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*Rest Harmony  
Love Hope Peace*

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## Founding Members Luncheon March 6, 1991 Club Giraud

IN THE BEGINNING.....in 1991, a small group of dedicated volunteers interested in supporting the not-for-profit Hospice San Antonio formed Friends of Hospice San Antonio.

Presidents 1996 - 2001 Claire Daviss, Carol Canty, Caroline Flannery and Ann Brown



Top: (l-r) Nancy Maebius (Charter Member) and Carol Canty sell pins at the Fall Membership Coffee.

Top: (l-r) Caroline Flannery and Claire Daviss visit at the Spring Party.

Right: (l-r) Barbara Green, Judy Paddock and Ann Brown enjoy the Annual Meeting/Spring Party.



The mission of Friends of Hospice San Antonio, Inc., is to increase community awareness and understanding of hospice and to raise funds in support of patients and their families in end-of-life care.

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## HATTIE LEE GLEICHENHAUS - President 2001-2002

*"During this week of the summit on voluntarism, I am reminded of the dedication and support of the many service-oriented members of this special organization who have made such an impact. By giving of their time and talents, they have ensured another banner year in support to the hospice services for VNA and Hospice of South Texas."*

- July 1, 1996—Merger of Hospice San Antonio with Visiting Nurse Association to become VNA and Hospice of South Texas

- Fall Coffee at the home of Dianne Azar  
*"Theresa Meyers and Fred Hines reviewed the history of both VNA of South Central Texas and Hospice San Antonio and explained why the organizations merged."*

- 1996 Poinsettia Ball chair Winifred Cocke; net proceeds \$70,000, with more than 600 in attendance

*"The ballroom turned into a magical wonderland and sea of red poinsettias, plaid ribbons and dramatic wrought iron candelabra. The leadership of Winifred Cocke and Tookie Spoor is appreciated."*

- Friends members helped VNA and Hospice deliver poinsettia plants to individuals and corporations

- Spring Lecture  
*"The San Antonio Garden Center was the site for the spring program on pain management with speaker Dr. Dan Brookoff from Memphis."*

- Fiesta Fancies hosted by Esther Vexler
- Annual meeting at home of Camilla and William Parker

*"We conclude our year in the home of Camilla and Bill Parker. With a membership of 550 supporters, we continue to bring attention to the sensitive and outstanding services of hospice."*

(l-r) Esther Vexler and Claire Daviss

and Hospice of South Texas

*"My heartfelt thanks to the board and staff and to all the members who have said 'yes.' Ours is an exemplary organization and could serve as an example of what can happen when caring individuals work together to serve others."*

## Hattie Lee Gleichenhaus

## GRETCHEN BEALER - President 2002-2003

*We began our year with a most enjoyable coffee in the home of Diana Carroll-Wirth. Mary Ann Osborne, Marie Smith and Lucy Wilson mustered many women who provided delicious food."*

- Fall Coffee at the home of Diana Carroll-Wirth

- Friends are given responsibility to coordinate and manage the 1997 Poinsettia Ball (Tenth Anniversary)

*"December is synonymous with poinsettias, and the 1997 Poinsettia Ball is synonymous with the prime social event of the holiday season. Tookie Spoor, assisted by Ann McMullan, headed a large committee that was responsible for a magical evening that raised a record \$79,000. Attendance was just under 700, making this one of the largest social events of the year."*

- Friends assisted with Poinsettia Sale

- Spring Lecture

*"Carol Canty oversaw the details of this fascinating program on 'Cultural Responses to Grief' and again joined with the Nursing School at Incarnate Word, led by Jennifer Cook, to educate the community."*

- Fiesta Fancies at Esther Vexler's home raised \$1,000

- Annual meeting at home of Harriett and Doug Raney

*"This annual meeting is always a favorite wrap up of the year's activities in Friends. We will present a check for \$10,000 to VNA and Hospice of South Texas. Ginger Cave, Gail Harrell and Jennifer Perloff, staff members, are very important in helping Friends succeed. Having their constant support makes the role of leadership a joy."*

- 411 Members

- By-laws changes Article VI, Article XI, and Article XIV

- \$100,000 in donations to hospice

*"I thank the board for tremendous reinforcement and hard work on behalf of Friends. Serving as president has been enjoyable and challenging. Being surrounded by such talented people who care and who give."*

## Gretchen Bealer

## Lori Wright – President 2002-2003

*“Thanks to the dedication and commitment of the officers and board and more than 200 of our members who volunteered to help on our projects, this has been another very successful year.”*

- Fall Coffee at the home of Louise Burke
- Members helped deliver poinsettia plants
- Phonathon raised \$10,000

*“More than 600 guests attended the Poinsettia Ball at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort that raised nearly \$75,000 for hospice care. Lynn Hamby and Vicki Richardson and a host of tireless volunteers spent many hours to ensure a successful and beautiful ball.”*

- Spring Program “Clouds, Rainbows, and Sunshine: A Child’s Response to Grief” with chairs Maryann Smith and Jennifer Cook, with speakers were **Rae Carol Mangos**, MA, LPC, LMFT, CCDS; **Sue Dial**, LPC, LMFT; and the **Rev. John A. Mangos**, MD

*“The Spring Program is a community service offered free to the public and as continuing education hours for professional caregivers and social workers.”*

- Esther Vexler’s Fiesta Fancies
- Sloan-Hall Gift Shop gave a percentage of their sales one day
- Annual meeting at the home and Mary Ann and Chuck Franzke, chaired by Hattie Lee Gleichenhaus and Ann Brown
- First Golf Classic took place at Hyatt Hill Country Resort — Jo and Herb Stier, chairs
- \$93,000 in donations given to VNA and Hospice of South Texas, with more to come from the first Golf Classic

*“This has been an exciting and busy year, and I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as president. The dedication and commitment of the members of the Board and Friends of Hospice have made it an enriching experience. Ginger Cave was a reliable and careful asset for our organization. She made my year easy.”*

**Lori Wright**

## Jill Adams – President 2003-2004

*“We had glorious weather and a great turnout for the Coffee and everyone enjoyed the bountiful refreshments provided by Mary Ann Franzke and her committee.”*

- Fall Coffee at the home of Carol McGuire
- Preliminary meeting for starting a Long Range Planning Committee
- On Hospice Awareness Day, (l-r) Molly Webster and Caroline Flannery members delivered information packets to doctors and churches
- Mary Ann Franzke hosted the new board members and new members of Friends at her home
- Increased the number of board meetings
- Helped deliver poinsettias

*“Vicky Richardson and Lori Wright did a magnificent job on the Poinsettia Ball, at the Hyatt Regency River Walk. The decorations were glorious, the food delicious, the music wonderful, and a great time was had by all of the almost 600 guests attending.”*

- “Stress, Coping and Self-Nurturing — A Workshop for Caregivers of Hospice Patients,” with presenter Dr. Brenda Moretta Guerrero, PhD, professor at Our Lady of the Lake University
- Friends hosted a shower for items to be given to the hospice Inpatient Center
- Annual meeting in the magnificent home of Kathleen and Curtis Gunn, chaired by Lois Jones and Minnette Buzzini

*“Tonight we are pleased to present a check for \$15,000 to VNA and Hospice of South Texas. To date this year, Friends of Hospice has given almost \$80,000 to the organization, and after the Golf Classic we will present another check.”*

- Second Golf Classic under the direction of Jo and Herb Stier at The Golf Club of Texas
- “My association with Friends of Hospice has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my lifetime, and I am especially grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your president of this fine organization.”*

**Jill Adams**

## CHARTER MEMBERS 1991

Lila Aguirre  
 Beverly Barshop  
 Kay Bashara  
 Alison Boone  
 Sarah Harte Gutizier  
 Winifred Cocke  
 Mary Davenport  
 Claire Daviss  
 India de Marigny Chumney  
 \*Rowena Dillon  
 Barbara Dreeben  
 Joan Gaither  
 Cathy Garison  
 Toni Goldsmith  
 Lynn Wilson Hamby  
 Diana Harris  
 Jane Henry  
 Jill Howe  
 Ruthie Kendrick  
 \*Neil Krause  
 Judith Lachman  
 Vicky LePere  
 \*Casey Lieberman  
 Annabelle Loyd  
 Nancy Maebius  
 Katie McGee Dyslin  
 Ann McMullan  
 Ann Moore  
 Rev. Mary Margaret Mueller  
 Laura Negley Gill  
 \*Ginny Pace  
 Betty Parish  
 Camilla Parker  
 Julie Parker  
 Lucy Rasco  
 Bitsy Rubsamen  
 Nora Scott  
 Linda Seeligson  
 Diane Singleton  
 Anne Smith  
 Tookie Spoor  
 Missy Webb Walters  
 Mary Beth Williamson  
 Chica Younger

\*Deceased

## Pauleen Netting – President 2005-2006

*“Everyone was touched by the caring and expert views of the Fall Coffee speaker Phil Lewis, who shared his volunteer experiences with hospice patients.”*

- The Fall Coffee was in the home of Nancy Avellar, chaired by Pauleen Netting and Johanna Comuzzi
- Provided refreshments for the VNA and Hospice memorial service at the Ecumenical Center, with speaker

Archbishop Patrick Flores

*“I remember making gallons of lemonade for the service and hundreds of sandwiches for the board meetings.”*

- Second new member coffee at the home of Ann Brown

Katherine McPherson with Ann and Dr. Willis E. Brown, Jr.

*“The new member coffee, and increasing the number of board meetings from three to six a year seemed to be forces improving communication and community spirit within our group.”*

- Friends of Hospice lapel pins were donated by Ann Brown
- Prayer book reprints were underwritten by Louise and Mike Burke
- Ann Brown and Carol Canty promoted the Poinsettia Ball and talked about the care of poinsettia plants on the Tanji Patton talk show
- Friends help deliver poinsettia plants
- Lori Wright and Carol Canty chair the Poinsettia Ball which added a new Diamond Table level of \$5,000
- Spring program “Physical and Spiritual Comfort — The Hospice Caregiver Challenge,” with speakers Dr. Richard Ferguson and the Rev. Consuelo Donahue

*“The Spring Program is presented each year for professional caregivers, social workers, nurses and counselors.. The turnout of 200 filled the auditorium at the Grossman International Conference Center at UIW.”*

- Annual meeting at the home of Lisa and Erik Hanson, where a check was presented to bring the year’s total to \$80,000, with golf money to come
  - Third Golf Classic at The Golf Club of Texas, chaired by Jo and Herb Stier, with Judy and Bruce Hooper in training for next year
- “Please know what a blessing it has been for me to be able to serve as president of the Friends. I am grateful for all the assistance, but mostly for your kind friendship.”*

**Pauleen Netting**