



SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

# NIOSA® News

*(Inside the Egg)*



“A Night in Old San Antonio®”

Spring 2016

WOW!! It’s hard to believe that one month from today, Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, the gates will open at 5:30 pm for the 68<sup>th</sup> presentation of A Night in Old San Antonio®. Team NIOSA has been hard at work planning and preparing for the event. In fact, the planning process for NIOSA never stops; it just continues from one event to the next. We seamlessly evaluate the operations after the previous event and move forward into planning process for the next one. Our phenomenal staff keeps things moving as new chairmen arrive in the NIOSA office. Glenda Duffin, Business Manager; Lisa Schneider, Bookkeeper; and Mandy Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, keep the office running smoothly. Nic Yanes, Warehouse Manager, keeps things moving at the warehouse, joined recently by Gerald Walsh, Assistant Warehouse Manager in January. Completing the roster of the Team NIOSA are Vice Chairs Margie Arnold, Jackie Fellers, Charlie Hansen and Sharon Hearn, and Kathy De Waal, NIOSA Treasurer. There is so much to do to “make NIOSA happen.” Reports are generated and reviewed; equipment—including refrigerators and appliances—are checked and tested; replacements are ordered; inventories of a myriad of items are made; and orders are placed, according to need. Meetings *galore* are conducted with the Area Chairmen, vendors, contractors, security, City of San Antonio agencies, etc. It’s a very, very busy time of year.



Mandy, Sharon, Charlie, Patti, Margie, Jackie, Glenda and Lisa



This year, we welcome three new Area Chairmen. Rose Moran is the new Haymarket Area Chairman, Leslie Fischner has joined the team as Clown Alley Area Chair, and Audrey Haake has assumed the reins in Mexican Market (my former home). We welcome these three wonderful gals and thank them for their willingness to volunteer their time to oversee these areas.



We will introduce new food and beverage items in 2016, as well. Ribbon Fries--a fresh russet potato, very thinly sliced in one long ribbon and deep fried, with optional seasonings for toppings—will be sold in International Walkway. Sauerkraut Bend will introduce Bier mit EisCreme (beer “float” with ice cream). The beer floats use Henry's Hard Orange; tastes like a Dreamsicle - orange float) and Bootlegger Bayou Hard Root Beer (tastes like a root beer float).

We hope you’ll try these new items.



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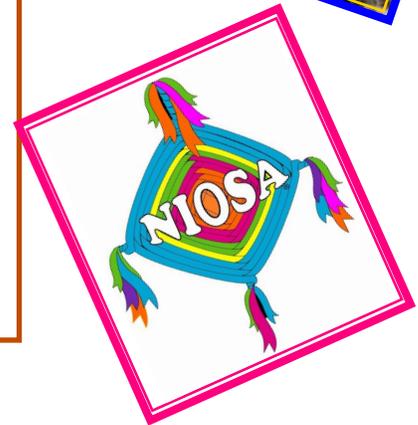
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The NIOSA Crafters Store, located at the corner of South Presa and Nueva streets directly across from the Gresser House, opened in mid-December and has been a very popular place. The Crafters are known for handcrafting their beautiful wreaths and necklaces, but these talented ladies create much, much more. All of their items are on sale at the store, as well as NIOSA advance discount tickets, Member tickets, NIOSA medals and souvenirs (past & present), previous NIOSA posters and a multitude of other items. The store is open Mondays through Saturdays from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.**



The 2016 NIOSA medal--titled “Ojos de Dios”—is now on sale. The Ojo de Dios or “eye of God” was discovered by early Spaniards when they encountered the Huichol Indians of the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico. Made of brightly woven yarn on simple frames of two crossed sticks, the Huichol made these “God’s eyes” so that their gods would watch over them and protect them. The Ojo de Dios is a symbol of the power of seeing and understanding. The emblem of the San Antonio Conservation Society contains an “all seeing eye” as a symbol for preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs relating to the history of San Antonio and surrounding area. Keeping watch and protecting the precious historical assets of San Antonio is the theme behind the selection of the Ojo de Dios. It is also a tribute to the Huichol Shaman that leads the opening parade of NIOSA.



## Friendly Reminders:

- Please complete the Hold Harmless Waiver online at [www.niosa.org/register](http://www.niosa.org/register). The NIOSA Team worked with Rod Roberts and his IT team to make the process more accessible so please go to the NIOSA website and follow the instructions for completing the waiver and either print off a paper copy or scan to your hand held device.
- ALL alcohol servers must be 30 years of age and TABC certified – NO EXCEPTIONS. The portal for certification classes expires on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Last chance to take TABC at Alamo Training is March 30th at 6pm. If you or your booth workers need certification, please call Mandy at the office and obtain a pass code to go online and take the class or reserve a spot for the live training.

**viva NIOSA®**