



## **THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Summer Greetings Lovely Ladies, I hope all of you are doing well and taking time for yourself. Being a member of the WCSA, we are used to multitasking and that can play havoc on our bodies, so take time for you. Our summer has been hot but not like summer of '24, only 1 day of one-hundred-degree weather so far this summer, yea. While our Summer has not been extremely hot, but had been dry, we prayed for rain and then we were drenched on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. For the entire month of July we, in Texas, are having to deal with the devastation emotionally and physically with clean up. I'd like to share this prayer with you, it was sent to me by a friend: "Praying for so many broken hearts this morning. It's so hard to not ask, why Lord, why? I want to scream it and whisper it and mumble it through the catch in my throat. I want to hear an answer that makes sense when there is no answer. This was a natural disaster that is unnatural in every way. God heal our hearts, heal our world, come and make it all new again. Embrace these people who are in the deepest place of loss, the place where they can barely breathe because the pain is so great. Give them sweet visions of their mother, father, brother, sister, child, grandchild, friend walking with you in heaven, hand in hand in the new garden. No fear, no pain, all peace. And may that peaceful view bring them a blanket of momentary relief from their grief. Oh Lord, come to every room where tears are falling and hope is failing. Fill it with your presence, again and again, until there is a peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen." Let's keep praying for hope.

We always, last Wednesday of each month, have a WC Finance Committee meeting lead by Marsha Metz, our Treasurer. During our recent finance committee meeting, it was suggested that Marsha keep our finance information in our office so that if there is interest in reviewing our finances, a hard copy is available to review, besides being able to talk to Marsha via telephone. Tina will help you with retrieving that information in the office.

Jumping into another subject, there has been some serious concern about our general meeting charges and I'd like to let you know that your WC Board of Directors agreed at our recent board meeting, July 30, to discuss at our next board meeting, August 27, to possibly rescind our decision, so please stay calm and I'll let you know the outcome. Remember, we have a suggestion box and you can always call me if you need an answer to your question or want to share your opinion on an issue.

We had a special visitor at our BOD meeting this past Wednesday, Jonathan Hays, son of Heather Hays and Grandson of Sandra Bradley, appeared handsome in his scout uniform and addressed the board about a special project he needed to create and now execute. He told us about his project; he will be painting our handicap ramp and the railing. He told us of his research in paint and other materials needed for his project. There will be no cost for us, it's his special project and he chose us to benefit. Thank you, Jonathan.

Our board approved the recommendation, made by the 2024 – 2025 nominations committee of Iris Francis to be our new membership chair. Iris was chair of this vital job during Jane Stone's administration and loved doing it, so she stepped up, thank you Iris. With life, things happen and regretfully Amanda Alarcon Hunter and Rachael Weisensee are unable to continue in this capacity. It's a huge job and they were wonderful at it. Ladies, we thank you for your willingness to have taken on this job for a year. You did it well.

Karin Fee is working on our yearbook, please respond to her concerning your information in the directory section.

She is very good at putting all this information together for us and it takes much time, please respond to her when requested. Thank you.

Reminder: New Members, please join your WC Board of Directors on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the mansion for a luncheon in your honor. Your board members are providing a salad luncheon that we will have prepared. It's going to be quite informative, so do make time to attend and learn about your, our club. Please note that this New Membership Luncheon is for those ladies that joined our club from June 1, 2024, to present. Other guests will be board members, and a former club President, Betty Lewandowski, Jeanne Koplan, Round Table Counselor and Round Table Chairs. Thank you for supporting our new members by offering any assistance needed.

Best always, Sandra

## CARE AND CONCERN

*Submitted by Verna Quaranto, Corresponding Secretary*

- ❖ It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of member Mary Ann Oliver. Her obituary: <https://www.puenteandsons.com/obituaries/mary-ann-oliver>
- ❖ Member Carol Carpenter is at home recuperating from a fall. Well wishes can be sent to: Carol Carpenter, 13727 Wood Point, San Antonio, TX 78231
- ❖ Member Irene Pendleton fell and broke her foot while in Florida caring for her daughter. She will make her way home when able. Well wishes may be sent to: Irene Pendleton, 116 North El Campo Dr, Blanco, Texas 78606

## GOLDEN BOOK

*Submitted by Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chair*

- ❖ In honor of all the helpers for the Auction Dinner by Diane Lewallen
- ❖ In honor of Tawana Timberlake by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold and Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In memory of Wayne Duncan, husband of BJ Duncan, by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold and Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In memory of Mary Ann Oliver from Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of Sandy Salinas for a quick and speedy recovery from Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of Leif Emmett Spengler, new baby of Madi & Forrest Spengler and grandchild of Michele Moad Hageman & Scott Hageman by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen (please send notice to Michele)



### PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

Ashley Bruno has submitted an application for membership. She has attended a number of our luncheons and is looking forward to contributing both her professional expertise and dedicated support to further the club's mission. With a strong background in business – she is a spa owner – she is excited to bring strategic insights and innovative ideas to help advance the club's initiatives.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mary Corrigan	Aug 3
Deborah Jonas	Aug 3
Melissa Rogers	Aug 3
Gina Langley	Aug 4
Laurel Miller	Aug 5
Brissa Chapa	Aug 6
Robin Eccles	Aug 7
Caroline Ingram	Aug 7
Loretty Shivers	Aug 8
Armandina Sifuentes	Aug 9
Sandra Ojeda Medina	Aug 11
Linda Parson	Aug 13



Susan Moreland-Goza	Aug 14
Betty Lewandowski	Aug 17
Jane Stone	Aug 18
Janet James	Aug 19
Jeanne Koplan	Aug 20
Ferne Burney	Aug 20
Christine Hollan	Aug 23
Ashley Littlefield	Aug 25
Divina Alvarez	Aug 28
Michele Moad-Hageman	Aug 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)

## A Little Piece of History

The records of the Woman's Club of San Antonio hold the unique distinction of being the first archival collection acquired by UTSA, marking the formal establishment of the UTSA Libraries Archives & Special Collections. In 1992, UTSA launched an initiative to preserve materials related to women's history, prompted by the offer of over 90 years of historical documents from the Woman's Club. Dating back to 1892, the collection provides a comprehensive view of the Club's organizational structure, activities, interests, events, and business affairs. Highlights of the collection include membership applications from 1937 to 1982, Fiesta programs spanning 1945 to 1994, and yearbooks covering the years 1900 through 2016.

Your editor had an opportunity to visit the UTSA library, special collections, and archives. While I was not fortunate enough to visit the vault, the archivist and librarians had put together a sampling of some of their holdings. Many of these materials are available to view online. [Digital and Digitized Collections | Special Collections](#) Following are just a few photos of the multitude of records the library holds.





# UPCOMING SUMMER LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS

Tawana Timberlake, Vice-president

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

## The Woman's Club of San Antonio

### August Luncheon



**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**11:00-2:00**  
**1717 San Pedro**

*\$40 per guest~Includes  
lunch and speaker*

**Jen Guidry**  
**The Truth**  
**That**  
**Found Me**

**Call 210.732.4811 to  
reserve your seat.**

#### Menu:

- ❖ Crudites
- ❖ Trio of Salads
- ❖ Dessert

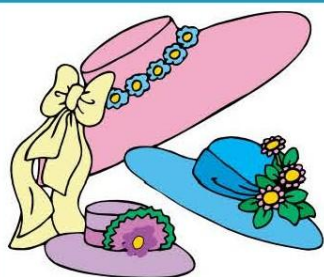
Jen Guidry is a keynote speaker, founder of The High Level Life® Method, and a recognized expert in resilience, nervous system mastery, and personal transformation. "The Truth That Found Me" is a speech built around five pivotal stories that each story reveals a deeper truth that shaped who Jen is today. This presentation is an invitation for every woman in the room to recognize her own turning points, to feel seen in her struggle, and to leave reminded that the truth always finds us when we're ready to receive it.

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/august-summer-luncheon-473990743>

Follow this link for a preview of what to expect!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1SR8pKSobb/?mibextid=wwXIfr>





## Hats Off to Summer!!

Members, sign up to bring your hats, fascinators, and headbands to sell before our August 20<sup>th</sup> Summer Luncheon. This will be a “fantastic fundraiser”. Clear your closet shelves and hatboxes so that you can buy more to replace!! Luncheon guests are invited to shop from 10 – 11 a.m. and again after lunch until 2:30.

We ask a 20% donation of your sales to the Woman’s Club of San Antonio. There will be a 6 ft. table and cloth provided at no charge to each participant. Set up will be the day before, on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Cashier provided and CC sales accommodated. Space is limited! Sign up now!

Please email or phone to reserve your spot to Arabella Dalton – Ways and Means Chair, at: [arabella@arabelladalton.com](mailto:arabella@arabelladalton.com) or 210-722-4448

## JULY SUMMER LUNCHEON

Dear Members - I hope you enjoyed our wonderful program featuring local artist Gio Dizurita. For those of you that were unable to come:

Giovanna DiZurita is a visionary artist born in San Antonio and raised in Mexico. Her marketing byline reads:

*Known for her distinctive style and emotionally rich creations, she draws from nature, light, and the human experience. She blends acrylics, oils, and mixed media to craft pieces that resonate with depth and originality. Her intuitive process balances spontaneity with precision, resulting in art that invites reflection and conversation. Exhibited globally, (Times Square & the Eiffel Tower to name two) DiZurita's work challenges convention and inspires viewers to explore the interconnectedness of life and creativity.*

I would describe Giovanna as a whirlwind of vibrant color, actually a tornado - a mosaic of eclectic vibes that takes over a room.

Her artistic creativity is pure pleasure on a canvas. But then she takes that beauty and transforms it into wearable clothing where you can be a walking masterpiece.

Her awards and artistic accomplishments fill several pages. Check out her web site for that.

**Check out the July issue of the San Antonio Woman Magazine as she is featured as one of the four women leading the Herd of the Cow Parade whose colorful sculptures will be auctioned off in September benefiting CHRISTUS Children's Hospital.**

Gio's Motto: YOU ARE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE.

Let yourself become the art of your life, as she has done, and you will live happily.



Ingenues attending the July Summer Luncheon, pictured left to right: Brianna Hernandez, Tessa Christiansen, Jocelyn Valdez, Annika Chapa, Bella Walski and Woman's Club President Sandra Ojeda Medina.









**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>



# AUGUST HOUSE CALENDAR

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI 1	SAT 2
		● 4pm Photo Shoot	● 10am Combined		● 1pm Rental Walk	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			● New Member Lunch	● 11am SAWF Boar		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		● Setup Hat's Off To	● Summer Luncheon			● 2pm Uresti Cinco
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			● 10am Combined			
31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6
	● Labor Day			● 11am SAWF Boar		

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