

Rustling Leaves



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Dear Members,

As Fiesta draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect with pride and gratitude on what has been a truly successful and meaningful season for the Woman's Club of San Antonio. While Fiesta is celebrated across our city with vibrant energy, within our Club it is also a time when the dedication, generosity, and spirit of our members shine most brightly.

This year, that spirit was evident in every detail.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all who gave their time and talents so generously. From event coordination to hands-on volunteering, your efforts ensured that each of our Fiesta activities was both memorable and impactful. It is this shared commitment to service that continues to define and strengthen our organization.

I would like to offer special recognition to Karen Ward and her committee for their outstanding work on the Flower Show. Their creativity and attention to detail brought beauty and distinction to this cherished event. The Hat Contest & Luncheon was another highlight, thanks to the many members who contributed to the decorations, organized a successful silent auction, and warmly welcomed our guests, creating an inviting and festive atmosphere from beginning to end.

I would also like to recognize Rosie Bella for her exceptional work decorating our award-winning car for the Battle of Flowers Parade. Her creativity and dedication showcased our Club with pride and helped make this achievement possible.

In addition, please join me in congratulating and thanking our 2026 Fiesta Teen Queen, Tessa Christiansen, and Princess, Paulina Rodriguez. They represented the Woman's Club of San Antonio with grace, enthusiasm, and commitment throughout the season, and we are deeply grateful for their service as ambassadors of our organization.

Fiesta is a celebration of heritage, community, and service—values that are deeply rooted in the mission of our Club. Because of each of you, we not only participated in this treasured tradition, but contributed to its success in meaningful ways.

Thank you for your continued dedication and for representing the Woman's Club of San Antonio with such pride. Your time, talent, and commitment make a lasting difference in our organization and in the community we serve.

With sincere appreciation,

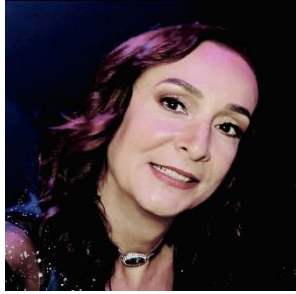
Sandra Ojeda Medina
President, Woman's Club of San Antonio

CARE AND CONCERN

Member Dorothy Akers left this life on April 2nd. Her obituary is found at the following link.
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/san-antonio-tx/dorothy-akers-12813752>

Please keep Verna Quaranto in your thoughts and prayers. She is currently in Ireland where she fell and broke her hip. She will be having surgery in Ireland on the 27th.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

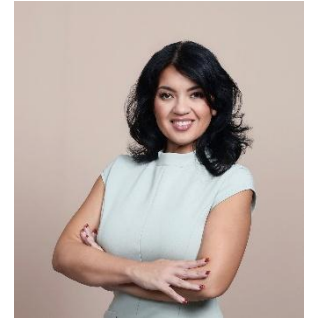


Monica Rodriguez

Monica is married to Dr. Luis Rodriguez. She is working at home as an empty nester and feels she can give more time at this time of her life to volunteering. Monica was formerly employed as a real estate consultant.

Debra Johnson

Debra is employed as an insurance agent specializing in Medicare services. She is mid-inception of establishing her own insurance agency. She dedicates personal time to volunteer with senior centers as well as community centers for those age 55+. She will be a great resource for our aging members. She has volunteered with retired military personnel. Currently, she is in the early stages of working with Bexar County Deputy Chief Nancy Stanford, assisting with Domestic Violence prevention initiatives.



May Birthdays				
Melissa Sanchez	May 1		Carolynn Snyder	May 18
Joon Jeon	May 1		Hilda De Hoyos	May 21
Iris Francis	May 3		Melody Hays	May 24
Miranda Nelka	May 4		Rachael Weisensee	May 24
Lari Nelson	May 5		Carol Chapman-Ryan	May 25
Georgia Grubb	May 7		Stacey Miller	May 29
Verna Quaranto	May 8		Carol Castillo	May 29
Jennifer Healy	May 15		Nelle Still Pichler	May 30
Mercedes Bentle	May 17		Susan Handlin	May 31

Upcoming Luncheons and Events

Tawana Timberlake, Vice-president

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Golden Girls Celebration - May 14

The annual Golden Girls Luncheon celebrates our members who have reached the “Golden Age” of 80 years or more. Join us on May 14th as we honor these amazing women and learn more about their incredible life 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 using this

link: <https://events.ticketleap.com/events/wcosa/2026-golden-girls>

Please contact Erin Trevino 832-928-4423 with any questions.

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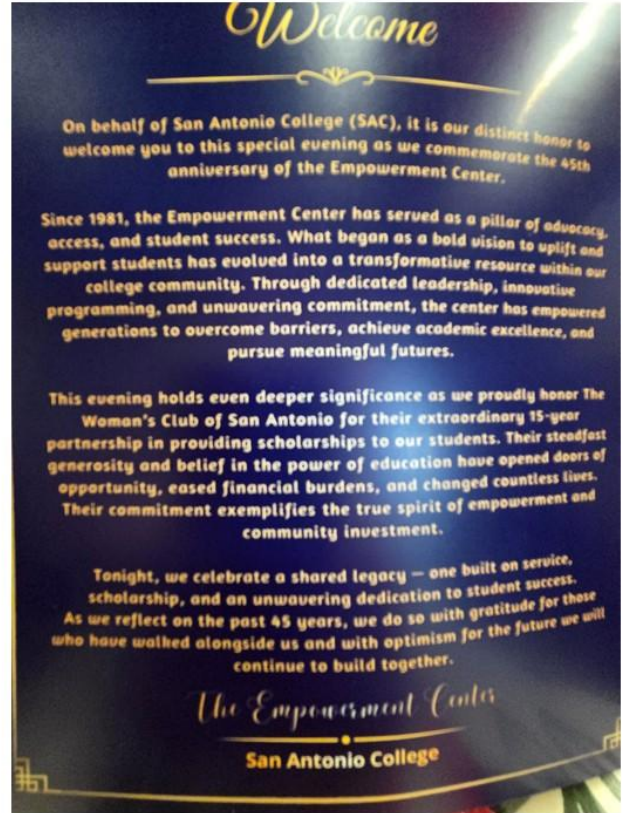
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APRIL MEETING



EMPOWERMENT CENTER GALA

The Woman's Club has been scholarship supporters of the San Antonio College Empowerment Center (previously the Women's Center) for many years. We have contributed over \$250,000 in scholarships. On April 9th, SAC celebrated their 45th Anniversary of the Empowerment Center and WCSA was the guest of honor. The wall of honor is truly amazing.



FIESTA FLOWER SHOW

Fantastic job to the volunteers and participants who created a delightful visual event! There were beautiful plants for sale and music from the Churchill Band. Money raised from the plant sale goes to maintaining the House landscaping.



FIESTA HAT LUNCHEON





OUT AND ABOUT IN FIESTA!

Our Royalty and members have been representing the Club well. Photos below include Fiesta Fiesta, Battle of Flowers, San Antonio Airport Fiesta, Lutheran Coronation, the Hat King's Fiesta Party, and many more. Be sure to watch for the special Fiesta edition of the newsletter that will be out in May for additional photos from these events and others!





WCSA House Calendar for May 2026

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI May 1	SAT 2
		● 11:30am Moderni	● 10am Combined		Susan Handlin Set I	Table Talk - Susan I
3	4	Cinco de Mayo	● 11am WCSA Gen ● 6pm Photo Shoo	Liz Jauer Rental Pe ● 11am SAWF Boar	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 ● 12pm Golden Gir	15	16
17	18	● 11am Wings ● 6:30pm Soiree R	20 ● 11:30am Fiesta R	21 ● 11am SAWF Gen ● 11:30am Books a	22 ● 10am Bridge Rou	23
24	25 Memorial Day ● 11:30am Fine Art	26 ● 11:30am Moderni	27 ● 10am Combined	28	29	30 Tommy Calvert Sr. I
31	Jun 1	2	3 ● 11am WCSA Gen	4 ● 11am SAWF Boar	5 Annie Ramirez Ren!	6 Bob Coltrane celeb

