

# Rustling Leaves



October 2020

Newsletter of the Woman's Club of San Antonio

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

On Wednesday, October 7, our members returned to their club—officially known as The Woman’s Club of San Antonio. Approximately 45 members arrived wearing their masks and maintaining social distancing. Who would have thought that when the members left the meeting on March 4, 2020 that it would be 7 months until we would meet again? Even though we were keeping safe distances apart, we were together. As I write, our records show 227 members renewed their membership. I am so proud. I am also proud of my Board of Directors. They are the best Board ever as they have rotated shifts working in the office, cleaning, moving furniture, and at the same time offered smart and intelligent ideas to get this club through the pandemic. They have been a unifying force in keeping this club moving in the right direction.

Our yearbooks are ready. A huge thank you to Yearbook Chairman Gail Jarrett, who reformatted the book so that Patsy Pelton could print our yearbooks for no cost to the club. Be sure to look for your copy at the Mansion when you are there. We want to make sure that everyone receives their yearbook in the next few weeks. If you would prefer an electronic version instead of a paper bound copy, contact Patsy.

I would also like to thank Molly Allen, our elections chairman, for keeping track of all your votes for our Fiesta Teen Queen and Princess. Again, we had to change course a bit to hold the election prior to the General Meeting, but change we did, and Molly announced the winner. Congratulations to Sophia Christiansen, who will serve as our Queen and Isabella Niño, who will serve as our Princess. Both girls are outstanding individuals.

Did I mention changing course? We adjusted our sails and added selling many of our items such as the boutique merchandise online in October. Plans are underway to also sell our famous gingerbread houses online. Be on the lookout for an email with more details about orders and prices. Karin Fee will be handling payments for them.

Assisted by so many capable members, we launched our first meeting in October held in person, but also by Zoom so our members could feel connected safely from their homes. Thanks to my amazing computer committee, Trace Mahbubani, Janice McGraw, Karin Fee and Krystal Patel, who made all that happen. The committee members did their magic and filmed our speaker, member Nancy Hein, who gave a wonderful talk about our club titled, “A Visit to the Past.” It is now posted on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7WAhFky3S0&t=1s>. It is a “must see” as history comes to life!

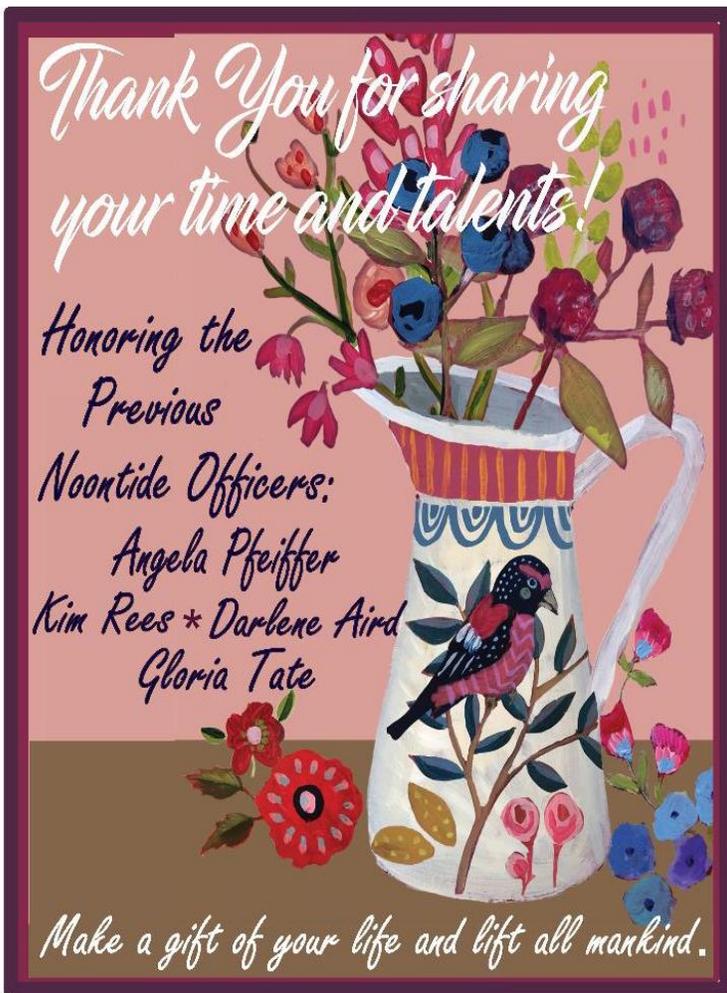
As more leaves start to fall and the weather cools, we now look forward to November with another in-person meeting and Zoom option on the day after the presidential election. What excitement will be in the air then! Be sure to mark your calendar to join us Nov. 4 to hear another dynamic speaker looking back at how we women earned the right to vote. Please be sure to RSVP if you are coming to the meeting so enough chairs can be placed in the Ballroom. Remember we need your paid luncheon reservations by Monday, Nov. 2 at 10 AM.

I look forward to seeing you either online or in the Mansion soon. We keep hearing this phrase but it’s true: Together we WILL get through this.

*Jane Stone*  
President



Woman’s Club Presidents at the October Luncheon



Thank you, Noontide for sharing your recognition with us. Our Woman's Club was founded as a Departmental Club organized around separate areas of study and activities. At its founding the Club had seven departments: Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs, and Texas Heritage. Today we call our "departments" "Round Tables".

*Your Twelve Woman's Club Round Tables*

American Home & Garden

Bee Alive Crafters

Books & Letters

Bridge

Carousel

Fine Arts

Friendship

Modernist

Fiesta

Noontide

Soiree

Ingenuie

*In October we honor past presidents & life members:*

**Past presidents:**

Ferne Burney  
B.J Duncan  
Jean French  
Rose Hoelscher  
Helen Jones

Betty Lewandowski  
Kathy Littlefield  
Jaquie Rothermel  
Nelle Still Pichler  
Rosemary Sundeen  
Robin Templeton

**Life members:**

Sandra Bradley  
Kim Carmack  
Patricia Connors  
B.J Duncan  
Jean French  
Orbilvia Hayes  
Heather Hays  
Nancy Hein  
Helen Henderson  
Rose Hoelscher  
Carmen Ingram  
Caroline Ingram  
Nana James  
Liz Jauer  
Helen Jones  
Carol Keller  
Betty Lewandowski

Kathy Littlefield  
Penny McCutchen  
Linda Nairn  
Barbara Niemann  
Angela Pfeiffer  
Claire Pronovost  
Jaquie Rothermel  
Carolyn Sanders  
Marcella Schroder  
Nelle Still Pichler  
Rosemary Sundeen  
Kathy Tarkington  
Robin Templeton  
Elise Townsend  
Kay Turner  
Barbara Vander  
Jeannine Wangler

Patricia Williams



# November & December Meetings

Wednesday meetings begin at 11:00 at the Woodward House

Luncheon: \$25 RSVP: Karin Fee @ 210-352-0467 by the prior Monday @ 10:00 a.m. w/ payment.

## November 4, 2020

Program: "Don't Forget the Ladies: Tennessee the Final State", Celebrating the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment

Speaker: Dr. Michelle Tabit, Ph.D.

Theme: Wear white and carry a yellow rose in honor of suffragettes.

And remember our ladies in Texas: In 1912, WCSA founder Eleanor Brackenridge became President of the San Antonio Equal Franchise Society. She helped organize the Texas Woman Suffrage Association in 1913. The Woman's Club of San Antonio was the first Texas women's club to promote the issue of women's suffrage.

Luncheon Menu: Spinach salad to begin, pork loin with wine and herb gravy, wild rice, roasted vegetable medley and bread pudding with cream for dessert.

Hostesses: Bee Alive Crafters Round Table



Community Care Concern: Seton Home

## December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Program: Joey Groff, "Entrepreneur and Entertainer"

Come for the show! Welcome Joey Groff – Model T Ford collector and restorer, musician, and participant in the Battle of Flowers Parade.

Hostesses: Fiesta Round Table

Community Care Concern: Woodward House Restoration Fund



Joey Groff plays his calliope organ from the back of one of his antique Fords.

## *Christmas Traditions!*



The Woman's Club is pleased to share that we will have gingerbread house kits this year as always. And isn't this a year when we need our holiday traditions and projects with the kids? You may place your reservation with the club (\$20 each kit) by calling Karin Fee @ 210-352-0467 email: womansclubofsa@aol.com

Don't forget 2020 collectors' Fiesta medals or vintage Woman's Club medals may be just the stocking stuffer or totally Texas tree ornament/wreath decoration you need for the holidays in 2020!



*The Woman's Club of San Antonio  
Congratulations on 122 Years of Friendship and Service*

*Founder Eleanor Brackenridge (1837-1924)*



MISS M. ELEANOR BRACKENRIDGE

"Foolish modesty lags behind while brazen impudence goes forth and eats the pudding," Brackenridge, the first woman to register to vote in Bexar County, once said.

Miss Brackenridge was 82 when she cast that first vote in Bexar County. She was 61 when she and Miss Marin Fenwick (a columnist for the *San Antonio Express & Evening News*) founded the Woman's Club of San Antonio. That founding day was 122 years ago this October first.

The Woodward house was completed seven years later in 1905. Eleanor would not know the Woodward house as the home of the club she founded. Arrangements to purchase the property were made two years after Eleanor's passing. May Woodward became a member of the Woman's Club in 1926, the year her home became our home.

Now on the National Register of Historic Places, our dedicated members continue to take care of this treasure. Many big projects were completed in the last fiscal year with your matching donations to Kathy Littlefield's challenge with a little over \$100,000 being raised and utilized to maintain and improve the property. We continue with this responsibility. Leslie Doyle and Ferne Burney reworked the kitchen, the

butler's pantry, the office, the attic, the celebrity room, and the presidents' rooms in a project that continued all summer long. They also organized the document room, when it was 100 degrees outside, which always affects the temperature in that room! Most recently the walls of the office were repaired and painted with a donation from a member, and the walls in the kitchen and pantry were painted as a donation from our painter, Roberto Mares.

Members Sandra Whittaker and Helen Henderson gave many hours to be at the house when repairs to the walls (and roof) were accomplished. Sandra Bradley and daughter Heather Hayes along with Heather's family washed, sorted, and labeled all the linen and placed them in orderly fashion in the house too. House Chairman, Annette Ivy, has researched and negotiated contracts for additional work as approved by the board. Annette's husband has also pitched in with her to make trips to the house to water and check sprinklers for the gardens and lawn. Eleanor would be proud!



*Care and Concern*

As reported to Susan Moreland-Goza

Member, Kaye Bradford, was hospitalized.

Member, Helen Jones, had hand surgery.

Member, Julie Jordan's husband was hospitalized.

Member, Trace Mahbubani's husband suffered a fall.

Member, Kim Rees, suffered a stroke

Member, Rosemarie Taylor's son was involved in a car accident.

Member, Trace Mahbubani's mother-in-law had knee replacement surgery.



# OCTOBER



## BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Littlefield	1
Carol Keller	5
Alice Contreras	5
Sandra Bradley	9
Jennifer Brearley	10
Lydia Gurrola	10
Terri Quick	10
Annette Ivy	11
Megan Owen-Valenegro	11
LaRue Terry	11
Nancy Scofield	14
Marsha Metz	15
Sharon Still	16
Margaret Cluck	17
Jaclyn Helmke	18
Cyndi Munch	18
Elaine Tucker	20
Ginger Vlieger	20
Marie Goforth	24
Barbara Walski	25
Susan Gargotta	26
Irene Pendleton	26
Rosemarie Taylor	26
Patsy Pelton	27
Katie Stepke	29
Rosemary Reyna-Sanchez	30



## Golden Book

*Submitted by  
Patte Pfeiffer  
Golden Book Chairman*

*In Honor of Kathy Littlefield's  
Birthday*

*In Honor of Patsy Pelton's  
Birthday*

*In Honor of Rosemarie Taylor's  
Birthday*

*In Honor of La Rue Terry's  
Birthday  
By Anita Oberle*

*In Honor of The Members of  
the Woman's Club who stepped  
up and managed the office  
during the pandemic -*

*THANK YOU.  
By Helen Henderson*



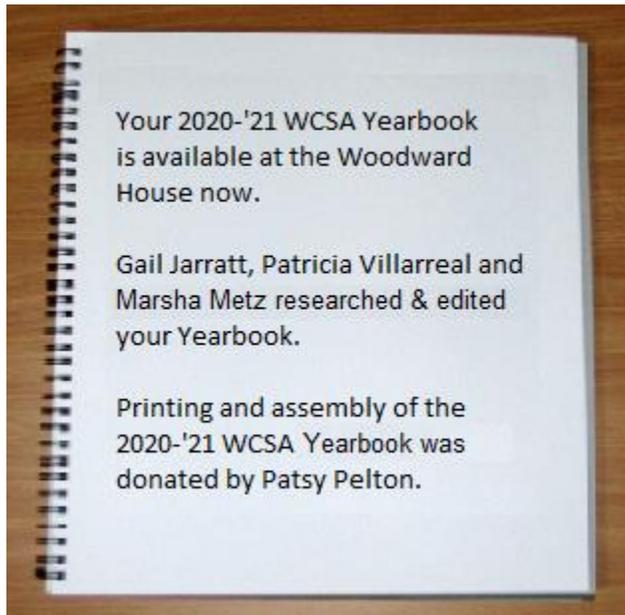
### *Announcing New Member*

The Woman's Club welcomes Dana Stone into membership. Although a new member, Dana has been involved with the Woman's Club of San Antonio for some time through family. Dana's mother, Patricia Villarreal, is our current Membership Chairman. Dana's daughter Sarah (15) is a member of the Woman's Club Ingenue Round Table. Dana works in finance and her son Alex is 20.

## *A Tradition of Scholarship and Service*

The Woman's Club of San Antonio made its annual gift of \$10,000 to the Alamo Colleges for scholarships. A wonderful letter of appreciation from Sheila Marlow Due, Executive Director of the Alamo Colleges Foundation, was read at the board meeting in September.

### **WCSA Yearbook**



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](http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org) under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

Office Hours: 10:00 – 3:00 (M-F)  
To call ahead and confirm: 210-732-4811  
Or email: [womansclubofsa@aol.com](mailto:womansclubofsa@aol.com)

~\*~  
Shop when you Stop

Past Year Fiesta Medals  
(several years available)  
Woman's Club Keychains  
&  
Gingerbread House Kit Orders  
available with check payment.  
COVID precautions observed.

At the September WCSA Board Meeting  
Treasurer Marsha Metz presented the  
Income Statement for the month ending  
August of 2020.

#### **THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO Income Statement August 2020**

##### Revenues

Dues	4,511.61
Donations - Cash	30.00
Fiesta Coronation - donations	25.00
Fiesta Coronation entry fees	3,526.00
Fiesta medal sales	132.00
Fiesta queen's reception (donation)	100.00
Interest income	2.23
Dividend income	<u>181.68</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>8,508.52</u></b>

##### Expenses

Fiesta queen's reception	210.47
Fiesta coronation	1,508.25
Fiesta medals	10.67
Fiesta miscellaneous	49.90
Name tags	24.00
Rental refund	500.00
Bank charge	5.00
Credit card merchant fees	112.36
Phone & internet	190.24
Insurance - house & liability	1,267.12
Utilities	1,132.92
Water	412.32
Trash disposal	95.69
Grounds/lawn	180.00
Maintenance & repairs (A/C, 3-2020)	<u>1,410.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>7,108.94</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>1,399.58</u></b>

Woman's Club

# HALLOWEEN BOOTIQUE

Please call Angela Pfeiffer at (210) 683-6749 or (210) 490-9649 and tell her what piece (#) you want. Be ready with your Credit Card information.

Pieces will be available for sale at the October General Meeting. Pick up and delivery otherwise arranged during purchase.



Ladies – you should have received the “digital brochure” of the *Bootique Collection 2020* in your email. The brochure includes pricing and availability. Such cute and glitzy items including rings, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings. Good options for our young celebrants and Dia de los Muertos observance too.

I don't always dress for Halloween, but when I do – I go glam. Stay festive my friends.

## Did you know?

All of your purchases made in the Boutique directly support our Club at a time when we need it most. Most jewelry pieces are hand made by the group and are exclusive to The Woman's Club. We appreciate you taking the time to look. Keep shopping there is more!

Thank you for your support!

The Boutique Group

*Announcing the Woman's Club of San Antonio  
2021 Fiesta Teen Queen and Princess*



***QUEEN OF THE ROYAL COURT  
HER MAJESTY SOPHIA JEANETTE OF THE HOUSE OF CHRISTIANSEN  
PRINCESS OF THE ROYAL COURT  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ISABELLA MARINA OF HE HOUSE OF NIÑO***

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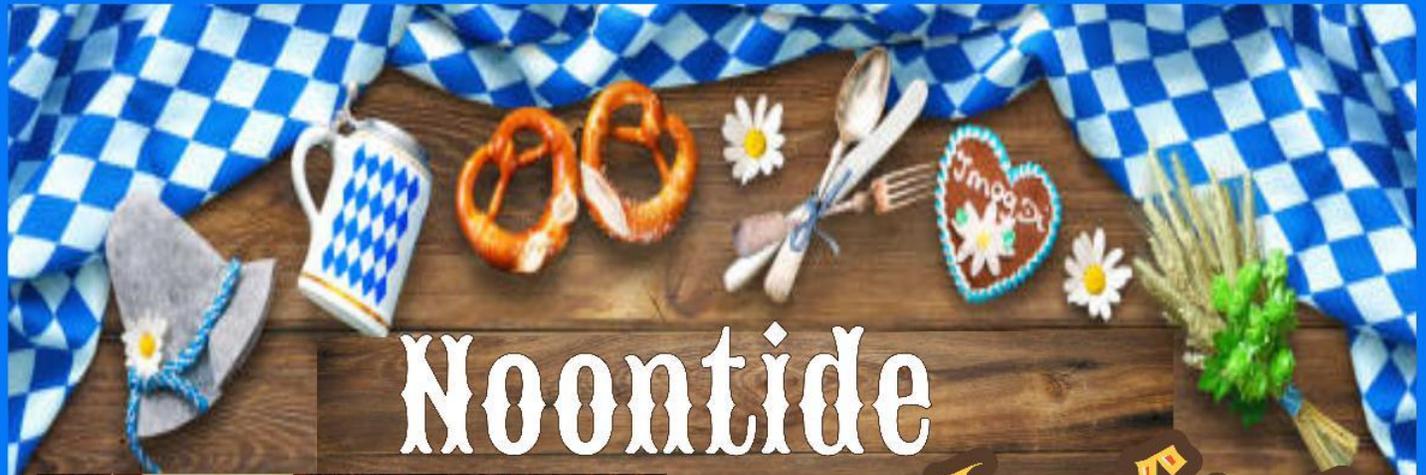
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P.S. Roundtables are back in action – looks like Noontide had quite the Octoberfest.



# Noontide

# Oktoberfest



Noontide Roundtable kicked off it's first meeting of the season with an Oktoberfest celebration. Complete with German themed music, food and decorations.