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Membership Updates

Thanks to our new and renewing members!

New Members:

[Acenar](#), represented by Ms. Stacy Graf

[Marcy's Nev2Late Travel Center](#) represented by Narciso Cano

Renewing Members:

3/DI represented by Andres Andujar

[ArtPace](#) represented by Matthew Drutt

[Mexican Manhattan](#) represented by Larry Karam

[Toolbox Studios](#) represented by Rob Simons

To learn more about

San Antonio's Future and the Next Generation

March 5 Urban Renaissance Luncheon to feature "Live First, Work Second" author Rebecca Ryan and introduction by Mayor Castro

Mark your calendars for a dynamic Urban Renaissance luncheon on March 5 at The Westin Riverwalk. Come hear best-selling author of "Live First, Work Second," Rebecca Ryan, speak about how the next generation can help San Antonio compete with top cities across the country. Don't miss a special introduction by Mayor Julián Castro!

March 5, 2010
Downtown Alliance San Antonio presents


SAN ANTONIO'S FUTURE AND THE NEXT GENERATION

How can we elevate San Antonio's center city to compete with other top cities? Author of "Live First, Work Second" and Entrepreneur of the Year, Rebecca Ryan, suggests the answer lies in making our city a place of choice, a place that the next generation wants to "live first."


March 5, 2010 at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel
11:30 am registration, 12:00 pm luncheon

Individual Tickets: DTA Member \$45/ Future Member \$55
Table of Eight: DTA Member \$350/ Future Member \$425


More info and RSVP online by Feb. 26 at:
www.downtownsa.org/nextgen
email info@downtownsa.org or call 210.225.3862



featuring:
a special introduction by Mayor Julián Castro



and presentation by Rebecca Ryan,
Author of "Live First, Work Second"



urban Renaissance
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A Decade of Downtown's BEST

membership, become a member, or renew your membership, please visit our [website](#) or call our office at (210)225-3862

Upcoming SA Events



Luminaria
Arts Night in San Antonio
March 13, 2010

This free, award-winning annual event is celebration of San Antonio's art and artists.

[>More info](#)

Also on March 13, [Guinness Dyeing O' the River Green & St. Patrick's Day Parade](#)

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Museo Alameda

Jesse Treviño: Mi Vida
When: Now through Feb 28, 2010

[> More from the Alameda](#)



The San Antonio Symphony

Classical Mystery Tour: A Tribute to the Beatles
March 19 & 20, 2010
8:00 p.m.
Municipal Auditorium
Tickets: \$10-\$80

[> More from SA Symphony](#)

BEST Awards celebrates a decade of downtown's best April 9, Nominations due March 12



The 10th Annual Downtown's BEST Awards will celebrate a decade of downtown on April 9, 2010 at the Westin Riverwalk. This not-to-be-missed event will recognize the people, organizations, and places that have made significant contributions to Downtown San Antonio, creating a better place to live, work, shop, play, and be entertained.

There are several ways to participate:

- (1) Nominate a person, company, project, or event** for one of our annual categories, or make your own! Be creative with our our wildcard entries. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 12 at 5pm.**
- (2) Purchase a ticket or a corporate table** to attend the awards ceremony that year after year has received comments from attendees heralding it as a "very special event" that "makes me proud to be a part of this city and where it is headed..."
- (3) Be a sponsor!** Position your company with the best of the best. Sponsors will be recognized on invitation and event materials, the DTA website, event signage, and in the San Antonio Business Journal, our generous media sponsor.

This is a very exciting time for downtown San Antonio, and we look forward to having you and your company help recognize (and be recognized!) for all of the great progress being made.

[Learn more>>](#)

Starter Rail Streetcar Line Rolling Along

VIA Board votes to pursue grant for funding the vision into a reality

At the end of January, the VIA Board of Trustees voted to pursue a grant to help pay for a starter rail streetcar line that would run along Broadway and Alamo Street from Josephine Street on the north to South St. Mary's Street. Read the Express-News article for details.

[Learn more>>](#)

Express-News: "Downtown Might Come Alive"

Columnist Jan Jarboe Russell write about downtown's potential on February 7



San Antonio Public Library

Check website for latest details.

>More from the Library



San Antonio Children's Museum

3/13 Viva Fiesta! Fiesta Babies with Author Carmen Tafolla Saturday, March 13 10:00am - In the Tot Spot San Antonio's award-winning children's author, Carmen Tafolla, will read and sign books...

>More from the Children's Museum



The McNay

An Impressionist Sensibility: The Half Collection

February 3 - May 9, 2010

>More from the McNay



San Antonio Museum of Art

The Blue and White Ball: SAMA's 2010 Gala Thursday, February 18, 2010

Music on the Move: East Asia Monday, February 22, 2010, 6 and 8 pm performances

> More from SAMA



"For at least 30 years, San Antonio has been vexed by a frustrating problem: The river that runs through the heart of the city has flourished with development, much of it aimed at tourists, while efforts to attract retail spaces, housing and offices to the street level have largely failed.

Consequently, the core of the city is split. At the river level, we look like Venice. On parts of Houston Street, it feels like downtown Beirut.

Suddenly, the stars may have aligned to heal that split...."

Read full article online: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/columnists/jan_jarboe_russell/83741112.html

Don't feed the ducks
Keep the Riverwalk clean!

The San Antonio River Walk is certainly a treasure for the people of San Antonio as well as those who visit here. Helping to keep the San Antonio River clean is something everyone who works, lives or visits the River Walk can be a part of.



Over the years, higher levels of bacteria have begun to surface in the River Walk area. Among the causes for this may include an over-population of birds and animals due to people feeding them, leaky trash bins, careless disposal of trash and River Walk cleaning procedures. The River Walk Watershed Alliance (RWVA) was organized to provide guidance on how we can all help to improve the water quality in the river.

>[Read more](#)

Asian Festival
February 20 at the Institute of Texan Cultures

The Asian Festival at the Institute of Texan Cultures located at the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus in downtown San Antonio is a community event honoring Asian cultures and traditions from the Pacific Rim.



The Asian Festival brings together

Artpace

Chat & Chew: Alejandro Cesarco

Chat & chew! Join Artpace's curatorial staff for a tour of new works by Hudson (Show)Room artist Alejandro Cesarco. Lunch from Sip (\$6.50) and a group chat will follow. C

> [More from Artpace](#)



IHOP Cafe

Now through February 14, help raise money for kids being treated in the Pediatric Cardiology Department and Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital by donating your 10% IHOP Cafe VIP discount or purchasing a paper heart for \$1.

Downtown Resident's Association

Zocolocos
"Downtown Social Club"
March 22
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organizations rich in Eastern culture, showcasing their respective cultures with an educational and entertaining approach. The event includes martial arts demonstrations, botanicals and mouthwatering cuisine from more than a dozen Far Eastern countries - such as Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Pakistani, Filipino, and Polynesian. Dance groups will entertain you. Cooking demonstrations will tease your taste buds. Activities for the younger visitors include making paper lanterns, origami, and more. From songs and dances to bonsai and Ikebana, from jujitsu and tai chi to chopsticks and origami, visitors have a special opportunity to learn the "how and why" of many age-old customs, and thus gain a greater appreciation of them and of those who practice them.

[Learn more>>](#)



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