
8. A way to be in compliance with Cottage Food Law regulations could be to include your recipe on the package along with the rest of the labeling information.

Bake Shoppe Chairman **Marsha Metz** will provide labels that will be ready for you to fill out if you are not able to produce your own labels. Questions? Contact Marsha at (210) 732-5600 or [mcmetz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcmetz@sbcglobal.net).



On November 8<sup>th</sup> our Fiesta Teen Queen, Tessa Christiansen officially signed with SMU. She will join their Swim Team next year.





# DIA DE LOS MUERTOS





# NOVEMBER MEETING







## ROUND TABLE CORNER



**The Soiree Round Table** November gathering took place at Stone Terrace Gastropub with a fantastic meal, Thanksgiving crafts, and door prizes!



**The Woman's Club Ingenues** From Johanna Christiansen Chair Ingenue Round Table: The Ingenues held their November meeting with a Thanksgiving dinner, wrapping presents for the Respite Care children, decorating the piano area for the Christmas Faire, and presenting Kathy Littlefield with a brick for The Woman's Club garden in her honor along with a plaque for Kathy, designating her as an Honorary Ingenue for all her wonderful support of the Ingenues!!





# DECEMBER 2025 HOUSE CALENDAR

SUN 30	MON Dec 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
	● 5:30pm Preview I	● 10:30am Christm	● 10:30am Christm	● 10:30am Christm		Breakfast wit Santa
7	8	● 11:30am Friendsh	● 11am WCSA Gen ● 4:30pm Conserv	Wings Rental Pendi	12	Susan Handlin Rent
14	● 10am Scholarshi	● 6pm Soiree Roun	● 11:30am Fiesta Ri	● 11am SAWF Gen ● 11:30am Books al	19	20
21	● 11:30am Fine Arts	● 11:30am Moderni	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	Kayla Rental Pendi	New Year's Eve ● 10am Combined	New Year's Day ● 11am SAWF Boar	2	3

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