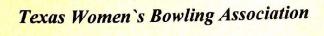






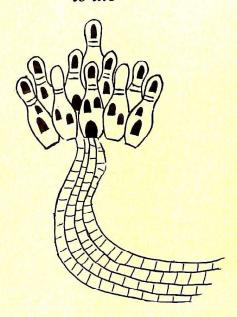
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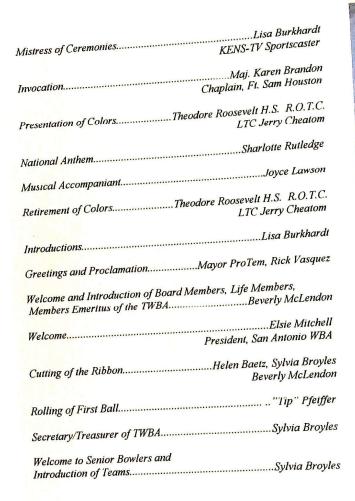
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TUESDAY, April 28, 1998

# Yellow rose' of Texas

### After 50 years, Baetz still enjoys bowling

By Susan Ward QUAD-CITY TIMES

Helen Baetz has put her heart and soul into the world of bowling. She has spent more than 50 years on the lanes and in the offices. Texans say that Baetz has made bowling what it is in the Lone Star State.

Baetz's husband, Clarence, was very interested in bowling. If she chose not to go to the bowling center, she had to stay home. She decided to go along just to get out of the house. Baetz did not want to bowl.

want to bowl.
"I hated it," she said. "I'd just as soon cry then roll the ball."

But after she got a taste of how much fun she could have, she changed her

"Bingo — it hit me," Baetz said, "and you couldn't get me off the lanes." That was 1935, and the 85-year-old

That was 1935, and the 85-year-old Baetz of San, Antonio has served bowling in many ways since-then. This year marks her 50th anniversary as a member of the WIBC. She helped develop the first state association and was elected secretary of the Texas Women's Bowling Association in 1942. Baetz organized 102 associations in Texas and served 21 years on the WIBC board.

"She is Mrs. Bowling as far as Texas is concerned," said Beverly McLendon, president of the Texas Women's Bowling Association. "We wouldn't be where we are today and have the great Texas association that we do if it weren't for our Helen Baetz. She is our



Helen Baetz has been a member of the WIBC for 50 years.

yellow rose."

Baetz still finds time to attend every state meeting.

"She is a life member in our state," said McLendon, "and a member of our Texas Hall of Fame."

Anything is always more fun when there is a friend around. Theresa

Kelone has been bowling with Baetz for several years. Baetz and Kelone both are Member Emeritus in the WIBC.

"No words can describe Helen Baetz," Kelone said. "She's everything ... a wonderful friend, and certainly a pioneer of bowling."

Helen Kalala also has spent approximately 30 years on the lanes with

"She is such a great person," Kalala

In fact, everyone around Baetz has something to say about her.

"If it wasn't for this lady, I wouldn't be as active as I am." said teammate Lori Stein. "She put me under her wing and helped me."

Jane Wright, a substitute bowler on the team, describes Baetz as "the epitome of a Southern lady."

Baetz knows a good sponsor when

"I've always bowled for a funeral director. One time, I bowled for three at one time," she said. "I wondered who I would go to if I passed away, so I dropped two of them. Porter Loring has sponsored me for 49 years"

Baetz knows the secret to enjoying the game.

"The minute I put my ball in the bag, I've forgotten what I bowled. I don't take it home with me," she smiled. "It doesn't matter how you bowl, just that you enjoy it."

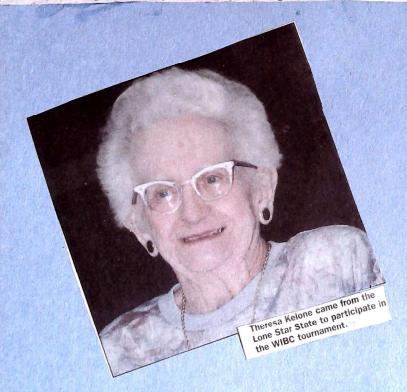


These longtime friends from Texas share a hug during a break in tournament action. .



Helen Baetz, second from left, has spent more than 50 years on the bowling lanes. The 85-year-old from San

Antonio, Texas, is a member of Porter Loring team bowling in the WIBC tournament.





Harry Page BOWLING

#### Together, stars made great team

The Straus-Frank team of the late 1940s and the 1950s was arguably the best women's bowling

squad in San Antonio's history. That team won six state titles and earned two second-place, third-place and fourth-place finishes each during a 13-year period from 1946 to 1960.

Straus-Frank featured Hall of Famers Grace Williams Baskin, Lil Canfield, Myrt DeFily and Alice Iltis, as well as Robbie Frey and Iris Peters. DeFily replaced Peters on the team in 1950.

"We did a lot of damage in our day," DeFily said. "Our sponsor, Mr. (Joe) Straus Sr., wouldn't allow us to bowl in a women's league together as a team, not in the city tournament because we were too strong, and it would have been unfair to the other women bowlers."

Apparently, the only time the group bowled together as a team in the city tournament was when it

'We were excellent," DeFily said, "because we bowled in a men's league together for many years and we held our own.'

The six women represent a total of 16 individual city all-event championships, six Texas Women's Rowling Association allevent titles and countless other achievements.
Baskin and DeFily each won the

city alf-event title six times, and Frey and Canfield each won the

#### Lane notes

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#### LOCAL BOWLING REPORT

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with a non-televised event Oct 4.8 in Jackson, Tenn

Three PBA Members Schools for 1999 have been scheduled. Jan 22-24 in Orlando, Fla., May 21-23 in Houston, and Sept 25-27 in Akron, Ohio. For more details call (330) 836-5568

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honor twice. Baskin also captured the state all-event crown three times, Frey did it twice, and Canfield, who once shot a record 743 series, once. DeFily won the TWBA's All-Star

Division title twice in the early 1960s. That division doesn't exist any more. She won a national Powder Puff title in '64 and was the first local woman to roll a 300 game on Oct. 27, 1957.

Frey moved from Texas in the early 1960s to California where she would later be inducted into that state's bowling hall of fame.

"I remember when we bowled against the best teams from Houston and Dallas at old Main Avenue Bowling Center," Baskin said. 'We used to pack the house

with fans

'We had a special team because we were all great friends, and our motto was 'One for all, and all for one.' We were good as a group, and as individuals. We worked

together." The Straus-Frank team finished second in the Women's International Bowling Congress national tournament at Omaha, Neb., in 1950.

Baskin, Canfield, DeFily and Iltis won numerous other individual state and city singles. doubles and team titles in the TWBA and the Texas Tenpin

"Three of us had real good instructors — our husbands," DeFily said. "Pat (DeFily), Frank

(Baskin) and Ralph (Iltis) got a bang (out of) introducing us to the game, watching us become better bowlers, then becoming our No. 1 supporters. They refined our

Straus-Frank won the state team title in 1946, '49, '50, '52, '54 and '56, and finished second in '55 and '57

What made us particularly good as a team was that we didn't let egos get in the way of a good match or tournament," DeFily said. "No one wanted to be like any other on the team. We all wanted to be ourselves; and yeah, we were all good . real good

To leave a message for Harry Page, call ExpressLuxe at 554-2500 and punch 4442



Harry Page BOWLING

# Georges wipes out tour event

Among the sporting events affected by Hurricane Georges was the Professional Bowlers Association's Naples Senior Open at Woodside Lanes in Naples, Fla. Proprietor Pat Ciniello and PBA

Proprietor Pat Ciniello and PBA officials agreed to suspend the event and declare a winner after 27 games Wednesday morning so the senior players, the center's employees and fans could evacuate the southwest coastal Florida city before the storm struck-Friday morning. Pete Couture was declared the winner.

It's the first time in the PBA's 40-year history that any of its tournaments have been shortened because of weather conditions

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Cinicilo's decision probably cost
the center a few thousand dollars
in revenues from attendance and
concessions for the second round
of match play Wednesday night,
the third round of match play
Thursday morning, and the
stepladder finals Thursday night.
But he gained the good will of the
residents, fans and bowlers.
"It wasn't a surprise to the

"It wasn't a surprise to the players," said PBA senior tournament director Bobby Dinkins. "We had kind of hinted to them Tuesday night that this might happen. We had already discussed the possibilities of suspending things, because the people of the community had to prepare to leave the city, like packing and boarding up their

properties. Those things take time.
"We told them that this was
going to be it Wednesday morning
— one round of match play and a
position round. The players
weren't disappointed about our
decision. They wanted out of the

"Had we rolled the dice and tried our luck pushing the event through. Thursday, it might have been difficult for some of the players to leave the area and they might have had to face the storm's wrath," Dinkins said. "We didn't want that."

The event was decided after the 18 games of qualifying, one round

of match play (eight games), and a

position.
Couture beat Mike Durbin 236-223 in the position round to win.
Couture, who earned \$8,000, became the first player to win four titles in one season on the PBA Senior Tour, and his yearly earnings of \$114,100 is just \$140 shy of the single-season senior mark set by Gary Dickinson last year.

of the single-season senior mark set by Gary Dickinson last year. Dave Soutar, who trailed Durbin by eight pins in third place going into the position round, earned \$4,200 for second place after beating Roy Buckley, 223-203, in his position round match and moving eight pins ahead of Durbin. Durbin settled for \$3,200,

while Buckley and Al Sanford tied for fourth place for \$2,300 each.

The bowling center wasn't alone in suffering a financial loss, PBA public relations director Dave Schroeder said from Akron, Ohio.

"There was also some lost revenue for some of the players because of incentive money from different companies — for making the top five and other final-round considerations. It's great that money wasn't that important to the seniors or the proprietor, and that protecting lives and property and just being on the safe side were the main priorities."



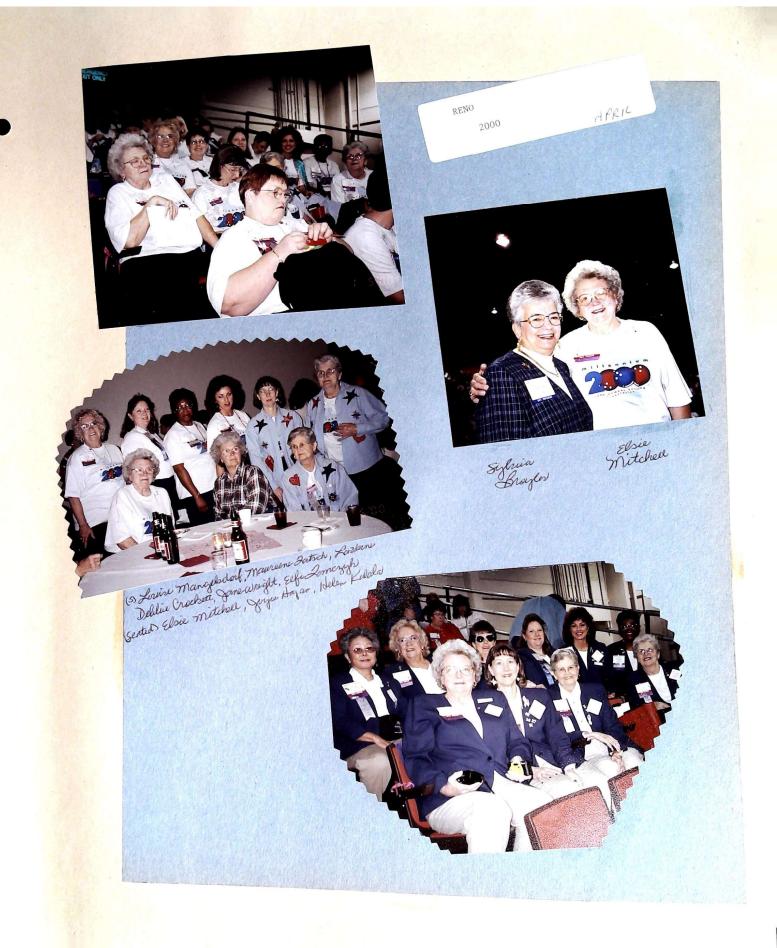






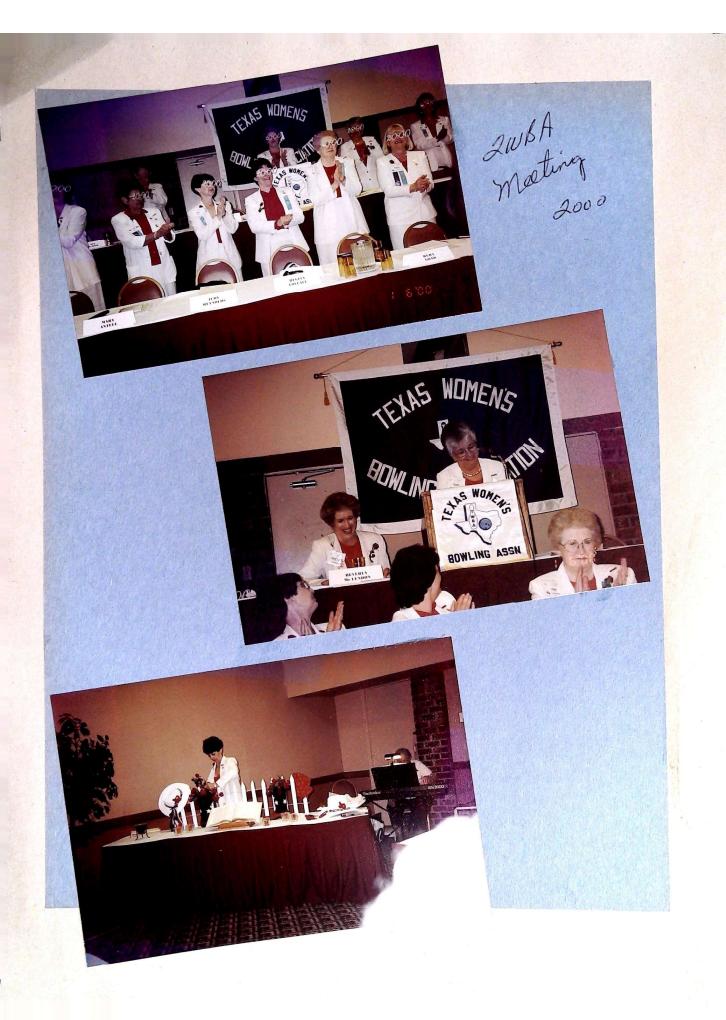












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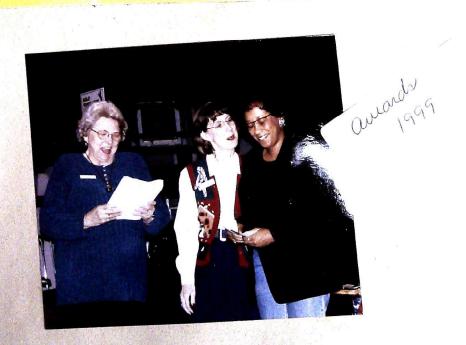
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Elsie Mitchell President San Antonio WBA







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Elsie Mitchell
President San Antonio WBA

# MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY "TAKE THE CHALLENGE"

use your help with league visitations and other league programs. Talk with your friends, neighbors, family and coworkers is here!! The new 2000-2001 bowling season. Are you goin to "Take the Challenge"? Our service representatives can about league bowling. Bring a friend to join a league. "Take the challenge" and help us grow!

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Reservations with completed and paid entries are available until October 5, 2000. This is the New Millennlum!!! "Take the together now. The Instant Cash will be held during the team event only. Closing date for entries will be October 26, 2000 at Oak Hils Bowing Center with the Doubles/Singles portion at Astro Bowling Center. The entry fee per person per event This year the SAWBA city tournament will be held the weekends of November 11-12 and 18-19. Team competition will be will remain at \$ 14.00 with an additional \$2.00 for All Events. Teams will consist of 4 Bowlers, so start getting your teams Challenge" to make this the largest city toumament ever. Assist first-time tournament bowlers with the entry forms. For additional information, call the SAWBA office at 490-6010. Entries will be available at all the bowling centers.

Dues for WIBC are now \$8.00 and TWBA is \$1.50. Your local dues remain the same at \$3.75. Total dues: \$13.25.

The awards program is going strong and has given our bowlers some new incentives. Please remind them that pin points expire 3 years from the date you earn them. The 200 game pin award is available from our office at cost of \$1. Our office processes awards on the 15th of each month.

time secretaries, "Thank your". Do not hesitate to call our office when you have a question or need assistance. Secretaries, service to our women bowlers. To all the returning secretaries, "Thanks for your great work last season", and to all the first Take the Challenge"- that's what I am doing as your new city association secretary/treasurer. I look forward to providing you are the backbone of our leagues and because of your efforts, our job is easier. Please read ALL the information in your packet. Thank you all for "Taking the Challenge" of your office and I look forward to working with all of you.

Our office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. When you call and we are not in the office, PLEASE eave a message and we will return your call as soon as Possible.

Ms. G Your friend in bowling...

San Antonio Women's Bowling Association Gail Cantu, Secretary





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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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For information call Larry Shugart, Tournament Manager Fexas Bowling Conference, YO Ranch Resort Hotel Entry Closing date of WIBC 2001 Tournament Entry Closing of SAWBA City Tournament Fournament Dates April 17- June 15, 2001 City Senior League Mixed Tournament Houston (Div 50-59 and Div 60 and over) TSBA & TWBA Joint Awards Dinner Astro Bowl ( Doubles/Singles House ) Don Carter Lanes & Saltgrass Lanes Yo Ranch Resort Hotel, Kernille TX \$15.00 per Person (includes lunch) SAWBA City Tournament Awards **Texas State Mixed Tournament** Oak Hills Lanes (Team House) 2033 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, TX Billy Simon Scholarship Drive SAWBA City Tournament Ft. Lauderdale, FLorida Ladies Senior Classic Entry Deadline Jan.18 Entries Close Sep 7th at (512) 276-7813 **BVL. Fund Drive** Houston, TX Jan 26 2001 Aug 11-13 Nov 11-12 Nov 18-19 Jan 27-28 Feb 1-14 Dec 10 Jan TBA Aug 12 Nov 12 Oct 26 Oct 20 Feb 8

Entry Closing of TWBA Championship Tournament SABA/SAWBA City Mixed Tournament San Antonio Hall of Fame Banquet Old San Francisco Steak House Lubbock, TX Feb 17-18

Feb 11

500 Club Bring A-Friend Tournament SAWBA Annual Meeting at 1:30 pm Location TBA Location TBA Feb 24-25 Mar 10-11 Mar 18

Opening TWBA Championship Tournament Lubbock, TX Opening - WIBC Championship Tournament Election of Officers, Directors and Delegates AMF Classic Lanes (Doubles/Singles) Brunswick South Plains (Team) Location TBA June 27 Apr 17

TWBA Convention Holiday Inn Lubbock, TX WBC Convention Ft .Lauderdale, Florida April 23-25

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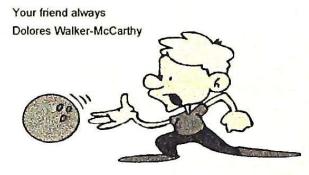
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#### Farewell from Dolores

I want to thank all of the officers, directors and bowlers of SAWBA for the help they have given me during my term of office as your Secretary. I have enjoyed working with all of you and also have had a lot of fun on the trips to tournaments, workshops, conventions and conferences together. There are a lot of great bowlers all over the world and you can meet so many new friends. I am going forward into a new life with my wonderful husband Doug. We plan on doing a lot of traveling in our motor home meeting new friends and seeing new sights. I will think of my friends in San Antonio always and will try to see all of you when I am back in town. Good bowling and good times to all of you. "May the Lord bless and keep you whether near or far away".



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#### "AND A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL"

Gail Cantu, Secretary SAWBA

For two weeks, I have had the opportunity to witness the miraculous effect that bowling has on those who are slightly impaired physically or mentally.

In July, we witnessed determination and commitment by the "wheelchair" bowlers during the Paralyzed Veterans Wheelchair Olympics at Country Lanes. What a sight to behold. Statistics I don't have although I know that one gentleman rolled 300, 235 and 279 for a whopping 814 series, using an individual ball rack to roll the ball down the lane. Many of these bowlers also participated in many other sports during the Olympics.

Tuesday, July 11, we were invited to assist with a group of veterans from the psychiatric department of Audie Murphy Hospital. Helen Duval, Honorary Chairperson of the National BVL and a pro bowler was there to give instructions. I had the opportunity to talk with these Vets, applaud their accomplishments on the lanes and console them when they missed a spare or channeled the ball. One of their recreational directors told me that bowling was a great opportunity for these individuals as the physical activity was a way to express themselves without having to talk to anyone. These are the men and women who have helped keep our country free.....now it's time for us to give a little of ourselves. When your secretary tells you it's BVL week, please remember them and donate when you can. It's always accepted.

If you would like to help or visit with a group from Audie Murphy, they will be at Oak Hills Bowling Center on the 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday each month.

From all the vets at Audie Murphy, Thanks!!!!!

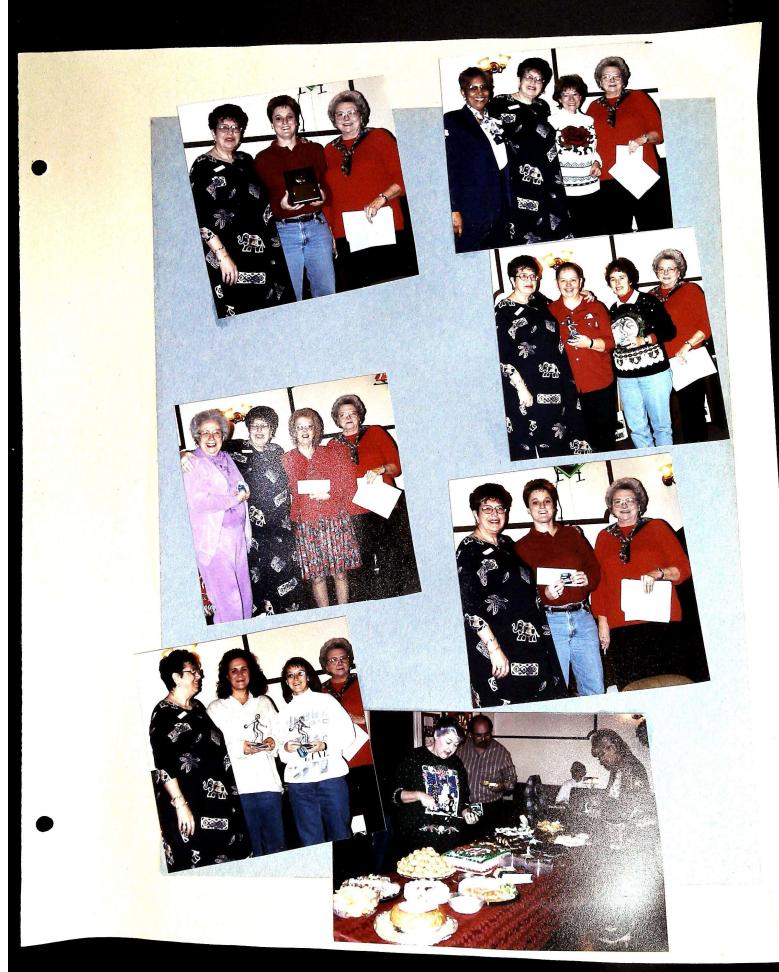
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#### Been Lucky? No, Been Blessed!

by Gail Cantu

One Thursday afternoon, I was introduced to a tall, thin, elderly gentleman who had graciously granted me time to write down a few mementos of his life and bowling. John Shuler was a very quiet, soft-spoken man who, for all his impairments, enjoys life to the fullest everyday. John, 87 years young, is considered legally blind and also is hearing impaired, but his demeanor is of one who has been blessed. His Club 55 senior league had come to me to ask if I would do an article about him. The following is John's own words....

"I was born in August, 1913. In 1935 I married my dear Linda Lay and we have just celebrated our 65th anniversary this past September. In 1942, we lived in Los Angeles where I worked at the Lockheed Aircraft plant during the war. I began my bowling life when a neighbor and friend in the fishing club asked me to join his team. That was the beginning of my lifelong love with bowling.

In 1949, we moved to the Dallas area where I worked for Goodwill Industries and began bowling at the old Lakewood Bowling Alley. Once, I was in Alaska bowling with my on when a cute 19 year old, sitting in the bleacher area, came to me and asked me if I could help her with her game. After talking with her for a good while, we came up with "Loft your ball over the foul line". Well, to tell you the truth, she did and got a strike. Can you just see that girl running across the lanes, excited and thankful, just to tell me "Thank You." I can tell you that when I bowled with Pete Moore on his left-handed team during tournament, we always had a crowd wanting to see the "lefties" bowl.

Back in the early 1980's, we moved to Brownsville where I was presented this

beautiful plaque (which he placed in front of me) from ABC for 50 years of consecutive bowling. That was quite an honor. Then in 1992 I suffered a severe stroke and was hospitalized for quite some time. The last six months were spent in a recovery hospital. I was told that physical therapy was something I needed to work on and I was asked what I wanted to do. Well, needless to say, and with much conviction, I said "perhaps I could go bowling a couple days a week?" I got a resounding NO, but the therapist brought this idea which was to my liking. In the residence, there was a large room used for recreation and dining. On a sofa, they placed ten styrofoam cups (like the pin setup) and then I would take a 12 pound ball and roll at those "pins". Well, that really wasn't as much fun as being in a bowling alley, but it did help me overcome many physical impairments of my stroke."

At this point, John took a cloth bag and carefully removed another plaque, holding it with dignity and care. In the early part of the year 2000, he was presented this plaque declaring him a Fellow of the Society of John Wesley from the United Methodist Men's Foundation. He was recognized for his devotion to prayer and the youth. What a great honor! He also told me at that time, that both his father and brother were Methodist ministers.

He has carried averages from 185-195 with high games of 178-179. His high series was carded as a 212 triplicate subbing in the Dr. Pepper league.

John is sight and hearing impaired but you would never realize it on first sight. When he bowls, he does not need any help on the approach, only a teammate to tell what he needs to spare. At the present time, he bowls in two leagues-a low vision league at Brunswick Thousand Oaks and Club 55 Senior League at AMF Country Lanes. He quoted Nelson Burton, Jr. as saying to him "My father (Nelson Burton Sr.) said, "The older I get, the heavier gets lighter and speed and

power are not necessary. What works is slow and accurate' ". That describes John to a "T".

When John married Linda Lay, little did he know that she would become a famous novelist. While traveling in the Southwest and visiting the cave dwellings, Linda was truly inspired to write a story about families and wrote her first published novel "Let the Drum Speak: A Novel of Ancient America". Others were to follow.

John enjoys his gardening and the company of his longtime friend Jerry, his loveable border collie. He and wife also are avid travelers, especially cruises. Last year they spent time in Tahiti, sailing the grand ship Marco Polo

For myself, this one hour taken with Mr. John Shuler was a true delight. When his friend arrived to take him home, I asked him what he thought ahout his life and he said "My wife had always responded- 'Been lucky? No, been blessed!"



The TWBA Publicity committee has made a display about Across Texas Lanes. Look for the display, with subscription forms available, at check-in during the state tournament in Lubbock. Share ATL with your fellow teammates.

Across Texas Lanes \* Spring 2001

#### San Antonio WBA Margaret Eckart, Publicity

The first part of the new year 2001 has been filled with tournaments. On January 27-28, the SAWBA Senior Mixed Handicap Tournament was held at Astro Bowl. There were 56 teams and 205 singles/all-events. This was an increase over last year's participation and we hope that this is a prediction of increase for next year's entries. "The Real Deal" took first place in team event with a 2427. Men's singles winner William Edwards, rolled a 718 to take first in the Women's Singles. The All-Events winners were Larry Hight-1434 and Shirley Otto-1435.

In February, the SABA-SAWBA 24th City Mixed Handicap Tournament was held at Oak Hills Lanes with 45 teams and 95 doubles entries. The "Gutter Rats" garnered first place in team event with a 2651. Millie and Bob Duntley posted a 1394 score to win the doubles.

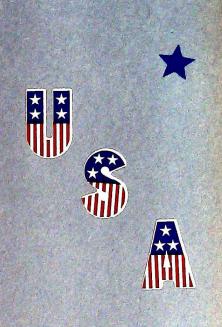
The Greater San Antonio YABA held their 18th Annual Championship Tournament at Ponderosa Bowl and Astro Bowl the last two weekends in February. The four top winners each receive a \$1000 scholarship. Girls Handicap-Lindsey Wright-2219, Boys Handicap-Chris Galler-2200, Girls Scratch-Jovan Ebalaroza-1793, and Boys Scratch-Michael Johnston-2047. There were many other \$50 scholarships awarded for

divisional all-events and singles. We congratulate all these wonderful junior bowlers on their great bowling accomplishments.

February 15 also brought the house down at Ponderosa Bowl when Lynn Nelson and Shelley Fulmer of the Outcast League, bowling next to each other, posted super award scores. Lynn rolled a 300, added 226 and 215 for a 741 series. Back in January, Lynn rolled a 299 game at Highland Social Club to post a 705 series. Shelley rolled a 299 game, adding a 268 and 235 to post an 802 series, the highest series reported this season for San Antonio women. The previous high was shot by Linda Urbanek, an 801.

On March 18, the San Antonio Women's Bowling Association will hold its' Annual Meeting to elect new officers, directors, and delegates. Our Bowler of the Year, Linda Urbanek, will be presented with an award for her accomplishments on the lanes last season. She has posted five 700 series and an 801 series this year and has a composite average of 212 for 1999-2000. This season just "Ain't over yet!"

While the dreary winter months are supposed to be "blah", "dull", and "boring", it sure was not that way for San Antonio Bowlers. We have enjoyed great scores, great tournaments, and great FUN.







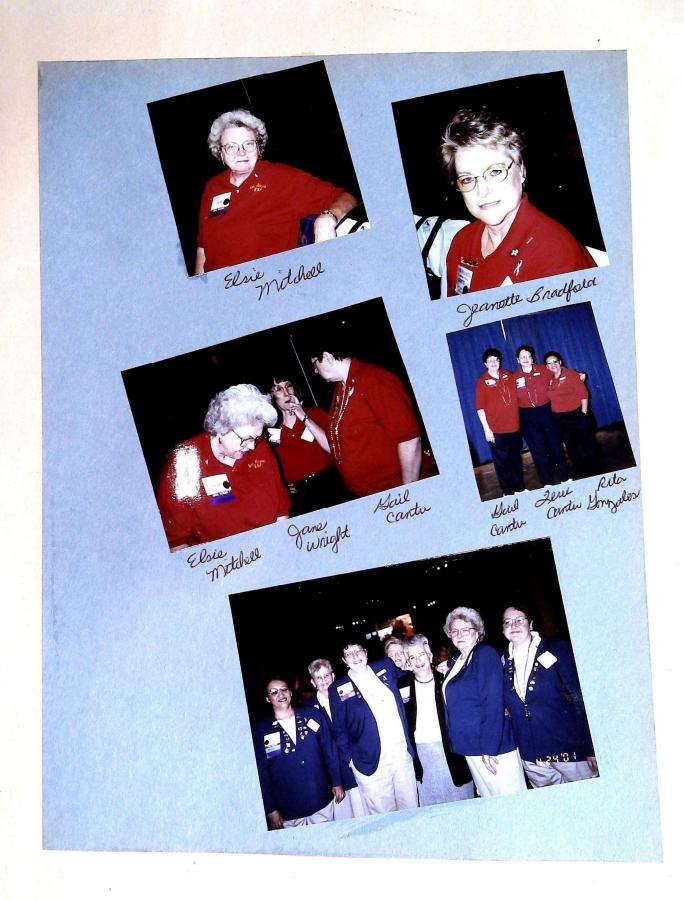


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Jane Wright
President, San Antonio WBA

# OLD, NEW & CHANGES

Gail Cantu, Secretary SAWBA

Can you believe that we are already going into the second year of the New Millenium? It seem as though summer is just a passing thought although every time one goes outside, it abruptly hits you in the face. Yup, the heat! This is a great time to get out (and in a bowling center) to practice your game, introduce your children and friends to our game and even co-workers. Summer leagues are always fun and a good way to "Beat The Heat" here in south Texas. I realize that this information is at the tail-end of our summer leagues but I want you to cut this out and put it on your refrigerator as a reminder for NEXT year!

Our office is gearing up for a great new season with some new ideas being focused upon. SAWBA has had a change in their leadership and we always consider change exciting and good Our list of officers and directors indicate the changes.

The SAWBA Championship Tournament will be held November 11 -12 & 11-18, 2001. Team event will be at Wonder Lanes with D/S at University Bowl. Entries are available and <u>reservations</u> will be taken until October 5th. Entry fee is \$15 00 per event, \$2 00 all-events. Track, Inc. has donated 4 bowling balls, 3 for the top three divisional winners and one very special limited ball
THE SUGAR RAY BOXING GLOVE BALL-that will be raffled off with the proceeds earmarked for addition to the team event prized funds. We are looking for a super attendance this year so start getting your teams together.

In 2001-02 we are initiating a new award for San Antonio league secretaries. Criteria has been set up in the office as to what constitutes a winning secretary. There will be one secretary honored from each center having 2 or more secretaries. The decision shall be made by our office and the awards will be presented at the leagues final meeting of the year. If you would like to see your secretary named Secretary of the Year in your center, feel free to drop us a line and tell us about her/him.

Remember we are here to serve you, the bowler. If you need assistance, information or to pass on information, call our office or talk it over with your House Representative.

From me to you, let's keep our bowling family together and strong. Let's try to increase our 'family members'' and INVITE someone to join you in a league this year.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 10-11 Texas Bowling Conference, Hilton Hotel
2001 113 South University Parks Drive, Waco,TX
\$15.00 per Person (includes lunch)
Aug 11 TSBA & TWBA Joint Awards Dinner
Hilton Hotel, Waco, TX

Oct 6 Texas State Mixed Tournament
thru Richardson/Plano, TX

Nov 11 Entries Close Sep, 7th
For information call George Bishop,

Tournament Manager at (512) 276-7813
Oct TBA Billy Simon Scholarship Drive

Oct 25 Entry Closing of SAWBA City Tournament
Nov 10 -11 SAWBA City Tournament

Nov 17-18 AMF Wonder Lanes (Team House)
University Bowl (Doubles/Singles House)

Dec 9 SAWBA City Tournament Awards
Jan 25 2002 Entry Closing date of WBC 2002 Tournament

Team AMF South Park& D&S AMF Bowlero Lanes South Milwaukee, VM & Wauwatosa ,VM Tournament Dates April 13 - June 10, 2002

Jan TBA Ladies Senior Classic
Dallas (Div 50-59 and Div 60 and over)

Jan 26 -27 City Senior League Mixed Tournament
Entry Deadline Jan. 17

Feb 1 -14 BVL Fund Drive
Feb 7 Entry Closing of TWBA Championship Tournament

Arlington,TX
Feb 9 San Antonio Hall of Fame Banquet

Old San Francisco Steak House
Feb TBA SABA/SAWBA City Mixed Tournament
Mar 9 - 10 600 Club Bring A-Friend Tournament

Location TBA
Mar 17 SAWBA Annual Meeting
Site TBA at 2.00 PM

Apr 12 Opening TWBA Championship Tournament
thru AMF Sparetime, Adington (Team)
June 2 Forum Bowl, Grand Prairie (Doubles/Singles)
Apr 13 Opening - WIBC Championship Tournament

thru June 10 Milwaukee/Wauwatosa
April 22-24 WIBC Convention -Milwaukee, WI
June 7 TWBA Convention Hitton Hotel Arlington, TX

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#### "SEE YOU AROUND"

This was my last year as your President. It hardly seems fourteen years since being elected to the San Antonio WBA Board of Directors. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with SAWBA tournaments and committees during the six years I was president. While I feel sad that my terms are ending, you will be in good hands. Jane Wright will be an excellent President. Please give her your support in all SAWBA activities during the coming years. I will still be around bowling and helping if needed. So this is not good-by, but just "see you around", when I'm not traveling!

#### GOOD LUCK AND GOOD BOWLING TO ALL

Again, I want to express my appreciation for having Gall as our Secretary/Treasurer. She is dedicated and has the best interest of our Association as well as TWBA and WIBC at heart. THANK YOU, GAIL

Elsie Mitchell, Outgoing President



### SAN ANTONIO WBA HOUSE DIRECTORS

August 1, 2001 to July 31, 2002

AMF Country Lanes	Bea Harvey
	Roberta Stade
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AMF Spare Time Lanes	Barbara Sheffield
AMF Wonder Lanes	Rita Gonzales
	Evelyn Nolde
Astro Bowling Center	Debbie Kirst
Bandera Bowl Fun Plex	Margaret Eckart
Brunswick 1000 Oaks	Delores Walker
Davis Lanes (Kelly AFB)	Joan Coleman
Eagle Lanes	Jane Wright
Ft Sam Houston	LaVeme Vick
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Hermann Sons	Jane Wright
Highland Social Club	Jeanette Bradfiield
Oak Hills Lanes	Yolanda Barrientes
Randolph AFB	Elfi Tomczyk
Skylark Lanes (LAFB	JoanColeman
Turner Club	Jane Wright

University Bowl

Teresa Cantu

#### "BLUE RIBBON BREAKFAST"

Gail Cantu Secretary

It has always been said that <u>Great Ideas come from a full Tummy.</u> Well, not really but, this one time they did. One Sunday morning a couple of our board members were having a late breakfast at Denny's and discussing ideas for an Association poster. It had been a few years since we had submitted a poster to the Texas Women's Bowling Writers yearly contest held during the Texas Women's Bowling Association meeting weekend in June. The conversation rambled its way through all Association projects, meetings, etc. and finally came to a stop on their favorite project, **BVL.** 

Pancakes came and went, eggs and bacon came and went. When lightening struck, like the cholesterol that had been eaten, BVL won out!! Ideas ran faster than the syrup on French toast and by the time the last drop of coffee had been drunk, they had a slogan.

#### THEY GAVE.....NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

Pictures representing our country's major conflicts since WW I were found and assembled on poster board. Announcment regarding the BVL Tournament, which is held every year during league play, was inscribed and, on the bottom, along with a picture of the flag raising on Iwo Jima, was the slogan. When the awards were annouced during the Writer's breakfast meeting (eggs and bacon), we were thrilled to be awarded 1st Place. Our reward for a job well done...association pride, a plaque and a BLUE RIBBON.

Remember them then-Remember them now.

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SAN ANTONIO **EXPRESS-NEWS** 

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2001** 



### Tragedy shakes SAWBA's agenda

BY HARRY PAGE EXPRESS-NEWS STAFF WRITER

The tragedy in the Eastern United States has San Antonio Women's Bowling Association officials concerned about SAWBA's 2001-2002 agenda.

"Our prayers go to the families of the crash victims," SAWBA president Jane Wright said. "It was awful.

"Hopefully, when the events of the tragedy settle - somewhat - and everyone's minds start thinking about other things, the women won't forget about our upcoming events."

Even so, Wright acknowledged that Tuesday's events put sports in per-

spective,
"There isn't any doubt that our members aren't even thinking about the city tournament, which will be held in November," she said. "We've got nearly two months to get the word out. Especially with our dead-line being Oct. 25. Right now, those thoughts are secondary."

Wright is among the new officers installed for the upcoming season, including first vice president Elfi TomcON BOWLING

zyk, second vice president Yolanda Barrientes, third vice president Jea-nette Bradfield, secretary-treasurer Gail Cantu and sergeant-at-arms Margaret Eckert.

The women's city tournament is scheduled for Nov. 10-11 and Nov. 17- new tournament in the spring that 18, with the team events at Wonder Lanes, and doubles and singles at University Bowl.

The defending champion is Linda Urbanek, who rolled a 300 game Sunday at Spare Time.

'Our focus is to continue the interest in our sport and retaining the bowlers we have," Wright said. "We want to continue to serve and inform our bowlers and to provide activities involving the community and bowling centers.

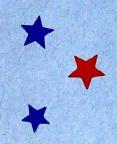
The SAWBA lost a few members from last season, but it still counts between 5,000 and 5,100 area competi-

"We are especially concerned about awarding bowlers for their performances and achievements on the lanes, no matter if a woman's average is high or low," Wright said. "We really want to recognize all bowlers."

Among the activities the SAWBA has tentatively set is a TWBA Clinic, Oct. 13-14 from 2 to 4 p.m., at Country Lanes. The event will cost a bowler

"On our agenda for this season is a would be a fund-raiser for the Coleman Breast Cancer Foundationand creating a Secretary of the Year award that would be given at the end of the season," Wright said.

"We do have some outstanding plans scheduled. We just have to get those things done.







September, 2001

The Bowler's Baddock, and its staff join with the rest of the bowling community, to extend their sympathy to all who were affected in any way by the tragedy which our country experienced on September 11, 2001. Our prayers are with those persons, and with the leaders of our great nation who must make the difficult decisions as they determine the appropriate responses which must be directed to those who were responsible for those actions. Our support must be universal as we undertake whatever is decided to ensure the freedoms that we all take for granted, but must be periodically defended.



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