



## The President's Letter

Dear Members,

I plan to be a good club President by creating an environment that is fair and a fun experience for members involved. I plan to work hard, present innovative ideas and lead others kindly. Thank you for your support and those of our newly elected WC Board of Directors and Appointed Board Members.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Ojeda Medina  
President, The Woman's Club of San Antonio  
2024-2026

### Board of Directors for 2024 – 2026

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## A Note from the VP

Dear Members:

First, I am so honored to be taking the reins of Vice President to work as the right hand to our new President, Sandra Ojeda Medina. We have met and are excited to work diligently to sustain what the Club has become over the last 126 years, but



to also build on that legacy in many different ways. I am very appreciative of the hard work and many hours the Nominating Committee with their chairman Jane Stone put in to selecting the slate for the 2024-2026 Board Members. I am also humbled at the tremendous support I received from the members through their calls, texts and final confirmation of me in this important position. I hope not to just live up to the comments I received from you, but I hope to exceed them! In that regard, I can only do that with your continued support. Please feel free to reach out, make suggestions but most importantly, to volunteer to help us carry out the programs and goals we will set together. The Club is the reflection of our membership - let's make it the best and most coveted club in San Antonio!

By the time you receive this, the first summer luncheon, June 19, will have passed. The CAFTANS & COCKTAILS, theme emerged as I was brainstorming with our only Gentleman member, Michael Quintanilla. Our caftan fashion show (yes, we love Miss Roper) was put on by Damamiga, a local design brand that showcases rich textiles and patterns that are created locally and offered through fashion and trunk shows. Owners Debbie Serna and Loretta Medina are proud to share their story and history as our member models walk the runway. The last model remained on the stage for our Cocktail theme (yes, we love refreshing summer cocktails) segment of the event. She is the one and only Blanca Aldaco, owner of the restaurant of the same name, Aldacos, celebrating it's 35th year this month! Blanca talked about the award-winning libations she is so famous for and demonstrated the making of her favorite summer cocktail, the Cucumber-Jalapeno Margarita. Samples of the libation were set up at the Zesty Bar in the back for those wanting to sip her refreshing concoction.

July 17th we will have Jennifer McInnis Fadel, the new Editor of San Antonio Magazine, speaking on the direction and plans for the publication since the Express News recently took ownership.

On August 21st, Ursula Pari, Anchorwoman of KSAT News for 28 years, will talk about her retirement, her journey and maybe give us a glimpse of her future. We know (hope) it will remain local, as she is the President of the Polo Club and involved in so many other fascinating endeavors!

See you at the Mansion!  
Tawana Timberlake  
Vice President

## Prospective Members

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

- ❖ Anna Gonzales - Network Development Associate
- ❖ Maria Herrera-Hernandez -owns a floral design business and boutique named Brianna's
- ❖ Erin Trevino -Talent Management Advisor USAA
- ❖ Margaret Wilkonson -Interior Designer

Their applications will be presented for a vote to the Board of Directors. If anyone has any questions, please contact Membership Chair Amanda Alarcon-Hunter.

**Members! If you have misplaced your name tag or simply need a new/extra one, you can place an order with either Amanda at 210-367-7080 or Tina at 210-732-4811. The fee is \$12.00 to be paid to Tina.**

# Golden Book

*Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Outgoing Golden Book Chairman*

- ❖ In memory of Irene Behrends, sister of Lynn Thompson, by Jane Stone
- ❖ In honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our wonderful father/grandfather/father-in-law Harold Atkinson from Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of the great Woman's Club Presidency of Virginia Van Cleave from Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ Get well wishes for Patty Villarreal from Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

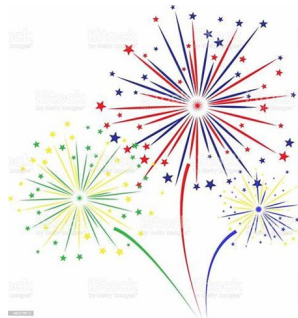
## Care and Concern

*Submitted by: Tawana Timberlake, Outgoing Corresponding Secretary*

- ❖ It is with sadness I inform you that long time member Julie Jordan passed this week. No other details are available at this time
- ❖ Our member, Marvynette Smith, fell in early June and broke her hip. She is now in the Village at Incarnate Rehab on 4707 Broadway (78209). She doesn't know how long she will be there. Get well cards may be sent to: Marvynette Smith, 4302 Jarbet Dr, SA, Tx 78220
- ❖ Former member Elaine Tucker passed on June 5<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Long time member Kim Rees passed on June 21<sup>st</sup> after a long battle with cancer. Services will be at Porter Loring North on July 10th. Visitation is from 11:00 AM - 12 :00 PM. Services will begin at 12:00 PM, heading to Fort Sam Houston at 1:45 PM. Sympathy cards may be sent to her daughter Vicki Jones at 1106 Via Belcanto, San Antonio, TX 78260
- ❖ Member Marie Soules is at home recovering from surgery. She is not driving at the moment but hopes to attend the summer luncheons. Her address is: 9011 Village Dr., San Antonio, TX 78217

### July Birthdays

Diana Marbach	July 1
Maria Cyr	July 3
Margot Rocha	July 3
Kathy Tarkington	July 3
Deborah Long-Shirley	July 7
Eva Anderson	July 11
Liz Jauer	July 11
Penny McCutchen	July 11
Karen Arnold	July 14
Angela Pfeiffer	July 14
Angela Sanchez	July 14
Missy Fredrickson	July 17



Patricia Mowery	July 17
Sonya Hardin	July 19
Patricia Villarreal	July 20
Isabel Bernal	July 22
Linda Purcell	July 24
Gerry Williams	July 24
Becky Reina	July 26
Eva Mickler	July 27
Adrienne Becnel	July 28
Sandra Salinas	July 30
Belinda Pena-Bosquez	July 31
Claire Pronovost	July 31
Norma Reyes	July 31

**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 2024-2025 are due and payable  
**on July 1, 2024**

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, 2024**

\$165.00 (\$169.95 CC) If paid after August 1, 2024 and before September 1, 2024

\$180.00 (\$185.40 CC) If paid after September 1, 2024 and before October 1, 2024

Dues not paid by October 1, 2024 will result in a loss of membership in the Club.

Dues paid **BEFORE** August 1, 2024 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 2024-2025 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 "2024-2025 DUES."

Link to pay by credit card: <https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/>

# Upcoming Luncheons and Events

Tawana Timberlake, Vice-president

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

## Upcoming Summer Luncheons Watch your email for additional details!

- ❖ **Wednesday – July 17. Guest Speaker: Jennifer McInnis Fadel, the new Editor of San Antonio Magazine**
- ❖ **Wednesday – August 21. Guest Speaker: Ursula Pari, recently retired Anchorwoman at KSAT News for 28 years**

## June General Meeting

During the June Meeting we traditionally honor those members that have passed during the year. This year, that was Patti Landacre. Her husband Bud was present and provided a moving tribute to his late wife. We also installed the new elected Board of Directors, welcomed multiple new members to the Woman's Club of San Antonio, and welcomed long time member Johanna Christianson to the ranks of Lifetime Member! And finally, we recognized both our San Antonio College Empowerment Center Scholarship recipients (supported by funds from the San Antonio Area Foundation and Wheeler Foundation), and Commemorative STEM-Teaching Scholarship recipients spearheaded by Lea Fagin and supported by donations from our members and friends of the WCSA. The meeting was preceded by a Hat and Purse Sale. Wow! That was one busy Wednesday.

### 2024-2025 SAC SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

- Nidia Hernandez-Anzaldua
- Kareem Ribeiro
- Abril Garcia-Linn
- Ashley Isenhour
- Patricia Hernandez
- Irene Jones
- Bertha Garcia
- Maria Karina Hernandez Gaona
- Brenda Daniela Lopez Arevalo
- Dora Lopez
- Leony Wedema
- Olivia Solis
- Melanie Gonzales
- Lauren Floyd
- Julie Ramirez
- Yashika Stancil
- Favour Akeredolu
- Magaly Nieto Trejo
- Gisselle Jayasi
- Victoria Turullols
- Jewelia Hernandez
- Veronica Quintero
- Kasandra Medrano
- Genavieve Huerta
- Andrea Sofia
- Anna Rodriguez
- Yosellyn Delgado
- Esmeralda Miranda
- Eunice Hernandez
- Vanessa Arteaga Gonzalez

### COMMEMORATIVE STEM-TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

- Sophia Christiansen (Ingenuae, 2021.) Majoring in Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M in College Station. She plans to pursue a degree in Sports Medicine
- Hays. Melody (Ingenuae, 2023.) Will pursue a Teaching Degree at University of Texas in San Antonio, Fall 2024



## COMMEMORATIVE STEM-TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP Continued

- Isabella Marina Nino (Ingenua 2021.) Majoring in Geology Engineering in Energy Management at Texas Tech Lubbock, TX
- Laurel Abbey Miller (Ingenua, 2023) Majoring in Engineering at Trinity University in San Antonio
- Ryan Grace Scrimshire (Ingenua, 2024.) Will pursue a degree in Business & Finance, Fall 2024 at Texas A & M in College Station
- Brittany Van Cleave (Ingenua, 2024.) Will pursue a degree in Public Health in the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas in Austin.



The outgoing Board of Directors voted to place a commemorative brick in our brick garden in honor of and thanks for Virginia's leadership during her 2022-2024 term as President of the Woman's Club of San Antonio.









## First Summer Luncheon – Caftans and Cocktails

Our summer luncheon series kicked off in style – literally. Our beautiful members modelled colorful, stylish caftans brought to us by local Damamiga Brand owners Debbie Serna and Loretta Medina. And if that wasn't enough to make for a memorable first luncheon, we also enjoyed zesty cocktails by the Uber Zesty, award-winning mixologist Blanca Aldaco, owner of Aldaco's restaurant.







## Round Table Corner

Modernist Round Table members enjoy lunch together and plan next year's schedule.



## The City's Plans for Changes to San Pedro Avenue

Kudos to Carolynn for a great term as Rustling Leaves editor and thank you Carolynn for letting me take this space to share information that could impact the Woodward Mansion property and our access to it. In late May I learned about plans for changes to San Pedro Ave, which have been in the works for some time. I learned that the City plans to have a



special bus line – The Green Line – from the airport, down Isom to San Pedro and down San Pedro to Cypress St where it curves on to Navarro, St Mary's and Roosevelt Ave to end at Steves Ave. This Green Line is designed to make the two lanes down the middle of San Pedro (and the other streets) reserved for buses only with more than three lanes out of the middle at intersections with “bus stops”. Extra space would be needed in the middle of the road because the plan is to have passengers wait for and get on/off the bus in the middle of the street.

A rendering shows a VIA Rapid Green Line bus at a stop along San Pedro Avenue. Credit: Courtesy / VIA The Woman's Club is at the French Pl. intersection with San Pedro. No plan for a bus stop at French Place is shown, probably because there is no traffic light at our intersection. It is not shown whether San Pedro is planned go from 2 lanes north and 2 lanes south to 1 lane north and 1 lane south – or if a new lane south could be taken from the Club's front lawn. We have a lawn but between Hildebrand and French Pl, a new south lane would put traffic a few feet from the east wall of people's homes. If the plan is to not widen San Pedro for a Green Line, travel by car on the remaining lane south and remaining lane north will be slower moving, complicated by the fact that the design of the plan eliminates left turns or access to San Pedro unless at a traffic light Intersection. At traffic light intersections, the bus goes first, then left turns, then forward movement. Consolidation of left turns means more left turns at lighted intersections.

French Pl is not a traffic-light intersection so the plan might be to widen San Pedro southbound at the Mansion by one lane; and, because the plan is to encourage greater density land use, walking and biking – a wider sidewalk and a bike lane are pictured in some artist renderings. To avoid the difficulty of access to businesses etc. by private vehicle, the City will encourage all to ride The Green Line. According to the map diagram published in the May 24<sup>th</sup> issue of the San Antonio Report<sup>1</sup>, Woman's Club members could use the bus stops at Woodlawn Ave or Ashby Pl and walk up or down San Pedro on the new sidewalks.

**The most** astonishing part of this plan to me is that I was totally unaware of it until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May when I was invited to a meeting with residents and small business owners who live along the corridor. Property owners on San Pedro are receiving certified notices of authority to access and survey their properties.

The second most astonishing part of this plan to me – **is the plan**. While I would not disagree that sections of San Pedro would benefit from updates or upgrades, the methods proposed with this plan are stunning to me. It has been reported that VIA ridership currently covers 8% of the operating cost of VIA, the balance is taxpayer support. Planners assert that they can increase ridership with a plan that would include new zoning to limit owner modifications or redevelopment to changes that would bring a higher density, with targeted changes to land use for walkable master plan for the corridor. The budget for construction of the proposed Green Line is \$374.4M for the 11.7 miles.

In 2015 voters added a clause to the city charter prohibiting altering city streets for streetcars or light rail without approval by the voters via a Proposition on the ballot expressly for that purpose. My personal opinion is that the resultant Article I, Section 3a. to the City Charter is not about metal wheels but about altering the city streets. Because I personally am not in favor of altering the San Pedro corridor for The Green Line plan, I have made inquiry to the group that alerted me to The Green Line whether they will have a petition to include a Proposition on the November ballot to allow voters to reassert the intent of Article I, Section 3a. If there is a petition, I hope you will consider signing it at the July gathering at the Woodward Mansion.

**Cyndi Munch**

<sup>1</sup> The San Antonio Report, Andrea Drusch, May 24, 2024 - <https://sanantonioreport.org/via-green-line-bus-rapid-transit-construction-timeline/>



# July 2024 House Calendar

SUN 30	MON Jul 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
						Patty Villarreal - Reni
7	8	9	10	11	SAMC	13
14	15	16	Summer Lunch	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	● 10am Bridge Roun	27
28	29	30	● 10am Combined F	Aug 1	2	3

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