

WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2023

Serving Tarrant County and Surrounding Areas

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we end another year, I want to thank the membership for all the donations, gifts, and memorials that we received during the year. Those, along with the fruits of the Ways & Means Committee's efforts, have provided the funds for our office expenses and many WPS activities during the year. These activities include holding Grief Support sessions, training facilitators and volunteers for Grief Support sessions, social events, General Meetings, the Christmas Banquet and Public Relations events.

However, having funds alone is not enough. Without volunteers none of these activities would have happened. So, I extend a sincere THANK YOU to all my fellow volunteers for your dedication and support in developing and executing the many WPS activities that have been available for us this year. It has involved a lot of hard work, but you made it happen.

Can you spare a few hours a week or month? Would you like to be a volunteer? We always have a need for people to work in the office, be a backup host or greeter for one of our social functions or serve on one of the committees. Regulars are needed as well as on-call people who can fill in when a regular member is unavailable. We will provide training.

Volunteers are needed to host breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and games. To volunteer, contact Volunteer Coordinator Diane Bowman, 817-996-2337.

Our committees always need help. The Outreach Committee conducts the 5-week Grief Support sessions. This year we held seven (7) Sunday afternoon sessions at various venues around the area and are always looking for new locations to hold them. Each session requires a Facilitator and at least three (3) helpers to assist. Our Holiday Grief session, which assists those who are dreading facing the holiday season without their spouses, is held on a Sunday afternoon in November of each year. The Annual Candlelight Remembrance Service, which honors the lives of our spouses, is also held on Sunday afternoons in November of each year. If you wish to volunteer to help at either of these meetings, contact Outreach Committee Chairman Ruth Turner, 817-713-9372.

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OUTREACH GRIEF SUPPORT

"For That, I am Thankful"

by Darcie D. Sims

It doesn't seem to get any better...but it doesn't get any worse, either. *For that, I am thankful.*

There are no more pictures to be taken...but there are memories to be cherished. *For that, I am thankful.*

There is a missing chair at the table...but the circle of family gathers close. *For that, I am thankful.*

The turkey is smaller...but there is still stuffing. *For that, I am thankful.*

The days are shorter...but the nights are softer. *For that, I am thankful.*

The pain is still there...but it lasts only moments. *For that, I am thankful.*

The calendar still turns, the holidays still appear, and they still cost too much...but I am still here. *For that, I am thankful.*

The room is still empty, the soul still aches...but the heart remembers. *For that, I am thankful.*

The guests still come; the dishes pile up...but the dishwasher works. *For that, I am thankful.*

The name is still missing, the words still unspoken...but the silence is shared. *For that, I am thankful.*

The snow still falls, the sled still waits, and the spirit still wants to...*For that, I am thankful.*

The stillness remains...but the sadness is smaller. *For that, I am thankful.*

The moment is gone...but the love is forever. For that, I am blessed. For that, I am grateful...

Love was once (and still is) part of my being...For that, I am living.

I am living...and...*For that, I am thankful.*

May your holidays be filled with reasons to be thankful.

Having loved and having been loved is perhaps the most wondrous reason of all.

Christmas hugs to y'all. For you I am thankful.

Ruth Turner, Outreach Chairman & Certified Grief Support Facilitator

NOTICE: The next Board Meeting will be held at the WPS office on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 10:30 AM.

Refer to Page 3 for the current and upcoming Grief Support sessions and related meetings.

WAYS & MEANS

Directory: We are beginning to update the WPS Directory database based on the Directory Input Sheets we have received. Each person that submitted an input sheet and paid the \$10 will receive a printed copy of the WPS Directory sometime in February 2024. This is a fundraiser that also allows you the opportunity to contact other WPS members.

Donate To Impact: We have just concluded this year's last Donate-2-Impact period for WPS. It has turned out to be one of our best fundraisers. Thank you, Barbara Brickley, for finding this opportunity for us. Barbara has scheduled the following donation dates for the WPS Donate-2-Impact: January 22 to February 4, 2024; May 13 to 26, 2024; September 9 to 22, 2024; and November 4 to 17, 2024. **See the attached flyer for details.**

Dances:

- Debbie Smith and Eula Plummer hosted a WPS sponsored dance on November 8 at the Arlington Elks Lodge. Food was available prior to the dance.

- Ann Barnes hosted a WPS DJ Dance at the Burleson Senior Center on October 27. The next scheduled WPS DJ Dance will be Friday, December 29. **See the attached flyer for details.**

WPS November (Annual) General Meeting: Those members that attended the (Annual) General Meeting on November 16 voted for your 2024 Officers and Board Members. They also will be listed on page 4 beginning with the January 2024 newsletter. An additional vote was taken to accept the recommended WPS Bylaws Revisions.

Ron Zembek, Ways & Mean Chairman

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The Ways & Means Committee holds various fundraisers during the year, including assembling our yearly Directory of Members, bus trips, dances and the Annual Drawing. Hosts are needed to lead these events and develop new fundraising methods as well as many volunteers to see them completed. To volunteer contact Ways & Means Chairman Ron Zembek, 817-905-4391.

The Programs Committee secures venues and conducts General Meetings, dances and the annual Christmas Banquet. To volunteer contact Program Chairman Nancy Poole, [812-593-1578](tel:812-593-1578).

The Public Relations Committee is our interface with the public such as setting up booths at Health Fairs around the area. To volunteer contact committee chairman Carol Stacy, 817-360-8066.

Have a safe Holiday Season and a great New Year!

Phyllis Weisheit, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andy Ybarra	Fauhn Schierer	Marilyn Griffith
Angel Padella	Gayle Brinkman	Mary Kurtenbach
Angela Ryan	Harold Williams	Mary Ross
Brandie Rodriguez	Jaclyn Daiches	Milly Junkins
Carol Hague	Janet Stephens	Penny Felton
Carolyn Boughton	Jean Sampson	Sylvia Glover
Chuck Lytle	Jonie Dawson	Tom McCone
Connie Hall	Julia Partridge	
Dorothy McCoy	Lovie Anderson	

MEMORIALS

Cecil & Paddy Knight in Memory of D.D. Daniels
 Charles Hoco in Memory of D.D. Daniels
 Doris Bechdolt in Memory of Terri Fry
 Gloria Walker in Memory of D.D. Daniels
 Janice Lewis in Memory of D.D. Daniels
 Jerri Walker in Memory of D.D. Daniels
 Jo Ann Butler in Memory of David Butler
 Joe Harris in Memory of Becky Harris
 Louise Bodiford in Memory of D.D. Daniels
 Suzy Flynn in Memory of Nancy Poole's sister, Phyllis
 Travis & Carolyn Moncrief in Memory of D.D. Daniels
 Ruth Turner in Memory of Don Turner & D.D. Daniels
 Voleen Bailey in Memory of David Bailey

DONORS

First Travel of Burleson
 Harold Millender

Tom Myler

ILLNESSES

Barbara Dalke
 Dorothy Miles

DEATHS

None reported

STILL WORKING?

For members still working, WPS offers a Facebook group and occasional Saturday brunches. Contact Robin Parr at rparr822@sbcglobal.net.

WPS OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The WPS office will be closed Wednesday, Dec 20, thru Monday, Jan 1. It will reopen at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, Jan 2.

WPS GRIEF SUPPORT SCHEDULE 2024

2:30 to 4:30 PM SUNDAYS*

***NOTE:** Any changes to this schedule will be announced in both the newsletter and on our Facebook page, so check each month for any changes. For any other information on Grief Support, call the WPS office 817-551-2922 Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM, or Ruth Turner 817-713-9372. If no answer at either number, please leave a voicemail, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

JAN 14, 21, 28; FEB 4, 11: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: Merryl Kloster.

FEB 18, 25; MAR 3, 10, 17 : First Baptist Church, Burleson, 317 W Ellison St, Burleson (park behind church). Facilitator: Ruth Turner.

MAR 24, (SKIP 31); APR 7, 14 21, 28: St John Lutheran Church, 1218 E Debbie Ln, Mansfield (in Youth Bldg at back of church). Facilitator: Phyllis Weisheit.

JUN 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Pleasantview Baptist Church, 4400 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington. Facilitator: Arlyne Clements.

JUL 14, 21 28; AUG. 4, 11 : Genesis United Methodist Church, 7635 S Hulen St, Ft Worth. Facilitator: Ruth Turner.

NOTE: Additional Grief Support sessions are planned for later in the year. As details are finalized, these sessions will be added to the list. Please check future months' newsletters for additional sessions.

DONATION OPTIONS

for MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS

1. **Cash or check to the WPS office.** See form below.
2. **Electronic Bank Transfer** to Routing # 311 981 614 and Account # 0008 196110.
3. **Kroger Community Rewards Program.** Call 866-221-4141 or register online at [kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/](https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/) with your Kroger Plus Card number or alternate ID (your phone number). Enter Organization #IA786 (Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County). To re-enroll (if "WPSTC" is not at bottom of receipt), use same procedure.
4. **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).** Contact your financial institution for details.

BUSINESS PARTNERS

- Beverly's Florist
- Kroger Markets
- Mastercraft Printed Products & Services
- Spring Creek Barbeque

EVENT VENUE PARTNERS

- Arlington Elks Lodge #2114
- Burleson Senior Center
- First Baptist Church, Burleson
- Genesis United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
- First Methodist Church, Mansfield (games)
- Pleasantview Baptist Church, Arlington
- St. John Lutheran Church, Mansfield
- University Christian Church, Fort Worth

CASH OR CHECK DONATION OPTION

To mail a donation to WPS, please provide the information below and mail to:

Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County, 2906 SE Loop 820, Suite A, Fort Worth, TX 76140-1030

Amount of donation: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Specify if donation is a Memorial gift In memory of (name) _____

Specify where to send donation acknowledgement:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____



*Widowed Persons Service
of Tarrant County*

2906 S E Loop 820
Suite A
Fort Worth, Texas 76140-1030

NON-PROFIT ORG.

U. S. POSTAGE

PAID

FORT WORTH, TX

PERMIT NO. 2389

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL: PLEASE DELIVER BY DECEMBER 1, 2023

OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBERS

WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF TARRANT COUNTY FOR YEAR 2023

OFFICERS

President : Phyllis Weisheit
Vice President : Ruth Turner
Secretary : Judy Baker
Treasurer : Nancy Stepp

BOARD MEMBERS

Barbara Brickley Diane Bowman
Arlyne Clements Margaret Davis
Sharon Wallace Gary Frye
Ann Barnes Eula Plummer
Jane Morton Debbie Smith
Nancy Sheffer-Poole Ron Zembek
Carol Stacy

WPS of Tarrant County is a Grief Support Program for widowed persons of all ages

WPS of Tarrant County is a TAX EXEMPT NON-PROFIT Organization funded by Memorials, Gifts and Donations

WPS PURPOSE : To aid bereaved men and women of all ages regardless of race, creed, and/or economic status, to adjust more effectively to the loss of a spouse through death and to build a new life.

RECURRING EVENTS

Host Still Needed for Arlington Dinner !!!

A volunteer is still needed to host the Arlington Dinner. For many newly widowed persons, WPS sponsored meals are their first exposure to WPS. Hosting a meal is simple and does not require a great deal of time. If you would be willing to host this event, please contact Diane Bowman at 817-996-2337.

ARLINGTON

Breakfast : Every Saturday 8:00 AM : Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division St, Arlington. Contact Suzy Flynn, 817-483-5518.

★ **NEW LOCATION**

Lunch : DEC 14 ONLY, 11:45 AM : Division Street Diner, 1800 W Division St, Arlington. Contact Rita Sanders, 817-907-7878.

Dinner : CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER.

BURLESON

Breakfast : Every Tuesday 8:30 AM : Our Place, 950 N Burleson Blvd, Burleson. Contact Diane Bowman, 817-996-2337.

Lunch : DEC 7 ONLY, 11:30 AM : Boo-Ray's, 316 E Main St, Crowley. Contact Ann Barnes, 817-774-6073.

Dinner : DEC 18 ONLY, 4:30 PM : Antonio's Mexican Restaurant, 344 SW Wilshire Blvd, Burleson. Contact Arlyne Clements, 817-366-0430.

GRAND PRAIRIE

Brunch: Every Wednesday 10:30 AM : Theo's Bar & Grill, 107 NW 8th St, Grand Prairie. Contact Debbie Smith, 469-684-9982.

MANSFIELD

Breakfast : Every Saturday 8:30 AM : The Porch, 2771 E Broad St, Mansfield (across from Methodist Hospital). Contact Arlyne Clements, 817-366-0430. ★ **CANCELLED FOR DEC 23 & DEC 30 ONLY DUE TO HOLIDAYS.**

Lunch : DEC 1 ONLY, 12:00 NOON : Los Molcajetes, 960 Hwy 287 N Frontage Rd, Mansfield. Contact Judy Baker, 817-320-3825.

Dinner: ★ CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER ONLY DUE TO HOLIDAYS.

Games: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 1:30 - 4:00 PM : First Methodist Church Mansfield, 777 N Walnut Creek Dr, Mansfield. Contact Jane Morton, 972-977-7899. ★ **CANCELLED FOR DEC 26 ONLY DUE TO HOLIDAYS.**

NORTHEAST

Breakfast : Every Saturday 9:00 AM : The Corner Café, 7901 Mid Cities Blvd, Ste 242, N Richland Hills. Contact Sharon Wallace, 817-226-5095.

Lunch : DEC 13 ONLY, 1:00 PM : Ernie's Seafood Restaurant, 8206 Bedford Eules Rd, North Richland Hills. Contact Alice Baum, 817-793-6015.

Dinner : DEC 19 ONLY, 5:00 PM : Outback Steak House, 813 Airport Frwy, Hurst. Contact Linda Turner, 817-475-3014.

SOUTHWEST

Breakfast : Every Thursday 9:00 AM : Cracker Barrel, 8010 SW Loop 820 (exit Winscott Rd), Benbrook. Contact Carol Stacy, 817-360-8066.

Lunch : DEC 4 ONLY, 11:30 AM, Cracker Barrel, 8010 SW Loop 820 (exit Winscott Rd), Benbrook. **IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, please contact Phyllis Bell, 817-657-5579.** Restaurant needs a head count.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, DEC 10 : Christmas Banquet, Mira Vista Country Club. **See the attached flyer for details.**

Friday, DEC 29 : DJ Dance, Burleson Senior Center. **See the attached flyer for details.**



A BERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS BANQUET

When – Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 1:30 PM (no seating until 1:15 PM)

Where – Mira Vista Country Club, 6600 Mira Vista Blvd, Ft Worth (off Bryant Irvin)

- **RESERVE EARLY !!!** (limited seating)
 - **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - \$30 per person**, if postmarked by **Nov 17**
 - If postmarked **Nov 18-24**, price is **\$40**
- (NO reservations accepted after Nov 24)**



(Reserve a table for 8 to 10 people by returning names and payment together)

➤ **VALET PARKING AVAILABLE** (they're volunteers, so tips are appreciated!)

LUNCH MENU

Pecan Crusted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll & Butter, Dessert,
Coffee & Water



LISTEN / DANCE (large dance floor!) to the
"IRA BRADFORD & BUSTIN' LOOSE BAND"



- **SILENT AUCTION**

MICHAEL KORS PURSE, JEWELRY, SPA BASKET, MEN'S GIFT BASKET,
AND MANY MORE ITEMS!

- **Door Prizes (must be present to win)**

Send names and money to WPS Office, 2906 SE Loop 820, Ft Worth, TX 76140

or

Phyllis Weisheit & Nancy Poole will be attending all breakfasts/lunches/dinners
to take early reservations

Questions? Call WPS Office, 817-551-2922 or Nancy Poole, **812-593-1578**

Sponsored by Widowed Persons Service

Come Dance/Listen to

*Country & Western
Songs from the Past and Present*

with

Travis Moncrief as Disc Jockey

Friday, December 29, 2023

6:30 to 9:00 PM

Admission: Donations Only

Snacks provided at the break

Although it **won't** be **New Year's Eve**,

let's celebrate as if it is!

Bring Your Family & Friends !!!

It's Open to the Public

Burleson Senior Center

216 SW Johnson Ave, Burleson



Information: Ann 817-774-6073



Get Rid of those clothes that don't fit you anymore or extra household items you don't need, and WPS will receive a donation.

Donate 2 Impact is a non-profit organization that accepts items for resale and reimburses other charitable organizations for them at a rate of \$0.09 per pound. WPS has signed up with this organization, and they have given us the **donation period of January 22 to February 4, 2024.**

Items may be dropped off at the following location: **6020 S. Cooper St. Arlington.** Their hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. **Donations must be made during the WPS Donation period for WPS to receive credit.**

When you drop off your items make sure you tell them that your organization is **Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County (WPS).**

You also have the option to have them pick up your items. You must schedule the pickup between **January 22 and February 4, 2024**, and you must have the items outside your house for pickup. Call (972) 619-7880 to schedule a pickup. When you schedule a pickup, they will give you a date that they will pick up. They can schedule up to 2 weeks after the WPS donation period. Again, make sure you tell them that your organization is **Widowed Persons Service of Tarrant County (WPS).** They also request that items be separated as much as possible (i.e, clothing, shoes, appliances) and that breakable items be protected with packing.

Below is a list of Items that they Accept:

Clothing (all types and sizes), Shoes, Purses/Backpacks, Jewelry & Accessories, Linens/ blankets, Household items, Bath and Kitchen items, Books, Toys, Electronics, Small Appliances, and Small Home Décor.

Below is a list of items NOT Accepted:

Any used Medical Supplies, Anything Toxic or Flammable, Blinds, Building Materials (bricks, lumber, fence posts, tile, etc.), Cabinetry, Chemicals/Oils/Paints, Countertops, Doors, Food (animal or human), Hospital Beds/Adjustable Beds, Hot Tubs, Large Appliances, Large Exercise Equipment – Heavy Dumbbells, Light Fixtures, Magazines, Mattresses/ Box Springs, Newspapers, Office furniture, Cubicles, Desks, File Cabinets, Pipes, Scrap Fabric, Sheet Rock, Sinks, Soiled/Torn/Damaged/Stained Furniture, Swing Sets, Tires, Toilets, Trash, Tube TVs, CRT and Projection TVs, Unframed Mirrors, Unprotected Glasses, Used AC/Heating Units, Water Beds, Water Heaters, Weapons/Guns,/Swords/Knives, Wet/Rusty/Broken Items of any kind, Windows.

DONATE 2 IMPACT

WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF TARRANT COUNTY

DONATION DROP-OFF/PICK-UP FUNDRAISER

FUNDRAISER

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
6020 South Cooper
Arlington, Tx

WHAT TO DONATE:
Clothing, shoes, accessories, jewelry, kitchenware, books, toys, linens, small appliances, & electronics

SCHEDULE PICK UP
CALL 972-619-7880
OR VISIT US
DONATE2IMPACT.COM

donate2impact.com (214) 257-7199

Donating to a Charity Using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) (Information from Fidelity Investments Website)

If you are age 72 or older, IRS rules require you to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. This distribution is considered taxable income. You can reduce your taxes if you are required to make an RMD from a Traditional IRA, and you make charitable contributions anyway, by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can take advantage of this option even if you take the standard deduction.

The rules of QCDs. A QCD must adhere to the following requirements:

- You must be at least 70½ years old at the time you request a QCD. If you process a distribution prior to reaching age 70½, the distribution will be treated as taxable income.
- For a QCD to count toward your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, which is generally December 31 each year.
- Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA custodian to the qualified charity. This is accomplished by requesting your IRA custodian issue a check from your IRA **payable to the charity**. You can then request that the check be mailed to the charity or forward the check to the charity yourself.
Note: If a distribution check is made *payable to you*, the distribution would **NOT** qualify as a QCD and would be treated as taxable income.
- The maximum annual distribution amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This limit would apply to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. If you're a joint tax filer, both you and your spouse can make a \$100,000 QCD from your own IRAs.
- The account types that are eligible for QCDs include:
 - Traditional IRAs
 - Inherited IRAs
 - SEP IRA (inactive plans only*)
 - SIMPLE IRA (inactive plans only*)
- Under certain circumstances, QCDs may be made from a Roth IRA. Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime, and distributions are generally tax-free. Consult a tax advisor to determine if making a QCD from a Roth is appropriate for your situation.
- Certain charities are not eligible to receive QCDs, including donor-advised funds, private foundations, and supporting organizations. You are not allowed to receive any benefit in return for your charitable donation. For example, if your donation covers your cost of playing in a charitable golf tournament, your gift will not qualify as a QCD.
- Contributing to an IRA may result in a reduction of the QCD amount you can deduct. *

Tax filing for QCDs

A QCD is reported by your IRA custodian as a normal distribution on IRS Form 1099-R for any non-Inherited IRAs. For Inherited IRAs or Inherited Roth IRAs, the QCD will be reported as a death distribution. You should keep an acknowledgement of the donation from the charity for your tax records. Please consult a tax advisor to learn more.

For a better understanding of how QCDs can affect your taxable income, let's consider a few hypothetical scenarios. Ron has been taking RMDs for the past few years, but this year he has decided to make a QCD. Ron did not make any non-deductible contributions to his IRA, so all of his distributions would be taxable:

Scenario 1. Ron takes a portion of his annual RMD as a QCD		
Ron's annual RMD = \$15,000	Ron makes a \$10,000 QCD	Ron's remaining RMD of \$5,000 will count towards his taxable income.
Scenario 2. Ron takes his entire annual RMD as a QCD		
Ron's annual RMD = \$15,000	Ron makes a \$15,000 QCD	Ron's satisfied his full RMD by making a QCD. His taxable RMD income is \$0 instead of \$15,000.
Scenario 3. Ron takes his entire annual RMD as a QCD and donates an additional amount		
Ron's annual RMD = \$15,000	Ron makes a \$15,000 QCD and an additional \$5,000 QCD	Ron's satisfied his full RMD by making a QCD. His taxable RMD income is \$0 instead of \$15,000. None of the additional \$5,000 QCD can count toward Ron's RMDs for future years.

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- ◆ Visit to the Institute of Texan Cultures
- ◆ Visit to the San Antonio Missions

For more pictures, video, and information visit:
www.GroupTrips.com/FirstTravelofburleson

\$455*

3 Days 2 Nights

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(Tue - Thu)
 May 14 - 16
 2024

**Departure: First National Bank,
 740 Southwest Wilshire Blvd, Burleson, TX @ 8 am**

Day 1: Board your spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for the beautiful city of San Antonio - Home of the Alamo. Upon arrival, you'll enjoy a GUIDED TOUR OF SAN ANTONIO. The tour includes visits to San Fernando Cathedral, and the King William Historical District. After Dinner, you'll visit San Antonio's famous RIVER WALK for a SCENIC CRUISE! Tonight, you will check into your San Antonio area hotel for a two night stay.

Day 2: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast. Afterwards, depart for a visit to the SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK. Experience the "Queen of the Missions" - Mission San Jose, established in 1720. Later, go to the IMAX Theatre at San Antonio Rivercenter to see "ALAMO ... The Price of Freedom." Then, stand where history took place when you visit the buildings and grounds of the ALAMO - "The Shrine of Liberty." This evening, enjoy a lovely Dinner complete with entertainment.

Day 3: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll visit the INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES. The Institute is devoted to the 26 different cultures that settled Texas. Later, you'll leave for home... A perfect time to chat with your friends about your exciting getaway and where your next group trip will take you!

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FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Lila Glazener @ (817) 447-8747