

# The Newsletter

OF THE KING WILLIAM ASSOCIATION

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## 2008-09 Board of Directors Candidates

*KWA members will vote for the 2008-09 Board of Directors at this month's general membership meeting on Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Blue Star Brewing Co.*

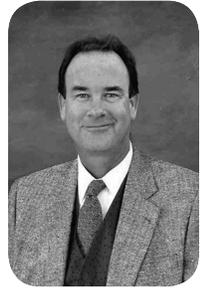


### President

**Brad Shaw** (4th year) grew up in a military family, mainly in San Antonio. He has an electrical engineering degree from UT Austin and works as an engineer for the Air Force. He has lived in King William, one of the best neighborhoods in San Antonio, for fourteen years with his partner, Jim Nelson. This will be Brad's second year as President.

### Past President (remains a member of the Board until a new Past President is qualified)

**J. Kit Walker** (6th year) and his wife, Deb Field, have lived and operated a Bed & Breakfast at 229 Madison for twelve years. Kit is a realtor with the Phyllis Browning Company. He was trained as an accountant and developed various real estate projects in his hometown of Albuquerque. Kit has served as President in 2005-07, as Treasurer, and as a Fair Co-Chair for Environmental, Finance, Cash House, Food & Beverages, and Arts & Crafts.



### Board of Directors

**Roselyn Cogburn** (3rd year) and her husband, Bill, moved to King William from Houston eighteen years ago and has worked in every Fair and Home Tour since. She chaired the Home Tour in 1998 and their house was on the Home Tour in 1999. Roselyn has served as Secretary in 2007-08, and is now in the third year of her second go-around on the Board. Her previous three-year term was in the mid-1990s when commercial and institutional encroachment on the residential neighborhood was a major concern. She has chaired the Tourism Management Committee since 1996. When visitors ask what it is like to live in King William, Roselyn tells them it is not just the houses that make King William special. It is the people who live in the houses; people who know and care about their neighbors; people willing to commit time and energy to make King William a good place to live and bring up children. "The KWA Board is here to serve the neighborhood. Call any one of us when you have a neighborhood concern. We want to hear from you – especially if you have suggestions for solving the problem."



**Janis De Lara** (2nd year) has lived in King William with her husband, Jose, since 1978. They have one daughter and one granddaughter. They first lived on Beauregard during the two years spent restoring the historic cottage (1890) on Wickes Street, and Janis commuted for doctoral studies in music at UT Austin. Janis holds a Bachelor of Music from UT Austin and a Master of Music degree from the University of Memphis. She is an accomplished singer who has performed leading operatic roles and toured in Europe,



HEMISFAIR PARK

## Remembering HemisFair '68

*by Debbie Ray and Jerry Williamson as told to Bill Cogburn*

"I was only eight years old when HemisFair opened in April 1968," said Debbie Ray," but I still remember the excitement. The crowds, the music, balloons, popcorn, snow cones, candy apples...it was noisy and colorful. My family attended the fair several times that summer. I still remember the straw hat my mother insisted that I wear because it was so terribly hot. That is literally burned into my memory!"



"The mini-monorail was a big feature of the fair. It was a high-tech contraption that soared high above all the activity below. It was tested over and over again and on opening day, everything went off pretty well except for a couple of minor glitches." However, a few months into the fair they had a problem. "A rear-end collision due to brake failure brought everything to a halt," said Jerry Williamson. "Luckily,

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## FAIR\*VIEW: Budget Overview

The Fair is the primary fundraiser for the various non-profit activities of the King William Association. The following chart represents a simplified overview of where the Fair earned its funds in 2008 and where it spent them.

### Income

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Sponsorships      | \$ 23,000 |
| Admissions        | \$163,000 |
| Beverage sales    | \$125,000 |
| Merchandise sales | \$ 8,000  |
| Vendors           | \$150,000 |
| Total             | \$469,000 |

### Expenses

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Infrastructure   | \$ 82,000 |
| Entertainment    | \$ 17,000 |
| Security         | \$ 37,000 |
| Cash Handling    | \$ 50,000 |
| Cleanup          | \$ 29,000 |
| Staff & Overhead | \$ 30,000 |
| Total            | \$245,000 |

Net income from the Fair was approximately \$224,000. For more information about what happens to Fair proceeds, please see last month's Fair View column for a general discussion about KWA's allocation process. We anticipate that the Board's decisions about the 2008 proceeds will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.

*Rose Kanusky, Fair Chair*

### *In Memoriam*

Carolina Villaseñor  
Beloved mother of  
Noemi Cue

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Mexico, and Puerto Rico. She has served on several San Antonio Boards, including Cactus Pear Music Festival, and the San Antonio Opera. In the King William neighborhood she has coordinated concerts in King William Park, worked on Home Tours, and the King William Fair Parade. Her goals for the neighborhood are to continue the King William Park Concert Series, facilitate amenities at the Constance-Crofton ("Palm") Park, and ensure the preservation of historic homes and long-time traditions.

**Nancy Diehl** (3rd year) and her husband, Andy, have lived in King William for five years, after immigrating from the north: Terrell Hills. This will be her third term on the Board. She has volunteered for the newsletter, Home Tour, and Fair, and also has interests in animal issues, in maintaining the historic character of the neighborhood, and in ACCD scholarships for Brackenridge students. Nancy is a freelance writer and editor; her hobbies are reading, yoga, and dog-walking.



**Hope Garza-Cortés** (2nd year) was born in San Antonio, grew up in the neighborhood, and has called King William home with her husband, Carlos, and their three children for almost twenty-one years. Carlos' faux bois sculpture studio has been on S. St. Mary's since 1995. Hope previously served on the KWA Board in the late 1990s, organized an Annual Easter Egg Hunt for several years in the King William Park, and volunteered as a docent for many Home Tours. She is currently the Socials Chair and the Welcome Wagon Chair. She looks forward to continuing to serve the KWA and the neighborhood. Hope will be returning to



school full-time this fall to study Interior Design at UTSA. She and Carlos have lovingly restored and rehabilitated a couple of rental properties in the neighborhood, doing much of the work herself or serving as the general contractor. "It gives me great joy and pleasure to see these great homes come to life again. I am currently working on restoring our home, a big task since it has not been lived in for 15 years."

**Michael Shearin Guarino** (new) has lived in King William for fourteen months, after nine months of interior restoration on his Adams Street house. He is a Senior Associate for Design at Ford Powell & Carson Architects. He holds a Masters in Architectural Design and a BA in American Studies from UT Austin. Michael's postgraduate studies were conducted at The Rhode Island School of Design and the University of Siena. He also holds a Certificate from the International Center for Conservation, Rome. Michael has been very involved in the KWA since he moved here. He is a member of the Utility Conversion Committee, a Home Tour and King William Fair volunteer, as well as the host of last year's Fall Social. "I love my neighbors, my house, and being close to the office! I thought the ongoing restoration of my house would make a nice hobby; I didn't think it would be a career."



**Ed Haverlah** (2nd year, appointed to fill a vacant position in December 2007) moved to King William approximately five years ago with his wife, Dana. Since arriving on the scene, they've remodeled their home at 516 King William and built an art studio where Dana practices her artful endeavors. Ed has served on other KWA committees including the Util-



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ity Conversion Committee and the Home Tour. Ed and Dana hosted our Fall Social in 2006 and plan to do so again this fall. Ed is an Attorney in Pleasanton, where he has practiced for the past thirty-five years (that's too long!). He travels every work-day to Pleasanton and is happy to arrive back to the King William neighborhood at the end of the day. Both he and Dana love the neighborhood and all of the activities that come with living with and among such interesting and lively friends.

**Sherry Hess** (new) was born in Houston, Texas, and has called King William home for the last four years with her husband, Mark. They have two grown daughters, Elaine and Lauren. Sherry has been a psychologist at BAMC, specializing in cardiac psychology, for the last eight years. This year marks her thirtieth year as a mental health professional. She got her masters in counseling from UTSA many moons ago and did agency work until she opened her private practice. She left that in 1994 to go back to school. Sherry completed her doctorate in psychology from UT Austin in 2000, specializing in health psychology.



Sherry helped King William West organize a successful National Night Out (NNO) party last year, and is organizing another King William West NNO party this October. "This neighborhood has been precious to my family since we began coming to First Friday when it started years ago. We weren't sure what living so close to downtown would be like, but it has been wonderful. The proximity of galleries, museums, music and restaurants has been just great. My husband can bike to his gig at the Landing downtown. I'm happy to serve on this Board and give a little back to the community."

**Curtis Johnson** (new) has lived on Madison Street with his partner, Leland, for two years. Curtis grew up in Hous-



ton, Texas, near Rice University, and still commutes there routinely to see his family. He and Leland enjoy traveling, and recently took a trip to Italy and Switzerland to celebrate his fortieth birthday with a group of old college friends. Curtis owns and operates the CD Exchange stores in San Antonio. He received a degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance and Management, from UT Austin. Curtis currently heads the committee to renovate King William Park, and is working with Rialto Studio on plans and cost estimates for the project. "As a child, I remember frequent trips to San Antonio to visit my Grandparents, Russell and Irma Oppenheim, who lived in Terrell Hills. My Grandmother was born in King William, in a home next door to the Conservation Society's current office. She would drive me through King William when I was young and share fond memories of growing up here, pointing out her favorite homes, and explaining specifically "who" lived "where" back then. I regret that she passed away, at age 94, just before I relocated to King William from Monte Vista – she would have been so pleased."

**Jim Johnson** (2nd year, appointed to fill a vacant position in December 2007) served as KWA President in 1998-99 and has served on various KWA committees since moving to the neighborhood in 1991. He was born in Ft. Brown, Cameron County, Texas (Ft. Brown is what Brownsville grew up around after General Taylor left to invade our neighbor to the south).



Jim has three grown children: Jim, Robin, and Paige. He is a retired member of the

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## August General Meeting Thanks

### Thanks from the King William Association

Many thanks to the following people for making our special Dinner Meeting such a success: Jon Hinojosa and SAY Si for hosting the event; Socials Chairperson Hope Garza-Cortés for organizing the event; the hardworking volunteers who helped with set-up, serving beverages, and clean-up; the Nominating Committee for presenting a slate of wonderful candidates for the 2008-09 Board of Directors; and all of the neighbors and visitors who showed up to honor Michael and Betty Yndo.



Betty & Michael Yndo. Photo by Beverly Schwartzman

### Thanks from Michael and Betty Yndo

A truly heartfelt thanks to all our neighborhood friends who put together and came to the "farewell gala" - it was great. We are only going to be up the road a bit. We moved on August 14 to The Village at Incarnate Word. Our new address is: 4707 Broadway Box 15, San Antonio, TX 78209. Our phone number is the same: (210) 225-6407.

### A New KWA Membership Year Begins

Thank you to everyone who has returned their membership renewal or new member application form for the 2008-09 membership year! The new membership year begins on September 1, 2008, but there is still time to renew or join for 2008-09. Please note that your membership must be current for 2008-09 to be eligible to vote for the Board of Directors at this month's meeting and to be listed in the next Membership Directory.

We thank all of our current members for their continued support and look forward to welcoming new members to the KWA. For more information about KWA membership, please contact us at [king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net) or 227-8786.



**HemisFair Film Series Starts September 4th**

Slab Cinema is teaming up with the City of San Antonio Downtown Operations Department to present "Movies by Moonlight" in HemisFair Park, starting September 4th.

- September 4th**- Grease
- September 11th** - Titanic
- September 18th** - 16 Candles
- September 25th** - Casablanca

This family friendly event is FREE to the public; concessions available; bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

Pre-show starts at 7:30, feature film at 8:10.

Films will screen in the field between the arch and the Magik theater building, at S. Alamo and Nueva (across from La Villita).

More info at slabcinema.com, 212-9373.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear KWA Newsletter,

We were surprised to learn that some are objecting to train sounds in the night near our neighborhood – we consider them our sweetest lullabies. Then again, we don't live as near to them as some do. But it seems our downtown would lose yet another treasure, if the bells and whistles are muffled. Please! Just wear ear plugs if they bother you.

*Naomi & Michael Nye*

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United States Infantry. "I love King William and am well aware of the challenges and also the opportunities and amenities presented to those of us who live next door to downtown."

**Jack Kent Jr.** (new) grew up on the San Antonio River back when it was nearly wild... and lived through the channelization work of the 1960s and 1970s. His family has been in King William since the 1940s, when his grandmother managed the Maurer Apartments on Beau-regard. After working in Houston and the Hill



Country, he returned to King William in 2003 and married "Baja" resident Susan Athené, who has lived here since 1992. His stepson, Ray Bohuslave, was one of the first dual-language students at Bonham and graduated from Brackenridge this spring. Ray will study journalism and theatre at Texas State this fall. Jack is a Registered Architect, and was employed as such until 1992. The recession of the late 1980s encouraged him to explore other options: he received his PhD in biology from UT Austin, 1999, and taught there until 2003. He is now at the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research with special interests in the genetics of aging and diabetes. "I've always loved King William for its mix of cultures and lifestyles, old and new, city and nature. Many good neighbors fought to maintain that diversity back when we were a target for 'urban renewal,' and I trust we can maintain it now that everybody seems to want to move here! I have particular interest in the opportunities of the River improvements and in developing our connections to adjacent neighborhoods like Lavaca and SoFlo. Keep King William funky!"

**Nancy Nobles Price** (new) and her husband, Chris K. Price, have lived in King William for five years with their children, Emma and Liam. Nancy is currently the president of Global Fuzion Strategies, an International Marketing Consulting firm.

As an experienced international executive, she is also in the process of founding an export management company to assist small-to-medium companies in expanding their international sales. As a graduate of University of Colorado at Boulder (International Affairs, 1987), and Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management (Masters of Business Administration, 1994), she has extensive training and experience in international trade and international marketing. Growing up in El Paso (the convergence of Texas, Mexico and New Mexico borders), Nancy is adept at negotiating in multi-cultural environments. She speaks both Spanish and French and has studied both the French- and Spanish-speaking cultures extensively. Pursuing a strong belief in community leadership and development, she has consistently volunteered in the San Antonio community. Nancy and her family have been long-time members of the San Antonio Conservation Society and have managed the "Add-Up Dart Booth" in NIOSA's Clown Alley for over 35 years! Currently, Nancy is an active member of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the Free Trade Alliance, and the San Antonio Manufacturers Association. Most recently, she was selected for the 2008 City of San Antonio Export Leaders Program and has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association (HBA) as the Director-At-Large of PR/Communications. Nancy served as liaison between KWA and Bonham Elementary in 2007 when Bonham was threatened with closure.



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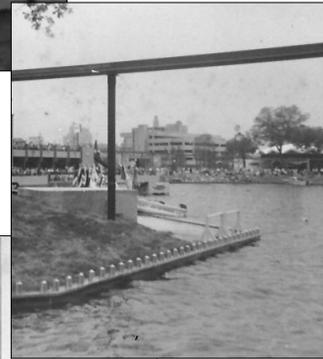
no one was seriously injured but a lady was thrown to the ground and pinned under part of the wreckage. As they were trying to get to her, she said, "No, I'm not hurt, check on the others first."

Jerry remembers that his family's home was one of about 200 or so that were demolished under the Urban Renewal program to make way for HemisFair. "We lived at 101 Labor Street -- the first house on the north end of the street," he said. "That location eventually became a parking lot for what is now the Federal Building. My family didn't want to leave but we had no choice. When we got the notice to sell, my mother wanted to hold out for more money but my father, being a modest country guy, talked her into accepting their offer. 'It's more than we paid for it,' he said. He wasn't thinking about all the improvements my mother had made. When we were forced to move, our family built a new house on a vacant lot in the 900 block of Steves Avenue. Back then, it was called Hicks Street."

Just around the corner from Jerry's childhood home on Goliad Street (now the pedestrian walkway beginning at the arch on S. Alamo and extending along the southern boundary of the park in front of the Schultze house and gardens) were more casualties of Eminent Domain -- Waitz Model Market and also Hines Drug Store. "That drug store is where Ernest Tubb, 'The Texas Troubadour,' worked as a soda jerk and delivery boy back in the 1930's when he was about nineteen years old," said Jerry.

Ernest Tubb's bio sketch mentions that

he also worked with the Works Progress Administration while in San Antonio in the late 1930's. That's when the WPA was building our Riverwalk. Wouldn't it be interesting to



know if he worked on that project?

Jerry attended school at St. Michael's. The church had its beginning in 1866 in a stone building that had once been a bakery at the corner of Matagorda and Goliad Streets. It was to

become the third Polish Catholic Church in Texas and also the U. S. (after Panna Maria and St. Hedwig).

They soon outgrew their make-shift chapel and in 1867 bought four lots at the corner of South Street and Indianola and construction soon began. Each church family was assessed \$100 and if they couldn't pledge money, they gave time and labor. In less than a year, they were able to move into their new combined church, school and rectory built of stone at a cost of \$5,125. In 1965, the church and property were sold to the San Antonio Renewal Project for \$370,000 to make way for

the construction of HemisFair '68.

"I have many happy childhood memories," said Debbie. "Remember Playland Park? You could ride

all day for fifty-cents. Our father would take us to The Trail Drive-In Theatre on SW Military at Roosevelt where the abandoned Wal-Mart is now. The Trail showed only Westerns. One of the most memorable things about it was that huge neon sign depicting a cowboy riding a bucking bronco. He would wave his blue hat in the air as he rocked back and forth on that horse."

"The Tower of the Americas at HemisFair was an engineering marvel," says Debbie. "They spent weeks slowly and painstakingly raising the observation deck and rotating restaurant to the top."

Debbie's family lived in Highland Hills back in '68, and then moved around to other places in San Antonio.

It's interesting and also fitting that she has ended up living practically in the shadow of the tower. She has a nice view of it from her balcony in Victoria Plaza.

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**Neil Leatherbury** (2nd year) was born in Utah and has lived in King William for four years. He is a Biomedical Engineer, working mostly in the field of Orthopedics and most recently for a startup drug delivery company. Neil has worked on the King William Fair and on neighborhood graffiti cleanup. "I am excited at the opportunity to continue my involvement in the King William community. I am a native San Antonian (well, I claim it as "home," at least), and have fallen in love with the area and the people of the neighborhood. I look forward to continuing to serve the KWA Board and the neighborhood in any capacity I can."

**Molly Shafer** (new) and her husband, Harry (2005-08 KWA Board member), have been very active members of the KWA since moving into the neighborhood six years ago. They have three grown children. Molly is a retired licensed psychologist and a school and college administrator. She has a Bachelor's from University of Texas and a Master's and Doctorate from Baylor University. Molly's leadership skills have been recognized by a State Representative who nominated her for White House Fellowship based on leadership in community, and she was selected as participant in University of Texas' Women in Higher Education Leadership Institute. Molly's leadership experience has been put to excellent use in King William as well. She is a member of the Graffiti Committee, the King William Mural Committee, the Architectural Advisory Committee, and the Parking Committee. She is also the Permit Parking Committee Chair, a volunteer for the King William Fair, a member of Bonham Academy's Campus Leadership Team, the King William representative to



the Board of Cellular on Patrol, and is on the City's Selection Committee for the new Historic Preservation Officer. "All during my adult life I have been involved in community activities wherever I have lived, particularly with historic issues/community planning in New Orleans and New Jersey. King William is a wonderful historic neighborhood to live in, and as a member of the Board I will do my best to further appropriate historic development; to help guide progress in this growing area; and to further good communication between King William and the City."

**Olin Strauss** (3rd year) and his wife, Erin, have lived in King William for almost five years. They have five children and sixteen grandchildren. Olin is a Senior District Judge hearing cases by assignment; eighteen years as District Judge, 81st District Court; former Presiding Judge of the Fourth Administrative Judicial region of Texas; former member of the Texas Judicial Council and the Judicial Districts Board. He has a BA, LLB, and Masters from St. Mary's University. Olin has been a Home Tour docent and King William Fair volunteer. "The King William Historical District is truly one of the treasures of San Antonio. Erin and I consider ourselves very fortunate to live in this beautiful and vibrant urban village. We look forward to working with our neighbors to preserve and enhance this unique neighborhood."



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NNO is a nation-wide effort promoted by local police departments to: 1) heighten crime- and drug-prevention awareness; 2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4) send a message to criminals letting them know our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Want to host a King William NNO party? The KWA will contribute money for the purchase of refreshments for any registered block party in the KW area. If you would like to register a block party or help organize a neighborhood-wide party, please contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or [king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, September 12.

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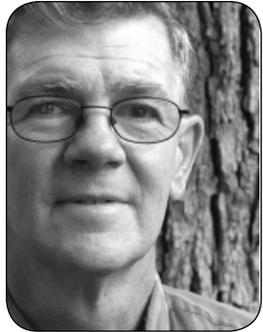


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# Out in the Garden with Alan Cash

This has been an unusual year for gardening. Probably due to the dry conditions, many plants have not been as vibrant as expected. We had almost no rain until the July 4 holiday period when we had over 4 1/2 inches. Then on August 12 we had just over 1/2 inch. The rain helped crepe myrtles to bloom longer and caused roses to start budding. Normally I would suggest cutting back roses as fall approaches, but many repeat roses are still in bloom. But if you have roses which are finished blooming cut them back by one-third for fuller bushes and more blooms in late fall.



This is also a good time to trim evergreen shrubs that may have gotten overgrown. Pittosporum and boxwood fall into this category. New growth will emerge and harden off well before the usual first freeze.

The summer heat has really made drought tolerant plants spectacular. Three such perennial plants that are ideal for sunny locations are pride of Barbados, fire bush, and esperanza. Good examples of all three can be seen at each side of the church entry on Sadie St. at the corner of S. Presa in the Lavaca neighborhood. Pride of Barbados has bright yellow/red blooms, fire bush has long narrow orange flowers, and those of esperanza are yellow bell shaped. Each plant attracts butterflies and hummingbirds and bloom summer into the fall. They are frost tender and are best cut back in winter to about a foot tall, even if they don't freeze. They will resprout in spring. Although the esperanzas mentioned above are yellow, there is also an orange variety. You don't see the orange ones as much but they are worth calling around to see which nurseries have them. Thanks to the generosity of a good neighbor I have one which can be seen at the front curb at 619 Mission St.

Webworms in pecan trees have been hit and miss this year. Only mild infestations have been seen. The pests may still make an early fall appearance. If they do, here is a tip to help control them given to me by a neighbor, based on his experience. The webs closer to the ground can be controlled using a long cane pole. Put the end of the pole into the web and twist it around. It seems the new webs are sticky and will wrap around the end of the pole and can be pulled down. But, hopefully, we will not have to worry about the worms until next year.

Just another reminder to observe the City's year-round water restrictions which prohibit the use of any type of sprinkler system between 10 AM and 8 PM. A little extra care now while the aquifer is at a higher level can postpone stronger restrictions. Now that we are near the end of the "long hot dry summer," it is a good time to take note of those plants that survived and even look good in spite of the weather. Make a list and keep it handy to make selections for planting later in the season.

*Garden Note: Vincent Van Gogh said, "If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere."*

## St. Joseph's RCBA Annual BBQ Fundraiser Sunday, September 28, 12 noon 420 E. Durango

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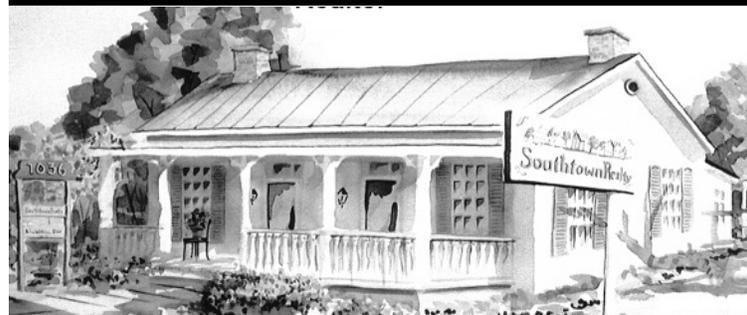
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## Volunteers Needed for King William Holiday Home Tour 2008

Anne Alexander, our Home Tour Chair for the second year in a row, has been working hard to organize this year's Holiday Home Tour, which will showcase an amazing variety of homes, from the Madison Lofts to a newly renovated 1866 historic home. You won't want to miss this year's tour, and the best way to enjoy the tour is by being a part of it and receiving FREE admission for as little as two hours of your time!

Some of the volunteer opportunities available are:

- House Chair (coordinate volunteers and information for one of the six homes on the tour)
- Docents (welcome and guide visitors through one of the homes for a two-hour shift)
- Ticket Sales (sell tickets on the day of the tour)
- Public Relations (handle advertising and press)
- Cookie Donations (provide cookies and beverages for the refreshment table)

Please contact Anne Alexander at 277-2775 or [annealexander@satx.rr.com](mailto:annealexander@satx.rr.com) today to let her know that we can count on your help.

## Stories Galore: Elizabeth Ellis Featured in September

Stories Galore, a free story-swap hosted by Elder Stone for experienced and beginning storytellers and listeners, continues on Sunday, **September 21, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.** at the Commander's House, 645 S. Main. Stories must be suitable for families with children and must not be derogatory to any race or belief.

This month's "Stellar Teller," a person of some renown as a talespinner, is Elizabeth Ellis. Elizabeth doesn't mince words. Filled with hilarious and poignant honesty, her personal stories deliver down-home wisdom, southern style. It is a voice which finds the heart and the funny bone, riveting audiences wherever she goes. Elizabeth is a person to be seen and heard to make your life better.

For more information, call Elder Stone at 673-4468.

## Dear King William Neighbors . . .

We're relocating to Los Angeles, CA, after having lived in the King William Historic District for the past 12½ years.

Upon our arrival on July 5, 1996, Marty Knight, a neighbor, hosted a grand reception where at least sixty neighbors and members were to welcome us.

Since then, we have sincerely enjoyed the kind friendship of many. I was fortunate to have served on the Board. My wife, Elisa, and I have volunteered many times.

The most memorable function was being a docent for the heritage program sponsored by the San Antonio Conservation Society for the 4th graders.

The KWA has been innovative in serving the community – providing funds to repair sidewalks, for tree plantings, scholarships, SAY Sí, and several libraries. It has been a great period of our lives to have enjoyed our community.

We leave with a heavy heart and sadness. We'll always cherish having lived in King William. Thanks – Gracias!

Sincerely,  
Leno and Eliza Diaz

Our new address after September 2nd:  
St. John of God  
2465 South St. Andrew's Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90018

## COP Class Coming Up

**Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Save the date – Saturday, October 25 – for a combined King William and Lavaca Citizens On Patrol class conducted by SAPD Officer Felipe Santos, Jr. and COP Board President, Mina Lopez.

King William and Lavaca are comparatively safe neighborhoods but COP can help us cut back on burglary, graffiti and other vandalism, car break-ins and code compliance issues.

The four-hour class will be taught 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 25, at the KWA office. Breakfast will be served. An optional "Ride-Along" can be scheduled for another time. (Ask Harry and Molly Shafer for their recommendation on doing the Ride-Along. They found it very interesting.)

Neighbors who regularly walk or bicycle for exercise and/or to exercise their dogs are already doing the leg work. COP training will help us put our eyes and brains to work while we walk.

Contact the KWA office at 227-8786 or [king.william@sbeglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbeglobal.net) to sign up for the COP Class of '08.

Roselyn Cogburn



## King William Park Concert Series: Monte Vista String Quartet Sunday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, concertmaster of the San Antonio Symphony for many years, said it best: "...exciting...talented... their performances are not to be missed!"

The Monte Vista String Quartet, directed by SA Symphony violinist, Andrew Small, is made up of string players trained at the Juilliard School, the Cincinnati Conservatory, and the Eastman School of Music. The result is excellence and a resonant sound that you can actually feel.

The exciting aspect of MVS is the scope of repertoire selected from classical, jazz, Latin, popular, and show tunes. You might hear Borodin or Bach or the Beatles! Whatever the tunes, they are beautifully played.

Friends, neighbors, and music lovers, get your picnics and chairs ready for this great addition to the FREE concert series in King William Park on Sunday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. Y Por Favor, help "get the info out."

*Special note: Rain venue, bar, restaurants, and post-concert socializing at St. Joseph's Hall. Thanks again!*

Janis De Lara

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# What's Happening: KWA Neighborhood Calendar

## September 2008

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday   |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1<br><i>Labor Day</i><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><b>KWA Office Closed</b> | 2<br><br><b>Blue Star Brew: Crimson Jazz Orchestra</b>  | 3<br><br><b>KWA Sept. Gen. Mtg. / Board Elections</b>   | 4<br><b>Gemini Ink: First Thu. Library Reading</b><br><b>SAY Si: Readymade Redux</b><br><br><b>HemisFair Movies by Moonlight: Grease</b> | 5<br><br><b>Southtown: First Friday</b><br><b>Beethoven: Lil Bit &amp; the Customatics</b><br><b>Blue Star Brew: Joel Laviolette &amp; RattleTree Marimba</b><br><b>Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars</b><br><b>SAY Si: Readymade Redux</b> | 6<br><br><b>Jump-Start: Rancho Pancho</b>           | 7<br><br><b>Jump-Start: Rancho Pancho</b>                                    |
| 8   | 9<br><br><b>Blue Star Brew: River City Big Band</b><br><b>Lavaca NA: Sept. Gen. Mtg. (see insert)</b> | 10<br><br><b>KWA Oct. NL Deadline</b><br><b>Blue Star Brew: Ed Sherry Big Band</b>  | 11<br><br><b>HemisFair Movies by Moonlight: Titanic</b>  | 12  | 13<br><br><b>Southtown: Second Saturday Artwalk</b> | 14<br><br><b>KW Park Concert: Monte Vista String Quartet (see page ____)</b> |
| 15  | 16<br><br><b>Blue Star Brew: San Antonio Jazz Orchestra</b>   | 17<br><br><b>KWA Sept. Board Mtg.</b>   | 18<br><br><b>HemisFair Movies by Moonlight: Sixteen Candles</b>  | 19<br><br><b>Beethoven: Gartenkonzert</b><br><b>Filling Station: Humble Blues All-Stars</b><br><br><b>*** Jump-Start: Finding Love in Wartime &amp; Memories of a Joto ***</b>  | 20  | 21<br><br><b>Stories Galore: Elizabeth Ellis (see page ____)</b>             |
| 22<br><br><b>KWA Oct. NL Mail Prep</b>  | 23<br><br><b>Blue Star Brew: Primetime Jazz Orchestra</b>   | 24  | 25<br><br><b>Gemini Ink: INKstravaganza</b><br><br><b>HemisFair Movies by Moonlight: Casablanca</b>                                      | 26<br><br><b>*** Jump-Start: Finding Love in Wartime &amp; Memories of a Joto ***</b>   | 27  | 28<br><br><b>St. Joseph's: BBQ Fundraiser (see page ____)</b>                |
| 29  | 30  | <p>Visit our web site at<br/> <a href="http://www.kingwilliamassociation.org">www.kingwilliamassociation.org</a><br/> to sign up to receive our Weekly Update emails with even more community event listings and details!</p> |  |   |   |  |

**Beethoven Maennerchor**  
422 Pereida, 222-1521,  
[beethovenmaennerchor.com](http://beethovenmaennerchor.com)  
**Lil Bit & the Customatics**, Fri. 9/5  
**Gartenkonzert**, Fri. 9/19, 5pm-12am

**Blue Star Brewing Co.**  
1414 S. Alamo, 212-5506,  
[bluestarbrewing.com](http://bluestarbrewing.com)  
**Joel Laviolette & RattleTree Marimba**,  
Fri. 9/5, 7-11pm  
**Big Band Jazz**, every Tue., 8-10pm  
**Ed Sherry Big Band**, Wed. 9/10, 8-10pm

**Casbeers at the Church**  
1150 S. Alamo, 271-7791, [casbeers.com](http://casbeers.com)  
Call or visit web site for performance info.

**The Filling Station**  
701 S. St. Mary's, 444-2200  
**Humble Blues All Stars**, Fri. 9/5 & 9/19,  
7-10pm

**Gemini Ink**  
513 S. Presa, 734-9673, [geminiink.org](http://geminiink.org)  
Call or visit web site for event info.

**Jump-Start Performance Co.**  
108 Blue Star, 227-JUMP, [jump-start.org](http://jump-start.org)  
**Rancho Pancho**, Sat. 9/6 & Sun. 9/7, 8pm  
**Finding Love in Wartime & Memories of a Joto**, Fri.-Sun. 9/19-9/28, 8pm

**SAY Si Central**  
1518 S. Alamo, 212-8666, [saysi.org](http://saysi.org)  
**Readymade Redux**, Thu. 9/4, 6-8pm & Fri.  
9/5, 6-9pm

**Slab Cinema Movies by Moonlight**  
**HemisFair Park, Nueva @ S. Alamo**  
Thursdays at 8:15pm, see [slabcinema.com](http://slabcinema.com)

**Southtown First Friday**  
226-0888, [southtown.net](http://southtown.net)  
**First Friday Artwalk**, Fri. 9/5, 6-10pm

**Southtown Second Saturday Artwalk**  
476-8801, [southtownartwalk.com](http://southtownartwalk.com)  
**Second Saturday Artwalk**, Sat. 9/13, 2-4pm

**Stories Galore**  
645 S. Main, 673-4468  
**Stories Galore featuring Elizabeth Ellis**,  
Sun. 9/21, 5-7pm

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[king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.kingwilliamassociation.org](http://www.kingwilliamassociation.org)  
[www.kwfair.org](http://www.kwfair.org)

- 9/3 **Sept. General Membership Meeting / Board Elections**, 7pm at Blue Star Brewing Co.
- 9/10 **October Newsletter Deadline**
- 9/14 **KW Park Concert**, 7pm
- 9/17 **Sept. Board Meeting**, 7pm
- 9/22 **October Newsletter Mail Prep**, 6pm at KWA office 8/6
- 10/1 **Fall Social**, 6:30pm at 516 King William
- 10/7 **National Night Out**
- 10/11 **KW Area Garage Sale**, 9am-5pm
- 10/15 **November Newsletter Deadline**
- 10/15 **October Board Meeting**, 7pm at KWA office
- 10/27 **November Newsletter Mail Prep**, 6pm at KWA office

## King William Kittens and Cats Need Homes

Have you been thinking about introducing a sweet kitten or cat into your household? Now is the time to make new feline friends with one or more of the cats your neighbors have recently rescued. Please contact the neighbors listed below for more information. Thank you!



### One Kitten

I've done it again; I've rescued a female kitten. She is now 8 weeks old and healthy but quickly outgrowing the bathroom where she lives at my house. She is white with black/dark grey patches and tail. Her eyes will probably be a green-gold. If you have any leads on a good home, please call Rose at 532-1738.

### Three Kittens

Three 6-month-old kittens need homes. I have two girls and one boy that have been "fixed" and vaccinated. All they need now is a loving home. If you have room in your home and heart for a kitten, please call Gretchen at 846-7794.

### Mommy Cat and Kitten

One is a yellow/orange colored mother and the other is her Tortoiseshell Calico kitten who appears to be about 3 months old. Mommy is a stray who decided to have her babies in our yard. Anyone who is looking to adopt one or both cats, please contact Megan or Seahn at 223-2353.

## Cat Traps Now Available to Borrow from KWA Office

The KWA is now the proud owner of three cat traps to aid residents in the capture of cats so they can be easily transported to a veterinary hospital or clinic to be spayed or neutered. The traps are available to borrow from our office free of charge. Stop by the KWA office during business hours (Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) or call 227-8786 to make arrangements for pick up and return.

Here are some helpful hints for your cat trapping endeavors:

- Leave trap open on both ends when feeding cat.
- Feed cat in trap for 4 or 5 days, or until cat is comfortable going in and out.
- Bait trap and set it.
- After catching cat, cover the trap with a towel. This will help keep the cat calm.

The KWA also sponsors a Spay/Neuter Program that will reimburse you for some of the costs associated with being a responsible pet owner or neighborhood pet guardian. We are also glad to direct you to low-cost veterinary clinics in the area.

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Officer Erik Doyle is the King William area SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) Officer and is assigned to work Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Officer Ron Strothman is the Lavaca area SAFFE Officer and is assigned to work Monday-Friday, 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Officer Doyle can be reached on his cell phone during business hours at 219-0177. Both officers can be reached by calling the Central SAFFE Unit at 207-7413.

The San Antonio Police Department offers many programs to help you reduce the chances of being a victim. The following classes and services are available to everyone for free:

- Cellular on Patrol Training
- Personal Safety Classes
- Stranger Danger (geared toward young children)
- Home Security Surveys
- Business Surveys

### The following phone numbers may be helpful to you:

- 311 for all City services, other than Police and Fire
- 911 for emergency calls only
- 207-SAPD for all non emergency calls
- 207-7410 Central Patrol
- 219-0177 Officer Doyle's cell phone
- 207-7413 Central SAFFE Unit
- 207-7482 to report tour bus violations

### Follow these vehicle security tips to keep you and your vehicles safe:

- Never leave valuables inside your vehicle
- Never leave your vehicle unsecured (keep the windows up and doors locked)
- Park your vehicle in a garage, if you have one
- Park in well-lighted areas after dark
- Remember your vehicle is for transportation, not storage

## 18th Annual King William Area Garage Sale Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Calling all participants & shoppers! Our annual garage sale day is a treasure hunter's paradise (we had almost 70 registered sale locations in the neighborhood last year). A map of the sale locations will be available at [www.kingwilliamassociation.org](http://www.kingwilliamassociation.org) by Friday, October 10, and at the KWA office on sale day.

If you would like to participate in this year's King William Area Garage Sale, please follow the procedures below:

1) Call 227-8786 or e-mail [king.william@sbcglobal.net](mailto:king.william@sbcglobal.net) us by Friday, October 3, to register. Please clearly leave your name, address and phone number. We will include you on the map and in the advertisements. We will also send you a postcard to confirm your registration. Please let us know if you change your mind so that we can remove you from the list.

2) You must obtain your own garage sale permit at: City of San Antonio Development & Business Service Center (S. Alamo at S. Flores) or H-E-B.

3) Collect and price those dispensable treasures!

4) Limited advertising space on the reverse side of the map is available to highlight your sale. The map will be distributed to all shoppers. Ad rates start at \$10. Contact the KWA to reserve your space.

Newspaper and online advertisements will be placed giving sale addresses, and a map showing all locations will be available the day of the sale. PLEASE SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, TO ASSURE LISTING IN THE ADVERTISEMENT AND ON THE MAP.

### KWA Membership 2008-09

(if 08-09 appears on your mailing label, your membership is current)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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*September General Membership Meeting:  
Board Elections & Annual Report*

**Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Blue Star Brewing Co., 1414 S. Alamo**

Please join us to vote for the 2008-09 Board of Directors and hear  
the Annual Report. Membership dues will be collected before the meet-  
ing. Complimentary beverages for members courtesy of the KWA.

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See page 13 for more information