



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Gracious Ladies, it seems that the older we get, the more quickly time passes us by, that's what I'm feeling. Let's make everyday count in the best way possible, suggestion...get up in the morning thanking God for a new day, stretch, reset and recharge. Sometimes we have to push ourselves to get going. That brings me to reminding you that our WC Official Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon is this Wednesday, April 30. Come join the festivities, having fun, a good lunch and help with this important fundraiser. With Easter and Passover behind us, come join our Fiesta event.

Remember that we are participating in all three Fiesta Parades. If you're unavailable to attend in person, watch the parades on television. Our Queen will be on the Fiesta Commission floats. Our Princess and Grand Duchess will be in separate modes of transportation, so keep watching.

Just to recap, our Queen's Coronation was beautiful, thank you Michele Moad-Hageman and committee. There are so many members to thank but a special thank you to Michael Quintanilla and Elizabeth Ruiz for being our MCs. They are so articulate in announcing each of our coronation participants. Our Royal Court was precious, and our Queen, Princess and Royal Duchess were beautiful and elegant in their full court bows. We were delighted to have many special guests, such as King Antonio, Rey Feo, King Court Members, Fiesta President, various Queens and Fiesta Commission Officers. Our Coronation Reception was superb as always, thank you Angela Pfeiffer, Johanna Christiansen and committee for the delicious food and thank you to all of you who provided the desserts or monetary support. Each of our dining tables had fresh flowers provided by the Walski Family. Thank you, the arrangements were beautiful.

We just finished our Official Fiesta Flower Show; it was a huge success. A mighty big thank you goes out to Karen Ward and our faithful Helen Henderson as Chairs of this huge event. If you didn't make it, you missed a good one. I noticed a lot of young adults being interested in our show and mansion. Heather Hays was instrumental in providing our plants, thank you. Each of these ladies had committees and I thank you volunteers for being involved.

Last month our speaker talked about being involved, being a volunteer. When we joined the Woman's Club of San Antonio, we pledged to "sustain the Club in its good work" which translates to service, volunteering for our various events. On page 16 of our yearbook are listed the charities we support along with acknowledgement of the scholarships given to the San Antonio Area Foundation on page 17. It takes many of us to get things done, not the same few. Please participate, volunteer to make things happen, get things done. Do your part!

We also have to do our part and VOTE as responsible citizens. Last day of Early Voting is Tuesday and then we have one more opportunity on Saturday, May 3.

There will be no board meeting this month. See you in May for our general meeting, May 7th. One of our own, Ruth Gonzales will be our speaker.

I wish each of you wonderful days ahead and let's have fun, enjoy life. Hope to see you soon. Besos

"A strong woman looks a challenge dead in the eye and gives it a wink." You can do it!

Best regards, Sandra

CARE AND CONCERN

Submitted by: Verna Quaranto, Corresponding Secretary

- ❖ Member Melissa Rogers was in a serious car accident in March. Well wishes a can be sent to: Mrs. Melissa Rogers, 10302 Mustang Ridge, Converse, TX 78109

GOLDEN BOOK

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman

- ❖ In memory of Elvira Cookie Starin by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen
- ❖ In honor of Patty Villarreal for a speedy recovery by Brian, Johanna, Sophia, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



Heather Guckian (also known as "Kat")

Heather is a former special education teacher at Eisenhower Middle School and is currently serving her second term as 2nd Vice President for Ways and Means at the Roosevelt PTA. She has four children and is passionate about impact projects that foster lifelong success. Heather has taught all her children American Sign Language and is very excited to join and volunteer at our events.

Monica Trust

Monica is the CFO of Guiding Light Hospice. She enjoys decorating, entertaining, and bringing joy to those around her. Monica has already met many of our members and is eager to become an integral part of our organization.



Deborah McFarlane

Deborah has 25 years of experience with the Texas Department of Human Services and is actively involved in the community through organizations such as The Conservation Society. She is also a professional tour guide in our city. Deborah is married to Terry McFarlane, a news anchor for News 4 and Fox29, who has generously donated to our Fiesta Hat Auction.

Susan Handlin- Susan is a well known business owner of TABLE TALK and HIGH TEA BY TABLE TALK. She plans and offers fabulous tea party events. Susan also offers etiquette training and loves to write and entertain. She has 18 children and 23 grandchildren! biological, step and adopted.



May Birthdays

Melissa Sanchez	May 1		Mercedes Bentle	May 17
Joon Auci	May 1		Angie Gonzalez	May 18
Iris Francis	May 3		Carolynn Snyder	May 18
Miranda Nelka	May 4		Hilda De Hoyos	May 21
Lari Nelson	May 5		Melody Hays	May 24
Georgia Grubb	May 7		Rachael Weisensee	May 24
Verna Quaranto	May 8		Carol Chapman-Ryan	May 25
Rhonda Gennarelli	May 13		Stacey Miller	May 29
Jennifer Healy	May 15		Carol Castillo	May 29
			Nelle Still Pichler	May 30

NEWS FOR YOU

- ❖ **From the Membership Chair:** To ensure a smooth and consistent enrollment process, we kindly request that members refrain from writing reference letters and ensure that applications are fully completed and paid for *only after* potential new members have been processed through the Membership Chair, Amanda Alarcon-Hunter, or the Membership Co-Chair, Rachael Weisensee. We have encountered issues with applications bypassing the proper enrollment and approval steps, which is causing confusion for all involved. Your cooperation in adhering to this procedure is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ **Bereavement Committee:** At the March Board of Directors meeting, it was decided to form a bereavement committee. Diana Reyes, as the current chaplain, has been designated as the Chair. Other members include Sandra Ojeda-Medina, Virginia Van Cleave, Karin Fee, Karen Ward, and Michele Sheldon. At least one member of the committee will attend member's funeral service and take a card & plant for the family. Please call, text or email Diana Reyes at 210-557-1581, or drj_76205@yahoo.com with funeral services information so she can keep committee members informed and we can see who is able to attend services to represent the Woman's Club.



- ❖ **Roxana Vargas**, WCSA member was selected as a 2025 inductee to the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in the category of Civic Leadership. Roxana, a retired Chief Financial Officer for the Secretary of the Air Force Acquisition Training Office, is a Distinguished Air Force Civilian Service Medal Award Recipient with 31 years in finance, economic analysis, education, industrial operations, and publicity. A "Yellow Rose of Texas", she was recognized for a lifetime of civic, church and community service, promoting education, mentoring and scholarships for women and underprivileged at-risk students. She will be inducted at the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame Gala on May 31st, at the Valero Energy's, "The Vista" Event Center. If you are interested in attending, tickets can be purchased at: <https://onecau.se/sawhof25>

Upcoming 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

May General Meeting

Speaker Ruth Gonzales
Executive Director of WINGS
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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

1717 San Pedro Avenue
Tickets by TicketLeap by noon on 5/5/25
[May General Meeting in San Antonio - Checkout](#)
Menu: spinach salad, crustless quiche, ham, fruit salad, strawberry muffins Woman's Club cookbook, peach upside down cake



PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH AS WE
HONOR THE WISDOM AND GRACE OF
OUR CHERISHED

Golden Girls

Thursday, May 8, 2025
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
The Woodward Mansion

Please RSVP by May 5th
erin.trevino@icloud.com
832-928-4423

Golden Girls: Complimentary
Guests: \$30
Transportation available upon request

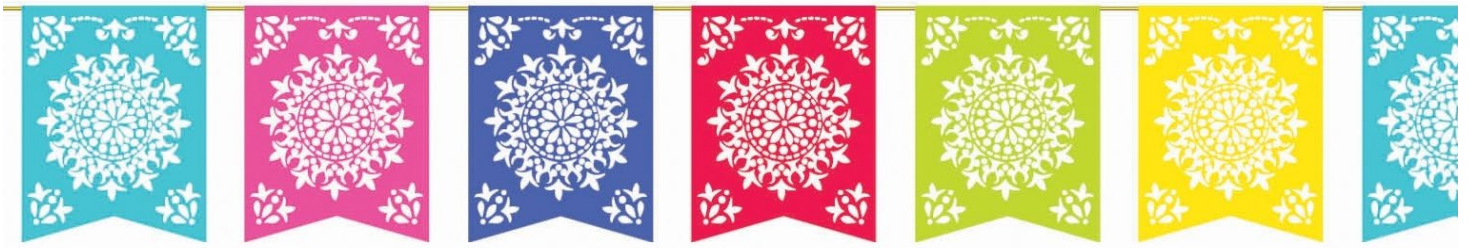
Golden Girls Luncheon Rescheduled to May 8th

The annual Golden Girls luncheon was rescheduled to May 8th due to last month's elevator maintenance. We are counting down the days until we can honor our members who have reached the "Golden Age" of 80 years or more and can't wait to celebrate with you all soon! Please note that if you purchased a ticket for the original date in April, you will be able to use your ticket for the May 8th luncheon.

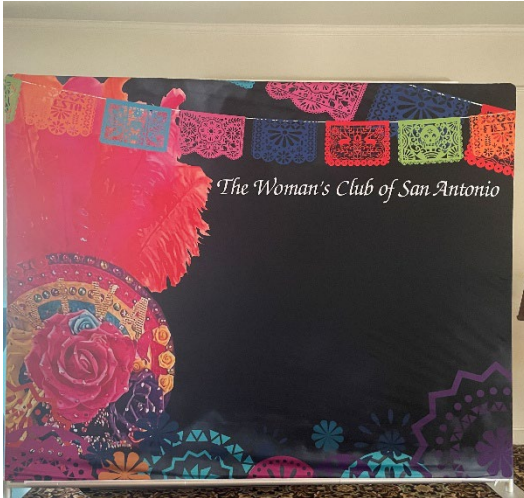
Golden Girls - Free of charge (if you have not done so already, please RSVP to Erin Trevino [832-928-4423](tel:832-928-4423) by May 5th). All Golden Girls who RSVPed "Yes" for the April date, will be added to the attendee list for May 8th. Please contact Erin Trevino if your plans have changed and you are unable to attend.

Non-Golden Girls - Tickets are available for \$30 using this link; please purchase by May 5th: <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/golden-girls-luncheon-74596743>. Tickets purchased for the original April date can be used for the luncheon on May 8th.

Calling all new Golden Girls! If you have not already contacted Erin Trevino, please reach out to her by May 5th [832-928-4423](tel:832-928-4423) or erin.trevino@icloud.com so that we may honor you at this year's luncheon.



CORONATION AND RECEPTION



Be sure to get your photo in front of our new Fiesta Step and Repeat. This beautiful back drop was donated by Carol Habgood and Tawana Timberlake to enhance our Fiesta photos!









OUT AND ABOUT IN FIESTA!

Our Ingenues (and their moms) have been representing the Club well. Photos below include the McNay Art Museum's Fiesta Event; Fiesta Fiesta; and the Pioneer's Patriotic and Historical Ball.





ROUND TABLE CORNER



You are invited to attend the **Friendship Round Table** on May 13th at the Woman's Club at 11:30 a.m. Our speaker will be artist Donna Russell who painted the picture of the 13 children and 2 teachers who were killed in their school in Uvalde, Texas on May 24, 2022. She could not sleep for 3 days after the shooting and was inspired to paint the picture. She will bring the original picture to show us as well as a book she has written about this painting and others. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Friday, May 9th, so our hostesses can prepare your home cooked meal. Price is \$15 and can be paid by check, credit card or cash. Please RSVP to Friendship Round Table member Tara Ferguson at 210-584-1875.

Fiesta Round Table invites you to join them for their last meeting of the year. It will be held at the House on Wednesday May 21 11AM. Their guest speaker will be Klaudia Hildago from Beacon Hill Dual Academy. She will update us on the progress of the school going forward into the new year and success of this year. Please RSVP to Patti Villareal at 210-240-5818.

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WCSA House Calendar for May 2025

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU May 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
	● 11:30am Fine Arts		Fiesta Hat Luncheo	● 11am SAWF Board		Wolff Wedding
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 ● 11am WCSA Gen	8	9 ● 10:30am SAMC	10
11 Mother's Day	12 ● 11am Carousel R	13 ● 11:30am Friendsh	14 ● 11:30am America	15 ● 11am SAWF Gen ● 11:30am Books at	16 ● 11:30am Forever	17 Vonzetta Hickman F
18 🎂 Happy birthday! Melody Hays - Rent	19	20 ● 6:30pm Soiree R	21 ● 11:30am Fiesta R	22	23 ● 10am Bridge Rou	24
25	26 Memorial Day ● 11:30am Fine Arts	27 ● 10am San Antoni ● 11:30am Moderni	28 ● 10am Combined	29	30	31 Neighborhood First

