

March 2025 Newsletter of the Woman's Club of San Antonio Volume 126, Issue 3

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Dear Ladies,

Happy March! In like a lion, out like a lamb. March is packed with special days... Women's History Month, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, the First Day of Spring AND our Woman's Club Special Days: * March 5, General Meeting Speaker – Ursula Pari * March 18, Friendship Tea * March 29, SA Women's Federation Luncheon – Honoring Heather Hays * March 30, Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation and Her Court Mark your calendars with our WC Special March dates.

We had a beautiful Queen's Reception with many guests attending. Thank you to the committee members: Johanna Christiansen (co-chair), Diane Lewallen (co-chair), Angela Pfeiffer(co-chair), Sue Walski, Pat Porter, Betty Lewandowski, Gail Jarratt, Monica Bridges, Carolynn Snyder, Kathy Littlefield, Gretchen Hill, Darcy Scrimpshire and Tina Zimmerman. The atmosphere was cheerful with many colored balloons throughout the mansion. Our WC Fiesta Teen Queen, Bella Walski looked regal and radiant. Congratulations to Bella and her court.

Our WC Court will be participating in our three Fiesta Parades: * The Texas Cavalier River Parade (7 Ingenues will ride to include our Princess & Duchess) * The Battle of Flowers Parade (WC President w/ Princess and Duchess) * The Flambeau Parade (WC President w/Princess and Duchess) Our Fiesta Teen Queen will ride with the Fiesta Commission. Fiesta 2025 will be very special for The Woman's Club. Tickets for the River Parade are on sale in our office, front row, \$29.00 each. We only have 25 tickets, buy yours now, cash only.

A suggestion that was brought to my attention was the idea of a Suggestion Box. I do think this could serve a good purpose if it is used seriously. Whatever you think your executive board needs to know, please write your comment on the slip of paper that will accompany the box and place it into the box. If you have a suggestion to make your concern positive, please include that comment. The box will be placed on the table to the right as you get off the elevator.

Please sell some ads for our WC Fiesta Book. The ads can include a picture of you with your family, well wishes for court members, company ads, etc. Forms are in the office.

Dream, Dance, Play and Laugh. Embrace every day you are given and never forget that you are amazing inside and out!

Sandra President 2024-2026

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jocelyn Jackson Leona Maples Maida Perkins Barbara Vander Janice McGraw Linda Oliver Kimberly Keller Robin Steinhauser Gloria Tate

March 4 March 7 March 7 March 8 March 8 March 10 March 13 March 13

March 3



Patte Pfeiffer March 15 Patricia Baron March 16 Marcella Schroder March 16 T.J. Hageman March 21 Orbilia Hayes March 21 Erika Haskins March 22 Michelle Sheldon March 26 Nancy McFarlin March 28

CARE AND CONCERN

Submitted by: Verna Quaranto, Corresponding Secretary

- Arabella Dalton's husband, Eddie Dalton suffered a stroke and is in rehab recovering. He is scheduled to return home late next week for additional rehabilitation. Prayers appreciated Cards may be sent to Arabella Dalton, 3783 Pebble Beach, Schertz Texas 78018
- Member Diana Balli Taylor is recovering from back surgery in the hospital through the weekend and going to a rehab facility on Monday. Message can be sent to: Diana Balli Taylor, 6610 Honey Hill, San Antonio, TX 78229
- It is with great sadness that I inform you that Myra Keiser passed the week of 17 February. No additional details are available at this time.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Allison Minus- Allison has been in real estate development for the past 35 years, and volunteers with the addiction community in San Antonio. Allison carries a degree in Finance from UTSA and is a licensed chemical dependency counselor. Allison has two very successful daughters and two fur babies named Lollie and Levi. She is currently the Business Manager of DaVida Medical and Aesthetics.

Laura Hilbig-Laura has a history of dedication and a servant's heart. Laura has served as PTA President and served on many nonprofit and volunteer organizations committees. Laura is the co-owner of a travel agency called L&L travel. Laura is excited to share her expertise with the WCSA.

Beth Nixon-Beth is the owner and founder of Graceful Guidance. Beth loves her dogs, the beach and trying new foods and wine. Her husband is a chef. Beth is a community pillar by being on the board of multiple organizations and committees. Beth brings a lot of expertise to the WCSA.

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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 <u>womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com</u>. 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.

Luncheon Reservations: Questions Answered

What happens when I make a luncheon reservation using Ticketleap?

As you may have noticed at the February General meeting, a new process is in place for luncheon reservations. Ticketleap will now direct you to choose a seat during the reservation process. While it looks like you are reserving a specific seat, you are actually reserving a spot at a specific table. When you complete your payment on Ticketleap, your receipt will show the table number you selected. When you check in at the general meeting, the hostess will have the printed Ticketleap reservations and will be able to remind you of your table number if you forget.

What if I do not want to pay for my luncheon reservation online?

This is not a problem. If you do not care what table you will be assigned to, just call Tina to reserve a luncheon spot. She will assign you a table. This is a great way to meet new people! Please remember to pay with cash or check as soon as possible. Your reservation is not guaranteed until payment is received.

If you would like to sit at a specific table, first go to the Ticketleap link to start the process of making a reservation. You will be able to see the seating chart and what tables still have seats available. As long as you do not input your credit card, you have not actually made a reservation. You will then call Tina to make your reservation and specify what table number you would like to sit at. Tina will do her best do put you at that table, assuming it has not filled up with the online purchases. Please remember to pay by cash or check as soon as possible. Your reservation is not guaranteed until payment is received. When you check in at the general meeting, our hostess will have your name and table number on her list.

Why are we assigning table numbers?

There are several reasons for this new method. Here are a few:

With some people placing name tags, some people writing names on placemats that then get covered with the salads, some people just putting an object in a chair, and so on, it was getting very confusing and hard for people to find an open seat. This proved very problematic for our new members and guests. They did not know where it was ok to sit. First time guests that were invited by a member could not sit with the person that invited them because there were not two seats available at the same table. It made for a lot of confusion.

Another reason for this change is to make the reservation process much easier for our large events such as the Fall Luncheon, Christmas Luncheons, and Fiesta Hat Luncheon. In the past, devoted volunteers spent days and many hours trying to sort people's seating requests which then had to be transferred to a seating chart. By having people choose their table and seat from the seating chart on Ticketleap, this eliminates the need to do all of this by hand. For these large events, members and non-members will be able to see what seats are still available and will be able to feel comfortable knowing they have reserved the spot they choose.

At these large events, the tables and the seats will be numbered so that you may feel confident in knowing where your spot is.

What if I want to make sure I am sitting with a certain group of people?

The best course of action to guarantee that a large group is sitting at the same table is to have one person reserve all of the spots needed at the same time. For example, if I had 5 people that I wanted to sit with, I would buy all 5 tickets and then those 5 people would pay me back personally.

If that idea is not feasible for you, then the next best action would be to coordinate with those 5 people to all buy their tickets on the same day as close together as possible. Make sure to check the seating chart during the Ticketleap buying process to see that seats are still available.

SAVE THE DATE San Antonio Women's Federation Friendship & Outstanding Volunteer Luncheon March 29th, 11:30 AM San Antonio Petroleum Club, 7th Floor 8620 N. New Braunfels Ave, (Suite 700), SA, TX

Tickets - \$50 per person; deadline for reservations & money - March 17th!! Members make reservations with Marsha Metz WITH YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO THE SAWF. Treasurers please send your list of member reservations via email to Janet Pennock, SAWF Treasurer; japennock57@icloud.com. Send your money via check through the US Mail or in person to: Janet Pennock, 105 Firesage, Universal City, TX 78210-1247.



FREE FREE FREE

The Agarita Concert Series is pleased to offer a free concert with Pablo Sainz-Villegas on March 9th at 3pm at the Tobin Center!

Free tickets will be available beginning February 23rd at <u>agarita.org</u>.

Stay up to date with the next concert offerings by subscribing to the newsletter at: <u>http://eepurl.com/dIdOaD</u>.



Upcoming General Meeting 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 March General Meeting Ursula Pari Presents Mic Drop: Life After Being Live on TV for 28 Years

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 1717 San Pedro Avenue 10:00 am B.A.S.H. Event (Bags, Accessories, Shoes, Hats-see flyer) 11:00 am Meeting & Speaker 12:00 pm Lunch & More B.A.S.H.

Menu: salad, chicken alfredo, broccoli, & Italian cream cake Please reply by noon on March 3rd by Ticket Leap or call (210) 732-4811

<u>Tickets for March General Meeting</u> 2025 in San Antonio from TicketLeap



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(Bags)

(Accessories)

Join the Fun! Shop our Fashionista "BASH" and have a chance to purchase some "Gently Worn Treasures" from the closets of our fashionable members. 20% of sale proceeds from each member will be donated to the club.

(Shoos)

You may start shopping @ <u>10:00 a.m.</u> before our General Meeting Luncheon And for one hour after! Wednesday, March 5 The Womans Club of San Antonio

The Coronation honoring our Queen and her court will be held March 30th. Any club member who wishes to have their daughter, granddaughter or niece participate will need to complete the application form. Boys are also welcome to participate. Ages of participants are four through eighteen. The form includes a brief bio and photo of each participant. If there are any questions, please contact me.

Follow the link for the WCSA Coronation submission form. Please use your computer, not your phone.

The Woman's Club of San Antonio Coronation Submission Link

If you're having trouble filling out the form, please call Tina @ 210-732-4811 for assistance.

Thank you and VIVA!! Michele Moad-Hageman Coronation Chair 210-445-0142



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

Golden Girls

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

Please RSVP by April 4th erin.trevino@icloud.com 832-928-4423

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

The annual Golden Girls Luncheon celebrates our members who have reached the "Golden Age" of 80 years or more. Join us on April 10th as we honor these amazing women and learn more about their incredible like stories.

This luncheon is free for all Golden Girls, and transportation is available upon request. We would also love guests who are not Golden Girls to join the celebration by purchasing a ticket of just \$30 using this link <u>https://www.ticketleap.events/tic</u> <u>kets/wcosa/golden-girls-luncheon-</u> 745967436

If you are a new Golden Girl this year, a letter and brief questionnaire have been mailed to your home address. If you did not receive these, or if you have questions about the event, please contact Erin Trevino at <u>erin.trevino@icloud.com</u> or 832-928-4423





APRIL 8 8AM TIL 4PM SHOPPING TOUR TO INCLUDE SHOPS IN BOERNE, COMFORT AND KERRVILLE AREAS.

Tickets \$75. Your payment is your reservation. Let me know if You want to go?

Checks mailed Iris Ann Francis **111.East Mandalay** Dr. **SATX 78212**

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AUCTION CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our April auction is quickly approaching, and we need your monetary and tangible donations today. We have an updated auction letter if you need it to give to some of your business contacts who are willing to donate to the WCSA auction. Remember all donations are a tax write off.

Donations can be mailed to the WCSA and or dropped off daily Monday -Friday from 10-2pm with Tina.

Our next committee auction meeting will be held: La Fonda on Main, on 2/27/2025 from 12:30-2:30pm Any member is welcome to come and be a part of the auction committee.

Please contact auction chairs for any questions : Amanda Alarcon Hunter at 210-367-7080 Melissa Rogers at 210-860-9291 Racheal Weisensee at 512-909-8103



I am excited for the opportunity to adorn our mansion elevator with seasonal wreaths, swags or garlands (I'll alternate between these to keep it interesting!). If anyone offers to purchase any of these items, 100% of the proceeds will benefit the WCSA and I'll make more to replenish for that season as needed.

My business name, The Ditzy Gypsy, LLC, and website are included on the card that will be attached to each item, and I'm including details below as well. I'm also found on Facebook under my business name.

Thank you once again. I'm looking forward to sprinkling a dash of joy and happiness with these items.

Heidi Tarrillion Owner, The Ditzy Gypsy, LLC 210-551-7409 ditzygypsy.com

SPRING CLEANING!

Our spring work day had a small but mighty group to get the house ready for our guests this Fiesta season. There were still reminders of the Christmas Faire stuck to furnishings and the house was washed and polished!

- Kudos to the Christiansens-Johanna and Tessa (ingenue)-for oiling the wood and making it look fabulous!
- * Kathy Tarkington got to work on various tasks, including polishing chandeliers!
- Cindi Munch had the impossible task of cleaning the kitchen floor.
- Curtis Rodriguez installed carbon monoxide monitors for added safety and piece of mind.
- Jeannette and Paulina Rodriguez (ingenues)-spent the entire day on sight, polishing, dusting, washing and ended the day washing and steaming the upstairs sheer panels.
- We cannot forget the wonderful Heather Hayes that is here daily helping with tasks! You'll notice some extra shelving to make things organized.
- Other duties included polishing and de greasing appliances in the kitchen, and minor repair work.

There is always work to be done around the house and it takes a team! Thank you to those that helped. It is OUR house and we all must work together to keep it a place we are proud of.







Pictured from left to right: Isabella Salinas, Hayden Salinas, Tessa Christiansen, Paulina Rodriguez, and Jeannette Rodriguez. The Ingenues attended the Texas Pioneers Honorary Lady Chair Presentation Party!

Dear Members:

The SWEETest month... February! And our program and luncheon did not disappoint... We had a (record?) 76 reservations, plus quite a few more that attended to hear this wonderful TRUE story written by San Antonio author Conrad John Netting IV. His book, **DELAYED LEGACY**, is part love story, part wartime thriller and tells the true story about his father, a WWII fighter pilot, who was killed on a strafing run against a German convoy in France. He blew up the fuel tanks that were headed to destroy the town, thus saving the people and the French town where he died just after D-Day.

Conrad, was born 6 weeks after his father's death so he never knew him. But a footlocker sealed for 50 years containing his father's wartime medals, uniforms, flight log, and personal effects was opened in 1993 after his mother's death. This led Conrad on a journey to find out more about his father's life and death and led him to the wingman who survived, to England and France. Ironically, at the same time, a French family in Normandy started searching for the family of the American pilot whom they credited with saving their village. A memorial has been erected in the Normandy town, Saint-Michel-des-Andaines where American flags still fly and people pay their respects to their American hero.

Cheers to this cold weather coming to an end! Tawana Timberlake Vice President





The Queen's Reception

Submitted by Johanna Christiansen (Queen's Reception Co-Chair)



The Queen's Reception honoring Teen Queen Bella Walski, Princess Sarah Cardenas, and Grand Duchess Olivia Riedl was held on Sunday, February 23rd at The Woman's Club. 200 guests attended including Woman's Club members, King Rey Feo and his court, Fiesta Commission Executive Board Members, the Military Ambassadors, Fiesta Queens including Miss Fiesta, Reina de la Feria de las Flores, Queen of Soul, and Miss San Antonio. The guests enjoyed a delicious Mexican food buffet and stunning decorations to the club both provided by the Walski family. The guests were greeted by our Woman's Club Royalty, Ingenues and VP. Our President Sandra Ojeda Medina and Vice President Tawana Timberlake presented the program with Queen Bella Walski giving a moving, inspirational speech followed by remarks from Rey Feo and the Fiesta Commission President. Mariachis then played for the group ending a truly wonderful Queen's **Reception!**

Special thanks goes to the Queen Reception Committee: Johanna Christiansen (co-chair), Diane Lewallen (co-chair), Angela Pfeiffer (co-chair), Sue Walski, Pat Porter, Betty

Lewandowski, Gail Jarratt, Chula Boyle, Monica Bridges, Carolynn Snyder, Kathy Littlefield, Gretchen Hill, Darcy Scrimpshire, Connie Beasley, and Tina Zimmermann. Thank you also to The Woman's Club members that were so generous for donating food, drinks, and money for this event!!







March 2025 House Calendar

30 Coronation	23	16	9 Daylight Saving Tim	2	SUN 23 2 more
3	24 11:30am Fine Arts	17 St. Patrick's Day	10 • 11am Carousel Rc	ω	MON 24 • 11:30am Fine Arts
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