



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Summer! Whether we like it or not, it's here, our warm, sometimes very warm weather. Be alert to our temperatures each day, plan your outings accordingly, stay hydrated and live for today and be thankful. Our Golden Girls Celebration Luncheon was so lovely, honoring and paying tribute to our senior members, whether in attendance or not, they were recognized. Thank you, Erin Trevino and Monica Bridges, for gathering their stories and sharing this information with those of us in attendance. Their stories were precious. We finished Fiesta in a glorious way...all of our Official Fiesta events were successful as previously noted but I want to share a disappointment. While our guest numbers were up for our 2025 Coronation and Flower Show, for the Hat Contest and Luncheon, we were approximately 100 guests short of last year's number of 400. After a meeting with some of the component chairs, I think our biggest problem was advertising, pushing seat sales. With almost 300 members, we can do better. Please remember that our only two big fundraisers are the Fall Luncheon at the San Antonio Country Club and our Hat Contest and Luncheon. Yes, we went up on our price per seat but the hotel costs were higher and it's a fun event with a 3-course meal. Please consider buying a seat for next year's Hat Contest and Luncheon whether you attend or give it to someone special. I would definitely like to see more of our members attend. Fiesta San Antonio is a huge event for our community. Congratulations to Ferne Burney, former WC President for her appointment as our 2026 Fiesta President. Guess what? After several months, I finally got some suggestions in our "Suggestion Box". I did review these suggestions with Tina. Two suggestions were more like complaints regarding our general meeting luncheon food, however, no specific suggestions were offered for improvement, so what do I do with these two suggestions? Another suggestion was to add service hours to membership, which I like and have been considering this idea since our bylaws will be reviewed this next year before my term in up. No specifics at this time, but we need volunteers for various events, even to spruce up our mansion. One last suggestion was that a new Soiree Round Table be created for those who want to socialize after each luncheon. The group would probably have to think of a new RT name. The idea is for participants to gather and share wine cocktails instead of giving La Fonda their business. Our mansion is comfortable and very accommodating for social gatherings. Whoever is interested needs to write up a description of this group, submit it to me and I will present the proposal for a new social group to our board for discussion and possible approval. Thank you to those of you who submitted these comments. Keep them coming but add a positive suggestion if it's a complaint. I want to thank Amanda Alarcon Hunter for her suggestions; she suggested the "Suggestion Box" and the sign in our elevator that alerts the rider that there is constant visual and audio being recorded. Just a reminder to put out your American Flag on Memorial Day when we honor and mourn the U.S. Military personnel who died while serving in the United States armed forces. I have attached our Woman's Club calendar for Summer, Fall and December events, mark your calendar and join us.

Best regards, Sandra

Upcoming Events Summer, Fall and December 2025:

- ❖ WC BOD Meetings –
May 28
June 25
July 30
August 27
September 24
- ❖ WC General Meeting – June 4 (NO WC General Mtgs., July – Sept.)
- ❖ SUMMER LUNCHEONS – 3rd Wednesday of EACH MONTH (Exceptional Speakers)
Our WC Summer Luncheons are purely fun with exceptional speakers, fellowship and a good meal.
Our fabulous WC Boutique is open during these luncheons.
June 18
July 16
August 20
- ❖ New Member Luncheon – August 6 - Hosted by WC Board of Directors
- ❖ WC Fall Fundraiser – San Antonio Country Club - September 17
- ❖ WC General Meeting - October 1 (Speaker TBA)
- ❖ WC BOD Meeting - October 29
- ❖ Day of The Dead/Dia de Los Muertos Celebration – October 31
Celebration of Remembrance; your loved ones, family and friends, we feast together.
- ❖ WC General Meeting – November 5 (Speaker TBA)
- ❖ WC Christmas Faire – December 2 – 4
- ❖ WC Breakfast with Santa – December 6
- ❖ WC General Meeting – December 10 (Speaker TBA/Santa in the Mansion?)

Fun Events...Come Join Us...Get Up and Get Out!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and START SAVING!

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

Damisela Brown-Chavira



We are pleased to propose Damisela Brown-Chavira as a new member of the Woman's Club of San Antonio. Damisela is an attorney with offices both downtown and in El Paso, and a proud mother of five. Her eldest daughter serves as a detective in Helotes. Damisela has always been committed to community service, actively participating in fundraising efforts and serving on the boards of Incarnate Word High School and Central Catholic High School. She is eager to join our club and contribute to the community through our various initiatives.

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

CARE AND CONCERN

Submitted by: Verna Quarantro, Corresponding Secretary

- ❖ Member Lea Fagin had knee surgery on 12 May. Here, in her own words is an update on how she is doing: I love your card and thank you for thinking about me. Dr. Girling is an excellent surgeon, my pain is better controlled, I have been using guided imagery to reduce narcotics use. I'm going home today, can you please email this notes to our sister at The Woman's Club? I wrote a new poem that you would laugh. Please come & visit & dance "for me." At 6115 Windy Knoll. Your eyes are a sunrise, and your smile like a corn row, you're beautiful my friend.

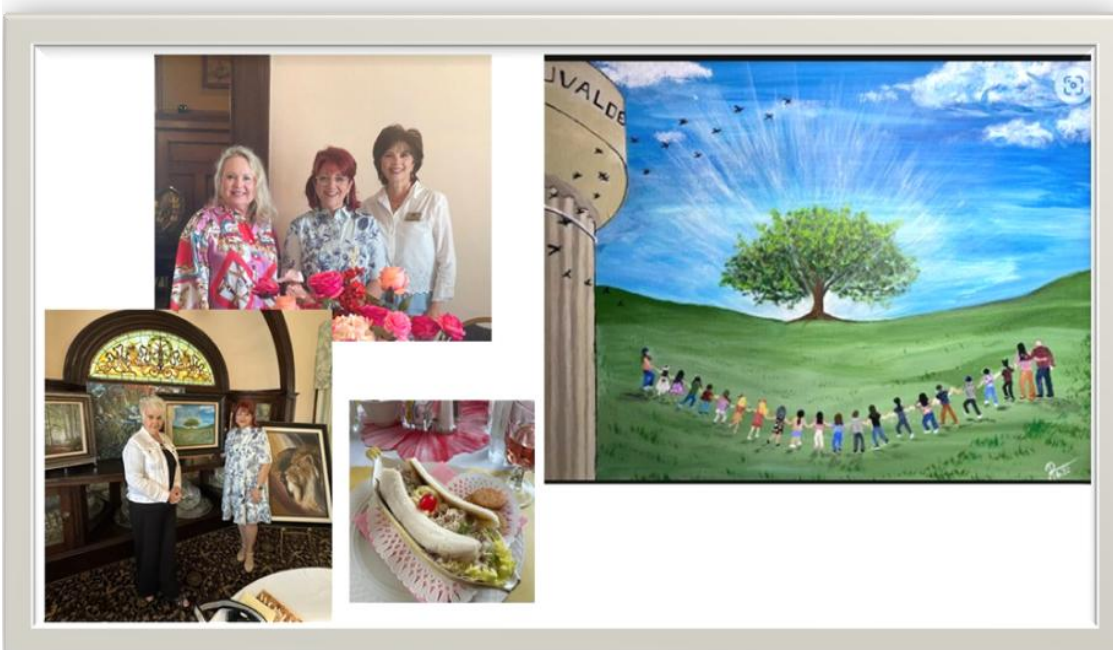
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

BJ Duncan	June 3
Gloria Grohman	June 3
Carol Habgood	June 3
Hannah Geppert	June 5
Elizabeth Ruiz	June 5
Diana Reyes	June 6
Lisa Wahrmond	June 17
Brigitte Owens	June 19
Stephanie Hobbs	June 19
Deborah Kunetz	June 22



Chasity Villarreal	June 23
Elizabeth Neely	June 24
Sarah Komet	June 25
Rosie Bella Gastelum	June 26
Marvinette Smith	June 26
Molly Allen	June 27
Arabella Dalton	June 28
Kathryn Walsh-Gonzalez	June 28
Marianna Coindreau	June 30

ROUND TABLE CORNER



Friendship Round Table hosted artist Donna Russell at their May meeting. Friendship invited members from other Round Tables to join them for this special presentation. After a creative salad banana split lunch, Donna Russel spoke on how she was drawn to honor and remember the victims of the Uvalde school shooting with the painting shown below. She explained

how the painting affected family members of the victims and how the painting has been integrated into other memorials. It was a moving presentation, and she has been invited to share her story next year at one of our General Meetings.

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS

Tawana Timberlake, Vice-president

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

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/june-general-meeting-1450660605>



The Woman's Club of San Antonio

June General Meeting

Memorial Service
Speaker Ruth Gonzales
Executive Director of WINGS
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

1717 San Pedro Avenue
Tickets by TicketLeap by noon on 6/2/25

Menu: Yotam Ottolenghi's Green Gazpacho,
Shrimp Louie Salad, Broken Window Glass Jello



SAVE *The* DATE

THE WOMAN'S CLUB
OF SAN ANTONIO

Summer Luncheons

JUNE	18
JULY	16
AUGUST	20

Enjoy exceptional
speakers, fellowship,
a lovely lunch and shop
the boutique!

IT WAS TIME FOR ALL THINGS FIESTA!

FIESTA HAT LUNCHEON AND CONTEST WRAP-UP

Dear Members:

As the confetti is finally being swept away from all of our FIESTA FRIVOLITIES, I want to thank Carolynn Snyder for the fabulous special edition photo album newsletter she sent out covering all of our amazing events! As Chairman of our 29th Hat Contest, the FIESTA DERBY, I can excitedly say, we truly galloped through the Westin with Jockey Michael Quintanilla taking the reins of his Hobby Horse, adorned in Fiesta



Regalia. It even had a sound track of a galloping horse and cheering crowd, but of course, could not be heard in the hotel or captured in a photo to post, but I do have a video, and will share on FB! Our Mistress of Ceremonies, Elizabeth Ruiz, went all out with a horsehead sombrero complete with a cape. We are blessed to have this talented duo who always go above and beyond and make sure our events are over the top and continue to enthrall our guests at every Fiesta Event. Aided by the musical talents of DJ Dave Rios, the 3 in command of the stage and show, truly commanded our audience!



Our esteemed judges were 3 power couples of Fiesta San Antonio. Charles & Kathy Drago of Monarch Trophy, Phil & Rosy Zavala, owner of Image Clothiers, tailors to Fiesta Courts and royalty and all who want the best looks, and Jon and Karrie Fristoe who have been on 4 Rey Feo Courts and Jon is a past Fiesta President. It was the first time for the guys to have been at our event, and they were blown away. They thanked me profusely for inviting them and I think we have new participants in the future!

Also, a big thank you to the hat decorating duo, the 2 Bellas, Arabella Dalton & RosieBella Gastelum for their tireless work in bringing to life the horseshoe centerpieces for the VIP Tables that I saw on a Pinterest Derby Site (those centerpieces sold for \$80, and we were



able to replicate them for \$20. We sold 7 of them and have 2 left if anyone is interested!) The beautiful rosettes that adorned the remaining tables were lent to us by RosieBella (which were used last year for our Moulin Rouge event, and we gussied them up with horsehead silhouettes and more flowers.) Of course, our Hat Contestant Coordinators, Michelle Moad Hageman and Heather Hays are so expert at registering and lining up our contestants, and working with our Judges, to bring the winners list out almost immediately for a fast turn around and announcement. We would be lost without them! An auction is very hard to put together, and we have to be grateful for the work and energy the Chair Melissa Rogers brought with her coordinators Rachelle Weisensee and Amanda Alarcon-Hunter to bring it to fruition. We would be lost without our house supervisor, Tina Zimmerman who facilitates the ticketing, and every nuance that goes into bringing it all together. And what is an event without a boutique for shopping? Thank you, Angela Pfeiffer and Boutique Ladies, for always delivering the goods and turning a profit for our Club!

We also received some much needed last minute setup help that saved us much time the day before the event with Chasity Villareal and her daughter Jocelyn Valdez-Villareal showing up when the email went out (and of course it was last minute as the Westin only gives a few hours notice as to when we can arrive!), along with Michele Moad Hageman and her van to get the decor from the WC to the hotel! And Flora Tallman is always ready with her van to assist in getting the many auction items into her DeVino Wine Van for a one trip turn around! AND, a BIG thanks to Johanna Christiansen, Tessa Christiansen, and Peyton Reyes for making sure our programs were placed in all the seats at the Hat Contest!

Next Year will be Our 30th Hat Contest.... planning will begin this summer... **WE NEED EXCITED VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US !**

Tawana Timberlake
Vice President and
Fiesta Activities Coordinator

Auction Corner: Fiesta Hat Auction Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Fiesta Hat Auction**! Thanks to your generous donations, we raised nearly **\$5,500** this year! We're already looking forward to building the auction for our Fall 2025 luncheon and Spring 2026 events.

Please continue to drop off your donations at **Tina's office** (Monday-Friday, 10 AM–2 PM), where she will add them to our auction items on the second floor. If you need a **tax write-off letter**, don't hesitate to let us know. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication in making this auction a success!

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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.

GOLDEN GIRL'S LUNCHEON

A hearty congratulations to Erin Trevino and her committee that put together a delightful luncheon on May 8th. The Golden Girls were feted with champagne, beautiful piano music, a fun photo booth, and a delicious meal. Each golden Girl in attendance received a rose and we learned a bit of each of their stories. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Golden Girls luncheon such a memorable event! Special thanks to:

Food Preparation:	Event Set-Up:	Invitations:
Angela Pfeiffer	Tina Zimmerman	Johanna Christiansen
Pattie Pfeiffer	Monica Bridges	
Gloria Tate	Stephany Saucedo	Music:
Gail Jarrett	Chasity Villareal	Robin Steinhauser
Chula Boyle	Jocelyn Valdez	

Our Golden Girls are listed below. While not all the Girls could attend the luncheon, all were recognized.

Dorothy Ann Akers Divina Alvarez Jacqueline Bonney Kay Bradford - New Golden Girl Pat Cavanaugh Nancy Cooke Mary Frances Corrigan Arabella Dalton - New Golden Girl Faye Davenport Marjorie Douglas Margaret Ann Duncan Jean French Martha K. George Carol Habgood Tommie Jeen "TJ" Hageman Orbilvia Hayes Nancy Hein Helen Henderson Catherine Hof Christine Hollan - New Golden Girl Janet James (Le Laurin) Helen Jones Carol Keller Jeanne Ann Koplan Diane Lander Lewallen	Betty Lewandowski Kathryn "Kathy" Booth Littlefield Leona Maples Beatrice "Penny" McCutchen Barbara Niemann Anita Marie Oberle Linda Parsons - New Golden Girl Irene Pendleton Maida Perkins Lee Perry Angela Pfeiffer Patricia Porter - New Golden Girl Claire Pronovost Margot Rocha Angela Sanchez Armandina "Dina" Sifuentes Marvinette Smith Marie Soules Robin Steinhauser Dolores Tamez Rosemarie Taylor LaRue Terry Barbara Buchanan Walski Sandra Whittaker
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MAY MEETING

May... the month of possibilities, is what I call it... We MAY have rain, or we MAY have snow, and we MAY (most usually) have sun - it is Texas, but one thing I know we MAY count on... is our group of diverse women and personalities coming together to produce the best outcome for our club. Thanks to all of you who step up when the call goes out... and please do accept that invite to join in - it takes lots of hands and ideas to do the work!

And sometimes, we MAY have a change in programs... and that's what happened this May, but it all went smoothly, and we were all touched by the incredible story of a fearless woman who escaped the Iron Curtain to come to America.

Texas author Antonina Duridanova wrote *New Beginnings*, which is an autobiography of her life. It details her escape from behind the Iron Curtain to forge a life in America, making her home in Texas. Antonina attended our Hat Contest on April 30th with member Lea Fagin. Lea asked her if she would do a presentation to the Woman's Club about her ordeal and with Memorial weekend happening this month, she thought it would be timely. I told her we had a speaker lined up but we could have her in June, or another month and she said, well Antonina is leaving for Europe for the remainder of most of the year.... so, a little bird told me to reach out to our awesome planned presenter, and new member, Ruth Gonzales, Executive Director for WINGS, one of the non-profits we support, to get her thoughts about speaking in June instead of May, and she said, "actually, it would be so much better for me, as I was just given a big deadline and am so short on time."

As they say, things happen for a reason, and this MAY have been one of those times!

Antonina's story was told with heartfelt feelings and was especially heartwarming with its good "ending" - her mother getting to eventually join her in this new land which was told with some humor. Remember she and her mother lived in a country where there were no choices like we are used to. Antonina told the sad story where some men came and took their cattle from the field, and upon asking her parents why they didn't report the thieves, she was told they are the government, they can take anything they want. She decided then she would not live there and eventually made her plan. But fast forward to being here and finally getting her mother here with her. She tells the tale of her mother's first trip to the grocery store, where they stayed for 2 hours and she held all the fruits and vegetables and was like a child in a candy store over what to choose... and then the next adventure, to a small K-Mart, where she was again blown away and that trip was 3 hours.... and then finally the next outing to the large mall... where she actually lost her mom for 6 hours as she navigated and scurried around reveling in all that was available.

This story really touched all of us who have always had the luxuries our great country has given us. It was a very personal reminder of how thankful we should be.

SEE YOU JUNE 4TH where we will be joined by Ruth Gonzales, Executive Director for WINGS

Tawana Timberlake
Vice President



June 2025 House Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		BJ Duncan Rental 8	11am WCSA Geni	11am SAWF Boarr	Tina Off	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Tina Off				11am San Antonic	Flag Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day		8:30am Fiesta Cc	Summer Luncheon	Juneeteenth		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			10am Combined	6pm Lewallen Sil	Wheeler Grant Deal	
					10am Bridge Rou	
29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5
					Independence Day	

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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, 2024 and before September 1, 2025

\$180.00 (\$185.40 CC) If paid after September 1, 2024 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.

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

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Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ CELL: _____

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Birthday (M/D): _____

Year joined the WCSA: _____

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