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## The Wulff House

The Wulff House, built by German immigrant Anton Fredrich Wulff in 1869-1870, stands at the entrance of King William Street.

The three-story Italianate style house features random course ashlar limestone walls, a distinctive square tower and raised basement. An interesting feature of the house is a bas-relief in the front gable with a sculpted bust of the Wulff's daughter, Carolina, done by Wulff's son, Harry. The property originally included a boathouse and a bathhouse. Flooding in 1921 resulted in a 1926 flood-control measure that re-routed the San Antonio River away from the rear of the property.

Wulff came to Texas in 1848, first to New Braunfels before settling in San Antonio in the 1850s. He married Paulita Olivarri in 1851 and went on to become a prominent commission merchant doing business on Military Plaza near present-day City Hall. In 1891 he was alderman-at-large for the city. San Antonio mayor James French (1875-1885) appointed Wulff as San Antonio's first park commissioner because of the great interest he showed in landscaping the city's plazas at his own expense. It was Wulff who designed the layout of Alamo Plaza.

During the Civil War, Wulff supplied military units on both sides of the conflict. As a result, Confederate States Army Lt. Col. John Baylor declared him a spy. Wulff promptly sent his family to Germany for the duration of the war while he moved to Mexico to wait it out. After the

war was over, he and his family reunited in San Antonio where he built the home with lush gardens and tree shaded lawns for his wife and their eleven children. Anton Wulff died in 1894 at age 72.

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In 1950, the Guenther heirs sold the house for

\$20,000 to F.G. and Kathryn Antonio to be converted into several apartments. About 1967, the Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners purchased the house. By 1974, vacant and last used by a church group as a Halloween spook house, it was up for sale again.

Walter Mathis got wind that the Wulff House was being seriously considered by a firm looking for a place to house a funeral home. The thought of a funeral home at the end of his street prompted Walter to join with O'Neil and Wanda Ford to mount a campaign to raise funds to buy the property for the Conservation Society. The campaign was dubbed "Save the Wulff House." Letters requesting donations were sent to each Conservation Society member as well as prominent San Antonio residents.

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Paulita Wulff, at table left, hosting a tea party near the front door of her house, c. 1892.

# Sidewalk Cost Sharing Program - Update

In the July newsletter we reported on the City's Sidewalk Cost Sharing Program. Interested neighbors had questions, so we asked Lincoln Avant, Senior Management Analyst with the Transportation Capital Improvements Department (also a neighbor and KWA member), for additional information.

*KWA: The brochure states the cost as \$60 per linear foot; however, a neighbor's quote for her sidewalk was \$38 per linear foot. Lower cost is better of course, but why the difference?*

Lincoln: The original cost is what is calculated as "worst case scenario" so customers can understand the potential prices associated with a project. The \$60 per linear foot is a baseline price provided that includes anticipated costs such as minor retaining wall work, curb work where the street also needs to be repaired at the curb line, traffic control for average road conditions, and some landscaping. Once our team investigates, we eliminate any overhead that each unique project does not need or require, as just described. This can bring the cost down significantly in a positive way for the resident. \$60.00 per linear foot was an overall average of what the City is trending in a given period for sidewalk contracts that are all-inclusive as mentioned, but each request and the work involved is unique.

*KWA: So based on site specific conditions, this neighbor's sidewalk repair could cost less than \$60, or possibly even more than \$60 per linear feet?*

Lincoln: Yes.

*KWA: My handicap corner is in bad shape, but it is not in the quote for replacement. Do you know why?*

Lincoln: The City covers ADA ramp corners as part of the project, and the property owner will not be held responsible for payment on repairs. The contractor will add the ADA ramps at no expense to the property owner.

*KWA: I don't have a sidewalk on my side property line. Why won't the City put one in?*

Lincoln: This program is to address sidewalk repair, not gaps. The City does not have a mechanism currently in place that addresses sidewalk repairs, and that is the intent of this pilot.

*KWA: When does the program end?*

Lincoln: September 30, 2016. It's actually going through the budget review process right now, which will determine if it's going to be renewed for fiscal year 2017 [which starts October 1, 2016]. I cannot say now whether it will be renewed next year or not.

KWA Sidewalk Chair Fred Pfiesser stated that the KWA sidewalk grant would cover the neighbor's half of the cost up to \$25 per linear foot, but would not exceed the total amount the neighbor owed to replace the sidewalk. For instance:

Example 1: 987 Alamo Street has a 75 foot sidewalk. The City inspector states it will cost \$42 per linear foot to replace, or \$3,150 (75 x \$42). Half of that is \$1,575, which the property owner owes the City. But wait! The KWA sidewalk grant pays up to \$25 linear foot. So, 75 x \$25 = \$1,875, which exceeds the owner's actual cost. In this case, the KWA sidewalk grant would pay out the \$1,575 to reimburse the property owner for their share of the cost.

Example 2: 654 City Street has a 75 foot sidewalk. The City inspector states it will cost \$65 per linear foot to replace, or \$4,875 (75 x \$65). Half of that is \$2,437. KWA would pay \$1,875 (\$25 x 75) and the property owner would pay a total of \$562 out of pocket (\$2,437 - \$1,875 = \$562).

Estimates are free and there is no obligation to repair your sidewalk, but this is currently a limited time offer! Call 311 today and ask for an inspection to get the actual cost for your sidewalk repair.

- Cherise Bell



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# Out in the Garden

with Alan Cash

It is 105 degrees as I write. Summer is here. HOT, HOT, HOT. This will be an abbreviated article since it is too hot to do much in the garden other than to water to keep things alive.

To save water, this is the time I discard many plants that I have enjoyed since spring but which are now too distressed from the heat to warrant keeping them. These include begonias, impatiens, zinnias and other annuals. You may want to do the same.

As you plan for the next growing season, here is a good website from which to select adaptive plants for low water landscapes: [gardenstylesa@saws.org](mailto:gardenstylesa@saws.org).

Another way to plan for next season is to go around our neighborhood to see what plants are surviving the summer heat. In this regard, I recommend you go by the cottage garden at 337 Wickes St. where there are many plants that are good for San Antonio gardens.

From *Wisdom of Mark Twain: A Book of Quotations*: "It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them."

*Garden Note: Why are mosquitoes so annoying? Because they get under your skin.*



# New Neighborhood Businesses

Located on the western edge of our neighborhood, at the corner of W. Guenther and S. Flores Streets, is **1010 South Flores**, a mixed-used development. A variety of businesses are located on the first floor with apartments occupying the remaining two stories.

The first business to move in was **HerStory: Style Bar & Boutique** in July 2014. Owner and San Antonio native Kenyada Bell knew this was an "up and coming area" when she was scouting for a new location. She describes her clothes as contemporary and trendy.

Two businesses that were already part of the neighborhood relocated to 1010 within the past year. Gloria is the owner of **GloSkin Salon & Spa**. She has over 10 years' experience as a makeup artist and aesthetician. She and her staff can help you with your hair and skin needs.

**Whip Stitch** moved from S. Presa Street. They offer custom cakes, cupcakes, cookies and other confectionary creations baked fresh daily, and iced coffee. Family-owned and operated, they specialize in "custom-designed cakes for individuals or companies looking to set themselves apart from traditional cake orders."

**Southtown Vinyl** ("Your newest obsession in the world of vinyl records in San Antonio") is a first-time business endeavor. General Manager Gabe Garza and his friendly Rottweiler/Shar Pei dog were taking care of things when I visited. A customer said that remakes of old albums are back in demand and vinyl "press plants" factories are reopening to meet that demand. Apparently, LPs and turntables are not extinct after all!

As reported in a previous KWA news article, **Gallery 20/20** is also located here. It features paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography and ceramics by contemporary Texas artists. Stop by and talk with owner Brian St. John or join their Facebook page to be notified of artist receptions.

Open for business, but still settling in, is **South Crown Barber and Beauty Spa**. Derrick Johnson, owner and professionally licensed barber, says, "We are redefining the barber culture in SA." Men and women can be taken care of from "crown to toe." Check out Derrick's 1919 Koken barber chair, which he named "Southcow."

Last of the new businesses, but not least, is the **Kung Fu Kitchen Patio Bar**, scheduled to open in August. Indoor and outdoor seating will liven up this corner selling Chinese cuisine.

All the businesses have different hours and days of operations. Most have a Facebook account so make sure to check if they are open before you visit.

Staying true to Southtown's art scene, a mural by local artist Kelly O'Connor was unveiled last September. Check it out before it is replaced by another in the future, as this wall will host rotating artwork.

With all the storefronts currently occupied with such a fabulous array of diverse businesses, plus an "outdoor gallery," it appears that this corner of our neighborhood is indeed coming of age.

- Cherise Bell

## Board Member Election

Calling all active KWA Members! Please come to the General Membership Meeting on September 7 to vote for the board of directors. The meeting will be held at the KWA office (122 Madison St.) at 7:00 p.m.

### Per the KWA By-laws:

ARTICLE IV Board of Directors Sec. 2 Election of Directors – The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Active Membership at the annual meeting of the Association in September. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be given to the membership not later than the 10th day and not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the meeting.

# City Lights

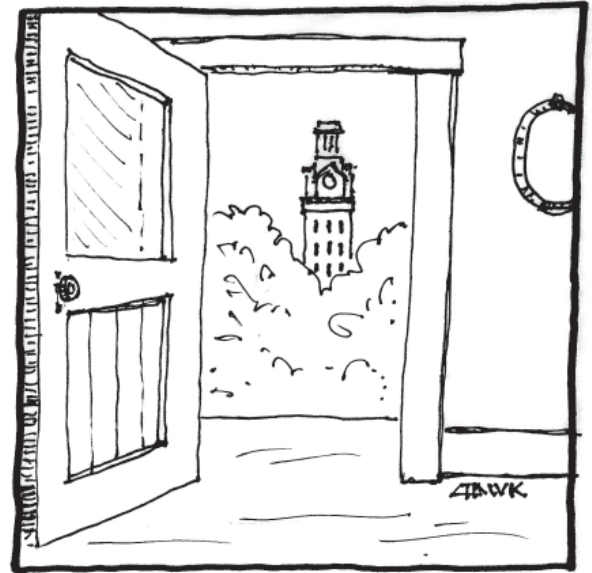
The disappearance of plastic pails and shovels, rubber sandals and sunscreen from store shelves, and their replacement with pencils, notebooks, rulers and calculators signals the end of summer and the return to school for students and their teachers.

This year there may be different kinds of school supplies that have to be purchased elsewhere – ammunition. Around the world it's been an exceptionally violent summer, by any measure. It's becoming harder and harder to distinguish between active war zones and ordinary city streets.

When I meet my new graduate students, I will wonder if any of them will be carrying guns. It is perfectly legal for them to do this, starting with the first day of August. I hope that the people who wrote this legislation were ignorant of the meaning of the date – no one could be that cruel or that insensitive to have picked that day, above all others, for this law to take effect.

On August first of 1966 my mother was editing a book in her elegantly paneled office in Sutton Hall, on the University of Texas Campus in Austin. The building is one of the masterpieces of Cass Gilbert, a nationally famous architect who designed the original main library next door, both buildings being at the heart of the campus along its south mall. The mall is terminated by the main building and its tower, where she had a second office. About noon that day puffs of smoke appeared on the tower's observation deck, just below its four symmetrical clock faces. Those were gunshots. From the rifle of Charles Whitman.

My brother and I were having a latch-key summer, waiting to go back to elementary school. We were only nominally supervised by our father who came home to have lunch with us, and watch the television news at noon. We saw pictures of the puffs of smoke and heard the agitated voice of the local news anchor who could scarcely comprehend what he was seeing. The next



sight we had of our father was him dashing out the door, flooring the gas and taking off for downtown, leaving the front door wide open.

Downtown was all roadblocks by the time he got there – he couldn't get anywhere near the campus. My mother had the radio in her office tuned to the noon news too, not realizing at first that she was part of the story. She tried to throw her car keys to a wounded policeman but was dragged back into Sutton Hall by a professor who had been in the OSS during World War II. He saved her life.

The siege lasted for hours. Dad brought mom home as the sun was setting. We were all very quiet.

Thirty two years later I was teaching at the University myself. On August first I was shown my new office, a beautifully paneled room in Sutton Hall.

- Michael Guarino



A garden party at the Wulff House, hosted by Paulita, c. 1897.

## Wulff House - cont. from page 1

Assisted by a generous \$100,000 grant from The Sheerin Foundation, the San Antonio Conservation Society was able to buy the property from the Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners for \$200,000. Restoration costs amounted to more than \$250,000, eighty percent of which came from a U.S. Economic Development Agency grant and the rest from the Society.

After a year of painstaking restoration under the direction of O'Neil Ford and Associates, the house was ready in the fall of 1975 for the Society to move into its new headquarters.

- Bill Cogburn

Sources: Texas State Historical Assn; *Saving San Antonio* by Lewis Fisher; San Antonio Conservation Society; 2002 interview with Walter Mathis; *The King William Area – A Guide to the Houses* by Mary Burkholder. Photos courtesy of SA Conservation Society.

# Dr. Keith Hill

1951 - 2016

**D**r. Keith V. Hill, DDS, passed away June 17, 2016. He was a true friend to King William, and number one fan of Southtown. He and his wife, Annice, moved to St. Benedict's lofts in the fall of 2009, where I met Keith the weekend they moved in. After a few quick minutes of chatting in the elevator, he asked if I would go upstairs to meet his wife, and that was the beginning of our friendship.

It was Keith who suggested Annice should volunteer for the KW Fair Food Committee, and she agreed - but only if I joined her. And, thus, the Spice Girls (Ginger and Annice) of King William Fair were born.

Keith loved bike riding, swimming, fishing, pottery, teaching, naps, coffee, drinking beer, Scotch (hell...all libations), and great food! He was spoiled rotten by Annice's incredible cooking. Over many dinners at the Hill house I witnessed Keith's eating ritual. He would have placed before him a plate of beautifully prepared food, then gather all the proper condiments and accoutrements to make it his own. He was always the last to sit down at the table but each meal was just the way he wanted it.

Keith loved music, and oh, how he loved First Friday! His bike would gravitate to any music he heard on the street, like a moth to a flame. He never met a stranger, and his friends were a collection of interesting souls. He drew breath from the young students he taught and mentored, and always had students around him on First Friday. He loved them so, and it was abundantly evident at his passing exactly how much they all loved him!

One of my favorite stories from Keith is from many years ago, when he was riding his bike early one Sunday morning near Sheridan and King William streets. He saw a woman running towards him in a bathrobe, chasing what was ultimately discovered to be a ferret! Keith jumped off his bike to help in the chase. (I can't make this stuff up!) We learned later that the neighbor was chasing her daughter's pet ferret that had escaped out the front door when she went out to get the Sunday paper. That's just one of the many stories of Keith's life in Southtown.

Keith taught at the UTHSCSA School of Dentistry. Dentistry was his life. I may be almost 60 years old, but I



*STILL* hate going to the dentist! Just recently I had to go to my dentist of 34 years for a filling. I went armed with my iPhone, Pandora and headphones...ready for the worst! My blood pressure was elevated, and "nervous" would have been an understatement!

I closed my eyes, tried to listen to music, then felt a hand on my hands. I opened my eyes to see before me my friend Keith! He was dressed in his scrubs, dentist scrub cap on, and weird examination apparatus over his glasses. He took off his cap and apparatus to expose his face and I knew instantly it was him. He held my hands, and (being the music lover that he was) told me to turn up the music so he could hear what I was listening to. He said, "We'll get through this together!" It had been 18 days on that day since he passed.

I miss my dear friend. Keith Hill was one of a kind, and will be truly missed by Southtown and all who knew him.

- Ginger Ardid

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## Blue Star Brewing Company Turns 20!

June 26, 2016 marked an important milestone for our friends at Blue Star Brewing Company, who celebrated their 20th Anniversary. The day-long festivities began with a jazz brunch and continued with games, food, live music and, more importantly, 1996 beer prices!



Owned by San Antonio locals Joey and Maggie Villarreal, Blue Star was the first micro-brewery in San Antonio. Joey's love for beer and knowledge of biology got his passion for brewing up and running.

The brewery, along with Joe Blues, the Bike Shop and their newest addition, Provisions market, are now an indispensable part of our neighborhood.

Congratulations to Joey and Maggie on this achievement. Here's to another 20 successful years!

- Josie Botello Garcia

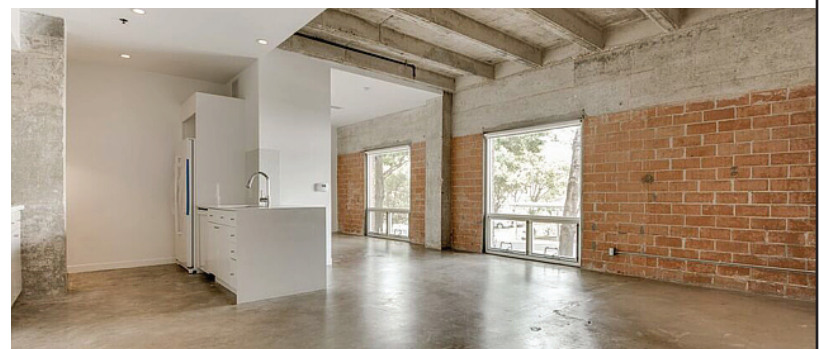


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# Veremos Summer College Tour

A few dedicated volunteers, led by retired Brackenridge High School math teacher, Walter Brown, have embarked on a trip leading 16 Brackenridge High School seniors on a 10-day tour of highly ranked, small liberal arts colleges in the Northeast US. The schools they are visiting have agreed to provide scholarships that meet 100% of financial need for qualified students, and this trip gives these inner-city youth an opportunity to experience the possibility of living and studying there. For many of them, that's the only way they will seriously consider applying to and attending a school 1,500+ miles from home. These tours have been very successful over the years. Since beginning this endeavor ten years ago, Mr. Brown has helped 40 students get into colleges ranked among the top in the nation, among them Yale, Harvard, Wesleyan, Bates, Amherst and Middlebury.

This fall, 10 Brackenridge High School 2016 graduates will go off to some of the colleges they visited last year. And they will be joining 13 returning Brackenridge students from past years. The track record shows a 100% graduation rate from these successful students. Those Brackenridge students entering college this fall as freshmen have already received about \$2.2 million in scholarships. The four years of scholarship grants range from \$220,000 to \$250,000 per student. To find out more, take the time to read the June 11 *Express-News* front page article about Mr. Brown, his years of dedication and the trip.

Because this is a not a school-sponsored trip, it is supported solely by private donations from individuals. The trip is dependent on donors who want to help local students get into these top colleges. With the support of the SAISD Foundation acting as fiscal agent, tax deductible donations can be made. The Foundation has basically loaned the funds to make this dream a reality for the students. These students have spent their personal time this summer planning and executing fundraising proj-

ects on their own, with more fundraising plans for when they return and later in the fall. Now you have an opportunity to help them by making a donation.

To donate, mail or drop off a check to SAISD Foundation, 141 Lavaca, San Antonio, TX 78210 and memo your gift as "College Tour." Or, donate through the Foundation website's via your credit card or your PayPal account at [saisdfoundation.com/donate](http://saisdfoundation.com/donate) then type in "College Tour."

For more information you can visit the tour website at [veremoscollege-tour.org](http://veremoscollege-tour.org) or contact Mr. Brown at [wbrown206@gmail.com](mailto:wbrown206@gmail.com). If you would like to read some of the student essays about their experiences, contact me at [zetbaer@gmail.com](mailto:zetbaer@gmail.com).

Thanks for considering making a donation and a difference in the lives of these young people who go to school right here in our neighborhood.

- Zet Baer

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## Parking / Transportation Committee Report

KWA and LNA created a joint parking/transportation committee in October 2014 to secure a parking needs assessment. Since that time, this volunteer committee has attempted to address a wide variety of transit-related issues. In summary, the committee has:

- Attended over two dozen meetings with city officials and stakeholders.
- Surveyed current transit-related signage.
- Conducted a traffic/parking survey for Lavaca and the same survey for King William.
- Secured a city sponsored online survey regarding narrow streets.
- Acquired two technical memos from the city's consultant regarding current conditions.
- Created "This Could Be A Ticket" push card for parking offenses.
- Authored numerous newsletter articles and board reports.
- Received additional safety striping at the Alamo/Probandt intersection.
- Obtained removal of dangerous striping at the Alamo/Adams intersection.
- Added "No Parking" signs near the Alamo St. crosswalk at the Friendly Spot.

The committee is waiting for a report from the City and its consultant regarding what we hope will be an improved residential parking permit system that will also provide metered parking for area businesses.

- Rose Kanusky  
Committee Chair

# Betty Yndo and King William Realty - Celebrating 30 Years

Betty Yndo is one of the first residents I met in King William back in 1997. She was showing my husband, Richard, and me around, as we thought we might like to live here. We did not buy a house from her, but she certainly sold us on the neighborhood. She pointed out fabulous historic homes and told us about gathering spots such as La Tuna Ice House. While not originally from San Antonio, Betty became an unofficial ambassador for King William, known and beloved by many in our historic section of downtown San Antonio.

Betty Gibson grew up on a farm in Stanton, Texas, where folk were welcomed by “3,000 friendly people and a few old soreheads.” After attending the Baylor School of Nursing, she married Dr. Don Gaddis, and they had two sons, Paul and David, and a daughter, Pam. Don died in 1972.

Betty first worked in real estate while living in Austin, where she loved working out of doors. She and her sons built cedar kit houses, ordered from Seattle, in Alpine and in Austin. Betty went on to convert a warehouse in Alpine into a seven-shop mini mall, taking advantage of a Small Business Administration loan for female entrepreneurs.

Betty moved to San Antonio from Austin in 1983 with her new husband, Michael Yndo. The Yndo family roots go way back here. Michael’s ancestor, Manuel Yndo, who arrived in San Antonio through Mexico, was originally from the Basque region of Spain. He came to teach the Canary Islanders who had settled in this area in the 18th century, and married one of them. When Betty married Michael, she gained more children: Steve, Mike, Elizabeth and Katherine.

Betty and Michael “bounced around the neighborhood,” as Betty described it to me, from a house on King William St., to a house on Adams St. and finally a condo on Crofton. Walking the neighborhood, Betty became familiar with the homes and establishments. In those days, she



photo: Nora Peterson

Steve Yndo and Betty Yndo

said, she would spend a lot of time at Taco Haven, but not buying much. The owner told her that was okay, she could sit in the window and “add class to the place.”

Once they decided that King William was definitely the place for them, Michael encouraged Betty to set up her own real estate business here, which suited her, as Betty was mostly interested in this area. At the time, buyers were mainly interested in homes on King William St. It has taken a while for the neighborhood to catch on with prospective buyers.

Steve Yndo joined forces with Betty and his sister, Elizabeth, and King William Realty opened its doors in February 1985. Elizabeth married Betty’s son, Paul, thereby making this a real family venture. Betty stressed the fact that many sales people, in addition to family members, contributed to the success of the agency.

King William Realty has been an integral part of our neighborhood, helping it to celebrate its historic roots. Its vitality and commitment to preservation has not waned. I remember our First Friday Art Walks back in the day when it was still small and family-friendly. Betty would have original artwork from local artists on display in their offices, then located at 1011 S. Alamo St. Strolling

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## Aurora C. Alonzo

December 10, 1925 ~

June 29, 2016

Long time King William neighbor, Aurora Alonzo died June 29, 2016 at age ninety. She had lived in her Wickes street bungalow since the mid-1950s. “My mother was very active with the Bonham Elementary PTA when I was in school,” said her daughter, Christina. “She was always a stay-at-home mom until the 1960s when she and husband split up, then she began working outside the home to support her seven children.”

For years, Mrs. Alonzo was a waitress at the Little Red Barn on Hackberry, and then during HemisFair '68, she worked at the Lone Star Pavilion. She was also a cashier for the Sommers Drug Store at the intersection of St. Mary’s and S. Alamo then later at their Nogalitos Store.

When she was in her 50s, she became a born-again Christian joining Livingway Christian Church along with her daughter, Christina. Eventually, Aurora found that her calling in life was ministering to the homeless people of San Antonio — keeping them fed and clothed. Her gentle spirit will be missed by her neighbors on Wickes Street.

- Bill Cogburn

Photo courtesy Christina Rodriquez



# Garden St. School News

The final stages of our campus construction have been completed! The playgrounds are ready for business.

Bonham Academy Band will hold the first summer Band Camp from August 3-7 to prepare our students for the school year by getting them familiar with their instruments again. Students worked on Spanish fluency this summer with a short refresher session in July sponsored by the Friends of Bonham. The overhaul of the HVAC system in the gym and original buildings will keep our students cool as the summer heat begins



to wind down. How did we hold school in Texas before air conditioning?

Back to school signs have sprung up around the city. The first day of the 2016-2017 school year is August 22. School begins at 7:55 a.m., dismissal is at 3:20 p.m. Excited students and sharp pencils will be ready to take on the challenges of this new school year.

We will continue and expand morning drop-off and afternoon pickup on Cedar Street this year. Students may enter campus from the Cedar Street gate and proceed to the cafeteria in the mornings. When parents notify their child's teacher that they will be a car rider, the children will wait on campus for their name to be called on the radio and then walk to the Cedar Street loading area. This should ease traffic on S. St. Mary's Street at dismissal time.

Every year, Bonham Academy students receive support from our local Kiwanis chapter, in the form of school supplies. The Kiwanians provide filled backpacks and other supplies for students who need a little assistance getting ready for back to school. In addition, throughout the school year, our Kiwanians act as reading mentors to our first graders.

Once each week, the members of the Kiwanis club come to Bonham to read to and with students in the first grade. At the end of the school year, they celebrate the success of the children in developing and honing their reading skills. This is but one more example of the importance of our community to Bonham Academy.

At Bonham, education is a community affair. From the opening of the Garden Street School over 125 years ago, which would become Bonham Elementary, this school at 925 S. St. Mary's has been an integral part of the King William community. Thanks to all of you for supporting our school and our children.

Here's to a great school year filled with learning and adventure!

- Principal William Webber

# Roofless Solar Now Available

Roofless Solar has come to San Antonio and is now available to every CPS Energy customer in the area. CPS Energy, the nation's largest municipally owned utility, in partnership with Clean Energy Collective, is providing a greener way to buy power. Community solar is ideal for all CPS customers, including renters, those with rooftops not suitable for rooftop solar and anyone who wants to harness the sun's energy but doesn't want to spend tens of thousands of dollars for an on-site system.

With this "roofless" solar model, a centrally-located facility is built within the community it serves, allowing multiple residents and business owners to buy panels in the same array. The solar power produced is fed back to CPS Energy's grid, and the utility applies credits on customers' electric bills for their renewable generation.

The 1.2 megawatt array is available to all customers with a CPS electric bill. It was interconnected in July, which means that it is generating power and ready for CPS Energy customers to harness that power and start saving money.

The state-of-the-art system features 11,280 solar electric or photovoltaic (PV) panels on a 10-acre site in Adkins. Using a single-axis tracker, the panels are able to follow the sun's movement throughout the day, increasing production by about 15 to 20 percent over a fixed-tilt system. This roofless solar array is currently under construction and is expected to be completed this summer.

Residential customers can buy into the CPS Energy Roofless Solar Array for \$1.09 per watt, which equals \$202 per panel or \$1,883 per kilowatt (kW). Customers can purchase a single 108-watt PV panel, or enough solar capacity to offset up to 120 percent of their electric usage. For every kilowatt purchased, customers will save about \$5,000 over 25 years.

To learn more about the CPS Roofless Solar Array, visit [cpsenergyrooflessolar.com](http://cpsenergyrooflessolar.com) or call (210) 853-2276.

- Crystal Morgan, Clean Energy Collective

From their website ([easycleanenergy.com](http://easycleanenergy.com)): "Clean Energy Co. is a new idea in power generation that is building, operating and maintaining community-shared clean energy facilities. CEC is pioneering the model of delivering clean power-generation through medium-scale facilities that are collectively owned by participating utility customers. CEC's proprietary software automatically calculates monthly credits for members and integrates with the utilities' existing billing system."

# KW Yacht Club: In a Regatta de Vida, Baby

We had another great July 4th Regatta in King William. Started in 1983, the Regatta is organized by the near-mythical King William Yacht Club for the happy purpose of enjoying our neighbors and our neighborhood by cruising our portion of the San Antonio River. A great crowd showed up this year, some to power-paddle in the canoe and kayak races, others to show off their stars-and-stripes style in our leisure class, and the rest of us for the thrill of spectating.

This year's Regatta participants included four paddlers who have grown up in the neighborhood. Jared Duarte starred as our youngest homegrown paddler in a canoe with his mother, Patricia Garcia Duarte. Madison Nye joined Bryce Milligan in the speedy canoe that won the canoe race. Luke Laborde joined his dad Ralph Laborde in another fast canoe that just missed the trophy. Also, neighborhood kid Alec Toland looked like a pro in his own kayak, narrowly missing the kayak race trophy that once again went to David Murphy.



photo: Laura Powell

A veritable fleet of canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and a paddle boat or two participated in this year's King William Yacht Club Regatta.



photo: Susan Athené

Jim Campbell took the Style Trophy, crediting his wife Shawn for the winning decorations.

We had a high bar for the "Style" award this year. Our own Uncle Sam proved to be a capable canoer. Shimi and Oscar Alvarado bedazzled with patriotic glamor in a glitzy kayak. In the end, neighbor Jim Campbell edged out the competition on a red, white and blue pin-wheeled paddleboard. The Commodore's fancy tricornered

Napoleon hat received lots of compliments as a new element of the Regatta tradition. Mike Casey should have received – but didn't until now – special mention as the only original KWYC member who participated in this year's paddling.

The KWA Social following the Regatta was also a big success. Thanks to Ethel Pedraza, Josephine Garcia, Nelda Burch and their commit-

tee for the hard work of planning and staging the event in the shade of Upper Mill Park. Fried chicken, barbeque and frozen margaritas, plus potluck offerings from all of the neighbors who joined in, gave everyone something to celebrate. Rudi Harst and his group captured the spirit of the event with their charming music and commentary. Finally, the children's games were a hit with the youngsters and their families. (Who doesn't love a sack race?) Thanks to Laura Powell for planning and providing the children's activities.

All in all, it was a fabulous 4th of July in King William with lots of paddling, fun, food, music and games. Thanks to all for making it happen! We'll do it again next year. Contact the Commodore if you want to get on the notice list for next year's Regatta.

- Marita Emmett

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around local establishments was a great way to meet neighbors.

The business has weathered the slumps and peaks of real estate over 30 years. Steve opened Yndo Commercial Real Estate in 2002, and his ventures, often in collaboration with others, have made a big impact on King William. These include the King William Lofts and St. Benedict's mixed-use development.

Betty's energy and spirit are an inspiration. She now splits her time between Alpine and her apartment at the Village at Incarnate Word in San Antonio. We are happy that Betty continues to attend neighborhood events and visit her old haunts.

- Nora Peterson



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

September 2016 – August 2017

Application available online at [ourkwa.org](http://ourkwa.org).

The King William Association invites you to join/renew your membership today! Your membership supports local art, education and community programs, as well as our mission to preserve and maintain our historic and diverse neighborhood. Membership includes two wristbands to the King William Fair, a \$20 value.

Annual dues for the 2016-2017 membership year must be paid ***before September 1 to vote at the Annual Meeting for the Board of Directors*** and by October 1 in order to be listed in the annual KWA Directory. Contact the office at (210) 227-8786 or [info@ourkwa.org](mailto:info@ourkwa.org) if you have questions about membership.

A business or organization that is eligible for “active membership” (owns property within the KW Historic District) must inform the Secretary of the KWA in writing of the name and address of its representative who shall be entitled to cast its one vote at general membership meetings.

**New Membership**

**Renewal Membership**

***/We would like to activate/renew King William Association membership at the level indicated below:***

- Individual (\$20)   
 Associate – *not a KW resident or property owner* (\$25)   
 Family (\$25)   
 Friend (\$40)  
 Patron (\$50)   
 Benefactor (\$100)   
 Sustaining (\$250)   
 Business–*ALL CAPS directory listing* (\$50)

***/We would like to be listed in the KWA Membership Directory as:***

Business Name (for Business level): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children’s Directory (under 18, list name): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***Additional information for KWA database, KWA E-blast, and/or Business listings only:***

Additional Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Website (for Business level): \_\_\_\_\_

***KWA depends on an active membership! Please let us know if you’re interested in these volunteer and committee opportunities:***

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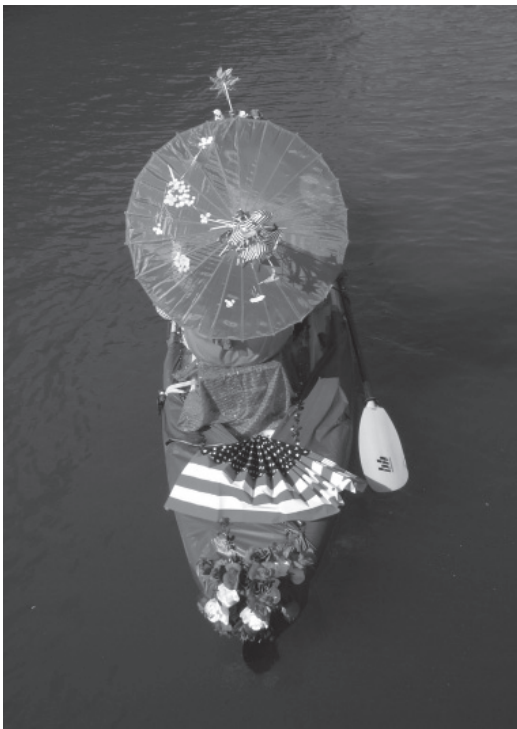
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## August Calendar

- 3 General Membership Meeting - KWA Office - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Deadline for September newsletter
- 17 KWA Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 22 First Day of School! *Go Bobcats and Eagles!*
- 31 Deadline for 2016-17 KWA membership