



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Gorgeous Ladies,

We've had quite a year under my administration: our house expenses have been tremendous but necessary, we met our monetary charity and scholarship gift donations, our Board of Directors remained intact, our annual events were successful, we had nine good programs, the Summer Luncheons of 2024 and 2025 were fun and informative. I can't say we didn't have bumps along the way, but issues were handled appropriately. I'm thankful for our WC Board of Directors. As we go into our new year, beginning with our September Luncheon at the San Antonio Country Club on September 17, we begin to make new memories. Your participation supports our Woodward Mansion and all of our charitable and educational undertakings.

Let me recap our August events at the Mansion. Our New Member Luncheon was well attended. Our WC BOD provided the variety of salads and desserts. I welcomed the attendees, our Chaplain, Diana Reyes gave a prayer, Betty Lewandowski gave some history of our club, Jeanne Koplan talked about the Round Tables and seasoned members talked about the donations we give to various charities and the scholarship gifts. We stressed the importance of referring to our WC Yearbook. Our new Membership Chair, Iris Francis made herself available to our newcomers. This is an event that is necessary for our new members, but it doesn't stop with this one event, we need to avail ourselves to our new members.

August Summer Luncheon was well attended, thank you to those of you who attended. Jen Guidry was a dynamic speaker who touched my being and I am sure many other attendees. She spoke about "coming home to yourself, breaking cycles of stress and rising stronger than ever with faith, truth and fire." As a cancer survivor and a COVID Long Hauler, I've had to recognize these turning points in my life. When I wake up in the morning, I thank God for another day and ask for strength to face my challenges. Every day is a blessing, and we need to remember who gives it to us. Also, there were many hats available for sale; it was a fun kind of market day.

Now into Fall: The Fall Luncheon has been recently organized and coordinated by a group of members which includes former WC Presidents. We thank you ladies for getting this important event together. Many items are still needed for this event: silent auction items, wine bottles and ticket sales. Remember, it takes each one of us doing a part. Thank you for your consideration.

Our Christmas Faire Committee, chaired by Heather Hays and Jen Brearley has had 2 organizational meetings.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have committed to serving on this committee. I especially thank the chairs for getting this event off the ground with yet months to go. If anyone sees a vendor you'd like to see at our faire, please get their business card and give it to Jen. I'd like to see more handmade items, arts and crafts.

The Nominations Committee has been established and has had their first meeting where they elected Angela Pfeiffer as their Chair. Ladies, if you are considering a Board of Directors position, please look at our BYLAWS in our WC Yearbook, ARTICLE V – Officers, pgs. 46 – 49. All of these positions are vital to the success of our club. Yes, there are sacrifices that are needed at some time, i.e., missing a different club meeting because a WC responsibility needs to get taken care of, getting your responsibilities done with time, if you can't take care of your responsibility, getting someone to do it, etc. Your commitment has to be a priority. I'd be happy to talk to anyone interested in the

President or Vice President positions. I've held both positions with pride and considered it a honor to serve.
Happy Labor Day...that means REST.
Best always, Sandra

CARE AND CONCERN

Submitted by Verna Quaranto, Corresponding Secretary

- ❖ Paulina Rodriguez, ingénue and teen princess, was admitted to the ER for a fainting spell. She was diagnosed with a seizure and will continue to be monitored by a specialist as she starts her junior year in high school. Cards and notes can be sent to mom's email (irmaduran@live.com) or 6125 John Chapman, 78240

GOLDEN BOOK

Submitted by Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chair

- ❖ In honor of Anita Oberle's 91st birthday, by Patsy Pelton
- ❖ In support of the Golden Room furniture re-upholstery by Linda Oliver



AUTUMN HARVEST TEA

BY HIGH TEA BY TABLE TALK

Step into a world of timeless elegance at our luxury High Tea

Saturday, October 4th, 1:00pm Tickets available on Eventbrite

Historic Woodward House 1717 San Pedro Ave Susan Handlin 210-416-4483

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/autumn-harvest-tea-by-high-tea-by-table-talk-tickets-1592686039819?aff=oddtcreator>

The WCSA Nominating Committee is in place, committed to working together, to select the 2026-2028 Board of Directors. Our Nominating Committee consists of 9 individuals:

Angela Pfeiffer-Chairman
Helen Henderson
Sue Walski
Irma Duran
Michele Sheldon
Karen Ward
Kathy Tarkington
Virginia Van Cleave
Yvonne Nino

We are asking our Membership to let us know if you are interested in any of the positions available:

President-Tawana Timberlake
Vice President
Membership Chairman
Yearbook Chairman
House Chairman
Grounds Chairman
Public Relations Chairman
Newsletter Chairman
Notification Chairman
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Long-Range Planning

If you are interested in any of these positions and are in good standing (dues are current etc.) with the WCSA, please reach out to me, Irma Duran or any of the Nominating Committee Members you are most comfortable with. Please include the reason why you are interested in said position and what skills you bring to the position. Interested women must have at least 1 year of membership (3 for VP) with WCSA as of February 2026.

Our next meeting for the Nominating Committee is September 26, so if you know that you are interested, please get back to one of us ASAP.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Members are invited to submit relevant photos of people or events for possible use in the newsletter and/or Facebook to womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com. **Advertising in Rustling Leaves is available** at the following rates: full page - \$100; half page - \$50; and, quarter page - \$25. Your ad may include business cards, recognition/celebrations, and announcements of upcoming events. The deadline for submission and payment for advertising is the 15th of the month prior to the publication month.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS



Theresa Robertson is active in the Fiesta Commission as a volunteer. She is a retired teacher with a master's degree in Bilingual Education. She has attended our Fiesta Had Luncheon. She's very excited to become a member of the Woman's Club of San Antonio.



Rosario Sanchez has recently retired from a career with the United States Probation Office in Laredo. She and her family relocated to San Antonio after she retired in 2023. She looks forward to continuing to empower others through service to the community and the Woman's Club.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bernadine Dailey	Sept 1
Linda Nairn	Sept 1
Rose Corley	Sept 2
Monica Trust	Sept 3
Coco Martinez	Sept 4
Mickey Tovar	Sept 5
Anna Gonzales	Sept 6
Roxana Vargas	Sept 8
Heidi Tarrillion	Sept 9
Yvonne Nino	Sept 9
Sue Walski	Sept 11
Stefany Sauseda	Sept 12
Erminia Uviedo	Sept 12



Sandra Herman	Sept 16
Diane Lewallen	Sept 17
Maria Ramirez	Sept 17
Ashley Wash	Sept 23
Margaret Wilkinson	Sept 23
Helen Henderson	Sept 24
Anita Oberle	Sept 24
Dorothy Akers	Sept 26
Andrea Frankland	Sept 26
Vickie Kinder	Sept 26
Billie Arredondo	Sept 27
Ann Le	Sept 27
Lee Perry	Sept 28
Ashley Bruno	Sept 29

Auction Corner

Donation Drop-Offs

You can drop off your auction donations at the **WC anytime between 10 AM and 3 PM**. Please don't wait until the last minute! We need time to organize and prepare all the items well in advance.

Immediate Volunteer Needs

We're currently looking for help with the following roles:

- **Auction Chair**
- **Auction Co-Chair**
- **Auction Volunteers** to help prepare items
- **Auction Volunteers** for the day of the event

If you're interested in volunteering for any of these crucial roles, please let us know right away!

Amanda Alarcon-Hunter
210-367-7080 (call/text)

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

Tawana Timberlake, Vice-president

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



YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH
THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO

Hollywood Glitz and Glam Fall Luncheon

WED

17

SEP

11 AM

2025

SAN ANTONIO COUNTRY CLUB
4100 N. NEW BRAUNFELS, SAN ANTONIO

Music by Stan Wayne

Boutique

Silent Auction

Wine Pull

Photo Booth

\$90 per person

For reservations, call 210-732-4811 or click on the link below

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/fall-luncheon>

AUGUST LUNCHEON

Dear Members... And just like that, our summer luncheons are over. We ended August with an oversold event with a dynamic Keynote Speaker who usually only addresses large corporate affairs!

For the last summer lunch, I was very thrilled to nab local speaker and author, Jen Guidry. We are friends on Facebook and I have followed her emotional story of survival and success since 2017 when I met her at an event. So, I just messaged her and excitedly told her about the WCSA, and our great history in San Antonio but I was stopped cold when her reply was "that's so cool, but I actually have an agent who handles my speaking engagements." I apologized profusely and admitted my embarrassment at being so bold in asking without an offer of payment, explaining we didn't pay as we were a non-profit, for charity, yada yada. She was so kind and came back with yes, I'll do it, and she did not disappoint! Her style and ability to engage the audience is stellar. She made us all feel connected with humorous, personal, and emotional stories of daily life and setbacks. It was as if we were sitting and talking with a friend.

We also had an additional perk... a hat sale amongst our members who brought new or gently worn hats. I brought only 4 and sold them all. I have to brag on the Donna DaVinci white hat I sold to Tara Ferguson. I wore it to the 140th Preakness Stakes race at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland on 5/16/15 and watched American Pharoah win the "second leg" of the Triple Crown. Obviously, he had won the Kentucky Derby, two weeks earlier, then went on to win The Belmont Stakes in New York 2 weeks after the Preakness. He was the 12th Triple Crown winner in history and went on to win The Breeder's Cup Classic (the Oscars of horse racing) that October, making him the first horse to win the Grand Slam of Thoroughbred racing. And, he has more awards-check him out! Don't you just love a hat with a story? So, Tara, I think you need to attend one of those races (maybe even the Preakness, so the hat returns there) next year... I would even go with you! Let's get a girl's trip going!?!

Tawana Timberlake
Vice President





NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON







The final four chairs have finished their glow-up. Aren't they beautiful!!!??



AND IT IS FIESTA TIME AGAIN — YES, REALLY!!

INTRODUCING YOUR FIESTA ROYALTY — AND THEY ARE ALREADY BUSY REPRESENTING THE CLUB



Tessa Louise O'Hanlon Christiansen is so honored to serve as the 2026 Fiesta Teen Queen, representing the wonderful Woman's Club of San Antonio! Tessa is senior at Ronald Reagan High School and is on the Varsity Swim Team, serving as a Team Captain. Tessa is a Vice President of the National Honor Society. For swimming, Tessa competed in the Junior Nationals, Winter Nationals, Futures, Sectionals and State Swim Meets. She was selected two years in a row by the San Antonio Express Newspaper for the All City Swim Team. Tessa earned the Scholastic All American and NISCA All American designation for swimming. Tessa is in the top 4 percent of her class and will graduate high school with the Summa Cum Laude designation. Tessa committed to swim in college at Southern Methodist University (SMU). SMU is a D1 (Division 1), Power 4 school in the ACC Conference. Pony Up!

Tessa joined the Woman's Club Ingenues in 6th grade at 12 years old. The Woman's Club's mission statement is "for mutual improvement and cooperation in all charitable and educational undertakings that pertain to the greater good of humanity". Tessa holds up this mission statement with her volunteering through The Woman's Club. Tessa volunteers with Respite Care, an official charity of The Woman's Club, that is a home for abused and special needs children. Tessa's favorite event to volunteer with is the annual Christmas party for the Respite Care children. Tessa serves as Chair for the Christmas party for the Respite Care children for the past several years and currently, where each child and their caregivers get to play games, eat food, decorate cookies, and Santa visits giving each child a special gift that Tessa has chosen based on the wishes of the children. Tessa also volunteers with the annual ice cream social event for the Respite Care children where they play on the playground with the kids and then serve the children and caregivers ice cream sundaes. Tessa has helped several times with cleaning of the beautiful Woman's Club Woodward Mansion including dusting baseboards and oiling the woodwork, bakes cookies for the bake shop, and makes batter for gingerbread houses for the Christmas Faire. Tessa has participated each year in The Woman's Club Flower Show for 10+ years. Tessa has participated in The Woman's Club Coronation every year for the past 15 years.

Tessa's mom Johanna Christiansen, who also loves the club, is a Woman's Club Life Member and has served on the Woman's Club Board of Directors for several terms as Golden Book Chairman, Counselor of Round Tables, and also served on the Finance Committee. Johanna is currently on the board as the Notification Chairman. Johanna has been a Co-Chair of the Queen's Reception and Coronation Reception for the past 10+ years and is a member of several Round Tables (Noontide, Carousel, Soiree, Fiesta, American Home & Garden) being the past Chair and current Treasurer of The Soiree Round Table, past VP of The Carousel Round Table, and current Chair of the Ingenue Round Table. Tessa's grandmother Jeanette Atkinson was also very involved in The Woman's Club and also served on the board.

Tessa is committed to serving the community. Tessa serves as Chaplain for the Children of the Republic of Texas (CRT). She gives prayers at Alamo and historical ceremonies. Tessa served as Vice President of Leadership in the National Charity League (NCL) and loves volunteering at the Bulverde Humane Society and Haven for Hope. Tessa is a proud 8th generation Texan and loves that Fiesta is a party with a purpose that helps non-profits. Tessa's parents are Brian & Johanna Christiansen, siblings Harold & Sophia Christiansen, grandparents Harold Atkinson and the late Jeanette Atkinson, grandparents the late Russell & Darlene Christiansen, and Godparents Diane & Jay Lewallen. Tessa's sister Sophia Christiansen served as the 2021 Fiesta Teen Queen.

Tessa is passionate about heart disease awareness and the importance of getting your heart checked. Both of her grandmothers had undetected atrial fibrillation (AFIB) that resulted in strokes. Tessa had Wolff Parkinson White Syndrome (WPW), that is an extra electrical pathway in the heart causing rapid heartbeats. Tessa was grateful that her condition was diagnosed and that a surgical procedure was able to fix her heart. She encourages those of all ages to get their heart checked annually.

Tessa is thrilled to serve as the Fiesta Teen Queen and represent the fantastic Woman's Club! Viva Fiesta!!



Paulina Marcela Rodriguez is a junior at Providence Catholic School where she is on the varsity bowling team, is the junior class historian, a member of the national honor society, national art honor society, national French honor society, and show choir.

A 12th yr girl scout, Paulina values her time volunteering. She is currently working on her gold reward, which involves creating a curriculum and triage scenarios for fellow girl scouts and volunteers to become confident in their first aid training. Paulina has also achieved her silver and bronze award within the last 6 years, including a curriculum and patch for disability sensitivity in collaboration with Disability SA.

Born into a Fiesta family, Paulina has been active in various non-profits such as the State Association of Texas Pioneers and the Fiesta commission.

Paulina's mother, Irma Duran Rodriguez is the House Chair, Fiesta Elected Commissioner, and the present State Association of Texas Pioneers Honorary Lady Chair.

Though she has committed her dedication to such organizations, she values her time spent with the Woman's Club of San Antonio, which she has been active in since elementary school. Joining the ingenues on her 12th birthday, her favorite event is the Christmas Party the ingenues host for the Respite Care of San Antonio, an official charity the club supports for neglected and abused special needs children.

Paulina loves to wrap the children's presents and see their faces when they receive it.

Paulina loves to take up her time reading, drawing, baking, crafting, and spending time with her grandparents (member Mari Duran and the late Alberto Duran, Carl and Rosemary Rodriguez) Other hobbies Paulina enjoys is spending time with their dog, Nala, her family and little sister, Jeannette. She also helps her father, Curtis, tend to their longhorns and horses.

Paulina is very grateful for her role as Woman's Club of San Antonio Fiesta Teen Princess 2026.





Fiesta Round Table is requesting your support.

Beacon Hill is their community project, and the school is in need of many types of supplies. If you feel moved to provide any of the items on this list, please bring them to the house and leave the item(s) on the bench near the elevator. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Villarreal at 210-240-5818.



Beacon Hill Primary 2025-2026 School Supply List *Label all items with the student's name*



Pre-Kinder

- ☐ 2 complete changes of clothing (mark each with the student's name)
- ☐ 3 boxes of tissues
- ☐ 1 box Ziploc gal. size bags
- ☐ 1 box Ziploc quart size
- ☐ 1 set of watercolor paints
- ☐ 1 pack 8 count Crayola markers
- ☐ 1 box Crayola jumbo color basic colors
- ☐ 3 pkgs. of Elmer's glue sticks (3 in pack)
- ☐ 3 Husky Ticonderoga pencils
- ☐ 1 box of colored pencils
- ☐ 3 pkgs. of fine tip dry erase markers
- ☐ 1 pack of white cardstock
- ☐ 1 box of bandaids
- ☐ 1 four-fold nap time mat
- ☐ 1 bath-size nap-time towel
- ☐ 1 container of baby wipes
- ☐ 3 containers of Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 2 pks. Playdough (3 in pack)
- ☐ 1 spiral notebook
- ☐ 1 pack of paper towels
- ☐ 1 set of headphones (No earbuds)
- ☐ Plastic refillable water bottle w/ name on it
- ☐ 2 prong plastic folders (1 yellow, 1 blue)
- ☐ 3 reams of white copy paper
- ☐ 1 primary notebook (health class)

Kinder

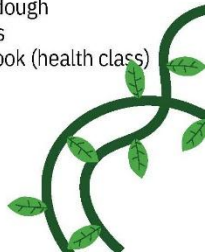
- ☐ 1 plastic school box
- ☐ 2 pairs of children's scissors
- ☐ 2 boxes of colored markers
- ☐ 1 box of colored pencils
- ☐ 2 pack of Expo Dry Erase Markers
- ☐ 12-count pack glue sticks
- ☐ 4 wide-ruled primary composition notebooks
- ☐ 3 PLASTIC folders with brads (red, blue, green)
- ☐ 1 packet of colored construction paper
- ☐ 3 large boxes of tissues
- ☐ 1 box gallon-size Ziploc bags
- ☐ 1 box quart-size Ziploc bags
- ☐ 1 Paper towel roll
- ☐ 4 containers of Lysol wipes
- ☐ 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- ☐ 1 4-pack Ticonderoga early childhood pencils
- ☐ 2 pkgs. 24 count #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- ☐ 2 pkgs. 24 count Crayola crayons
- ☐ 2 reams of white copy paper
- ☐ 1 pack spiral index cards
- ☐ 1 set of headphones (no earbuds)
- ☐ Plastic refillable water bottle w/ name on it
- ☐ 1 primary notebook (health class)

1st Grade

- ☐ 1 binder zipper pencil pouch (not a school box)
- ☐ 24 #2 Ticonderoga Pencils
- ☐ 10 glue sticks
- ☐ 1 pair of child's blunt-end scissors
- ☐ 4 large boxes of tissue
- ☐ 6 large soft pink erasers
- ☐ 2 packs 24 Crayola crayons
- ☐ 1 box gallon-size Ziploc bags (Boys)
- ☐ 1 box quart-size Ziploc bags (Girls)
- ☐ 2 rolls of paper towels
- ☐ 1 pack markers 8-10 count
- ☐ 4 containers of Clorox wipes
- ☐ 1 pkg. of white index cards (3x5 in)
- ☐ 4 plastic pocket folders (w/ brads, 2 red/ 2 blue)
- ☐ 6 black, wide-ruled composition notebooks (BLACK composition books only)
- ☐ 2 packs of white copy paper
- ☐ 2 pkgs. dry erase markers
- ☐ 3 bottles of hand sanitizer
- ☐ 1 pack of colored pencils
- ☐ Plastic refillable water bottle w/ name on it
- ☐ Headphones (no earbuds, no bluetooth)
- ☐ 2 yellow highlighters
- ☐ 1 play dough (4 pack)
- ☐ 1 primary notebook (health class)

2nd Grade

- ☐ 1 pair of scissors
- ☐ 2 boxes of 24-count crayons
- ☐ 2 pkgs. 24ct Ticonderoga PRIMARY pencils
- ☐ 2 bottles 8 oz. glue
- ☐ 2 pkgs. glue sticks (8 PIECES)
- ☐ 3 pocket PLASTIC folders w/ brads (red, green)
- ☐ 4 large tissue boxes
- ☐ 4 composition notebooks books (red, blue, green, black)
- ☐ 1 box gallon-size Ziploc SLIDER bags
- ☐ 1 box quart-size Ziploc SLIDER bags
- ☐ 4 pieces large pink erasers
- ☐ 2 pkgs. Dry erase markers
- ☐ 1 pkgs. Of 24 Crayola markers
- ☐ 1 zipper binder pencil pouch
- ☐ 2 pairs of headphones (No earbuds)
- ☐ 3 mm small jack with speaker
- ☐ 1 box of highlighters
- ☐ Plastic refillable LEAKPROOF water bottle
- ☐ 1 pc- 1 inch binder with 3 rings
- ☐ 1 pack binder dividers with 5 tabs
- ☐ 1 pack colored craft paper/ construction paper
- ☐ 2 packs of play dough
- ☐ 1 pack RED pens
- ☐ 1 primary notebook (health class)



**The Woman's Club of San Antonio
1717 San Pedro Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78212**

Membership Dues Notice and Request for Changes in Yearbook Information

The Woman's Club of San Antonio Membership Dues for 2025-2026 are due and payable
on July 1, 2025

Please respond with a check or credit card payment submitted to the Club office by the deadline.

\$150.00 (\$154.50 CC) If paid by July 31, 2025

\$165.00 (\$169.95 CC) If paid after August 1, 2025 and before September 1, 2025

\$180.00 (\$185.40 CC) If paid after September 1, 2025 and before October 1, 2025

Dues not paid by October 1, 2025 will result in a loss of membership in the Club.

Dues paid **BEFORE** August 1, 2025 will ensure that the member's profile is included in the new yearbook.

Life Members may become a Patron by paying \$150.

Please indicate any changes needed for the 2025-2026 Yearbook:

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ CELL: _____

Email: _____

Birthday (M/D): _____

Year joined the WCSA: _____

Make checks payable to The Woman's Club of San Antonio.

Please note in the memo line "2025-2026 DUES."

To pay on line: <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/on-line-membership-dues-25-26>

SEPTEMBER HOUSE CALENDAR

SUN 31	MON Sep 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
	Labor Day			11am SAWF Board		
7	10:30am Round 1	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	Fall Luncheon	11am SAWF Gen. J.	19	20
21	22	23	10am Combined	25	10am Bridge Rou	Diaz Wedding
28	29	30	Oct 1 11am WCSA Gen	2 11am SAWF Board	3 1pm Fiesta M. Wf	4 Fiesta Orientation Susan Handlin Rent

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